

Libertarian Party

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Group forms to build Libertarian majority

More than 50 LP members and activists have announced the formation of the Committee for a Libertarian Majority (CLM). Chaired by 1992 vice-presidential candidate Dr. Nancy Lord, the group supports the mission statement and goals endorsed by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) in December.

"CLM is committed to broadening the base of the Libertarian Party to appeal to all libertarians, and to presenting our message in a positive manner that appeals to the media and the public," Lord said. "Millions of Americans have rejected the big government agenda of the Democrats and Republicans. We must bring those Americans into the Libertarian Party. We believe that it is time for the LP to become serious about participating in the political process. CLM believes that we can do this without ever compromising our principles." CLM strongly supports retaining the current LP Statement of Principles, according to CLM officials.

Among the goals supported by CLM are two controversial ones: eliminating the "oath" as a condition of membership and revising the platform to make it more relevant, positive, and solution-oriented.

Lord sees CLM as a long-term project. "The Committee for a Libertarian Majority is much bigger than just the reforms currently being debated. Far beyond the outcome in Salt Lake City, we plan to be involved in the serious grassroots organizing that is necessary to grow the Libertarian Party and achieve electoral success."

New Hampshire State Rep. Finley Rothhaus serves as CLM vice chair, and former Indiana State Chair Joe Hauptmann serves as political director. Other CLM supporters include New Hampshire State Rep. Cal Warburton; LNC members Steve Dasbach, Bill Redpath, Clay Conrad, Ron

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Just one penny

Member promises \$10,000 for 1¢ cut

A member of the Libertarian Party from Las Vegas, Eric Klien, recently promised to give \$10,000 to the U.S. Treasury if President Clinton reduced federal spending one penny.

Klien even offered to allow for inflation and population growth in determining if the appropriations in the next budget are less than this year's.

"I, Eric Klien, at 8124 Bridlepath Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128, challenge Bill Clinton to keep his word to cut spending," Klien said in a letter to the White House. "If he cuts spending by even one penny I will donate \$10,000 to help pay off the federal debt."

"Considering that he plans to raise taxes by over 10 trillion pennies, I feel that it is only fair that he reduce spending by at least one penny."

"The terms of the contest are as follows: Take the total amount spent by the federal government in 1992. Multiply this amount by the CPI increase in 1993 and by the population growth in 1993. See if Bill Clinton can manage to spend at least one penny less than this amount in the year 1993," Klien explained.

Klien's challenge was sent by Federal Express to arrive at the White House on Monday, March 1.



Commenting on Klien's letter, LP National Chair Mary Gingell said, "Given Mr. Clinton's past record, I expect Mr. Klien will be keeping that \$10,000. Unfortunately, that means that the rest of us will be losing a lot more of our money to continuing big government and waste."

Klien, 27, is a retired computer programmer and successful stock market investor. In the last election, he was treasurer of the Tamara Clark for State Senate campaign.

The Libertarian Party advocates substantial reductions in the government's size and cost through such measures as privatization, public land and property sales, abolition of subsidies, and an overall cutback in the role of government.

Protest

BATF condemned for actions in Texas standoff

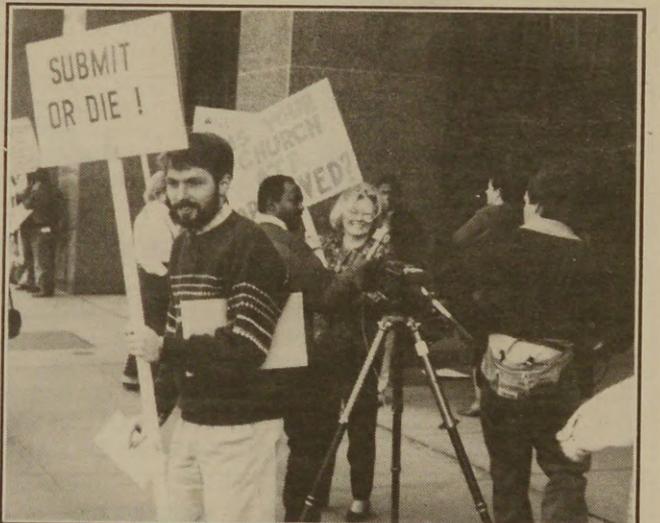
LP National Chair Mary Gingell condemned the armed BATF raid on the Mount Carmel sanctuary of the Branch Davidian religious community outside Waco, TX, and reiterated a long-standing plank of the party's platform: "We demand the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms."

Local Libertarians picketed the BATF building in Dallas and the BATF officials in Waco, and also called for the abolition of the BATF. Their demonstrations received national media attention.

"While Texans celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sam Houston, and the 157th anniversary of the revolution which created the Republic of Texas, their lives and freedoms are being threatened as never before by domestic terrorism financed by their own tax dollars," read a news release issued by the Libertarian Party of Dallas County.

"The BATF assault on the church compound near Waco was a grotesque violation of the First, Second, and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution. Such attacks on religious freedom, firearms ownership, and the right of private citizens to be secure in their persons, homes, and possessions are reminiscent of the high-handed actions of British troops at Lexington and Concord," the LP of Dallas County release continued.

"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," Gingell observed. "This dangerous agency has a history



NEWS photo by Larry Dodge

DALLAS - Libertarians and others held a "Domestic Peace Demonstration" in early March outside the Federal Building in Dallas protesting the assault by the BATF on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco. LP activist Honey Lanham Dodge, center, is being interviewed by television news while holding a sign reading, "Is your church ATF approved?"

Voting results

Results of the voting on the 900-telephone line for February are complete. The question was, "Should the Libertarian Party change its platform to meet the new proposed criteria?"

Ninety-seven responses were received, and 60 callers, or 62 percent, responded "yes," while 37 callers, or 38 percent, responded "no."

Results of the March question concerning the membership statement will be reported in the NEWS next month.

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Think about it

Others outside LP provide food for thought for Libertarians

Living and working near a major academic university gives me opportunities to hear some interesting and provocative speakers. I'd like to share two of these recent experiences with you.

Several weeks ago I had the chance to hear Dr. Viktor Danilov-Danil'ian, Minister for National Resources and Ecology for the Russian Federation. Dr. Danilov is now the Russian equivalent of the head of our Environmental Protection Agency, but he was also one of the early supporters of the free market in Russia.

Dr. Danilov is a soft-spoken man whom his introducer described as a "true European—interested in culture, science, politics—a dying breed." He spoke, through an interpreter, about how Russia is moving away from central planning and toward a free market economy. He explained that progress in this area is very different in different geographical areas of Russia and also varies from industry to industry.

For the most part, in many Russian cities, the small cottage industries and service businesses are privatized. Still to be transformed are the massive government-run manufacturing businesses and farming.

Dr. Danilov then said, "Many in the West ask why we have not moved more quickly, why we have not taken this step or that. We very much want privatization, democracy, decentralization. We also very much want to control the process, to dictate the transition of how we get there from where we are today. That is a tough process and is why we are moving so slowly."

This was a poignant admission from a



From the Chair

Mary Gingell
National Chair

man who was one of the earliest advocates of transforming Russia's economy into a free market. He did admit later that as Minister of the Environment there are few things he can do to speed the process along or to encourage foreign businesses to invest in Russia, although he does work with American and other companies after they have negotiated a basic deal. "If I were in charge of the process (of moving toward capitalism) perhaps we would move faster," he commented.

Danilov's comments started me thinking about how we Libertarians should approach the goal of moving the United States in the direction of liberty. The transition problem has always been a stumbling block for Libertarians. "But how would we get there, without jobs lost, dislocation, hardship, and so forth?" A favorite Libertarian topic of conversation.

Yes, obviously we have to take "transition" steps, but how do we decide what those steps are? In a decentralized way, letting each candidate emphasize the libertarian issues that make the most sense to his constituency? By letting each Libertarian elected official "get more liberty" wherever he can find it—cutting whatever taxes can be cut, dismantling the least popular

governmental agencies first, repealing the most horrendous of laws against individual rights?

Should the national party hold high the banner of our ultimate goals as a target for locals to work toward, or should we, nationally, define the steps to be taken to achieve liberty around the country? I can see arguments on both sides of these issues, and I don't have the definitive answers, but Danilov's comments certainly made me think.

I also recently attended a luncheon at which David Horowitz spoke. Horowitz is the son of two American Communist Party members. He spent much of his early political life fighting for free speech on college campuses in the '60s. He is now a self-styled "radical conservative", the publisher of *Heterodoxy*, a monthly newspaper that is championing the right of students to enjoy free speech rights even in this era of "politically correct" speech.

Horowitz said that in the '50s and '60s liberals were desperate to control university administrations, in order, for one thing, to allow views other than McCarthyism to be heard on campus. He says he assumed that what liberals meant at the time was that if they ever got control of the campuses, they would respect diversity, and allow all views to be heard.

Not so, he now realizes. With the almost complete takeover of college campuses by liberals, the liberals are now shutting out views other than their own by the use of speech codes. In response to this, Horowitz and his co-editor Peter Collier have become champions of the downtrodden con-

servative elements on campuses around the country, defending First Amendment rights even for people who don't hold the currently "accepted" viewpoint.

His suggestion to those of us who would change society? Conservatives and libertarians (yes, he actually used the "L" word in his talk!) have to get radicalized. The liberals won in the '60s because of their commitment to the cause. You have to get up in the morning with a fire in your belly, you have to live and breathe the cause, you have to GET IN THEIR FACES and not let them discount your point of view.

Do we have it in us? Can we make a libertarian society a reality? Do we care enough? Can we get in their faces and stay there until we win, just like the liberals did in the '60s? I hope so. But one of my fellow luncheon attendees remarked as we were leaving, "That's one thing about former leftists. They never forget how to get their message across. Conservatives and libertarians don't have a clue."

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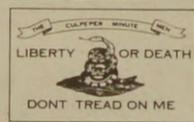
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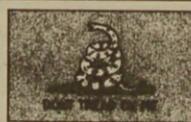
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LP member Katherie Schwinn was declared the winner election night, Nov. 5, 1991, after the election judges counted 709 votes for Schwinn and 703 for her write-in opposition. The canvassing board—consisting of the city clerk, the municipal judge, and the city administrative assistant—refused to certify the results of the election as counted by the election judges because they had disqualified a number of irregular ballots. At the request of the city clerk, the city council then filed a lawsuit in district court asking for a recount of the ballots.

