Libertarians Protest Waco Siege

Libertarian Party leaders and members have voiced strong objections to the BATF raid on the Mount Carmel sanctuary of the Branch Davidian religious community.

In a press release National Chair Mary Gingell noted that, "The BATF used to be called the Bureau of Prohibition and, ever since Prohibition was repealed in 1933, it has been an agency in search of a mission. This dangerous agency has a history of provoking shoot-outs and an attitude of 'Shoot first and negotiate later.'"

The Texas Libertarians organized several protests of the BATF raid, carrying signs that read, "I love my country, but I fear my government," "Live and let live," "Please, no more macho cops," "ATF ignores the Constitution," and "Is your church ATF approved?"

The protests have been covered by newspapers across the country, including the Washington Post. Although some reporting was negatively slanted, most of the press coverage has been accurate and even-handed.

North Carolina Libertarians Sue for Party Status

The LP of North Carolina has filed suit in federal court asking that a state law that revoked their party status be declared unconstitutional.

North Carolina law requires a party to receive 10 percent of the votes in either the gubernatorial or presidential elections to retain their status. Last year LP candidate Scott McLaughlin received 4.5 percent of the vote for governor. This vote total, however, exceeds the 2 percent petition requirement the Party would need to meet to regain recognition.

"The entire idea that the government is going to tell a citizen what party they can register under, and to limit those choices, I think is ridiculous," McLaughlin said.

Just Say No to Dogs

In New Hampshire a state licensing board is threatening to revoke the license of barber Norm Longval unless he stops bringing his dog Shadow to work. Longval claims that he keeps the dog in his shop for protection, but the government considers Shadow's presence a health hazard.

LP members have protested the board's actions carrying signs that read, "If dogs are outlawed, only outlaws will have dogs."

State Chair Doug Harrigan hopes he can use the incident to allow the Libertarian legislators in New Hampshire to call for the abolition of the board.

Columnist is [l]ibertarian

Syndicated columnist Nat Hentoff mentioned in a C-SPAN interview that he is "a small-I libertarian" and that he voted for Andre Marrou in the last election. Hentoff is a staunch defender of the first amendment, and his popular column is carried by over 200 newspapers nationwide. He was being interviewed about his new book, "Free Speech for Me--But Not for Thee," in which he discusses "How the American Left and Right Relentlessly Censor Each Other."
**Libertarians say election laws flawed**

By Michael Sznajderman

Tampa Tribune, Tampa, FL. Jan. 28, 1993

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As statewide candidates, mi-

campaign, Sandi Webb has her own special way

By Steve Whitmore

tend to an active 2-year-old, Kathleen Ferrell doesn't sound like the plaintiff in a class action lawsuit against the Drug Enforcement Administration.

But she is. That's her name typed neatly at the top of a suit filed in the U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro Monday.

"I don't feel like I'm in conflict with the DEA anymore but at all sizes and weights," said Kathleen Ferrell, mother of a 2 year-old son and the plaintiff in the case.

"I feel that the DEA doesn't have the state change my affiliation if I don't want it," she said.

"The North Carolina Libertarian Party fails in its bid to win an injunction from a federal judge Wednesday, that's exactly what the state will do.

Under state law, the N.C. Board of Elections can seek re-election in 1994. If the board is not re-elected, the Libertarian Party would be deprived of its right to run candidates on the ballot.

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Webb has not held elected office before. She was not one of the councilors who supported the campaign.

"It was Webb's turn to make the decision on whether to run again this year," said Webb. "But she still pulled in more votes than the then-Planning Commissioner and now Pref Tom Judy Milkey.

"We must be doing something right because we've been together for it, she said.

"The council has an annual, revenue-producing bond referendum, and a binding non-school bond referendum," said Webb.

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Lawmakers shelve the idea when they are told inquiries are under way, and they draw criticism.

**By Ed Vogel**
Donrey Capital Bureau

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During a hearing on their challenges, Clark and the others repeatedly said they wanted the Election Department investigated.

The Senate bill, however, makes no mention of investigating the Election Department.

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**Libertarian candidate charts his own course**

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**From 1B**

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One of about a dozen declared candidates for the Senate seat, Draheim knows his chances are slim. His first goal is to get on the ballot through a petition drive. He’ll need 5,000 signatures by March 31, the filing deadline.

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