

# 200+ LP candidates appear on Fall ballot

*It's the Libertarian Party's largest-ever slate in an odd-numbered election year*

**M**ore than 200 Libertarian Party candidates will appear on the ballot for state, county, and local elections this fall — more than the party has ever run in an off-year election.

According to the latest figures, 204 candidates are running in 22 states, announced the party's political director, Ron Crickenberger. That's the most ever in party history in an odd-numbered year, when there are neither presidential nor Congressional elections.

"While our candidate records are a bit sketchy for odd-year elections, it's safe to say that this is a record number of candidates for the Libertarian Party to run in a off-year election cycle," he said.

It's also a 24% jump over the party's previous high-water mark in 1997, when the party ran 154 candidates.

Four states account for a bulk of the candidates, said Crickenberger: Indiana (43); Pennsylvania

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nia (38); Connecticut (32); and Washington state (21).

"These states made a determined effort to recruit candidates," he said. "They did it the old fashioned way — they asked, and asked, and asked. Washington state deserves the award for most improved this year: They are running more candidates this fall than in their last five election cycles combined."

## Importance

The big jump in Washington state candidates — from three in 1997 to 21 this year — happened because the state party stressed the "importance of running for office," said state candidate recruiter Kelly Haughton.

"By frequent repetition, we made running for office the thing to do," she said. "Part of it was taking advantage of all the Project Archimedes members.



■ LP mayoral candidate Andy Horning (center) marches in the Labor Day parade in Indianapolis, Indiana, surrounded by his family and supporters. He is one of 204 Libertarian Party candidates around the USA who will be on the ballot this November, and one of nine LP candidates for mayor, said the party's political director, Ron Crickenberger.

Candidate recruitment at a local level gave the new members something interesting to talk about and do."

And the campaigns — mostly nonpartisan — will have a big pay-off for the party, predicted Haughton.

"In the state of Washington, we have a very real chance at winning these [nonpartisan] elections," she said. "Elected officials do wonders for a political

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# How the Census got so big and expensive

*All the Constitution requires is a simple count of every citizen. So what happened?*

**By Dena Bruedigam & Donald Gallick**

**W**hat costs six billion dollars, takes more than 800,000 workers to complete, has a \$150 million dollar advertising budget, and may or may not accomplish its objectives?

No, not Bill Gates' latest version of Windows — it's the 2000 census.

Libertarians often cringe at the mention of this behemoth taxpayer-funded project, especially the cost and the prying

questions. While an accurate account of the populace is necessary for a representative government, over the years the process has become extremely politicized, expensive, and confusing.

## Massive survey

It has evolved into a massive nationwide demographic survey whose results are utilized by politicians, government agencies, special interest groups, and private enterprise for purposes never intended (or imagined) by the Founding Fathers.

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# Vermont LP files lawsuit over background checks

**L**ibertarians in Vermont have filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging a new state-mandated background check for gun purchases — arguing that the procedure "has usurped the authority of the legislature" and violates citizens' rights.

On September 3, Libertarian Party State Representative Neil Randall, LP members Karlene Hughes-Isham and Calvin Haseltine, and the state's Libertarian-led gunowner rights organization, Gun Owners of Vermont, filed the suit seeking to



■ Rep. Randall: Plaintiff in suit

overturn a new background check program. In the lawsuit, Libertarians argued that the state legislature did not authorize the program, and that background checks in general — when there is no "reasonable" suspicion of criminal activity — are unconstitutional.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Varley wins 1999 Prometheus Award

John Varley's *The Golden Globe* has been selected as the winner of the Prometheus Award for the best libertarian science fiction novel of the year by the Libertarian Futurist Society (LFS).

Announced on August 27 at the North American Science Fiction Convention in Anaheim, California, the award honors "outstanding science fiction/fantasy [books] that explore the possibilities of a free future, champion human rights, and dramatize the perennial conflict between individuals and coercive governments," said Michael Grossberg of the LFS.

This year's winner, *The Golden Globe* (Ace/Berkley Books), "is a hilariously anti-authoritarian comedy and picaresque adventure about an itinerant thespian on the lam in the 23rd century from Pluto to Luna," said Grossberg.

In his acceptance speech, Varley said, "I wasn't specifically thinking 'libertarian' when I wrote it. I am not a member of any political party, though if I were to join one it would probably be the Libertarians. But 'antiauthoritarian' and 'irreverent' are words I like, particularly when applied to me or my work."

Varley — a past winner of the Hugo and Nebula award — "often has been compared to Robert Heinlein," said Grossberg.

For more information about the Libertarian Futurist Society, contact Director Victoria Varga at (716) 248-5646. E-mail: vvarga@compuserve.com.

## Student anti-Drug War meeting planned

Student leaders in the anti-Drug Prohibition movement will gather in Washington, DC in early November for two days of leadership workshops, organizing tips, and speakers.

On November 5-6, 1999, the first National Conference of Student Leaders in Drug Policy & Justice, sponsored by GWU Students for a Sensible Drug Policy and DRCNet, will be held at George Washington University.

The purpose: "To bring together motivated students from a wide variety of political, social, economic, and educational backgrounds [who] are interested in drug policy reform," said Peder Nelson, who is helping to organize the event. "Students will gain a deeper understanding of the harmful effects of current U.S. drug policy and [learn] how to organize and engage their respective student bodies and communities [for reform]."

The cost: \$20 for students; \$75 for non-students. "All students who have an interest in the impact and consequences of Drug Prohibition" are invited to attend, said Nelson. For more information, call (202) 293-8590. Or visit: [www.ssdp.org](http://www.ssdp.org).

## Browne's radio show now takes e-mail

Harry Browne's nationally broadcast weekly radio show has become more cyber-friendly: It now welcomes questions from listeners via e-mail.

"Most of our listeners hear the show over the Internet, and if the phone line is tied up by the computer, it isn't possible to call into the show," said Browne, the party's 1996 presidential candidate and potential candidate for the 2000 nomination.

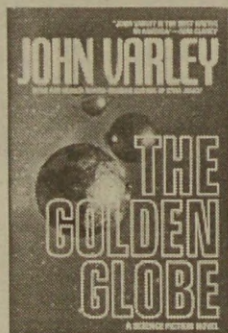
So, he said, the show now "receives questions and comments instantaneously by e-mail. You can e-mail a question during the broadcast and get an answer on the air."

Browne's three-hour program — "The Sunday Evening Libertarian Conversation" — is broadcast on the Talk America network every Sunday at 11:00 pm ET (8:00 pm Pacific time).

The show recently celebrated its first anniversary on the air, said Browne, and "the show's audience has more than quadrupled during that time."

For a complete list of stations that carry the show, a link to hear the show live via the Internet (requires RealPlayer software), the e-mail address for sending questions, or to listen to previous shows — visit: <http://www.harrybrowne2000.org>.

Or, call the show at: 800-298-TALK (800-298-8255).



■ *Golden Globe:* Funny, picaresque

# Two California county parties settle bond lobbying lawsuits

Two local Libertarian Party affiliates in California have won out-of-court settlements against school districts that allegedly engaged in illegal lobbying to pass school-funding bond issues.

In separate legal actions, the LP of Santa Barbara County won \$16,500 in lawyers' fees in a court-approved settlement with the Santa Barbara City School Board in June, and the LP of San Diego won \$10,000 in attorneys' fees from the San Diego Unified School District in August.

In both cases, Libertarians had charged that school bureaucrats had broken state law by using taxpayer money to attempt to influence the outcome of a bond referendum.

## Victory

And in both cases, Libertarians claimed victory after the settlement was announced.

"We are happy with the resolution of this case," said Santa Barbara County LP chairman Colin Hayward. "Although it does not set a legal precedent, it does send a chilling message that the Libertarian Party is watching."

The case in Santa Barbara dates back to February 1995,

**COLIN HAYWARD:**  
*The case sends a "chilling message that the LP is watching."*

when the school board hired a company for "public relations services" for a \$6 million bond issue vote. In exchange for its expertise on how to "produce success at the polls," the school board agreed to pay the company at least \$50,000 from the money raised by the bond issue.

The only problem: The deal was apparently illegal.

"Using tax money to campaign for more tax money is illegal under California law," noted Hayward.

So Libertarians filed suit, charging "improper use of taxpayer funds."

More than four years later, the lawsuit finally ended in the out-of-court victory for the Libertarians — who now plan to send copies of the settlement to every school board in California.

Why? As a warning that the Libertarian Party "will sue to make sure [school boards and bond companies] do not conspire with bureaucrats to abuse the process," said Hayward.

In the San Diego case, the stakes were much higher: A \$1.5 billion bond issue dubbed Proposition MM.

That legal battle began in 1998 when the superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District sent a letter to 380,000 voters — allegedly to provide "information" about the bond issue.

## Illegal lobbying

Libertarians cried foul, and said the \$72,000 cost of the letter was an illegal lobbying effort. San Diego LP activist Edward Teyssier filed suit, and a judge made a ruling that the letter "appeared" to violate the law.

But with limited resources at their disposal, the Libertarian plaintiffs decided they could not continue a protracted lawsuit, and agreed to the out-of-court settlement.

"I count this as a win," said Teyssier, who couldn't resist taking one final shot when the settlement was announced: "I do not think they could have won this case in court."

# Vermont LP files gun-check lawsuit

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The program was implemented by Vermont state government officials and the Vermont state police, who signed a one-year contract with a county sheriff to conduct the checks.

But Libertarians say that "only the legislature has the authority to decide whether that state should have a background check program."

## Usurped authority

"The Vermont legislature, which according to the Vermont constitution, determines the extent of state police power, has not enacted legislation enabling the state police to perform such checks, or to delegate the power to anyone else," noted LP State Chair Scott Berkey. "As such, the executive branch of the state of Vermont has usurped the authority of the legislature."

However, even if the legislature had followed proper procedure, the program would still be unconstitutional, said Berkey.

"It is the party's firm belief

that the state of Vermont may not interject itself into the private and lawful business transactions of its citizens without reasonable suspicion of a crime," he said. "The mere act of purchasing a weapon does not in any way constitute reasonable suspicion of a crime."

"It is wrong for the government to assume that an attempt to purchase a weapon renders someone legally suspect."

Such a suspicion, he said, "and the resulting inconve-

nience, is an insult to Vermonters who are merely availing themselves of their constitutional rights."

## No-compromise

The Vermont Libertarian Party takes a "no-compromise stand in support of privacy for law-abiding and peaceful Vermonters who choose to avail themselves of their right to keep and bear arms," said Berkey, which is why it "strongly supports" the lawsuit.

# LP NEWS

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# Indiana LP website is honored as magazine's 'Site of the Month'

The Libertarian Party of Indiana has won a rare honor: Its website has been named "Site of the Month" by *Campaigns & Elections* — the "bible" of the campaign industry.

In its August 1999 issue, the Washington, DC-based publication praised [www.lpin.org](http://www.lpin.org) for doing an "excellent job of providing information for both citizen surfers and those running for office."

The comprehensive Indiana website features lists of LP candidates, links to candidates' websites, resource links for potential candidates and activists, a list of Indiana newspapers, a cleverly structured calendar of events, a chat line, and voter registration information, noted *Campaigns & Elections*.