Two other LP members, Philip Freytag, Fremont County LP chairman, and Steve Stewart, a former city councilman, entered the case as intervenors to assist Schwinn in opposing the city council. Together they claimed that the case was not properly before the court, that the canvassing board had only a ministerial duty to verify the number of votes cast for the candidates and did not have the authority to second-guess the election judges. The district court disagreed and counted all but one of the irregular ballots, reversing the results of the election in favor of the write-in candidate.

The Court of Appeals, however, agreed with Schwinn and the intervenors and reversed the district court decision giving the council seat back to Schwinn.

"Seems it is not only hard for Libertarians to win, but it is hard for them to keep what they win," said Freytag.

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Profile: LP national convention speaker

A native of Ghana, Dr. George B.N. Ayittey is one of the presenters for the Karl Hess Institute of Libertarian Politics at the 1993 LP National Convention in Salt Lake City in September.

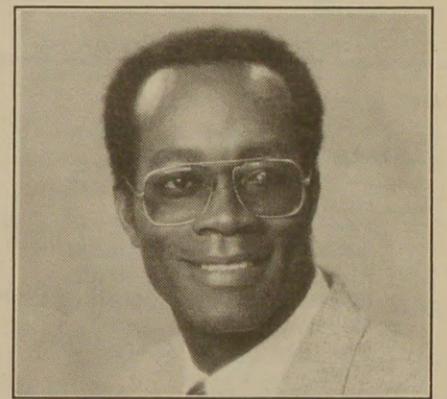
Ayittey will discuss his critique of African socialism and describe the indigenous roots of free markets in African culture. Most traditional institutions let individuals decide where they wanted to live, what occupations to pursue, and provided an environment where free markets flourished. Prior to colonialism, there was a working social order with limited government—some areas were stateless.

His recent book, "Africa Betrayed," chronicles the destruction of African markets by colonial powers and the

subsequent failures of African leaders enamored with socialism. For example, in Tanzania, farmers received only 20 percent of the world price for their maize crop, while Ghana paid only 10 percent of the world price to cocoa farmers.

Africa's misery is bankrolled by U.S. foreign aid, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

The experience of Africa teaches that the only way to secure freedom, opportunity, and abundance is to strictly limit political power. Ayittey advocates that Africans take responsibility for their lives, overthrow tyrants, and rebuild their societies based on indigenous African traditions which limit government power.



CONVENTION SPEAKER - Dr. George B.N. Ayittey, associate professor of economics at The American University, will be a speaker at the 1993 LP national convention.

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Gingell rejected the renewed calls for gun control. "Gun control does not work," she said.

"Our lawmakers should preserve the right to bear arms, not make mere possession a crime," she stated. "Do we want to live in a society where the police have all the guns and the People are unarmed and defenseless against a police state?"

Gingell also expressed concern about the admitted use of a BATF undercover agent to infiltrate the religious community. "Our government should not be spying on religious groups or, for that matter, on any of its citizens.

"The BATF has gone too far once too often," she concluded. "How many more shoot-outs and bloody massacres will there be before this trigger-happy agency is abolished?"

"We urge President Clinton to safeguard our liberties and help reduce the deficit by proposing to Congress the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms," the Dallas Libertarians concluded.

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The Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) is organizing a North American tour for William Milonoff of the strongly libertarian Free Democratic Party (FDP) of Russia. Milonoff, an Objectivist, has just been elected vice president of the FDP executive committee.

The FDP is the largest political faction in St. Petersburg politics with 3,000 members, and an additional 2,000 members in Moscow.

Accompanying Milonoff will be Dmitrii Costygin, also of the FDP. The two are responsible for translating and

publishing the introductory libertarian book, "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible," into Russian, and, with a grant from ISIL, have printed 10,000 copies. The book already has been endorsed by a top advisor to Boris Yeltsin and is being promoted on Russian TV, radio, and newspapers.

Costygin is an expert on Soviet medicine—a hot topic with the spectre of socialized medicine looming on the horizon.

The tour will occur throughout May, starting at the LP of Hawaii state convention on May 1, followed by a (tentative) engagement sponsored by the Greater

Vancouver Libertarian Association in British Columbia, Canada.

U.S. Libertarians interested in hosting receptions, dinner parties, etc., for either or both these young men should contact ISIL for details and discussion of the division of travel costs. This is a great opportunity to get press coverage for libertarian activities.

Both Milonoff and Costygin are fluent in English.

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Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Winning Elections But Didn't Know Where to Ask: The 1993 Stamp Act Congress

The following article was provided by Morning Glory Productions, host of the 1993 LP national convention.

The 1993 Stamp Act Congress is a three-day training event offered Aug. 30, 1993, through Sept. 1, 1993, in conjunction with Celebrate Liberty!, the 1993 Libertarian National Convention and Political Expo. All events are in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Marriott Hotel or the Salt Palace Convention Center.

The 1993 Stamp Act Congress mission statement is:

Train Libertarian Party leaders, candidates, and volunteers in basic grassroots organizing and successful political campaign techniques. The emphasis is on getting elected to local and state legislative offices.

Cost of the three-day training program is \$150 and may be purchased as a single event or in combination with other Celebrate Liberty! packages. Enrollees for the 1993 Stamp Act Congress receive student rates for other convention activities.

Each enrollee receives a copy of three manuals: The Campaign Manual, the Finance Manual, and the Campaign Strategy (990 letter-size pages total). The materials will be sent 6-8 weeks in advance of the event and all students are expected to review them prior to the event.

Presenter for this event is Sal J. Guzzetta, a 25-year veteran professional political consultant, who has managed 35 campaigns and advised on an additional 200 campaigns. He is a frequent lecturer and political trainer, and was a sponsor and presenter for Campaigns and Elections tour of Eastern Europe. Mr. Guzzetta is a self-described "small l" libertarian, who would like to see the LP start making waves.

THE CAMPAIGN MANUAL: A DEFINITIVE STUDY OF THE MODERN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PROCESS, 3rd edition, 1989, by S.J. Guzzetta, Political Publishing Company, 360 pages, 8-1/2" X 11".

COMMENT BY MARY MATALIN, CHIEF OF STAFF, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

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THE CAMPAIGN STRATEGY provides step-by-step instructions on how to develop and implement a winning campaign strategy. Written in Mr. Guzzetta's easy-to-understand, narrative style, you will quickly learn how to do the intelligence gathering

see page 7 for tentative schedule

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Tentative 1993 Stamp Act Congress Schedule

NOTE: This program may change slightly as the program is customized for our particular situation as third-party candidates. The "First Day" of the 1993 Stamp Act Congress begins at 12 noon.

First Day:

Morning Session

Introductions
Chapters I-IV, The Campaign Strategy
Physical, intellectual, and emotional characteristics
Chapters V and VI, The Campaign Strategy

Name ID Rating

Favorability Rating

Afternoon Session

Chapters VII thru XI, The Campaign Strategy

Personal, business, civic history
Financial and personnel resources

Chapters XII thru XVI, The Campaign Strategy

Demographic, geographic, economic, voting, media characteristics of the district

Chapters XVII thru XXI, The Campaign Strategy

Impact of other races, election regulations, time constraints, and financial constraints

Second Day:

Morning Session

Chapters I-IV, The Campaign Manual
Developing Basic Strategy
The Political Game Plan, Budget, and Cash Flow

Afternoon Session

Chapter V, The Campaign Manual
Implementation

Chapters VII-VIII, The Campaign Manual

What the Opponent Will Be Doing
Summary and Overview

Chapter IX, The Campaign Manual
Variations for Other Type Campaigns

Third Day:

Morning Session

Chapters I-III, The Finance Manual
Introduction
Establishing the Budget
The Finance Committee
Chapters IV through VI, The Finance Manual
Individual Solicitation
Major/Minor Fund-raising Events

Afternoon Session

Chapters VII through IX, The Finance Manual

Direct Mail Solicitation

PAC and Party Solicitation

Candidate Activity

Chapter X and Appendices, The Finance Manual

For more information, contact Morning Glory Productions, P.O. Box 526175, Salt Lake City, UT 84152, or call 801-582-3318.

Convention notes

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Conventioneers win big!

Congratulations to Dena Bruedigam (Ohio) and Phillip Freytag (Colorado) who each won a free night in the elegant Marriott Presidential Suite in the February MGP Magic Hat drawing. Ted Brown (California) won a free Full Celebration package in the same drawing.

The Magic Hat opens once each month,

February through August, and a lucky convention registrant wins a free night in the hotel.

Payment plans continue!

Thanks to the positive feedback received regarding MGP's monthly payment plans for convention activities, MGP continues to offer them. For information concerning the current plan available, contact MGP.

Price increase coming!

Prices will increase May 1, 1993, on all Celebrate Liberty! convention packages. Book now to avoid the last-minute rush.

Exhibitor information available

Persons interested in participating in the Political Expo component of Celebrate Liberty! should contact us immediately. Due to our contract with the LNC, exhibit sign-up closes May 31, 1993. Exhibits cannot be guaranteed past that date.

We expect the Political Expo to draw excellent attendance from the surrounding communities. A million people live within a 30-minute drive of the convention, and MGP, in cooperation with Utah Libertarians, will promote the Expo extensively. Admission to the Expo is FREE. Promotional plans include radio advertising, billboards, Salt Palace signage, direct mail to the "Associated Utah Libertarian Databases" (17,000+ and counting), and banners in the downtown area.

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Campaigns

Reda ready for victory in Delaware

By DAVE SHANKLIN

The LP of Delaware is bracing itself for a major victory on April 24. Several activists are concentrating on a two-way mayoral race in Elsmere in which the LP candidate is the frontrunner.

In a recent unscientific telephone poll, the LP candidate, John Reda, was ahead two to one. Reda's opponent is the one-term Democratic incumbent mayor. Reda has recently received the endorsement of three former city mayors, all of whom are Democrats.

Reda has been engaged in intensive door-to-door campaigning since Nov. 6, 1992. As of press time, the opposition had yet to launch any noticeable campaign.

"We are expecting a landslide victory," predicted one LP supporter. Reda is both out-spending and out-campaigning his opposition, according to reports.

The Reda campaign had spent \$1,000 by March 1, and a \$2,000 cable TV advertising purchase is planned for

April. The campaign is still \$700 short of meeting its fund-raising goal, however.

Elsmere, population 6,000, is a densely populated suburb of Wilmington and the fifth largest city in Delaware. It has long been a Democratic Party stronghold.

The town council has imposed unpopular permit requirements on residents. Permits are required for window replacements, yard sales, and even bird houses. A six percent fee is required for roof repairs.

Reda is demanding that these requirements be repealed. His slogan, "Get RIDDA Unfair Permits, Elect REDA," has caught on with voters. He is promising to form a neighborhood watch program, and he is also fighting a proposed property tax hike, promising to make up the difference by eliminating wasteful spending instead.

Yard signs, leaflets, door hangers, direct mail, and media coverage are fueling Reda's surge in the polls.

"I want to send a loud message to LP members everywhere," said Reda. "We can win elections if we all concentrate on local races."

For more information or to offer support or advice, call 302-995-1722 or 302-427-2664.

WI primary winner

By KEN ZOLLNER

Libertarian Party member Kevin Scheunemann won a primary election for a seat on the West Bend, WI, common council in mid-February.

Scheunemann came in second in a field of three candidates. He will face the incumbent councilperson in the April 6 general election.

The incumbent received 57 percent of the primary votes, while Scheunemann received 43 percent. Scheunemann said he hopes to pick up the other challenger's support.

Because the incumbent won more than a majority of votes, it will make it difficult—but not impossible—for Scheunemann to win the general election, he said. He notes that the incumbent received only a few more votes in this primary than he did in 1991, the last time Scheunemann ran against him.

"It seems like he has a limited number of supporters," Scheunemann said. "That will make it easier for us to gain support. I suspect that our best strategy will be to focus our efforts on the people who didn't vote in the primary."

Scheunemann, 20, said his age was always considered a drawback when it came to voting for him in previous elections. "But it seems like we've licked that problem in this election," he said. He points to the fact that the man he defeated was 22 years older than himself.

The position on the common council in this city of 24,000 people is non-partisan, but Scheunemann said it is a relatively well-known fact that he is a Libertarian. The position on the council pays \$3,300 a year.

For more information, write "Taxpayers for Scheunemann," 514 Bender Rd., West Bend, WI 53095.



Kevin Scheunemann

LP candidates in city races in Michigan

The LP of Washtenaw County, MI, has broken ground in its efforts to organize locally with the nomination of a full slate of candidates for Ann Arbor City Council and the nomination of three candidates for Ypsilanti City Council.

The following candidates were nominated in Ann Arbor: Emily Hopp Salvette, mayor; Belinda Spangler, first ward; William Krebaum, second ward; Samuel Copi, third ward; Kreg Nichols, fourth ward; and Kent Hyne, fifth ward.

In Ypsilanti, the following candidates were nominated: Alfredo Esposto, second ward; Frederick Weihe, fourth ward; and Gerald Kalafut, fifth ward.

"This is a historic event," said James L. Hudler, chair of the LP of Washtenaw County. "Never before has the Libertarian Party run candidates for Ypsilanti City Council. At last, there will be candidates on the ballot who will be advocating the cutting of city taxes and the promotion of economic and civil liberties in Ypsilanti."

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Illinois

Paul Salander, an elected township supervisor, is planning a move up to township assessor in an election this spring. Salander's political literature includes a brochure that has tips on how to appeal one's property tax assessment.

Indiana

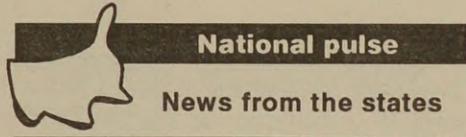
The state party had already gathered about 3,000 signatures by the end of February for their ballot access drive. Activists involved in the collection included **Scott Kohlhaas, Stacey Bourland, R.J. Tavel, Erin Hollinder, Alvin Anders, Larry Weeks, Brad Anderson, and Randy Helzerman.**

Maryland

Gerald Schneider is now a paid newspaper columnist with the *Silver Spring Gazette*, not the Silver Spring Record as reported last month. All other information in the article was correct.

Michigan

The LP has regained ballot status in the



state because of a ruling by the new attorney general.

Minnesota

Rich Kleinow presented the libertarian philosophy to a political science class at the University of Minnesota. Over 100 students, mostly juniors and seniors, received his presentation enthusiastically. Kleinow has been a guest lecturer at this class for several years.

New Hampshire

For the fourth year in a row, state party members are participating in the annual LPNH Food Drive. The goal is to raise over 300 pounds of canned goods for the New Horizons homeless shelter in Manchester. **Lionel Tandy** is coordinating the effort.

New Jersey

Keynote speaker at the state convention last month was **Joe Clark**, nationally known high school principal who was profiled in the movie "Lean on Me."

North Carolina

The LPNC has filed a lawsuit against the

state contesting a law which allows the State Board of Elections to decertify any political party which does not receive 10 percent of the vote for president or governor.

"We are not going to let the state government ignore the voices of 105,000 North Carolinians," remarked **Scott McLaughlin**, the party's 1992 candidate for governor, who gained 105,000 votes in last fall's election. "I guess taking these people to federal court is the only way to get their attention," said **Lynn Fogwell**, LP state chair.

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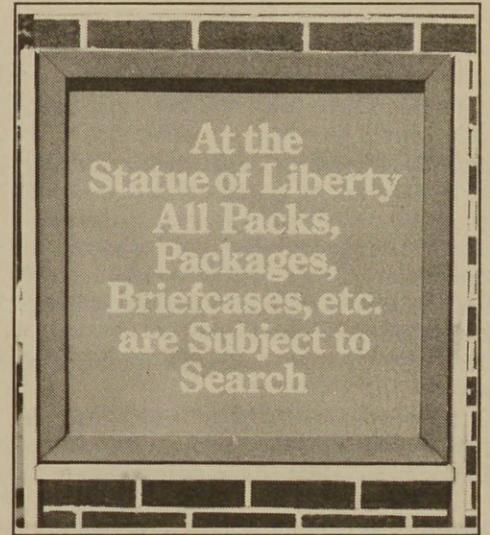
At the state convention, new officers were elected for the upcoming year: **John Buckley**, chair; **Rick Sincere**, vice chair; **Jim Lark**, secretary; and **Jack Scheible, Jr.**, treasurer.

Wisconsin

LP members **John Streicher** and **Jeff Friebert** are seeking state senate seats in special elections on April 6.

Streicher, 25, is seeking a Milwaukee-area seat vacated by Tom Barrett, who was elected to the U.S. House. Streicher is a West Allis resident and is employed as a lab technician at the Allen-Bradley Co. in Mequon.

Friebert, 39, is seeking a Madison-area seat vacated by Russ Feingold, who was elected to the U.S. Senate. Friebert is a lawyer for the United Auto Workers-General Motors Legal Services. He lives in



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LAND OF THE FREE? - This sign is at the entrance of the Statue of Liberty.

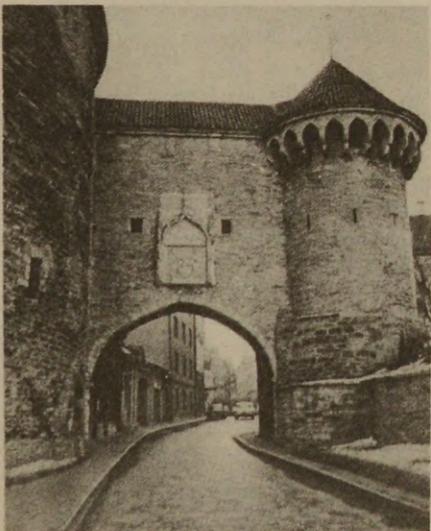
Oregon, WI.

Two new local LP affiliates have formed in the state. Libertarians in Dane County, which includes the state capital of Madison, formed an affiliate in February. **Mike Oprish** of Deerfield was elected chairman. **Helen Slavens** of Madison is treasurer.

In Washington County, which includes West Bend, a new LP affiliate was formed last November. **Dave Ameringer** is serving as temporary chairman until elections are held.

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Henri Lepage, famed author of "De-main Le Capitalism" (France).

Prof. Tibor Machan, Philosopher/Objectivist scholar (USA).

Aapa Neljas, Member of Parliament, Liberal Democratic Party (Estonia)

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Jan Smid, Psychologist, poet (Holland).

Dr. Sven Rydenfelt, Professor, author of *A Pattern for Failure/FEE* (Sweden).

Ingemar Nordin, philosopher (Sweden).

John McLaughry – former State Senator (R-Vermont). Author of *The Vermont Papers* (endorsed by Frances Kendall).

Dr. Bhola Nath Chalise, Secretary, Ministry in charge of decentralization & **Paul Lundberg** (both from Nepal)

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Notebook

Libertarian ideas on business regulation, justice, and spending

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty).

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Issue: Business regulation

IBM stunned the business community by announcing a loss of \$5 billion in 1992. Investors quickly hammered IBM's stock value \$30 billion lower. Poor management, yes, but something else too. Former IBM employee, Ross Perot, told the *Wall Street Journal* that IBM's anti-trust battles with the U.S. government were "the most serious thing that happened at IBM." According to Perot, these battles handicapped IBM by forcing it to do business "with both feet fixed in concrete, and you have to check with a federal judge before you come to work." Another example of the unintended consequences of the heavy hand of Washington.

Wall Street Journal, Jan. 20, 1993.

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The recently enacted "Family Leave" bill will negatively impact some small businesses by mandating extra costs for those employees who take unpaid leave. The business community wasn't seriously upset by the bill itself (surveys indicate that 93 percent already had some leave policy) but by the inevitable extension of the bill, someday, to providing paid leave. Yet, someone will pay a price—again, the unintended consequences of Washington's do-gooder mentality. That someone is likely to be the very employees intended to be helped. The *Wall Street Journal* reported on a Gallup Poll taken in 1991 for the National Federation of Independent Business: "Half the businesses surveyed by Gallup said they would hesitate to hire young women under the new law and would likely cut down on low-skilled jobs. More than half said they would trim other employee benefits to pay for mandated leave." *WSJ* further noted that Congress voted to exempt itself from the family leave bill. Illinois Rep. Harris Falwell "suggested Congress would exempt itself from the law of gravity if it could."