## The first time

It's the first time a state Libertarian Party site has won the magazine's "Political Party Site of the Month" honor — and the recognition has delighted state

## SARA COTHAM:

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party leaders.

"We are thrilled," said Sara Cotham, Indiana LP Executive Director. "I was shocked when [State Chair] Joe Hauptmann called me and shared the good news. Of course, the first thing I did was call the two main political reporters at the *Indianapolis Star* to see if we could make the deadline for their Sunday political section."

The Indiana LP website was selected by *Campaigns & Elections*, speculated Cotham, because of its clean interface and wealth of information.

"Our site is a tool box," she said. "[It] is well-organized and attractive, so the process of accessing the wealth of information within is simple and pleasant — as well as rewarding."

The site also serves multiple functions, she noted.

"We've moved past the point of merely having a 'www' to put in front of our name — now, we use our site to help candidates, help voters learn about our candidates and find a political home, help glean prospective members, and interact with our current members," she said.


## Keep upgrading

Even though it has an "award-winning" site, the Indiana LP isn't going to rest on its laurels, said Cotham — but will keep upgrading [www.lpin.org](http://www.lpin.org).

"We want to add all the candidate and county election forms so they can be downloaded and printed for use on demand," she said. "We are always tweaking the design, and we change the


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focus of the home page a few times a year to reflect the state party's urgent issues."

But party leaders aren't so wrapped up in future plans that they can't enjoy the recognition from *Campaigns & Elections* right

now, said Cotham.

"We are really pleased to represent the LP in such a positive way," she said. "We've had so much success in Indiana in the past year that this is icing on an already very satisfying cake."

# Country star speaks out for freedom

The Libertarian Party has received an endorsement from an unlikely source: One of country music's biggest stars.

In an interview with the *New York Post* on August 20, Grammy Award-winning singer Dwight Yoakam said that he supports "libertarianism, the pure Jeffersonian ideal."

Yoakam — who has been described as a cross between Elvis Presley and Hank Williams, and who has earned numerous #1 country hits during his 13-year career — said he doesn't usually discuss politics because, as an entertainer, he doesn't want to "impose [his] political views on other people."

## Road less traveled

However, he said, America should "consider taking that road less traveled with less government. I'm not an active member of the Libertarian Party, but I do think there is room for their concepts in our experiment in democracy."

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views "might not always be that [politically] correct," but could be summed up in one sentence: "We are responsible for our actions."

Libertarian Party officials

said they were pleased to see such positive public comments from Yoakam.

"One of our challenges as a party is to reach out to people

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# LP candidate works to repeal state's silly laws

*Doug Krick tries to legalize buying rabbits, having sex, and spitting on a steamboat*

Should someone go to jail for buying a pet rabbit? For taking the Lord's name in vain? For selling a condom to an unmarried woman?

Libertarian candidate Doug Krick doesn't think so — which is why he has started a one-man campaign to remove such antiquated laws from the books in Massachusetts.

"There is some kind of stuff [on the books] that is kind of ridiculous, and the fact that it is enforced is rather scary," said Krick, who is running for State Representative in the 14th Suffolk District. "What I'm trying to do as a candidate is to get these laws off the books."

Currently, Massachusetts has laws that prohibit "embellishing" the national anthem (fine: \$100), premarital sex (three months in jail), purchasing a rabbit as a family pet (\$100), going to a bar for the purpose of seeking sex (one year in jail), spitting on a steamboat (\$20), committing blasphemy against the

Christian God (one year in jail), and selling a condom to an unmarried woman (three years in jail).

There are so many obscure laws, in fact, that one Massachusetts lawyer estimated that most citizens commit at least three felonies every day.

## Target groups

Even worse, some of the laws seem to target specific groups of people, said Krick. For example, laws against certain kinds of sexual practices discriminate against gays and lesbians. And some laws seem to ignore the Constitution — such as the law against blaspheming the Christian God, which Krick called a "blatant violation of the First Amendment."

But are such laws ever really enforced? And do people ever go to trial for such antiquated laws?

Yes, said Krick — pointing to the recent, much-publicized case of Timothy Boomer in Michigan,

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# POLITICAL NEWS

## Ron Paul files anti-national ID card bill

**A** new bill that would effectively repeal the federally mandated "national ID card" has been filed by Congressman **Ron Paul** (R-TX).

The Privacy Protection Act of 1999 (HR 2337), which Paul introduced in late June, will repeal the sections of the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibilities Act that require a de facto national identity card.

"Under the provisions of the 1996 law, no American will be able to get a job, open a bank account, purchase a firearm, or even take an airline flight unless their state drivers' license conforms to the national ID," said Paul, the LP's 1988 presidential candidate, who later returned to Congress as a Republican.

Unless that provision is repealed, the national ID card will be required by October 1, 2000.

The bill has already won support from the National Conference of State Legislatures, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Council of La Raza, the Eagle Forum — and the Libertarian Party, which has long opposed any kind of government identity papers.

"Privacy rights are fundamental to our system of government," said Paul. "These big-government programs only further erode our precious liberties, which is why this issue cuts across political lines and the ideological spectrum."

## NY election winner targets school board

**A** Libertarian Party member has been elected to public office in one of the world's last "strongholds of collectivism" — New York City — and has begun an effort to eventually eliminate the state Board of Education and his job.

In late May, **Gary S. Popkin** was elected to the nine-member school board in Community School District 15, winning 7.2% of the vote in a proportional representative voting system.

His goal in office: To turn his local school into a so-called charter conversion school, which would introduce some of "the features of the free market" into education by allowing the school to opt out of the Board of Education system. Instead, the school would get funding directly from the city and state depending on the number of students it attracted, and would be freed from most state regulation.

Although admitting a charter school is only a "slight" move in the direction of real educational liberty, Popkin said "the market forces that are brought to bear [via charter schools] in the education industry are a step in the right direction."

## Proportional voting listserv started

**A** Libertarian has set up a new electronic discussion forum that focuses on voting system reforms such as proportional representation, and hopes to use it to network "with other Libertarians who are interested in the issue."

Washington, DC-area LP member **Bruce Baechler** started the listserv, he said, "to help promote the issue. I think that as we switch to proportional representation systems, the LP will have a much better chance of winning."

Topics discussed on the listserv, he said, could include "letting Libertarian candidates know about PR [proportional representation] and how it can help them and the party; developing campaign materials to encourage Libertarians to use the issue; and encouraging the use of PR within the LP."

A proportional representation voting system allocates seats based on the overall proportion of the vote that each party wins. For example, if the Libertarian Party wins 5% of the cumulative total vote for State Representative in a state, it could win 5% of the seats under such a system.

To subscribe to the listserv, go to: [www.onelist.com/subscribe/LibPR](http://www.onelist.com/subscribe/LibPR). To contact Baechler by e-mail, write to: [baechler@mindspring.com](mailto:baechler@mindspring.com).



■ Gary Popkin: Charter schools

# Party's presidential candidates generate TV, magazine coverage

**T**wo of the candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination have received national television and magazine coverage over the last several months, as their campaigns pick up steam heading to the party's national convention in 2000.

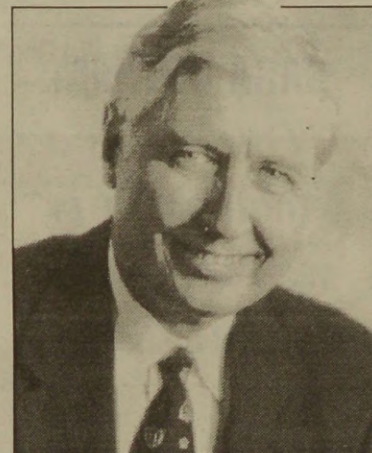
Since July, both Harry Browne and Larry Hines have appeared on the Fox cable television network and were mentioned in *Newsweek* magazine. In addition, Browne was featured in a newspaper debate against drug "czar" Barry R. McCaffrey.

"It's good to see that the candidates for the party's presidential nomination are using their campaigns to reach voters, and to help spread the word about the Libertarian option," said Ron Crickenberger, the party's political director. "The more often we can reach voters now, the better our eventual candidate will do in the 2000 election."

## Convention

LP delegates from around the country will select a presidential candidate at the national nominating convention, which will be held in Anaheim, California from June 30-July 3, 2000.

Browne and Hines are widely considered by Libertarians to be running the most active campaigns for the party's nomination. Browne, 66, is a best-selling author and was the LP's presidential candidate in 1996. Hines, 34, is a legal secretary in Los Angeles and a former Marine.



■ Candidate Harry Browne: On Fox's Matt Drudge show.

Drudge, whose ground-breaking Drudge Report website skyrocketed him to fame as the leading example of a new kind of Internet citizen/journalist, attempted to "sandbag" Browne by showing a clip of violence at the Woodstock '99 music festival and suggesting that Libertarians who "don't want any rules" endorsed such behavior.

Browne appeared on the Matt Drudge Show on the Fox network on July 31, and had a wide-ranging discussion about government regulation, Social Security, electronic privacy, and other issues.

Drudge "was trying to make it sound as though Libertarians are irresponsible," said Browne. "He caught me by surprise, but after the break I was able to return to the subject and make the point that what the youngsters

were doing [was objectionable], but what the government does is truly ugly."

Overall, "I think it went well," said Browne. "I also pointed out that nothing would change with the Republicans and Democrats until a strong third party threatened them."

The interview can be viewed at the Browne campaign website, [www.HarryBrowne.org](http://www.HarryBrowne.org).

Browne has also popped up in a variety of print media:

■ The August 9 issue of *Newsweek*, where he was featured in a photo line-up of announced and potential third party candidates. Browne's photograph appeared with Ralph Nader, billionaire Donald Trump, and Senator Bob Smith, among others.

■ The July 25 issue of *The Arizona Republic*, where he engaged in a pro/con debate on the merits of ending Drug Prohibition with Barry R. McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Browne listed reasons to end the War on Drugs, and said doing so would make America "much safer — quickly and dramatically."

Meanwhile, Hines appeared on *The O'Reilly Factor* on the Fox cable network on August 6. His campaign did not return calls or e-mails requesting more information. Hines also was mentioned in the August 9 issue of *Newsweek* magazine.

For more information about Hines, visit: [www.gaywired.com/larryhinesin2000](http://www.gaywired.com/larryhinesin2000).

# PA lawsuit hits ballot access laws

*Kept off the ballot, candidate Kenneth Cavanaugh seeks to overturn state's "unconstitutional" laws*

**A** Pennsylvania Libertarian has filed a lawsuit to overturn that state's election laws — and says that a legal victory would gain "a little equality" for third parties.

On August 4, Kenneth Cavanaugh filed suit in Montgomery County court, charging that state ballot access laws, which require small parties to get thousands more petition signatures than Republican and Democratic candidates, are unfair and unconstitutional.

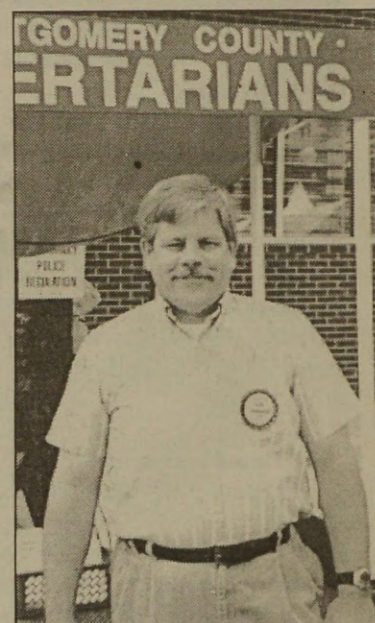
"The state constitution guarantees that 'elections shall be free and equal.' All I'm looking for is a little equality," said Cavanaugh, who is seeking to get on

the ballot as a candidate for Montgomery County commissioner.

According to state law, Cavanaugh must file 2,799 valid signatures — equal to 2% of the votes received by the top vote-getter in the county in the prior general election — to get on the ballot as a Libertarian. By contrast, Republican and Democratic candidates require only 250 signatures.

To protest the law, Cavanaugh's nominating papers and 544 signatures were presented to the County Voters Service office by Pennsylvania LP legal action committee chair Ken Krawchuk

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■ Kenneth Cavanaugh: "All I'm looking for is a little equality" in election laws.



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## Clean & dirty: Libertarians sign pledge for clean campaigns and battle hog waste spills

### ■ CALIFORNIA

#### Libertarians push for same-day registration

State Libertarians have joined forces with members of the Green, Natural Law, Peace & Freedom, and Reform parties to push for a bill that would allow same-day voter registration.

The group, the California Third Parties Coalition, has pledged to push for election law changes that would "even the playing field for third parties" and open the process to more voters, said LP state executive director **Juan Ros** on August 7.

The first item on the Coalition's agenda: Passage of AB 1094, which would allow eligible voters to register and vote on Election Day. Six states currently use same-day voter registration, and, according to a new analysis, it is responsible for increases in voter turnout from 4% to 20% in those states.

"Voters are clearly fed up with the status quo, and we have joined forces to create more choices at the ballot box," said Coalition member and Green Party spokesperson Sara Amir. "Our goal is to ensure that third parties are treated fairly and equally under the law."

### ■ CALIFORNIA

#### Fighting police "bias" on medical marijuana panel

LP Executive Director **Juan Ros** has attended an "eye-opening" series of meetings of the state's Medical Marijuana Task Force, where he has had to fight the "overwhelming" bias of law enforcement officials.

Since April, Ros has attended four meetings of the task force, which was set up to discuss how to implement Proposition 215, the 1996 initiative that legalized medical marijuana.

Ros said his job is to make sure that medical marijuana patients — like the LP's 1998 gubernatorial candidate **Steve Kubby** and his wife Michele, who are on trial despite qualifying for protection under Proposition 215 — are treated fairly.

That may be a problem, he said, since "there were a hefty number of law enforcement of-



Photo by Carol Miller

#### Washington Libertarians walk for liberty

■ Washington state Libertarians have figured out a way to raise money for their campaigns and improve their health at the same time: A Liberty Walk. The brainchild of LP activist Lauren Bain, Libertarian candidates who participated in the 10-mile trek in August raised pledges for each mile they walked.

"I came up with the idea of Liberty Walk as a fundraiser to motivate our members to contribute to all the campaigns, whether or not they happened to have a Libertarian candidate running for office in their district," said Bain.

The seven participants — who walked through the Seattle area — raised between \$500 and \$600 in pledges, said Bain. "With a few more walkers and a little more moxie, the amount could be much more next year," she said. "But raising \$500-\$600 is a good outcome of a few friends out having a good time together for an afternoon."

Shown above are (l-r) Vic Bottomly, Lauren Bain, Ernie Ludwick, John Tyson, Scott Tyson, Chris Wiswell, and Tim Loughner.

ficials on the Task Force, and the bias against the use of medical marijuana was overwhelming."

Nonetheless, Ros said he will continue to press for "retroactivity, to ensure whatever guidelines issued by the Task Force would be retroactive to the passage of Prop 215, so patients such as the Kubbys could benefit."

### ■ COLORADO

#### Free-market solutions for the sprawl problem

A Libertarian got to testify at an invitation-only hearing of a state legislative committee, and told politicians that the way to start solving the problem of urban "sprawl" is by reducing the role of government.

On August 30, longtime LP activist **Judd Ptak** testified before the Interim Committee on Growth and Development, representing both the Libertarian

Party and the Land Use Coalition.

In his testimony, Ptak focused on the "many ways in which land use regulations actually work to increase urban sprawl, and increase the cost of housing, contributing to the homeless problems we face," he said.

"I was at least able to plant in their minds that the growth pattern called sprawl is largely caused by government intervention, and that if they eliminate the ways government encourages sprawl, they might not need to do any more — and if they do not eliminate those subsidies and

regulatory incentives, nothing that they do will succeed," said Ptak.

### ■ CONNECTICUT

#### Oxford LP lobbies for safer private school

Of all the reasons to oppose construction of a new public high school, Libertarians in Oxford think they have the best: Avoiding another Littleton, Colorado-style tragedy.

That's why Oxford Libertarians voted in July to oppose the new construction project, arguing it would raise taxes, decrease educational quality — and put

students at risk.

The parents of the boys who shot up Columbine High School "bought into the myth that it takes a village to raise a child," said **John Joy**, chairman of the Oxford Libertarian Town Committee. "Consequently, they stood idly by while their boys were driven insane by the Littleton public school. It doesn't take a village; it takes parents."

Without a government high school, Oxford parents have traditionally sent their children to private, parochial, vocational, and home schools, said Joy. But construction of the high school will cause taxes to go up — making non-public options less affordable, he predicted.

### ■ FLORIDA

#### Ballot access reform bill finally becomes law

Revision 11 has become law — and will save the Libertarian Party as much as \$100,000 in the 2000 election.

On June 11, Governor Jeb Bush signed SB 754 into law, implementing the ballot access reforms passed by voters in 1998. The bill reduces barriers for third party candidates for president, reduces petitioning requirements for state-level candidates, and gives candidates the option of paying a filing fee or collecting signatures.

"Any party that holds a national convention and is registered with the state can place its presidential candidate on the ballot with no petitioning and no filing fee," said **Tom Regnier**, editor of *Florida Liberty*. "In 1996, the LP had to spend \$100,000 to get [presidential candidate] Harry Browne on the ballot; now it will cost nothing."

Revision 11, which mandated a "level playing field" for all political parties, was a constitutional revision approved by voters last year, thanks in part to a major lobbying effort by state Libertarians.

### ■ GEORGIA

#### Forsyth County party applauds judge funding

It doesn't happen often, but Libertarians have actually complimented a government body for spending money.

In early August, the Forsyth County LP praised the County Commission for its decision to fund an additional Superior Court judge.

"It is refreshing to see our county commissioners actually voting for a legitimate function of government," said Membership Chair **Kent Pirkle**. "Most of the time, it seems like officials are spending tax dollars for such items as elaborate administration

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buildings or funding county softball leagues."

Libertarians are quick to praise officials when "they are truly engaging in activities that protect liberty," noted Pirkle. On the other hand, he said, Libertarians will continue to speak out against judicial abuses — like random roadblocks and so-called "safety checks," where law-abiding citizens are subjected to police dog searches.

#### ■ INDIANA

### LP convinces state to honor Jury Rights Day

September 5 has been named "Jury Rights Day" in Indiana, thanks to a lobbying effort by a prominent Libertarian.

Governor Frank O'Bannon announced recognition of Jury Rights Day at the request of **Steve Dillon**, past LP candidate for governor and member of FIJA (Fully Informed Jury Association).

The day honors "the American tradition of jury decision in matters of law," said Sara Cotham, state executive director, and helps "raise awareness of the Bill of Rights."

According to the governor's proclamation, "September 5 marks the 329th anniversary of the day when the jurors in the William Penn trial refused to convict him for preaching what was then an illegal religion, Quakerism, to what was then an unlawful assembly."

#### ■ MASSACHUSETTS

### The Bastiat Institute is launched by LP member

A state Libertarian has started a new public policy foundation with a famous name: The Bastiat Institute.

LP member **Jeffrey Miron** launched the libertarian-oriented research organization — named after the French political theorist and author of *The Law* — to advocate "dramatic reductions in the size and scope of government," he said.

To accomplish that goal, the Bastiat Institute will issue public policy and research papers on libertarian issues, and distribute them to journalists, academics, and business leaders.

"The objective will be to promote research [about] libertarian policy proposals and to educate the public regarding the implications of this research," he said.

For more information about the Bastiat Institute, visit: [people.ne.mediaone.net/bastiat](http://people.ne.mediaone.net/bastiat).

#### ■ MINNESOTA

### Fairgoers nix Ventura's big-bucks light rail plan

State residents don't just oppose paying for an expensive

new public transit project favored by Governor Jesse Ventura — they oppose it by an overwhelming margin.

At least, that's the result of an unscientific "penny poll" taken by Libertarians at the annual state fair during the last week of August. A full 71.7% of people voted "no" on the question: "If Minneapolis wants Light Rail Transit, should the whole state pay for it?"

"It looks like a super majority of Minnesotans feel that they shouldn't be forced to pay for something they see no value in and/or are unlikely to use," said LP State Chair **Charles Test**.

People could vote on the \$548 million project by dropping a penny in a YES or NO jar at the Libertarian fair booth, said Test.

The results suggest that "most Minnesotans don't feel they should be forced to pay for a trolley empire for Minneapolis politicians," he said.

#### ■ NORTH CAROLINA

### State party graduates to primary nominations

The state party will make the jump to the political "big leagues" when it starts to nominate candidates via primary elections in 2000, rather than in convention.

"We have arrived," said State Chair **Sean Haugh**. "The elections in 2000 will see three parties on the ballot, and we're only going to get bigger from here."

The move to a primary nominating system was mandated by state law because Libertarians have maintained ballot status since 1996. Previously, the LP had been considered a "new party," and was only allowed to nominate candidates at convention.

Unaffiliated voters will also be allowed to participate in the first-ever Libertarian primaries in 2000, said Haugh, thanks to a resolution passed at the state party convention in April.

#### ■ NORTH CAROLINA

### New Hanover Co. party fights hog waste spills

Libertarians in New Hanover County aren't just "disgusted" when hog waste is spilled into local rivers — they're also angry with laws that prevent the victims of these toxic spills from obtaining justice.

So the party issued a press release after a major spill in April generated headlines in local newspapers, demanding that the businesses that cause such pollution be held fully liable for the clean up.

"Believe me, if polluters were liable for the full cost of cleaning up the damage that they had

caused, they'd clean up the problem overnight," said **Anne Cizek**, Chair of the New Hanover County LP.

The party also called for the "repeal of any laws which inhibit owners from taking action to legally protect their property."

Although hog waste may not be at the top of the list of typical environmental concerns, it's a problem in North Carolina, where a major spill happens every month or two with "devastating effects on water and fish," said LP State Chair Sean Haugh.

#### ■ NORTH CAROLINA

### LP candidates sign a Clean Campaign Pledge

If political mud is thrown during the upcoming state gubernatorial primary campaign, it won't be Libertarian candidates doing the throwing.