Deborah Walker, assistant professor of economics at Loyola University in New Orleans, backs up the Gallup results: "Presently, three-quarters of working women are of child bearing age; they would be penalized. One-quarter of the female work force would temporarily benefit at the expense of everyone else. For that reason, the Family Leave Bill should be called the High Wages for Single Educated Women Bill."

Wall Street Journal, Feb. 8, 1993, and The Free Market, December 1992.

Issue: Justice and the law

The public is used to liberals and conser-



Activist Notebook

Dave Walter
Editor

vatives attempting to use the courts as instruments of social change. Now, libertarians are fighting back in opposing government infringement of individual rights. The effort is led by the Institute for Justice, a Washington, DC, based group led by former U.S. EEOC staffer, Clint Bolick. Bolick's group has fought irrelevant licensing requirements in Washington, DC, and will take on Denver's taxicab licenses next, the Davis-Bacon act which favors union labor on federal jobs, and will help San Antonio public housing tenants win ownership rights.

As U.S. News & World Report puts it, "Bolick and his allies argue that both the left and right 'have it wrong.' Liberals give states too much leeway to trample property rights through zoning and other regulations, and conservatives back too much state infringement of freedoms in the name of anti-crime enforcement."

U.S. News & World Report, Jan. 18, 1993.

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According to the Gun Rights Fact Book, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) has "essentially declared war on the nation's law-abiding gun owners." Congressional investigations discovered shocking facts that "ought to alarm anyone and everyone concerned about the state of civil liberties in our nation today." Says the book, published by Merril Press in Bellevue, WA: "The Bureau seems intent on confiscating private collections of antique and long arm guns . . . (and) is extremely reluctant to return the guns once they have been confiscated—even when the gun owners have been acquitted from any wrongdoing in a criminal court of law."

Adds Jerrin J. Jordan, executive policy director of the Eastex Civil Rights Coalition: "Although many people think that the BATF investigates serious criminals, it and many other federal bureaus have a history of giving immunity and taxpayers' money to dangerous career criminals for perjurious testimony against innocent scapegoats."

Jan. 13, 1993, letter to "60 Minutes" and materials provided by Jerrin J. Jordan.

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When Congress passed its 1984 Crime Bill, a powerful weapon was included: The right to seize the assets of suspected criminals. Libertarians, including David Bergland, the attorney who was the LP's presidential candidate that year, warned that it would trample the rights of the innocent. This warning has come to pass, as many critics of civil-forfeiture are making clear.

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Former Burlington County, NJ, Judge Martin Haines, writing in the *New Jersey Law Journal* for Oct. 19, 1992: "Money is a corrupter. Its availability in criminal cases, through our forfeiture laws, encourages improper sentences. Prosecutors, tempted by money, can indulge in unacceptable practices. Reform is needed. Badly. There is something very wrong in a system that encourages prosecutors to share the wages

of crime with the criminals they are prosecuting. And something equally wrong when courts condone the practice." Judge Haines is referring to the practice of alleged criminals being able to bargain down sentences by consenting to forfeiture of "ill gotten gains" to the prosecutor who can then share them with other enforcement offices. Unfortunately, Judge Haines thinks "reform" means giving the forfeited assets to the state for general revenue uses. Better yet, convicted criminals should pay restitution to their victims.

Submitted by John Paff, Somerset, NJ.

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Arthur Hayes, staff reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, says forfeiture programs have provided a \$2.4 billion windfall for the Justice Department in the first six years of the program. Hayes adds: ". . . the civil forfeiture laws now under attack don't require a conviction before property can be taken away. And most of the laws allow police to confiscate money and property from a suspect stopped for such minor crimes as speeding. The laws also make it difficult for property owners to get their assets back. Even if they aren't named as defendants, they are required to show that they weren't aware of any criminal activity involving the property." Says defense attorney, Brenda Grantland, who represents a grass-roots organization called FEAR, "A forfeiture case is something out of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland,' where the rule is punishment first, trial later."

Wall Street Journal's "Law" column, Jan. 14, 1993.

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The horrors of forfeiture are detailed in an article by Richard Minter in the Feb. 22, 1993, issue of *Insight*. Abuses are brought down to the human level as a man loses his 60 acre farm on the unsubstantiated tip of an undercover drug informant, a landscaper on his way to buy shrubs has \$9,600 confiscated because airport police thought he fit the profile of a drug courier, and a store lost the entire contents of its register—\$4,384—when a dog sniffed traces of cocaine on three \$1 bills! (Toxicology Consultants, Inc. says that 96 percent of the currency in circulation can be considered tainted with cocaine.) The article mentions a 10-month investigation by *Pittsburgh Press* Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters Mary Flaherty and Andrew Schneider, which "estimated in 1991 that 80 percent of the people whose property is seized by the government are never charged with a crime."

Minter also quotes E.E. Edwards, chairman of the Forfeiture Abuse Task Force of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers: "Because the property itself is the defendant, the guilt or innocence of the property owner is irrelevant. The process has run amok. Law enforcement agencies, in their zeal, have turned the war on drugs into a war on the Constitution."

Insight, Feb. 22, 1993.

Issue: Taxes and spending

Chicago Tribune columnist, Mike Royko, recently recounted the marvelous workings of Social Security as they applied to Marvin, a mugger of old ladies: "Yes, Marvin was indeed receiving a couple of monthly Social Security checks, one be-

cause he had a drug disability and the other . . . well, for whatever goofy reason the bureaucrats thought made him eligible. Well, his nose is his business. But your money is your business and my money is my business. (At least that's the way it should be, although Congress disagrees.) So why should we have to contribute to Marvin's support because he insists on putting dope in his nose?" Why, indeed?

Mike Royko's column in the Times Herald, Dec. 17, 1992. Submitted by reader Robert Wilson, Norristown, PA.

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By the time you read this, the Clinton Administration's tax increases—probably the largest in U.S. history—will be on the table, if not enacted. Dr. Michael K. Evans, president of an economic forecasting firm in Washington, DC, thinks the Clinton plan—if based on soaking the rich—will turn out to be a hollow victory.

"Based on what has happened when high marginal rates have changed in the past, I estimate that an increase in the top marginal rate from 31 percent to 38 percent would raise only about 60 percent of the ex ante gain, or \$13 billion per year, while a hike all the way to a 50 percent marginal rate would raise only about 30 percent of the ex ante gain, or a little less than \$20 billion per year. So the Clinton Administration plans to pay for \$150 billion in new spending programs per year and investment tax cuts with a tax increase of less than \$20 billion per year. Talk about voodoo economics. The problem with the Clinton economics package is very simple: It is built on the house of cards called raising tax rates on the rich, and we know from previous experience that such revenue gains rarely materialize. In fact, when top marginal rates have been cut in the past, the amount of revenue collected in each of those top brackets has actually increased, even when adjusted for inflation, population growth, and the normal upward drift in personal income."

Industry Week, Nov. 16, 1992.

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According to *Business Week*, entitlements make up almost half of federal spending (\$636 billion in 1991) and is growing fast. Warns Urban Institute economist Isabel V. Sawhill, "This is what's going to eat us alive in the none-too-distant future." The problem is that very few voters seem to want to rein in entitlement spending, nor do they want to raise taxes to pay for it all. The consequence, warns *Business Week*: "After growing up in an America where deficits choke off savings and investment, today's children will face an even greater burden when their parents, the baby-boom generation, start to retire in just 18 years."

Business Week, Sept. 7, 1992.

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One Clinton supporter who won't be doing his full share—though he campaigned hard for Clinton's chance to lay a heavier burden on the rest of us—is Walt Disney Co. chairman Michael Eisner. U.S. News & World Report recounts how Eisner managed to shift \$126 million in compensation into 1992, thereby saving about \$6 million in taxes that his buddy is expected to impose on other high margin taxpayers who aren't so nimble . . . or hypocritical.

U.S. News & World Report, Dec. 14, 1992.

The debate

Readers comment on the proposed revisions

Eliminate the Libertarian Party membership pledge. It is compelled speech.

Retain the Libertarian Party platform. It fully informs voters.

Edward A. Ward
Lowell, MA

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The LP National Committee's proposal to do away with the membership pledge is a grave mistake. The pledge serves a vital organizational purpose. Its purpose is to insure that the Libertarian Party remains libertarian. The fact that some potential members are reluctant to take the pledge is not sufficient cause to do away with this vital ethical instrument. The strategy which includes getting rid of the pledge is based on a kind of myopic pragmatism which, for me, is a great embarrassment to the Party of Principle.

The most serious objection to the pledge is that it is not effective because authoritarians can still join the LP by lying. This is true, but whenever they expose themselves by their unjust actions, the initiation of force or fraud, they can be removed. An occasional red herring can get in, but, since even most authoritarians are not pathological liars, the pledge serves its purpose. It prevents the political takeover of the LP by non-libertarians. The more the LP grows the more we will continue to need the pledge as a tool for assuring mutual trust and ensuring the integrity of our organization as the Party of Principle.

Steven B. Vandervelde
Columbia, SC

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The current "oath" should be dropped as a membership requirement. That is not to say, however, that the prospective member should not certify to some other statement. What I favor is this: "I am in basic agreement with the Statement of Principles and wish to join the LP, etc."

To strip away the oath completely is to allow anyone—a socialist, a neo-Nazi, a communitarian, or even someone not committed to any political viewpoint at all—to join the LP. That's fine if the LP is to simply be an "alternative" to whatever the Demopublicans are doing at the moment. However, if we want the LP to stand for something—for the enduring principles that distinguish us from our left/liberal, center/moderate, and right/conservative opponents—then we are honor-bound to reveal those principles to prospective members. We don't want to be accused of "fooling" people nor do we want the internal ideological battles that could occur if enough members are confused as to the principles of the LP. Nor do we want some particularly embarrassing action to be looped around our neck by a candidate who claims the LP took him in, unsavory views and all.

The Statement of Principles goes well beyond the current certification against initiation of force to explain our political reason for being. It is more valuable for screening out those who don't belong in the LP and screening in those who do. Let's change the oath; let's improve it.