That's because two candidates for the Libertarian Party's nomination for governor have signed a "Clean Campaign Pledge," vowing to serve as a positive example for other parties.

"We want to lead by example, and give the voters what they want and deserve," said LP State Chair **Sean Haugh**. "Each candidate will campaign only on their own positive vision for how we can make North Carolina a better place to live. Libertarian campaigns will be totally free of personal attacks, free of appeals to prejudice, and free of negative campaigning of any sort."

LP candidates **Barbara**

**Howe** and **Larry Clark** publicly signed the pledge at a campaign picnic on August 28. They're facing off in the first-ever contested Libertarian primary race.

"People are demanding clean campaigns based on positive solutions," said Haugh. "The Libertarian Party intends to respect the intelligence of the voters, and we hope all other parties will follow our example."

#### ■ OHIO

### LP-sponsored recall drive comes up short

A campaign to oust the mayor of Toledo has fallen short, with the Libertarian sponsors collecting only about half the signatures they needed to put the recall question up for a vote.

By the July 10 deadline, Libertarians had collected just under 10,000 of the 22,929 signatures required to place the recall initiative against Mayor Carleton S. Finkbeiner on the November ballot.

Libertarians **Dr. LeRoy Lloyd**, **Dave Domanski**, **Duane Arquette**, and others had launched the recall effort back in April, after charging the mayor with "malfeasance."

Specifically, Finkbeiner "uses the power of his office to abuse the rights of property owners. He champions an aggressive campaign to disarm law-abiding citizens. He places the city of Toledo in serious financial jeopardy," said Arquette.

However, despite a flurry of

publicity and a much-praised website — RecallCarty.com — residents were hesitant about signing the recall petition, said Domanski, with many of them fearing reprisals from the mayor.

#### ■ TENNESSEE

### Rutherford County LP gets tax vote on ballot

Libertarians of Rutherford County have won their first battle against the Murfreesboro City Council's proposed \$45 million, tax-funded Commerce Center project, turning in more than enough petition signatures to put the issue up for a public vote.

In late August, LP members and their allies in the Referendum Now! organization submitted over 6,300 signatures of registered voters — far more than the 3,200 required.

The signatures were collected on only 20 days.

The petitions will force the city government of Murfreesboro to put a \$45 million bond issue to a public vote.

The signatures represented "more numbers than Murfreesboro Mayor Richard Reeves received in the last election," noted **Richard E. Pearl, Sr.**, Chair of the Rutherford County Libertarian Party.

Libertarians won praise for their petition-gathering efforts from Referendum Now! organizer Sam Reid, who said, "We really appreciated the efforts of the LP of Rutherford County on this issue. It was a great contribution to our cause."

#### ■ UTAH

### Party delegates support anti-"kidnapping" case

State Libertarians have joined the fight against government "kidnappings" by donating to a class action lawsuit against the Utah state government and the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

At their annual convention on May 22, delegates passed a resolution condemning the DCFS for denying the constitutional rights of Utah families, and for "kidnapping children from their families for profit."

Most DCFS cases are handled as "civil" actions, noted the Utah LP, which means that families "are being denied numerous constitutional rights, including due process, and representation by counsel [at] hearings" about parental fitness and adoption.

Delegates voted to contribute \$100 to a class action lawsuit to end such practices — which would aid families "in the pursuit of liberty and freedom from interference by government entities," said the resolution.

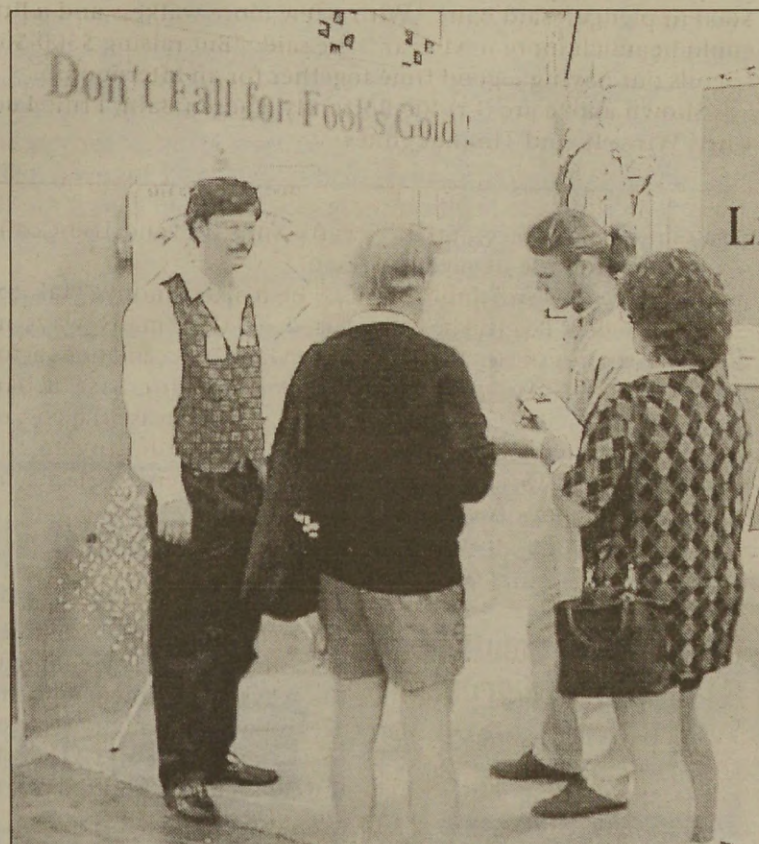


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### Selling the "gold standard" of politics

Under a sign warning passersby not to get tricked by the "fools gold" of Republicans and Democrats, LP members **Brian Lee Cross** (left) and **Thane Plummer** explain the merits of the Libertarian Party at the Orange County Fair. The Orange County LP hosted an outreach booth at the fair, July 9-25.



# TALKINGPOINTS

## Mobsters endorse gun control & putting Bill Clinton's talents to use

### ■ Lying 101

On August 12 [reporter Brendan] Miniter reported that police officers nationwide are studying [President] Clinton's August 1998 videotaped appearance before the Lewinsky grand jury to learn how to spot lying suspects.

Since 1978, Steve Rhoads — retired police chief of Calumet City, Illinois — has taught "Sub-conscious Communications" courses. At recent seminars, he has identified 123 comments, gestures, and other vocal and nonverbal clues of "textbook deception" in Mr. Clinton's testimony.

"He's been good material for the class ever since he became a candidate," Mr. Rhoads says.

— DERBY MURDOCK

*The Washington Times*  
September 1, 1999

### ■ Education bureaucracy

American schools, on average, have 52.1 teachers [versus 47.8 people in non-teaching positions] — 15.2 in school staff, 8.6 district staff, and 24 county- and state-level bureaucrats out of every 100 education personnel. In seven states — Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, Mississippi, Florida, New Mexico and Alaska — more than half of "education" personnel are not teachers. Rhode Island and Hawaii have the highest number of teachers — 63 per 100 education personnel. In almost all cases, the bureaucrats earn more than teachers do.

— CENTER FOR EDUCATION REFORM  
August 17, 1999

### ■ The envy lobby

Just a few years ago Dick Gephardt said unbelievably that wealthy Americans are "the people who have won the lottery of life." As Mr. Gephardt sees things, financial success is not the result of risk taking, hard work, invention, or new business creation but rather a result of being "fortunate." The rich in America are evidently people whose number came up on the roulette wheel.

Class envy is not just wrongheaded, but dangerously subversive to the uniquely American idea that success and

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**BILL CLINTON:**  
*His grand jury testimony is now being used to help police spot liars.*

reward in this country are interlinked.

Among all nations, the United States is the one that most closely resembles a meritocracy. More than two-thirds of the richest Americans on the Forbes 400 list made their money themselves, rather than having it given to them.

Most of America's rich are people of talent, like Steven Spielberg, Sam Walton, or Michael Jordan — not inherited wealth like Ted Kennedy and Jay Rockefeller. This explains why outside D.C. and college faculty lounges, most Americans admire the wealthy. I recently saw a poll showing that more Americans have greater respect for Bill Gates than Bill Clinton.

— STEPHEN MOORE

*The Washington Times*  
August 6, 1999

### ■ Gangsters on Guns

"Gun control? It's the best thing you can do for crooks and gangsters. I want you to have nothing. If I'm a bad guy, I'm always gonna have a gun. Safety locks? You pull the trigger with a lock on and I'll pull the trigger [without a safety lock]. We'll see

who wins." (Mobster Sammy "The Bull" Gravano, interviewed by Howard Blum.)

— VANITY FAIR

September 1999

### ■ Why is crime down?

Crime rates, according to FBI reports, fell about 16% per 100,000 population from their 1991 peak to 1997 and fell another 7% in 1998. Politicians claim credit because of their support for prison construction, longer sentences, greater police funding, or policies that reduce unemployment...

No doubt many of these factors help explain falling crime rates, but there is another, perhaps more important, cause which has gone largely unnoticed: Private citizens' growing investments of time and money in security.

Private crime control — including voluntary watch, patrol and escort arrangements, alarms, improved locks and better lighting, self-protection, and private security personnel — has been a growth industry for decades. A 1970 estimate put private security personnel at roughly equal to public police, but by 1990 there were about 2.5 private security personnel for every public police officer. Today, the ratio is probably at least three to one.

Consider [also] the market for security alarms. Alarm sales increased by about 11% per year in 1970, but this growth rate reached 15% in 1990. In 1970,

one percent of U.S. homes were connected to central alarm systems. By 1990, one in ten homes were.

— BRUCE L. BENSON

*The Cato Institute*  
August 20, 1999

### ■ Primitive judgment

The public's reliance on distorted, simplistic stereotypes for its political views was noticed as long ago as the 1920s by Walter Lippman and was given definitive treatment in Philip Converse's 1964 paper, "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics."

Converse found that more than 86% of the American people based their political decisions on criteria ranging from blind party loyalty and a candidate's perceived personal traits (is he smart? does he "care about people like us?") to such vague and dubious criteria as the "nature of the times" (if there is prosperity and peace, the incumbent party must be responsible) and primitive judgments about the attitudes of political parties toward social groups such as race and classes.

Even most members of the small segment of the public that relied for political guidance on "liberal" or "conservative" ideas had only a rather feeble grasp of the meaning and policy significance of those ideas.

That left only 2.5% of the public that judged politics against some sort of "abstract and far-reaching conceptual yardstick," such as a firm [and consistent political ideology].

— JEFFREY FRIEDMAN

*Cato Policy Reports*  
July/August 1999

### ■ "It is just insane"

Veteran TV anchorman Hugh Downs proclaimed his opposition to the War on Drugs Monday while addressing a convention of more than 5,400 prison managers from across the nation and Canada.

"I'd like to see an end to the

war on drugs — it's just insane," he said, adding that the federal government's long-term, multi-billion dollar war on drugs has "turned a medical problem into a crime problem."

— THE DENVER POST

August 10, 1999

### ■ Just say dud

Futile efforts to enforce [drug] prohibition have been pursued even more vigorously in the 1980s and 1990s than they were during alcohol prohibition in the 1920s. Drug enforcement cost about \$22 billion in the Reagan years and another \$45 billion in the four years of the Bush administration. The federal government spent \$16 billion on drug control programs in 1998 alone and plans to spend \$18 billion this year.