Dave Walter
Immediate Past LP National Chair
West Chester, PA



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

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I don't believe that anyone in the LP is saying we should abandon our principles. I doubt if any member could be forced to give up their principles, much less "sell out" to win a few elections. We are the party that suggests a great deal of change. We are the challengers, the burden of proof is ours. Any change we suggest must be backed up by a humane, sensible, viable plan to make that change.

For instance, our goal to end the drug war: The public is beginning to realize that the drug war is worse than the drugs. However, unless we have a plan that resolves their fears about legalization (chiefly in regard to their children) the drug war will continue forever.

The public is looking for leadership. We cannot lead if we don't trust each other's devotion to the cause of liberty. And we cannot lead if we refuse to acknowledge the need for practicality. We should trust each other more. And we should write a new platform.

Jeff Hope
Springfield, VA

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Recent letters about the platform have raised two good points:

1) The existing platform is too long and confrontational, and

2) As good as the Statement of Principles is, it is also a bit confrontational.

Here in South Carolina, three of us got together nine years ago and wrote a preamble to our platform, which was later expanded to serve as our entire platform. It is clear and principled, but not confrontational. I feel that it would serve well as a Statement of Principles for the national LP.

By the way, I strongly believe in the pledge. It would be foolish to eliminate it.

David Morris
Columbia, SC

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To say that an individual must take the oath to become a member of the LP is to contradict the very root of Libertarianism, i.e., government's only legitimate function is to protect individual rights from force and fraud. Those of us who believe in the supremacy of individual rights do so freely. Taking an oath to that effect proves nothing.

The key to the success of Libertarianism is through demonstration of our beliefs. The fact that we contribute money, time, effort, expertise, and our vote to the LP is more demonstrative than any oath we could utter. We cannot force liberty on anyone. All we can do is promote its existence through acting on the premise of individual freedom, and protecting that freedom from force and fraud.

The LP's message is a positive one, let us not spoil it by borrowing tactics from the collectivist world—"can" the oath!

Timothy H. Bennett
Sloansville, NY

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I fear that the disagreement over the continuation of the oath on membership forms may cause a major rift in Libertarian support. Perhaps a compromise may solve the problem if everybody will bend a little and make it voluntary. After all, we are the "voluntarist" party, right?

Above the oath, place a statement like the following: "The following oath is voluntary. As you prefer, you may sign your allegiance to its principle, leave it blank, enter decline to state, or present a reason for not signing it. Membership is NOT dependent on your response."

If the different factions just want something to argue about, then argue over whether the answer should be confidential or open to membership scrutiny. I would say that it should be confidential, but should remain on the form.

Doug Hoiles
Acampo, CA

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The main value of our platform is that it tethers our candidates and other spokespersons to a set of undiluted principles and consistent political positions. That these principles and positions may, on occasion, make us sweat a bit, is all the more reason to retain the platform as the bold document that it is. How far, how quickly, and into what unrecognizable territory will the LP drift once cut loose from its ideological moorings—especially in the face of political winds that still blow mostly against us?

Two decades of debate and intellectual labor have produced, not a perfect document, but one that is nonetheless profoundly moral and visionary. If at times it seems to fence us in too tightly, remember that it also keeps before us a clear line beyond which we have agreed not to go in search of popularity and political power. Let's debate the exact placement of that line all we want. Let's **not** erase it.

Steve Smith
Durham, NC

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I am a disgruntled Republican, observing the Libertarian Party with some high hopes. As I read the oath and the platform, however, I must wonder if the party is controlled by believers in anarchy. Is that what you believe in? I hope not.

Steven Stromness
Bountiful, UT

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I think we should have a positive pledge. Like "I believe in the use of force in self defense only."

Mike Krech
Lake in the Hills, IL

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As quaintly naive as the party pledge may seem, I think the LP should retain it.

Politics is the art of using law and government to achieve social objectives. Law and government sanction situations where force is used to compel specific behavior by those against whom it is directed.

Therefore, the question posed by the use of force must be confronted by anyone who would seriously participate in politics.

War is the ultimate use of force, and as history sadly discloses, war is what government does best . . .

The pledge is a hopeful admonition like that of the Christian apostle, Paul, stated in the 13th Chapter of his letter to the Romans . . .

Like true Christians must also humbly admit, all too often those of us who seek liberty and justice for all, merely succeed in reinventing the sword. The bloodshed and the violent death of innocents through the course of history has largely canceled out any gain that might have been won for the cause of liberty.

Therefore, I think the LP should retain the pledge as a sobering reminder to each of us who subscribes to it of the serious nature of the endeavor we are undertaking together.

Evan L. Webster
Cortland, NY

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Rewriting the entire platform every two years will likely lead to a dilution of our principles at every convention. Ten planks cannot hold a diverse party together, differentiate us from other third parties, or form a solid foundation of principles. Retaining the current national platform is also a bad idea. Containing irrelevant and poorly-explained planks, it turns off new inquiries and embarrasses our candidates.

Adopting a more polished platform written as a marketing tool, not a philosophical tract, would solve both problems. I for one would like to see an outreach-oriented platform that doesn't cast aside our fundamental principles.

Brian Schar
Huntington Beach, CA

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I had never considered the removal of the "oath" before. That's because, ideologically, I agree with it completely.

Naturally, I was initially opposed to its removal, but the oath could possibly backfire in the long run. I say this because it prevents "marginal" but honest Libertarians from joining. However, liars will sign the oath regardless of what it says.

On the other hand, I still think it's important for all Libertarians to see the oath. We could make it our "guiding principle" by requiring the LP to print it conspicuously on all publications—including membership applications.

An oath won't keep "bad" Libertarians out of the party—only good Libertarians can do that.

Joel Cannon
Golden, CO

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This is in response to the debate about the Libertarian oath (which I freely take):

Membership to the LP should be free and clear—and non-binding. An oath is a mandate is a force, if it is required. Non-violence should be made clear in the Libertarian literature and correspondence, but not be forced upon the initiate. You can't force peace—it must flow from within each individual heart, soul, and mind, if it is to be thoroughly rooted.

Even non-violence, when forced upon someone, becomes (as an ideal forced) a point of friction and rebellion. Goodness forced is an evil unbound.

Let each Libertarian or would-be Libertarian come to understand the quality and meaning of non-violence on his or her see **The debate** on page 12

The debate

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own terms, in his or her own precious time.

Pledges and oaths are for arrogant religions—let us be free. Let us be non-violent without being forced to swear non-violence. Let us just be free, in deed, not just in rhetoric.

David M. Thornburgh
Miami Beach, FL

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Reading the arguments concerning the controversial membership statement, I recalled that when I joined the LP I still believed that a public education system was vital to our form of government. I knew that public education meant taxes and that that meant "initiation of force," but even though my belief was at odds with one of the LP's fundamental positions I proudly signed the statement without hesitation. What could I have been thinking?

I realize now that what I saw in the statement was an affirmation of my critical thinking on the role of government in general. What sets the LP apart from other parties is not a dogmatic rejection of coercion, but rather the determination of its members to avoid mistaking a lack of a lack of creativity for an insight into necessity.

With that in mind, I propose a slight variation on the statement that better expresses this simple determination: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a *sole* means of achieving political or social goals."

Andrew Akers
Salem, VA

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Though a long-term libertarian by attitude and conviction, it was only lately that I learned of and joined both the national organization and the Maryland party. I am very pleased to say that I took advantage of the party being listed in Maryland and changed my official affiliation to Libertarian.

I write you now about the ruckus concerning the "oath" and would like it known that the requirement to sign such a statement almost caused me to withdraw from the organization. In fact, when I signed I added an asterisk after the phrase "I oppose the initiation of force . . ." My asterisk carried the statement: "But I endorse the use of force to maintain liberty and freedom, including preemptive force, when and where appropriate." Had anyone objected to my addenda, I would not have joined.

While I can understand what some people are interested in when they want such a statement, a requirement to sign should be abhorrent to any true libertarian. In addition to being a simplistic, and perhaps short-sighted, pledge, it is clearly arrogant to force allegiance to such a statement. The phrase reeks of potential NewSpeak, and I would have expected it to be a part of a leftist manifesto, not a libertarian "certification."

Steven M. Sass
Baltimore, MD

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I believe the platform should cover a significant number of issues, however, it should be a document of direction and vision and not a management document. For example, it should indicate that the size and scope of government should be reduced, but not address the issues of

which agencies or departments should be eliminated or how. We should not put the cart before the horse. Also, I find terms like "we demand" in the platform to be aggressive and negative. If a significant number of Libertarians disagree with certain positions in the platform, I think it should be so noted in the platform.

I have always given individuals who are curious about the LP a copy of the platform. I would not join a political party without reading it.

Joe B. Stallings, Jr.
Auburn, GA

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One of the purposes of a platform is to win minds and hearts. I feel that the platform as it stands has very little chance to do this for the following reasons.

In many places the tone is confrontational and many inflammatory words are used. Even where good proposals are presented, the tone used turns me off. Moot statements are presented as absolute fact with no proofs or discussion even where reasonable people might disagree.

The platform advocates wholesale elimination of regulatory agencies and repeal of entire classes of laws. In an ideal society this might be possible but it seems to me that we need "collective" action against cheats and charlatans rather than depending on the individual to defend himself.

Amidst many sound proposals are some that are not so well thought out: unrestricted immigration; no restrictions on children drinking alcohol, taking cocaine, or working in a machine shop; abolishing all taxes; elimination of government-minted money; freedom to practice any profession without training or licensing.

Sounds like complete chaos to me.

I joined the party because I thought it stood for less government—not no government. How about a complete re-do of this platform to make it correlate better with the ideas of the millions of us who are dissatisfied with the present political system?

Arch Wakefield
Tega Cay, SC

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Keep the current platform as a long-term goal, as it gives us a base for the way we believe the issues should be handled. Use the proposed changes as short-term tactics to achieve short-term goals. One is long-term strategic, the other short-term tactic. We can have the best of both and give up nothing. A win/win situation for the LP. Has the party gotten so wrapped up in its thinking that it can't see this? Come on guys, open your eyes.

John C. Brickner
Fullerton, CA

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Platforms, in general, are a joke. I have never read the platform for any political party other than the LP and probably never will. Their purpose is to give a sense of satisfaction to powerful interests within a party at having "influenced" things, while candidates go on and run as whatever they wish. Our platform is different in that it is based on principle rather than special interests. That does not mean it is without other equally discouraging problems, however.