What good has it all done? Well, total drug arrests are now more than 1.5 million a year. There are about 400,000 drug offenders in jails and prisons now. Drug offenders are about 60% of all federal prisoners, while those in federal prison for violent offenses are only 12.4% of the total.

As for discouraging young people from using drugs, the massive federal effort has largely been a dud. Every year from 1975 to 1995 at least 82% of high school seniors said they found marijuana "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain.

— DAVID BOAZ

*The Albuquerque Journal (NM)*  
August 23, 1999

### ■ Tobacco rebels


Smoking is not like measles, striking innocent tots out of the blue. "Very few 12-year-olds have even tried a cigarette," writes Mary Grace Kovar, an epidemiologist with the National Opinion Research Center in Washington. "The model age for trying a cigarette is 16."

Moreover, not just anybody smokes. Kovar's analysis notes that smokers age 15 to 17 are very much more likely than non-smokers to be alcohol users and skip school. Adolescents who smoke tend to be risk takers and rebels. "I think you'll find the same thing through early adulthood, and maybe beyond," Kovar said. "There is a group of risk-taking people."

Presumably, adolescents who are attracted to risk and rebellion — the ones most likely to smoke — are also the ones least likely to listen to adults who bluster about "tobacco-free kids." Or, worse still, they may listen and then decide that not being tobacco-free is a good way to show that they are not kids.

— JONATHAN RAUCH

*National Journal*  
July 10, 1999



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— Attributed to Benjamin Franklin

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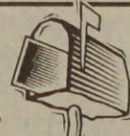
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# How the census grew and grew

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In 1790, the first census enumerated white males, white females, and slaves. No other data (except name) was requested from citizens. Even then, when census takers rode horses from town to town and into sparsely populated rural areas, many people were reluctant to cooperate, wondering why the government needed to know so much about them.

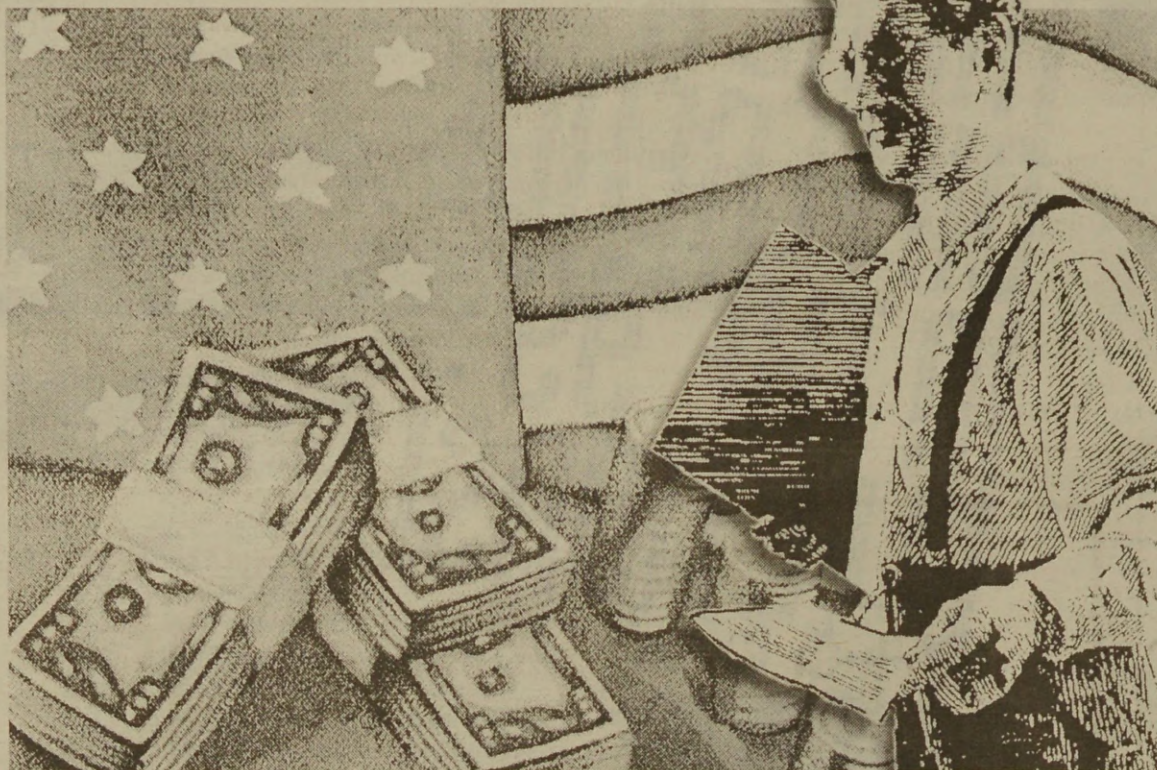
Two hundred years later, with compliance topping 98%, few Americans questioned the government's inquisitiveness, and voluntarily provided information about their income, their home, the number of cars in their garage, whether or not they carpool to work, their ancestry, their disabilities, and many other personal matters.

## Money & power

Not surprisingly, with billions of federal dollars resting on the outcome, the primary complaints concerning the 1990 census involved the number of people who were not counted, as special interest groups tout theirs as the missed citizens. The NEA claims that two million children, primarily poor and minority, were missed in 1990, leading to less federal money for inner city schools.

Funds for roads, bridges, health care, and many social programs also use census data for apportionment, leading every state, city, and community with its hand out to Uncle Sam to want its numbers to be the highest possible. An estimated \$180 billion in federal funds will be doled out to states, cities, and counties partially based on 2000 census data.

Of course, when money is at stake, so is political power. Census data is also used for determin-



■ If a Census worker shows up on your doorstep, it will probably pain most Libertarians to remember that an estimated \$180 billion in federal — that is, *taxpayers'* — dollars will be doled out to states, cities, and counties partially based on 2000 census data.

ing how many Congressional representatives each state receives and for drawing Congressional and state representative district lines.

Population migrations — which will undoubtedly be identified in the 2000 census — will result in redistricting, most likely adding representation for many southern and southwestern states where populations have migrated, with a corresponding loss in northern urban areas.

## Statistical sampling

Earlier this year, to solve the problem of undercounting — even though one can't help but wonder how an accurate count of those who weren't counted is made — the Census Bureau proposed the use of statistical sampling instead of an actual head count.

In practical terms, this means that the results would be adjusted based on samples taken from similar areas, much as demographers and pollsters do, to account for the small percentage of people who don't return their forms and don't respond to the census-taker's visit.

All this hoopla over the uncounted masses quickly became a partisan issue — with Democrats supporting sampling, be-

lieving that most uncounted people are their voters, and Republicans opposing it for the same reason — and ended up in the Supreme Court.

The high court, in a 5-4 decision last January, chose to disallow statistical sampling for the

purposes of Congressional apportionment only, leaving the door open for it to be used in redistricting and in dividing up the federal pie.

As a result of the ruling, the Census Bureau, in order to increase compliance, asked for and

received an additional \$1.7 billion in funding. Around \$160 million of that will be spent on an advertising program encouraging people to fill out their forms and be counted.

This kinder, gentler, and more expensive Census Bureau plans to pull out all the stops in an effort to increase compliance. Forms will be available in six languages including Korean, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese and the Philippine language Tagalog.

## Over the Internet

Census Bureau officials say the promotional campaign will focus on encouraging minorities, urbanites, and immigrants to be counted, assuring illegal aliens that the information collected will not be turned over to the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) or any other government agency. And for the first time the ability to file over the Internet will be offered.

Methods aside, all could be defensible goals if the objective were indeed to take a head count of the country's residents. But in the usual style of government, this agency, for a variety of reasons, tends to expand the basic task at hand.

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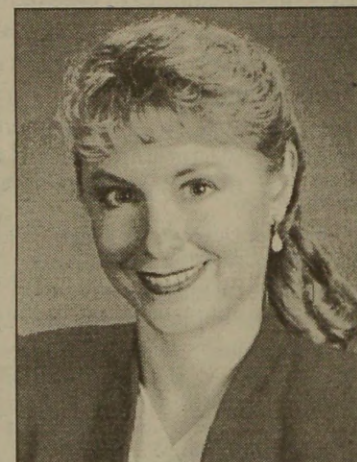
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# The U.S. Census

expected return rate is around 60% and those who don't return forms will be visited by one of the 860,000 census workers the bureau expects to employ. Final results are expected to be published by April 1, 2001.

## Racial division

As commonly occurs with our government, the issue of race has again been brought to the forefront. After taking heat over the ethnic categories it supplied on past forms, the 2000 census allows citizens to fill in their own race or ethnic category — instead of choosing from pre-determined options.

As most Libertarians have figured out, this government fixation on ethnicity serves no purpose other than to fuel the racial division commonly used by politicians to sow seeds of distrust, animosity, and class envy among their constituents.

Of course, politicians are better off in an environment where no one trusts each other and looks to them for protection. Allowing fill-in-the-blanks ethnicity simply divides people into even *more* categories which can later be used to pit one group against another.

Perhaps a good answer to the race question would be "human" unless, of course, you are a member of Congress.

## Privacy respected

No Libertarian would argue that there must be a cheaper and equally efficient way to fulfill the Constitutional requirement of a census. Certainly by reducing the number of questions to one — how many people reside in your household? — costs could be drastically reduced and privacy respected.

Many Libertarians will comply, many will give only the basic information, and others will undoubtedly refuse to cooperate at all — based in part, no doubt, on how intrusive the process has become and how strongly they object to what the government will do with the information it collects.

Invasion of privacy is another issue, and although the Census Bureau has a solid track record of not releasing individual

information — only statistics — many may not comply out of protest. Skeptics may doubt the government agency's ability to keep electronic data secure.

Federal law provides for a \$100 fine for anyone who refuses to answer "to the best of his knowledge any of the questions on any census or survey." (Title 13 USC Sec. 221).

However, this fine is rarely levied, most likely because it

would cause public relations problems for the Census Bureau.

The more serious charge of providing false information with the intent to cause an inaccurate enumeration carries a penalty of a \$1,000 fine and a year in prison (Title 13 USC Sec. 222).

Whether or not you comply, of course, is a personal decision.

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# Yoakam

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who represent the heartland of America," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "Now, if we can just win the support of Shania Twain and Garth Brooks, we'll be unstoppable!"

Although looking like a typical country singer with his cowboy hat, Yoakam was described as an "articulate, brainy guy" by the *New York Post*, and briefly studied philosophy and history

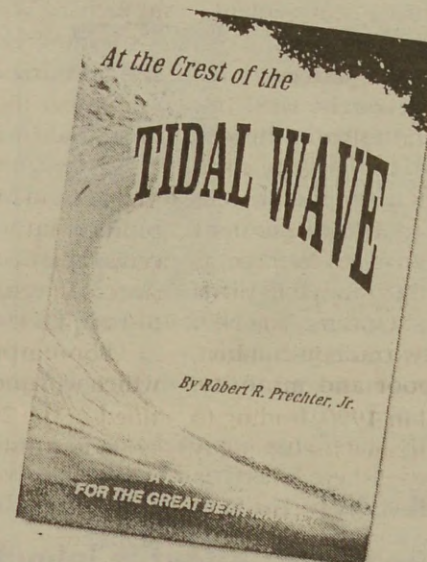
at Ohio State University.