It is not a useful sales document. It is too long and the phraseology too stilted for anyone but a diehard libertarian to read. As a candidate, I could not hand out

copies and hope that any would read it. I need a sales document, two to four pages long, written at a fifth grade reading level. It should address the "hot-button" topics of the year, the "wasted" vote syndrome, the lone Libertarian legislator problem, transitional issues, and be aimed at Joe Six Pack. To be blunt, it should motivate people to vote Libertarian from the gut, rather than from the head, for that is where real people vote from. This should be the annual platform of the LP.

What we are now using as a platform should be renamed the General Statement of Libertarian Principles.

That's my solution. Two different documents for two different purposes, sales versus education, agility versus consistency.

Fred Heiser
Santa Clarita, CA

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The pledge has been a mistake . . .

Those who wanted a pledge believed that they knew what the pledge meant, that all true libertarians would agree with it, that libertarians would not object to signing it, and that it was the best short statement of libertarianism. Further, most felt that the pledge would keep libertarian spokesmen, candidates, and elected officials from compromising principles in the quest for political gains.

Oddly, every one of these assumptions was wrong. In practical effect the pledge never kept our candidates, or anyone else, pure. I can think of all sorts of people who signed the pledge and then went on to betray us and our principles. They violated the pledge as though they had never read it . . .

From the beginning, the LP has seemed exclusive. I hear people say that they would join the party except for one policy that they do not agree with. The pledge suggests that libertarians must do more than just love liberty; they must agree with the party in every particular.

I hope that we can become inclusionary in the future, that we can indicate the thrust of our ideas in a better statement than the current pledge, and that we will not require prospective members to sign anything if they don't want to.

Jack R. Sanders
San Diego, CA

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I would like to ask why we must change or destroy the platform? To me it is a basis for and a source of Libertarian concepts—a kind of "Bill of Rights." I think all members should have a copy. Many times new members question how we would implement our idea of liberty in a specific area. The platform is a fund of information.

When a national, state, or special election is pending, why couldn't a committee decide which issues were pertinent, and how they were related to the platform? Those issues would be the ones discussed by the candidate. During the campaign, if someone asked questions concerning another issue, the candidate would always have the answer in the platform.

Betty Parsell Stram
Mechanicsburg, PA

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I think it would be a disaster if the party at any level removed the pledge. The pledge is what distinguishes the LP from every other party. You KNOW a person is not a libertarian if he advocates the initiation

of force—for any reason.

I have enjoyed pointing out to national media that, unlike the Demopublicans who promise all kinds of good things and then act differently when in office, the pledge ensures that elected Libertarians will keep their promises. A Libertarian cannot vote for more taxes or more controls over citizens and still call himself a Libertarian. The pledge allows the party to control its elected members, something the other parties can't do.

The pledge doesn't require that no one ever initiate force (there may be cases where this is justified, such as pushing someone out of the way of an oncoming car). But the pledge does require that one never advocate the initiation of force. This controls our candidates and ensures a party of principle.

We must keep the pledge. In the libertarian world of the future, everyone will understand why the repudiation of aggression is the base upon which a civilized society rests.

Tonie Nathan
Eugene, OR

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The proposed replacement for the platform is familiar. It fits the specs of the program, which was initiated at the 1987 convention, and took years to draft and adopt. It's far too much to re-do at or for each convention, and seems modeled on the turgid "Domestic Ills" section of the platform. The program is no improvement on the individually authored position papers of the 1970s, which could be reissued with little updating. But if the program serves even roughly its intended function, why make the platform into another program?

Recasting the platform into such a mold will be very divisive. So many LPers have pet subjects, we'd fight over which few topics are important enough to make the cut, with disappointment and turn-off unavoidable . . .

We'll look like either unrealistic fools or uninteresting politicians if we label our planks as our desiderata for only the next two to four years. We're not in position to set the short-term political agenda by our lights. If we instead limit ourselves to comments on what's likely to be on the table in that period, we'll look tame, banal, and conservative in the purest sense.

I'd like our platform reduced by other means.

Robert Goodman
Bronx, NY

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To me the current pledge/platform controversy is a moot question. In the past year I have observed a disturbing trend within the LP away from what I have always considered its fundamental principles. The philosophy of reason based on the ideas of Ayn Rand, John Locke, and the Founding Fathers seems to be giving way to a quasi-New Age philosophy. The Laissez Faire economic ideas of Ludwig von Mises and others are being crowded out by neo-interventionist ideas proposed as "steps in the right direction."

What good will it do for the LP to retain its membership pledge and its principled platform if it proceeds to abandon the ideas which have provided their philosophical foundation?

Lila Pifer
Chicago, IL

“Hit ‘em Where They Ain’t, Part 2”

By Jim Burns with Scott Kjar

I. Winning and Losing and The Media

Year after year, Libertarians complain that we can't get any coverage by the major media outlets. Dan Rather never leads off the evening news with a story about the LP candidate for president. *The New York Times* doesn't highlight us on their front page. Our candidates don't make the front cover of *Time* or *Newsweek*. It's a giant conspiracy, we scream; the eastern liberal establishment that controls the media is biased against us.

What a bunch of hooee.

The fact of the matter is that we don't do much that deserves front page coverage. Sure, we have interesting ideas, and sure we go out and do the traditional campaign activities. But hey, there are always so many people out doing the traditional campaign activities, and they at least have a chance of affecting the outcome. So, why should the media bother with us?

Let's look at the recent Perot phenomenon. Perot got NO ELECTORAL VOTES! He didn't succeed at winning a single state. Yet, he got coverage, he got invited to the debates (and we didn't), he got all the media access that he wanted. Why?

It's because Perot was capable of affecting the outcome. Even without winning the entire race, Perot was capable of pulling enough swing votes and undecideds into his camp that it could have, and indeed probably did, change the outcome of the election. Without Perot's presence, the entire dynamic would have been different.

II. “Hit ‘Em Where They Ain’t”

Two months ago, I laid out an idea in this space. The idea was that we should focus our presidential energies in one state: New Hampshire. We should move in after the Republicans and Democrats have left following the primary, and spend most of the election season there. Let every single voter in the state get to know our candidate, listen to a full articulation of our views, and ask questions with the expectation of receiving thorough and in-depth responses, not just 6-second sound bites.

Because New Hampshire is small both in terms of population and geography, it allows for a complete market penetration. The media market is small, allowing us to target our funds and time very well.

In short, New Hampshire was selected because we not only have the opportunity to affect the outcome, we have the opportunity to win!

III. Tactics Versus Ideas

The biggest thing we need to do, though, is change our approach to the media. We have the ideas, we have the solutions, and we have the evidence. Ten thousand years of human history showing that free people consistently outperform, outproduce, and outshine captive people is a wonderful testament to our beliefs about the human soul. However, the news media doesn't particularly care. It's not news!

What we need to do is shift from giving the media a steady stream of ideas to giving them a steady stream of tactics. When we look at the Republicans

and Democrats, the stories are often about which states they will be focusing on, and when they will be going to those states, and how much time they will spend there. The stories talk about how the Democrats are targeting disenchanted Republican voters, or how the Republicans are talking with the disaffected Democrat voter. The shifting coalitions of electoral politics always makes for a great story, and is guaranteed coverage again and again throughout a campaign season.

IV. The Plan

We need to get serious about our paid media plan. Too often, the LP has taken its money, and spent it as it has come in. This is backward. Instead, as the money comes in, we should start by buying TV time for the week immediately before the election. As we gain additional funds, we should use them to buy additional media time for the second week before the election. Subsequent contributions will then be used to buy more TV time for the third week before the election, and so on. That way, we make sure that our message is on the air when most people are making up their minds — just before the election. By squandering our resources too early, we may fight the good fight, but we will surely lose the good fight.

In fact, we should limit the bulk of our TV time to a mere 45 days. By starting our big push in late-September, we can be on the air far more often, and with a larger diversity of messages, than we can if we try to stay on the air a little bit here and a little bit there.

Also, each week should have 10% more TV ads than did the previous week, so that we build to a crescendo just at election time. This is a tactic we can take from major retailers. Let's face it, we see more beer commercials as we get closer to the Super Bowl, culminating in the Bud Bowl at half time of the big game. Why? That's when people drink the most beer! The same is true of politics. The vote only comes once, and that's when we should be saturating the airwaves with our message.

Second, we should work to earn matching funds. However, we should not use them for our campaign. THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY SHOULD NOT GO ON WELFARE! Rather, we should earn the funds, accept the funds, and then turn the funds over to the Department of the Treasury, specifically earmarked toward reduction of the federal debt. We can then go on TV (because this is a great story!) and challenge the Republicans and Democrats to do the same thing. Of course, they'll refuse, and we'll have a ready-made campaign story. We can use it to bash them at every junction along the way. After all, the Libertarians put our money where our mouth is, while the Republicans and Democrats put other people's money where their mouth is.

Third, we should make sure we select the right ticket. The ideal Libertarian ticket for 1996 will include a white female at the head of the ticket, and a black male for the number 2 slot. Let's face it, the LP has always been the party of diversity, and we have always had more non-traditional candidates than all other parties. The first woman to receive an

electoral vote was the LP's Vice Presidential candidate Tonie Nathan in 1972. Since then, we also had Nancy Lord, who holds degrees in both law and medicine, as our VP candidate. Likewise, through the years we have had a great deal of diversity in our choices for the party's standard-bearer, with such candidates as Richard Boddie, a black law lecturer and motivational speaker who was narrowly edged out in 1992 by Andre Marrou, and Russell Means, one of the modern leaders of the American Indian Movement. Along the way, there have been countless individuals coming from anything other than the traditional Republican and Democrat good-old-boy club. That is a tradition we should maintain.

Furthermore, our ticket itself has the possibility of making history. When we win New Hampshire with a white woman and a black man, we become the first party to get electoral votes in both positions. We will have eclipsed the Democrats, who are willing to talk about diversity, but never really want to put it on the ticket. This year, for example, the Democrats gave a lot of talk about diversity, but ended up with two rich white males on their ticket. We will certainly have outdistanced the Republicans, who HATE the mere idea of diversity, and cannot fathom ever having anything other than two rich white males on the ticket.