He broke into the music business with his 1986 album *Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc., Etc.* Known for his traditional style that draws on "honkytonk and hillbilly sounds," he has topped the country charts with hits such as "I Sing Dixie," "The Streets of Bakersfield," and "Ain't That Lonely Yet."

Yoakam won a Grammy Award for best male Country Music Vocal Performance in 1993. He has also appeared in the movies *Red Rock West* (1992) and *Sling Blade* (1997).

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# POLITICAL NEWS

## Alaska registration drive sets LP record

**L**ibertarians in Alaska have not only won "major" party status thanks to a newly completed voter registration drive — they've also set a new record for the Libertarian Party.

On August 26, the LP of Alaska received notification from the Division of Elections that 6,505 voters were now registered Libertarians, which was enough to earn the party automatic ballot status without petitioning.

"This means that we are now a government-recognized political party in Alaska again," said State Chair **Len Karpinski**. "We hope that our regained status will enable us to run a full slate of candidates for the state legislature in 2000."

But ballot status is only part of the Alaska LP's accomplishments: Thanks to their year-long voter registration drive, it has also become the first state Libertarian Party to gain over 1% of its state's registered voters.

"Of all the ballot-qualification efforts that have occurred in 1999 in the entire USA, for all parties, the Alaska LP effort is the outstanding achievement," said Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News* and the country's leading expert on ballot law. "No other minor party has done anything comparable in this calendar year."

The significance of the achievement, said Winger, is that it suggests the party may be able to break through the 1% threshold in other states, such as Massachusetts and Maryland.

"If we could ever get our registration up to 1% in Maryland, we would not need petitions for any of our candidates," he said — which would free the LP from having to collect 26,000 signatures for statewide candidates. And "in Massachusetts, if we could get our registration up to 1%, we wouldn't need to worry about our vote totals" — which would end the state LP's "see-saw" ballot status.

The only states that approach Alaska's registration numbers: Arizona, where Libertarian registration is "close" to 1%, and California, where the party had crested at 0.8%.

## "Draft Ron Paul" effort is launched

**R**on Paul for President: That's the goal of a new group which has been launched by an Illinois Libertarian. But **Eric Dubiel** doesn't just want the former LP presidential candidate to run again as a Libertarian — he wants the Texas Congressman to win both the Libertarian and Reform Party's nomination.

"Our purpose is simple — to nominate sitting U.S. Representative Ron Paul of Texas, a reformer and liberty-minded constitutionalist, to run for President in 2000 as the nominated fusion candidate of the Reform Party and Libertarian Party," he said.

To that end, Dubiel and several other LP members have set up the Grassroots Committee to Dual-Party Nominate Ron Paul for President of the United States of America, Libertarian/Reform.

"Please join our efforts; there is much work to be accomplished to enable this potentially historic opportunity to challenge the two older monopolistic and out-of-touch parties!" said Dubiel.

Paul was the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate in 1998, before returning to the U.S. House as a Republican. Current LP bylaws do not specifically prohibit the party's presidential nominee for also seeking or winning the nomination of another political party, although it has never been done in the past.

"[Ron Paul] is the only person who could possibly get both the Libertarian and Reform nominations," said Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News*.

The Grassroots Committee has set up an e-mail announcement list for people who are interested in the "Draft Paul" effort — [ronpaul-pres-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:ronpaul-pres-subscribe@topica.com) — and a website: [www.topica.com/lists/ronpaul-pres](http://www.topica.com/lists/ronpaul-pres).



Rep. Ron Paul: LP and Reform?

# 200+ LP candidates on Fall ballot

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party. It gives us legitimacy."

LP candidates are also running in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Most of the elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2.

Town, city, or county council are the most popular races, with 86 LP candidates seeking those positions. There are also nine candidates for mayor, seven for State Representative or State Senate, and even two candidates for Cherokee Tribal Council.

### Broad array

Libertarians are also contesting School Board and Board of Education seats, Zoning Board spots, and Selectman positions — as well as a broad array of other local offices like Township Auditor, Recorder of Deeds, Township Constable, Soil & Water Commission, Hospital Board, Fire Commissioner, and County Cemetery Commissioner.

Crickenberger said there were at least three reasons why the party has so many candidates on the ballot this year.

"A strong focus by several states to run a significant number of candidates," he said. "More emphasis at all levels toward electing lower level 'Farm Team' candidates. And a larger membership base from which to draw candidates."

Among the races to watch around the country, Crickenberger listed:

■ **Incumbent Alderman At-Large Kenneth Lankford in Madison, North Carolina.**

"He will be making his first run for re-election as a member of the LP," said Crickenberger. "Lankford will be one of 12 candidates seeking six seats."

■ **Jim Schrader for Millcreek Township Trustee in Ohio.**

"Jim has previously showed the worth of Libertarian policy on a local level by chairing the town's zoning board for two terms," noted Crickenberger. "One of his proudest achievements was the elimination of permit requirements for home-based businesses."

■ **Roger Fritz, making his second run for the Roland City Council in**

## CRICKENBERGER:

*It's "a record number of LP candidates in an odd-year election cycle."*

**Iowa.** "He missed winning the seat by only 20 votes in 1997 — despite having lived in the town for only two months at the time," said Crickenberger. "Fritz has since been appointed to the Zoning Board, and will repeat the strong door-to-door campaign he ran before, making sure to stick to a positive message."

■ **Richard Bees for City-**

**County Council, District 7, Indianapolis, Indiana.** "Rich has a long history of involvement in his community and church, and is receiving help from diverse sources," said Crickenberger.

■ **Rosemary Racchi for Roseville City Council, Michigan.** "She is the only non-incumbent [in the race], the only woman, and the only senior citizen in a largely senior area," said Crickenberger. "She is running an active campaign with fundraising, signs, and door-to-door work."

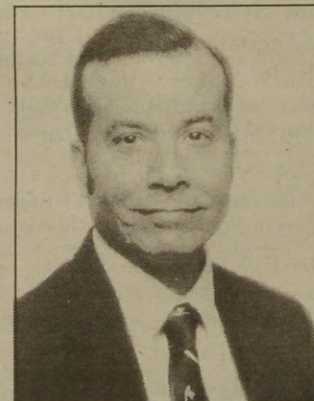
When you add in the Libertarian Party candidates who ran in spring elections and special elections earlier this year, more than 280 LP members will run for office this year — "nearly 100 more than we have recorded for any previous odd-year election," said Crickenberger.

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## ■ Arizona

**Ed Kahn**, Tuscon Mayor

## ■ California

**Larry Baird**, Riverside Community College Board of Directors • **John Scott Ballard**, U.S. Representative District 42 • **Ray Bell**, Sequoia Unified High School District Board District • **Sean Harbaugh**, Citrus Heights City Council • **Jack Hickey**, San Mateo Community College Board of Trustees • **Margaret Buckley Schmidt**, San Mateo Community College Board of Trustees

## ■ Colorado

**Tom Goonan**, Jefferson School Board

## ■ Connecticut

**David Abrams**, Windham/Willimantic Selectman • **Juan Arriola**, Windham Board of Education • **Joseph Baran**, Windham Zoning Appeals Alternate • **Fred Biamonte**, Branford RTM-3rd El. District 3 • **Arlene Charest**, Bethlehem Board of Selectman • **Craig Currier**, Windham Board of Finance • **Arlene Dunlop**, Meriden Mayor • **Steven Edelman**, Windham Board of Finance • **Marvin Edelman**, Windham Board of Education • **MaryAnn T. Eggert**, Bethlehem Board of Assessment Appeals • **George Eggert**, Bethlehem First Selectman • **Angel Figueroa**, Windham Board of Education • **David Gauthier**, Windham Board of Zoning Appeals • **Joan Goetschius**, Windham Board of Finance • **Dr. H. Avory Grayson**, Southington Town Council • **Carlton Harris**, Windham Board of Finance • **John M. Joy**, Oxford First Selectman • **Joe Knott**, Southington Town Council • **Roger LaLumiere**, Windham Board of Zoning Appeals • **Robert Langworthy**, Windham Selectman • **Roger LeClair**, Windham/Willimantic Selectman • **Theodore Misak**, Windham Board of Finance • **Roger Morin**, Windham/Willimantic Selectman • **Ken Mosher**, Windham First Selectman • **Carsten Pieper**, Bethlehem Board of Finance • **Michael J. Puschaver**, Oxford Board of Selectman • **Kenneth Ray**, Windham Board of Assessment Appeals • **William Rood**, Windham Selectman • **Joseph Santa Lucia**, Windham/Willimantic Selectman • **Douglas Tolles**, Bethlehem Board of Finance • **Valerie Yard**, Bethlehem Planning Commission • **George Yonclas**, Windham/Willimantic Selectman

## ■ Iowa

**Roger Fritz**, Roland City Council

## ■ Illinois

**Mark Hari**, Paxton City Council • **Bill Stephens**, Carpentersville School board District 3

## ■ Indiana

**Kris Ames**, Lafayette City Council At Large • **Eric Barnes**, Indianapolis City/County Council District 14 • **Richard Bees**, Indianapolis City/County Council District 7 • **Michael Bennett**, Lafayette City Council District 3 • **Mark Brickman**, Hammond City Council At Large • **Timothy Brown**, Terre Haute Mayor • **John Calderone**, Indianapolis City/County Council District 9 • **Steve Carr**, Indianapolis City/County Council At-

# Doug Krick vs. silly laws

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who was convicted recently of violating an 1897 law against cursing in the presence of women and children.

It's that potential for selective enforcement of such laws that has Krick so concerned.

"I think the average person is probably not [aware they are breaking a law]," he said. "[But] in some ways, I'm glad some people — including police — are not aware, because then the laws

might be enforced [more]."

While some Republicans and Democrats say they are not concerned about selective enforcement — saying it can be left to the discretion of the courts — Krick and others disagree.

For example, Boston attorney Harvey Silverglate said, "[Trusting the discretion of the courts] makes it actually worse, not better. The reason it makes it worse is it means [laws] can be enforced against the people the

DA wants to get. It is a formula for selective enforcement."

Despite such concerns, one Democratic politician said they have "better things to do" than remove such quirky laws.

"That says we have time to make all kinds of stupid laws but we don't have time to repeal stupid laws," countered Silverglate.

## Christian Coalition

Besides the indifference of politicians, Krick also faces opposition to his legislative "house cleaning" project from groups like the Christian Coalition.

A spokeswoman from that group argued that laws regulating private, consensual sexual behavior should be maintained because "to repeal them would send a message that sexual ethics are no longer important."

However, opposition won't detour Krick from his campaign to try to repeal the laws, he said.

"My opinion is that the average [politician] would not pursue this because it is not a hot issue," he said. "On the other hand, each of these laws that are out there chip away at individual freedoms bit by bit."

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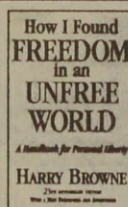
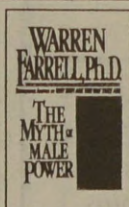
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# THE ISSUES

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## D.O.J. break-in plan is low-tech but scary

**A** new proposal from the Department of Justice that would allow police to break into people's homes to disable computer security systems is a frightening violation of privacy that will turn law enforcement into law-breakers, the Libertarian Party charged.

"This is the *Blair Witch Project* of law enforcement tactics: It's simple, low-tech, and should scare the pants off every American," said Dasbach. "By requesting the power to break into people's homes, law enforcement officials have essentially admitted that they want to act like criminals to catch criminals."

In late August, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced it plans to send a request to Congress asking lawmakers for the power to secretly break into people's homes or offices to disable encryption software on personal computers.

The proposal — entitled the Cyberspace Electronic Security Act — would allow judges to issue secret, "sealed" warrants for federal agents to enter private property, search computers, and install software to override encryption programs. Then, police could intercept computer communications without having to try to decode encrypted messages.

"This is nothing more than a legal burglary tool," charged Dasbach. "The Department of Justice doesn't want to just pick the lock on your front door — it wants to pick the lock on the Bill of Rights, and steal our Fourth Amendment protections."

## Let's adopt George W. Bush's drug policy

**H**ere's how to end the controversy over Governor George W. Bush's alleged cocaine use: Simply give every suspected drug user the same right to "privacy" the GOP presidential front-runner demands, the Libertarian Party suggested.

"Let's treat every American like a presidential candidate: If you've ever used drugs, you shouldn't have to answer questions about it — especially if doing so would invade your privacy, or if you now consider previous drug use a mistake," proposed Steve Dasbach, the party's national director.

"Not only would such a don't-ask/don't-tell policy save the \$17 billion the federal government currently spends on Drug Prohibition, but it would also let hundreds of thousands of non-violent drug offenders out of prison so they could lead productive lives — and maybe even run for president themselves as hypocritical Republicans."

## Sale of human organs could save more lives

**E**Bay should reconsider its decision to block the online auction of a human kidney — because the free market and the Internet could help solve the nation's chronic organ shortage, the Libertarian Party says.

"EBay should have a heart when it comes to selling a kidney," said Dasbach. "The online sale of human organs could be the difference between life and death for thousands of people. It should be allowed, not prohibited."

On September 2, EBay shut down an online auction for one "fully functional human kidney," which had been offered for sale by a person in Florida, although some observers said both the offer and a \$5.7 million bid could be pranks.

But whether this particular auction was a joke or not, said Dasbach, it is one way to help solve a growing national crisis: About 55,500 people are on various lists for organ transplants, and as many as 4,000 will die while waiting.

If the commercial sale of organs was allowed, that shortage could be quickly eliminated and the death rate could be lowered, said Dasbach.

"There is no better mechanism than the free market to balance supply and demand," he said. "That's as true for kidneys, corneas, or bone marrow as it is for anything else people need. And the pay-off for society would be more lives saved, at the lowest possible price."

# Success '99 in Nashville in October

*Weekend seminar will teach basics of party-building and campaigning*

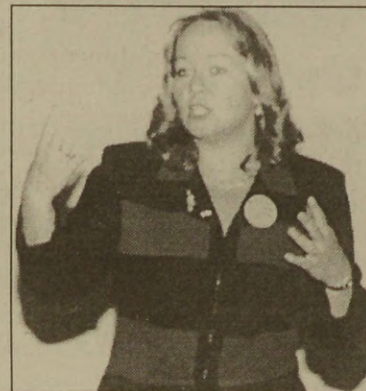
**L**ibertarian activists in Nashville and the surrounding areas will have a chance to learn party-building techniques and campaign fundamentals when Success '99 rolls into town in October.

Success '99 teaches "tried-and-tested techniques for building thriving LP organizations and running successful campaigns," said National LP Director Steve Dasbach, who is coordinating the program.

## Inspirational

Based on the feedback from the previous events, participants can expect a knowledge-packed, inspirational experience, he said.

For example, Richard Chamberlain, a former Georgia State Representative, said: "I've been to two [political/campaign] workshops put on by the Republicans and Democrats, and this



■ LP campaign guru Barbara Goushaw will be a featured speaker in Nashville, TN.

beats both of them!"

During October, Success '99 will be held in Nashville, Tennessee (October 23-24). Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart (author of *Healing Our World*), Barbara Goushaw (three-time LP campaign manager), and Jim Lark (advisor, Liberty Coalition).

The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Brentwood, at 760 Old Hickory Blvd., Brentwood (just outside Nashville). For reservations/directions, call (615) 373-2600.

Success '99 is an intensive, two-day series of workshops (12 hours in all), conducted all day Saturday and on Sunday morning. The registration fee for the seminar is \$79, and includes a Saturday lunch. Participants pay for their own transportation and lodging.

In other Success '99 news, the events scheduled for Kansas City, Kansas and Biloxi, Mississippi have been postponed.

For a complete list of upcoming Success '99 events — or to request more information or register — see the advertisement on page 17 of this issue of *LP News*. Or call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

# Ballot access lawsuit filed

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on the deadline for petition signatures.

As expected, the office rejected the signatures, saying they were insufficient to meet state requirements.

Krawchuk blasted the decision, saying, "They are afraid of the competition. It's a bunch of monopolistic manure."

So, Cavanaugh filed his lawsuit, requesting a jury trial — and asking that the signature requirement provision be declared unconstitutional and that his name be placed on the November ballot alongside the Republican and Democratic candidates.

"All we are looking for is equality and the right of the people to have viable choices among multiple political candidates," said Cavanaugh.

While the legal action is underway, Cavanaugh said he will continue his candidacy. If he loses the case, he may run as a write-in candidate, he said.

Cavanaugh, 43, is a telecommunications consultant by profession. This is his first run for public office.

From the author of *Healing Our World...*



## Short Answers to the Tough Questions

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# Massachusetts LP welcomes GOP defectors

The LP of Massachusetts is welcoming two high-profile defections from the state's Republican Party: A GOP City Committee Chairman and the state's former Republican Party Deputy Director, who have both become Libertarians.

In the past several months, long-time GOP activist and Republican City Committee Chairman Bradford White changed his party affiliation from Republican to Libertarian, while Bob O'Keefe, former GOP Deputy Director, has become an LP member and is now working on a Libertarian campaign.

"As the Libertarian Party continues its growth, many new members are switching their affiliation from more established parties," said the party's State Chair, Elias Israel.

"This is only the beginning.

With old and new Libertarians alike, we're building a party that challenges the entrenched big government establishment, and we're doing it the old-fashioned way: We're energizing activists, organizing local committees, and running candidates for office," he said.

The former Republicans said they made the switch because they were disappointed with the GOP and felt more at home in

the Libertarian Party.

For example, White said, "The other two major parties are a blur. Libertarianism is more than a political party; it is a definable philosophy that you can live by."

## Win more races

White, who has over 20 years of experience in Republican politics, promised to help Libertarians field more candi-

dates and win more races.

And O'Keefe said, "I have come to realize after ten years in politics, that I have always been more Libertarian than Republican. Now I'm working with a party where I truly belong, both at the state and national level."

O'Keefe served as Massachusetts GOP Deputy Director for four years. He was also the founding chairman of the Greater Boston Young Republi-

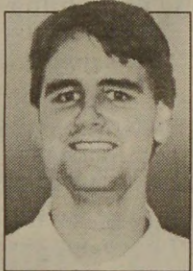
cans, and has served on a variety of Republican committees over the last 10 years. More recently, he was Operations Manager for the Joe Malone campaign (Governor), Deputy Campaign Manager for Bob Maginn (State Treasurer), and a fundraiser for Republican Congressional candidate Matt Amorello.

Now, O'Keefe is helping Libertarian Candidate Doug Krick in his bid to win the State Representative seat in the 14th Suffolk district. He is also organizing a Libertarian Town Committee in his home town of Dedham.

## Marc Brandl joins HQ staff

When you call the LP national office with a question or comment, you may hear a new voice at the other end of the phone: Marc Brandl, the party's new customer service representative.

Since joining the staff in June, Brandl has been busy answering mail from LP members, fielding phone calls, solving membership and order snafus, filling requests for information from potential members, and analyzing LP membership surveys.



■ **Marc Brandl:** Customer service

"I always wanted to work for the Libertarian Party," he said. "I like communicating libertarian ideas and learning about party politics. It's a challenge and I enjoy it."

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# THE FORUM

## Why are some Libertarians so negative?

"I love liberty, but I don't like some Libertarians," said the man across the table from me. "You must have a good reason for feeling that way. What is it that you dislike about some Libertarians?" I asked.

"They're too negative. They're always complaining about taxes or government spending or government programs or politicians. They blame government for just about everything that's wrong. They tell me how awful government is. And every time I talk with them, they play the same old broken record: 'Government is always wrong, Government is evil, Government is the enemy,'" said the man.

The man has a point. Some Libertarians fill conversations with the failures and flaws, the costs and consequences, the errors and evils of government. And that's all they talk about.

So their friends and co-workers cringe when they start ranting, railing, and raving against anything and everything the government does.

They are misery merchants. Gloom and doomers. Bearers of Bad News.

They foment frustration and anger and hate. They darken the rooms they enter. They pollute conversations with spiritual toxic waste.

Their friends and families and co-workers silently suffer at first... then they stop listening.

Perhaps you know one of these Nega-tarians.

How can you help them be-



By Michael Cloud

come persuasive and positive?

Should you ask them to stop talking about the destructive impact of government programs and policies? Or maybe compromise and water down what they believe? Praise government?

None of the above. Neither negativity, nor compromise, nor silence, nor surrender.

### Persuasive

Why not recommend a *persuasive* Libertarian approach?

1. Diagnose the disease and describe its dangers 2. Recommend our remedy 3. Spell out its strengths.

For example:

1. Minimum wage throws inner city African-Americans and other minorities out of work. It prevents them from getting badly needed job experience. It keeps them from auditioning for higher paying jobs. Minimum

wage keeps them from grabbing the bottom rung of the economic ladder.

2. End the minimum wage and let untrained and unskilled workers start at low-paying jobs so they can develop job skills, create job histories, and demonstrate that they deserve higher wages and promotions.

3. Removing the minimum wage barrier lets new workers begin their climb up the earnings ladder. It lets them climb as fast and far as their work ethic and skills develop. The small business that can't afford a \$7-an-hour dishwasher can afford a \$4-an-hour dishwasher. And the dishwasher can earn while he learns... to be a waiter or cook. Without a lower bottom rung, he'd never get on the ladder.

If we do not diagnose the disease, no one will feel they want or need the remedy.

If we only diagnose the disease — and spend all evening telling our listeners how awful it is — we'll be one of those negative Libertarians.

We must briefly diagnose and describe, then fully recommend the remedy and rewards.

We need only briefly sketch out the harmful government program, and lay out the high costs and bad consequences.

### Benefits

Then we must emphasize our Libertarian solution, and the benefits it brings.

We must accentuate the positives of a free market and very small limited government, the blessings of personal responsibility and individual liberty, and the strengths of self-governing individuals.

We must describe and dramatize the direct, personal benefits of our Libertarian solutions.

We must promote *positive* Libertarianism.