V. Build A Better Mousetrap

There is an old adage that says that if you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door. Well, it's just not true. The Libertarian Party has been building better mousetraps in every election since our party was formed, and not only are they not beating a path to our door, they are walking right past without a second look.

A better mousetrap is only as good as its sales team. If you don't market your mousetrap correctly, no one will ever buy it. This is the problem that the LP has been facing for 20 years. We've built the damn mousetrap, now why doesn't anyone buy it?

In business, to be undercapitalized is to virtually guarantee failure. The LP is undercapitalized, at least as far as its ability to run a sustained, national campaign. We don't have the money, the manpower, or the resources to do it. However, we can take our capital and focus our energies. We can market our better mousetrap in a small market, with an eye toward capturing that market and then expanding.

By endorsing the “Hit ‘Em Where They Ain't Plan” the LP can go a long way on its short resources. By selecting the right ticket, we can guarantee coverage. And by using our federal matching funds as a weapon, we can generate more coverage than we could by accepting the money and using it directly in our campaigns. This is the obvious and appropriate next step in the LP's development toward being a viable and effective political force.

If enough of us show support, we can “Hit ‘em where they ain't.” Pledges are welcome and needed, but please send no money. If you like this idea, write to Jim Burns, PO Box 3752, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-3752.

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Letters

Comments on unresponsiveness, 900 poll, drugs, and more

Silence isn't golden

In the course of the last several months I have had correspondence (in one medium or another) with LP headquarters, ISIL, Advocates for Self-Government, and Morning Glory Productions that have all failed to produce a response. Not just a satisfactory response—any response. In reflecting on this, I wonder if this unbusinesslike behavior is typical throughout the Libertarian community and is perhaps partly responsible for our failure to grow. My own performance in following expressions of interest has not always been thorough, but as an amateur I can perhaps be excused. Maybe that is the

problem—we are all amateurs. So how do we become professional?

Grant Hansen
Philadelphia, PA

Telephone poll

I was reading the NEWS concerning the debate on the national platform and the opinion poll you are taking over your 900-telephone line. I have never called but one 900 number before because I think they are basically rip-offs. Knowing that the LP is not blessed with money, I thought that maybe this was a necessary way of funding this poll (although I did wonder why the article was so insistent



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

about not writing to the paper with my opinion). A two-minute call to Washington for me is only 46 cents, but I decided I would pay the \$1.95 for the one minute even though it would not take that long to give my name, ID number, and opinion. I was on the telephone at least three minutes and maybe four minutes listening to pre-recorded messages before I was given the opportunity to express my opinion, which means it cost me from \$5.85 to \$7.40 to do this. I think this type of rip-off is a disgrace to the LP and I am ashamed to belong to a group that does this sort of thing.

J. Wendell Drye
Salisbury, NC

Trapped

Thinking about starting your own little business? Think twice. 7.65 percent plus 7.65 percent equals a whopping 15.3 percent in Social Security tax.

That's my and your hard-earned money spent today to support the "golf community" life styles of the powerful retired persons of America, courtesy, you the taxpayer, and today's shafted generation.

That's what self-employed people like myself have been mandated to contribute into the Social (In)Security Trust Fund, of course on top of regular state, local, and federal income taxes. How can one person be two entities at the same time—the "employ-er" and the "employee." With two times 7.65 percent in Social Security tax, I feel I am being "screwed" twice.

It's time to "unscrew" this double taxation of the self-employed.

Participation in Social Security should be a choice, not mandated—truly Democratic and truly Freedom of Choice. I want out!

John Breek
Chuluota, FL

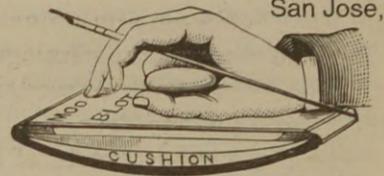
People first?

Slick Willie Clinton's book, "Putting People First," deserves a new title: "Putting People First for the Tax Collector!"

For one year, Slick Willie sold his snake oil with a "New Covenant" label. He promised to "soak the rich," those who made over \$200,000 per year, while those in the middle class would get a tax reduction. Incredibly, his snake oil was bought by 43 percent of the voters! Most were middle class.

After being president only one month, Willie's New Covenant suddenly changed, chapter and verse, to the Old Testament of tax and spend. Instead, they'll pay even higher income taxes, higher energy (BTU) taxes, and many on Social Security will be taxed on 85 percent rather than 50 percent of their incomes. So be it for the middle class—The High Priest of socialism has spoken!

B. Wilder Merrill
San Jose, CA



Wright wrong

Paul Troy Wright (Feb. 1993 NEWS) claims an experience with several people addicted to cocaine caused him to fine-tune his thoughts concerning the issue of drug legalization.

Wright stipulates that the sale of addictive substances is an act of fraud because "dealers intentionally misrepresent the risks" to hook the victim, and "use fraud and forceful mind control to obtain money from addicts." He further stipulates that "the libertarian philosophy permits government to take reasonable steps to protect the victims from the sellers."

Reasonable steps are certainly not seizure of property without due process of law, or unwarranted searches of homes, or phone tapping. These are some of the enforcement techniques used, in fact required, in order to enforce the laws against a crime that no "victim" complains. My sympathies to the individuals Wright speaks of, but sympathies also to the innocent people who have been harassed, had their homes and private lives invaded, and their property seized for mere suspicion or accidental acquaintance of drug suspects. My own home was searched last year without warrant by plainclothes officers on the basis that a drug suspect had lived in my rented home previously. (So much for the Fourth Amendment.)

There is no "mind control" in the buying or selling of an addictive substance.

Libertarian philosophy clearly dictates that as owners of ourselves we have the right to ingest whatever we decide for ourselves, and the obligations to take personal responsibility for the consequences. More and more people in this country are shirking self responsibility by claiming to be "victims" of one thing or another, and demanding that government protect the gullible at the expense of others. This is not a Libertarian view. It is paternalism.

Chuck Brasiel
South Lake Tahoe, CA

Convention delegate count

The following are the delegate allocations for the 1993 LP national convention, based on the preliminary membership data as of the allocation deadline, Feb. 28, 1993. Each affiliate party gets one delegate for each 20 dues-paying national members, or fraction thereof; New Hampshire, Colorado, and Alaska each get one additional delegate because the Marrou/Lord ticket got at least 1/2 percent of the vote in those states. In addition to the delegates selected by the affiliate parties, national committee members, and former candidates for president and vice president are *ex officio* delegates; they do not count against their states' allocations.

Alaska 4	Kentucky 4	New York 26
Alabama 6	Louisiana 4	Ohio 18
Arkansas 2	Massachusetts 16	Oklahoma 4
Arizona 13	Maryland 14	Oregon 7
California 115	Maine 7	Pennsylvania 33
Colorado 18	Michigan 24	Rhode Island 2
Connecticut 8	Minnesota 9	South Carolina 6
District of Columbia 2	Missouri 9	South Dakota 2
Delaware 2	Mississippi 3	Tennessee 7
Florida 27	Montana 1	Texas 38
Georgia 12	North Carolina 11	Utah 6
Hawaii 3	North Dakota 1	Virginia 15
Iowa 4	Nebraska 3	Vermont 2
Idaho 2	New Hampshire 11	Washington 16
Illinois 25	New Jersey 23	Wisconsin 9
Indiana 11	New Mexico 5	West Virginia 2
Kansas 6	Nevada 5	Wyoming 2

Total state allocations: 605
Ex officio delegates: 28

Total delegate positions: 633

The affiliate parties qualified to select members of convention committees are as follows:

Platform Committee (10 largest)

California
Texas
Pennsylvania
Florida
New York
Illinois
Michigan
New Jersey
Ohio
Colorado

Credentials Committee (five largest)

California
Texas
Pennsylvania
Florida
New York

(The remaining members of these committees, as well as the members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, are chosen by the LNC.)

In Memorium

Edward (Ted) Ross of Tacoma, WA, died Jan. 20, 1993. Ross was a local LP activist for many years, and he taught junior high school students Austrian economics through Junior Achievement. He was also active in the Advocates for Self-Government. He is survived by his wife, JoEllen, and four daughters.

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Deborah Ellen Linnabary of Columbus, OH, age 30, died Jan. 25, 1993. Linnabary was the past chair of the LP of Ohio central region. In addition to being an active LP member, Linnabary was also a volunteer at The Ark Community, a non-government funded home for developmentally disabled adults, and office manager of Friends of the Homeless. She is survived by her husband, Steven, and a son and daughter.

Why isn't everybody a libertarian?

Why aren't people breaking down doors to join the Libertarian Party?

When you explain libertarian ideas, why aren't people dropping to their knees and protesting, "All my life, with open arms, I've waited for you and your message. How do I join? When's the next meeting? Is there a limit to how much money I can give?"

Is Something Wrong With Your Libertarian Ideas?

You be the judge.

Re-examine the political and economic ideas of Rand and Von Mises, Friedman and Rothbard, Hazlitt and Hayek, Bastiat and Heinlein, Jefferson and Paine.

Browse through the catalogues of Laissez Faire Books, Freedom's Forum and Liberty Tree.

Scan the policy reports of the Cato Institute, Heartland Institute and Reason Foundation.

Leaf through *Reason*, *Liberty*, *Freedom Network News*, and *The Pragmatist*.

Or this issue of *LP News*.

Need more proof? Compare your libertarian ideas to the statist ideas you read in the newspapers and magazines. To those you see on television. Liberal and conservative, socialist and fascist, totalitarian and populist.

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"You Libertarians have a 24 carat gold idea—freedom—and you can't even give it away. Ever ask yourself why?"
Congressman Sam Steiger, 1976

In 1976, I was the Arizona Libertarian Party's candidate for the congressional seat held by Morris Udall.

I lectured people who weren't interested. I debated when I should have discussed. I talked when I should have listened. I talked down to everyone.

If there was an offensive, shocking way of presenting a libertarian position—I used it.

Every so often, people would try to agree, but I didn't notice. I

couldn't take 'Yes' for an answer.

My campaign taught me how to lose friends and alienate people.

Finally, it sunk in. My problem wasn't other people. It was the man in the mirror. Me.

Do You Lose Friends And Alienate People?

Some libertarians have a more-rational-than-thou attitude. Or smarter-than-thou. Or more-principled-than-thou. Or more-ethical-than-thou.

Are your 'discussions' really lectures? Do you try to convince by beating the other person into submission? Do you behave like a tormentor, not a mentor?

And when you fail to persuade, do you blame the listener? The other person isn't rational enough, or intelligent enough, or good enough? It's always their fault?

That is the road to permanent failure.

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The marketplace of ideas works just like the free market. Consumer response is a teacher. Are you learning?

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I felt stupid and embarrassed by my campaign in 1976. But I was determined to salvage something from my experience. I wanted to learn the art of political persuasion.

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Macho Flash were published by *Reason*.

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The libertarian audience wanted more, so I launched a seminar. *The Art Of Political Persuasion Marathon Weekend Workshop* has been offered all over the United States and Canada.

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Campus report

Current listing of Libertarian clubs on campuses nationwide

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Club		UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	Tuscaloosa
Organizing		UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE	Huntsville
Club		UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA	Florence
Arkansas			
Organizing		UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	Pine Bluff
Arizona			
Club		UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	Tucson
California			
Club		STANFORD UNIVERSITY	Stanford
Delaware			
Club		WESLEY COLLEGE	Dover
Florida			
Organizing		SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Winter Park
Club		UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	Jacksonville
Organizing		UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	Pensacola
Club		UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	Tampa
Organizing		SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Gainesville
Club		UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	Orlando
Organizing		FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	Tallahassee
Organizing		VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Orlando
Club		UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	Gainesville
Georgia			
Club		GEORGIA TECH	Atlanta
Organizing		SOUTHERN TECH	Marietta
Club		UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	Athens
Club		JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL	Atlanta
Iowa			
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Club		UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA	Cedar Falls
Idaho			
Club		BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY	Boise
Illinois			
Club		UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	Urbana
Indiana			
Club		INDIANA UNIVERSITY-BLOOMINGTON	Bloomington
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Organizing		DRURY COLLEGE	Springfield

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Oklahoma			
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Club		VOLUNTEER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Gallatin
Club		UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE	Knoxville
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Club		UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN	Austin
Club		TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	College Station
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Organizing		UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON	Arlington
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Utah			
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A message from Steven Alexander,
former member of the Libertarian National Committee:

There are two dangerous proposals facing us at the national convention. One would have us abandon our membership pledge; the other would have us dump the platform as we know it. I resigned from the Libertarian National Committee to protest these proposals, but I have not given up the fight. I'm asking you to join PLEDGE to save our platform and our membership pledge.

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Tax Bill

Surprise! Dave says there's no tax relief in sight

OK, middle-class taxpayers! April 15 is just around the corner! Time for your Tax Relief!

Remember? Last year, during the election campaign, William Jefferson John F. Kennedy Abraham Lincoln Clinton went all over the country saying, in one of his most sincere voices, that he was going to give Tax Relief to middle-class taxpayers (defined, technically, as "taxpayers whose annual income does not exceed the amount that the new administration spent replacing the drapes in the Oval Office").

So, middle-class taxpayers, you elected him, and now it's time to get what's coming to you! According to the Internal Revenue Service, here's all you have to do: When you get to the blank space on your 1040 form labeled "AMOUNT YOU OWE," instead of writing a number in there, you put the international symbol for the middle class, which is a stick drawing of a little person trying to read the fiber content on a cereal box. Then simply mail in your return, and within four to eight weeks, you should receive a minimum of 10 years in prison.

That's right: It turns out that you're NOT going to get Tax Relief, at least not in the immediate future (defined, technically, as "your lifetime"). President Clinton had to reassess his position on this particular promise, and for a very solid reason: He's just another suit-wearing weasel.

No! Strike that! The reason President Clinton had to reassess his position is that,



On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

after he got elected, he learned about a shocking development. To avoid suffering a shock-related medical injury, please be seated while I reveal this development to you:

The federal budget deficit is very big.

Of course most normal people and household plants were already aware of this. But apparently Mr. Clinton, busy performing his many duties as a presidential candidate—formulating policies, making promises, practicing the saxophone—did not find out until after the election, when his top aides sat him down and told him about it:

AIDES: Mr. President, it turns out that the federal budget deficit is very big.

CLINTON (shocked): No!

AIDES: Also, the pope is Catholic.

CLINTON: This is unbelievable!

In the interest of the President's cardiac safety, they decided to hold off on telling him about the Easter Bunny.

So anyway, you middle-class people can forget about Tax Relief. But you will be pleased to learn that President Clinton has come up with a new post-election idea, which is: Sacrifice. Of course we're talking about an equal sacrifice, wherein every-

body will carry his or her fair share of the burden, as follows:

YOU will, one way or another, pay more money to the government.

THE GOVERNMENT will spend it on critical programs such as the Space Toilet.

A number of taxpaying readers sent me articles about the Space Toilet, which goes inside the space shuttle. The toilet was originally estimated to cost \$2.9 million, but what with one thing and another—you know how it is with plumbing projects—it wound up costing \$23.4 million. God alone knows what it will cost the taxpayers when, inevitably, we have to send a Space Plumber up there to fix it. ("OK, that's gonna be \$3.4 million an hour, plus \$12.1 million every time Vinny here goes back down for coffee.")

Of course it is not the business of us taxpayers to question such expenditures. We're too stupid to understand our own tax forms, let alone decide on the need for a high-tech orbiting commode. Likewise we are in no position to wonder about the following news story from the *Charlottesville (VA) Daily Progress*, which was sent in by several taxpayers, and which I swear I am not making up:

"University of Virginia medical researchers have embarked on a four-year constipation investigation employing video games to help children better control their bowels. With a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, researchers will try to teach children how to ease the

passage of bowel movements and determine how success affects family and school life."

The story states that children will learn how to control their bowels by operating "a video game, controlled with the aid of electrodes attached to the child's..." OK, never mind where the electrodes are attached. Suffice it to say that you'd have to pay me at LEAST \$1.2 million to attach them.

The point is that the government needs your money for many vital activities, and you need to just forget about Tax Relief, and start thinking in terms of Sacrifice. Remember: If your government can buy electrodes for researchers at the University of Virginia, it can also buy them for the IRS.

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Quote of the Month

This month's quote comes from Ken Prazak, of the LP national committee:

"Libertarians believe in capital punishment. We believe everyone in the capital ought to be punished!"

Submitted by Ralph Miron of Lombard, IL.

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Servitude

LP chair blasts Clinton national service plan

LP National Chair Mary Gingell recently denounced President Clinton's call for a "national service" program, saying that it amounted to federally organized indentured servitude.

"President Clinton calls this a 'voluntary' plan, but in the long term the government will wind up herding almost all young Americans into the program. Once this becomes the normal way for young people to pay for an education, it will become impractical for any but the very wealthy to avoid being drafted into this new civilian army. A generation of young Americans will grow up thinking of socialist-style work as the natural course of things," Gingell said. "The American traditions of free enterprise and truly voluntary community service are once again under attack by a supposedly benevolent Uncle Sam."

Gingell also questioned the economic sense of a government program to manage the skills and energies of young people. "Congress will be under a lot of pressure from government employee unions to keep participants in this program from doing any of the work they are now doing. So almost by definition these young people will be assigned to work that is less important than what our taxes are already paying for, which is already too much. There are going to be a lot of make-work jobs, plus thousands more government employees trying to plan what these young people should do."

Under Clinton's national service concept, the federal government would decide which charitable activities and organiza-

tions young people could work in to qualify for financial assistance. Gingell predicted that private charities will become dependent on the program and lose both their independence and their voluntary spirit. "Charities will become consumed by the need to cater to federal directives and policies to ensure that they get their share of this new federal army. And instead of working for a cause they care about or for an honest, market wage they can be proud of,

many of the young people assigned to these agencies may simply be serving out their term like so many draftees in a war they don't believe in.

"America does not need the federal government to run the lives of its young people. They are capable of making their own choices about how to serve their communities, and should be free to use their talents and energies in truly productive work. Their choices should be guided by the market

and their own charitable spirits, not programmed from Washington. What Clinton is advocating is nothing more than indentured servitude on a national scale, a program that will bind young people, charities, and educational institutions ever more tightly to the federal monster that is controlling more and more of our personal choices and consuming more and more of what Americans of all ages are capable of producing," Gingell concluded.

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Tax Protest Day

April 16-18, 1993:

Illinois LP Convention, Quality Hotel, Woodfield-Palatine; for information call 708-776-8090 or 708-381-2369. Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart.

April 17, 1993:

Indiana LP Convention, Holiday Inn Airport, Indianapolis; for information call 317-583-2658, 317-463-6601, or 317-923-9395.

April 17, 1993:

New Mexico LP Convention; speakers include Richard Boddie; for information call 505-437-8663.

April 23-25, 1993:

Colorado LP Convention, Crestone; for information call 303-484-8194.

April 24-25, 1993:

Libertarian National Committee meeting, Somerville, MA; for information call Clay Conrad at 508-922-9251.

April 25, 1993:

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns will participate in the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation; for information write LGLC, P.O. Box 447, Chelsea, MI 48118.

May 1, 1993:

Kentucky LP Convention; for information write 1809 Ranier Dr., Lexington, KY 40505, or call 606-299-5547.

May 14-16, 1993:

Oregon LP Convention, Portland; for information call 503-620-8945.

May 15-16, 1993:

North Carolina LP Convention, Falls Lake Recreation Center, Highway 98, between Raleigh/Durham. Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart; for information call 1-800-292-3766.

May 21-23, 1993:

Georgia LP Convention and Southeastern Leadership Conference, Northeast Atlanta Hilton, Atlanta; for information call 404-957-6825. Speakers include Tamara Clark.

May 22, 1993:

New York State LP Convention, White Plains; for information call 212-219-2702.

June 18-20, 1993:

Ohio LP Convention, Marriott Inn North, Columbus; for information send S.A.S.E. to LP of Ohio, 3194 Griggsvue Ct., Columbus, OH 43221, or call 614-771-7748.

Sept. 2-5, 1993:

Libertarian Party National Convention, Salt Lake City, UT; for more information write: MGP, P.O. Box 526175, Salt Lake City, UT 84152, or call 801-582-3318.

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