■ **Editor's note:** Reprinted from the "Libertarian Persuasion Column" in The Liberator Online, an e-mail publication of the Advocates for Self-Government. Michael Cloud was the Keynote Speaker at the 1998 Libertarian National Convention.

## What's wrong with today's liberals and conservatives?

*Too often, voters' choice is limited to moral theocrats or economic statist*

There was a time when "liberal" meant a respect for civil liberties such as free speech, restrictions on government searches, the principle of being presumed innocent until proven guilty, etc. Some 1960s liberals even went so far as to support drug decriminalization and other reforms of victimless crime laws. Of course, they were always, and continue to be, hostile to private property rights, advocates of high taxes and income redistribution, and regulation. They have always been economic statist.

Today's Democrat doesn't even have respect for civil liberties. They are totally committed to government regulating every aspect of the human condition.

Not wanting to appear soft on crime, they support warrantless searches. Free speech is okay if politically correct — but not otherwise. Commercial speech is subject to great regulation, especially if you sell tobacco. Pornography can be censored since it "demeans" women. Guns should only be possessed by the police.

If you appear suspicious, you forfeit your property

— even if not found guilty of a crime. Schools need not teach reading, writing and arithmetic as long as they issue condoms and teach liberal social ideas.

Nothing is subject to private ownership. If you own a bar, the government tells you that your patrons must not smoke. If you own rural property, you must not be allowed to develop it.

### Run your business

If you make an honest living, you must pay 40% of your earnings to the government. You must be told who to hire and when you can fire. The government specifies the proper wage and how to run your business.

So today's Democrat is like yesterday's authoritarian. Everything you do should be subject to governmental approval. You are considered incompetent to conduct either your economic or your personal life without the government's express consent.

By Steve Green

By contrast, sometimes the Republicans can be given credit for supporting at least some form of economic freedom. Of course, there are numerous exceptions. But by and large, there is still some respect for private property and some belief in limits on taxes by today's ultra-conservative who dominates the Republican Party. Unfortunately, they are all too often willing to compromise with the Democrats on economic freedoms.

But there is a big price for this limited economic freedom offered by the Republicans. Conservatives have always been hostile to certain non-economic civil liberties — but today they are much worse.

On the one hand, a conservative will support technological development such as the Internet by attempting to limit taxes and business regulation. On the other hand, conservatives want to censor the entire World Wide Web to protect children, since parents are considered incompetent.

Of course, the end result will be destruction of a new technology along with new, selectively prosecuted, unenforceable laws.

The conservatives rightfully oppose the liberal school curricu-

lum. However, in its place, they offer their own social programming. While we have a diverse society of many religions, including individuals who choose no religion at all, the social conservative wishes to teach us creationism and some form of state-mandated prayer.

To their credit, these same conservatives generally support school choice, but until such time as vouchers become law, we are held hostage to a choice of a liberal school curriculum or a state specified religious one.

To the social conservative, there is no

difference between religion and politics. The dominant religion can be codified into law. Theocracy is their goal.

The drug war must be accelerated, even if not successful, because it is the "moral" thing to do. Tax benefits should be targeted only to those in state-defined family structures.

### Tough on crime

Always "tough on crime," the conservatives support warrantless searches, telephone taps, limits to jury trials, etc. It was the Republicans, not the Democrats, who authored the country's first asset forfeiture laws.

And what of economic freedoms? Well, in San Diego, where I live, it is the Republicans who push for corporate welfare projects — sports subsidies to overpaid athletes in the form of new stadiums; free convention centers for the tourist industry; and so on.

I was never a Democrat, and for the above reasons I left the Republican Party some years ago. Only the Libertarian Party offers freedom.

■ **About the author:** Steve Green is Chairman of the San Diego County Libertarian Party.





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# From THE EDITOR

## Why not offer voters liberty as an option?

**H**ow can Libertarians convince voters to support free-market solutions and programs — some of which are, quite frankly, “radical” in the eyes of many people?

One possible answer comes from two different sources: Give Americans the *option* of choosing liberty.

In his 1997 book, *What It Means to Be a Libertarian*, Charles Murray proposed a “thought experiment”: What if the government allowed stores to opt out of its stringent regulations about health, safety, and so on? A “Non-Regulation” store could hang out a sign to that effect, and consumers could choose: Do I want to shop at such a free-market store (where prices might be lower but the risks potentially higher), or shop at a government-approved store (where prices would be higher but the risks allegedly lower)? In the long run, Murray theorized, the superior price, service, and safety record of free-market stores would win the day, and the regulatory state would wither away, one consumer at a time.

Similarly, MSNBC commentator Deroy Murdock wrote an op-ed column for the *Washington Times* in November 1998. In it, he suggested the Republican Party should offer comparable “free choice” proposals for the tax code, Social Security, education, and health care.

Of course (being a Republican), many of Murdock’s suggestions didn’t actually reduce the size of government. For taxes, he proposed that people should be allowed to choose between today’s complicated tax code and a simpler (but equally costly) flat tax. And in education, he proposed a “choice” between government schools and government-funded vouchers (to be used in government-regulated schools).

But Murdock made some interesting points. For example, when Chile switched to a (largely) private retirement system in 1981 — and gave workers the choice of staying in the government program — 90% chose the free market alternative.

The beauty of such a “choice” system, he wrote, is that “those who like big-government solutions can remain tethered to the status quo. [So] Democrats will find it increasingly difficult to argue that citizens should be denied even the chance to change their relationship with Uncle Sam.”

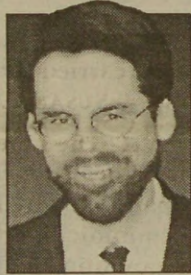
As for the argument — sure to be raised by statists! — that opting out of government-run school, health, or retirement systems would “threaten” such programs, Murdock asks: *Why?* “Surely if these public schemes were so splendid, Americans would not flee them in droves.”

Libertarians could go beyond Murdock’s timid proposals and offer, for instance, the choice between Social Security and total private control over retirement money.

In fact, in any area of life that doesn’t involve force or fraud, Libertarians could offer people the choice of being under the jurisdiction of laws that regulate their peaceful, consensual behavior — or not. Let’s give people the choice of using a national ID card; of having their assets seized for suspicion of a crime; of being stopped because of a racially biased profiling system! People who support such programs could continue to happily be subjected to them.

Then, we could challenge both the Republicans and Democrats to explain, in Murdock’s word, why Americans should be “trapped in these socialist structures, just as East Berliners were once held captive.”

The Republican Party ignored Murdock’s suggestions — proving they’re just the “right wing” of the big-government, status-quo party. We Libertarians should be smarter.



By Bill Winter,  
Editor

## Cutting pork-barrel spending: Start with 10 tempting targets

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** How can Libertarianism solve America’s problems? Each issue, LP News will showcase how “Libertarian Solutions” — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Bill Winter  
Editor, LP News

**D**uring her 1996 vice presidential campaign, Libertarian Party candidate Jo Jorgensen had a wonderful zinger she used to mock Republicans and Democrats who promised to trim the “waste” from government spending.

“I’ve looked at the federal budget,” Jorgensen would say. “There’s no line item called waste.”

Her point was simple: It was an easy promise for Republicans and Democrats to make, since everyone agrees that cutting “waste” is a good idea — but, unfortunately, no one can agree exactly what that “waste” is. And so the waste (whatever it was) was never cut, and the federal budget grew larger and larger and larger.

For the Libertarian Party, of course, cutting government’s so-called “waste” is not enough. Any political party (theoretically) could support that. However, eliminating many of the more egregious examples of sneaky pork, extravagant spending, welfare for corporations, and foolish programs would be a satisfying *first step* in cutting government down to its Constitutionally limited size.

Fortunately for Libertarians, there is one organization that *has* been able to ferret out examples of government waste — the appropriately named Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW).

Even though, as Jorgensen pointed out, there is no line item called “waste,” CAGW has uncovered and publicized 44 examples of federal budget “fat” in its annual putting-government-on-a-diet booklet, *Prime Cuts*.

In the introduction to the 1999 edition, CAGW researchers point out that if these 44 programs, policies, and subsidies alone were eliminated, it “would save taxpayers a staggering \$1.2 trillion over the next five years.”

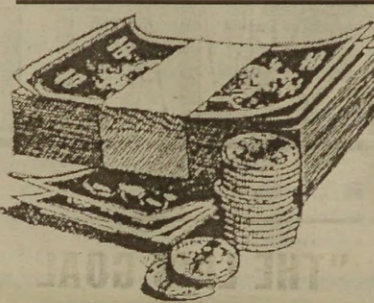
Here are 10 of the best — or worst — examples of blatant government waste that CAGW would eliminate.

These suggestions also make excellent campaign proposals for

### LIBERTARIAN Solutions

Libertarian candidates at the federal level, and provide a compelling answer to the question: “Specifically, what parts of the federal budget would you Libertarians cut first?”

■ **Eliminate the Economic Development Administration (EDA).** One-year savings: \$23 million. Five-year savings: \$1 billion. Established in 1965 to create jobs in economically distressed areas, EDA has



### QUESTION:

What part of the federal budget would the Libertarian Party cut first?

turned into a pork stampede for politically powerful states. For example, EDA grants have gone to such cities as Raleigh-Durham, N.C. and Fort Worth, Texas — even though their unemployment rates are far below the national average. And in 1995, \$500,000 in EDA funds were earmarked to build a practice facility for the Carolina Panthers professional football team in one of

the “most economically booming areas of the state.”

■ **Phase out the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Corps.** One-year savings: \$10 million. Five-year savings: \$50 million. The NOAA Corps is a 240-member uniformed commissioned corps that gets “military-like pay and benefits” to operate the NOAA’s fleet of obsolete ships. CAGW recommends that the NOAA fleet be “gradually reduced and eventually eliminated,” and, while that is occurring, the duties of the NOAA Corps be turned over to less-expensive federal civilian employees or contractors.

■ **Privatize the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).** One-year savings: \$494 million. Five-year savings: \$2.5 billion. The TVA was established in 1933 to solve a Depression-era problem: Providing electric power to impoverished rural areas. Sixty-six years later, it’s still on the job and still piling up debt — \$28 billion and counting. In a modern area of a rapidly deregulating electric industry, the TVA “should be privatized,” recommends the CAGW, and stripped of the financial perks it receives from government.

■ **Eliminate the Export Enhancement Program (EEP).** One-year savings: \$302 million. Five-year savings: \$2.2 billion. Supporters of the EEP call it a way to boost American agricultural exports; critics call it welfare for wealthy agribusiness. Established in 1985, EEP gives cash bonuses to American farmers — primarily wheat growers — who sell agricultural products in Europe, where they compete with subsidized local products. The program, says CAGW, “is simply a handout to big corporations so they can dump wheat on the international market.”

■ **Cut the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division’s Funding by 35%.** One-year savings: \$40 million. Five-year savings: \$200 million. From 1989 to 1999, funding for the DOJ’s Antitrust Division has jumped from \$39 million to \$114 million — and the department is now asking for another 10%-20% increase in staff so it can continue to investigate and sue Microsoft, Mobil/Exxon, American Airlines, and other businesses. How much do these lawsuits cost? No one knows, since the DOJ says it does not

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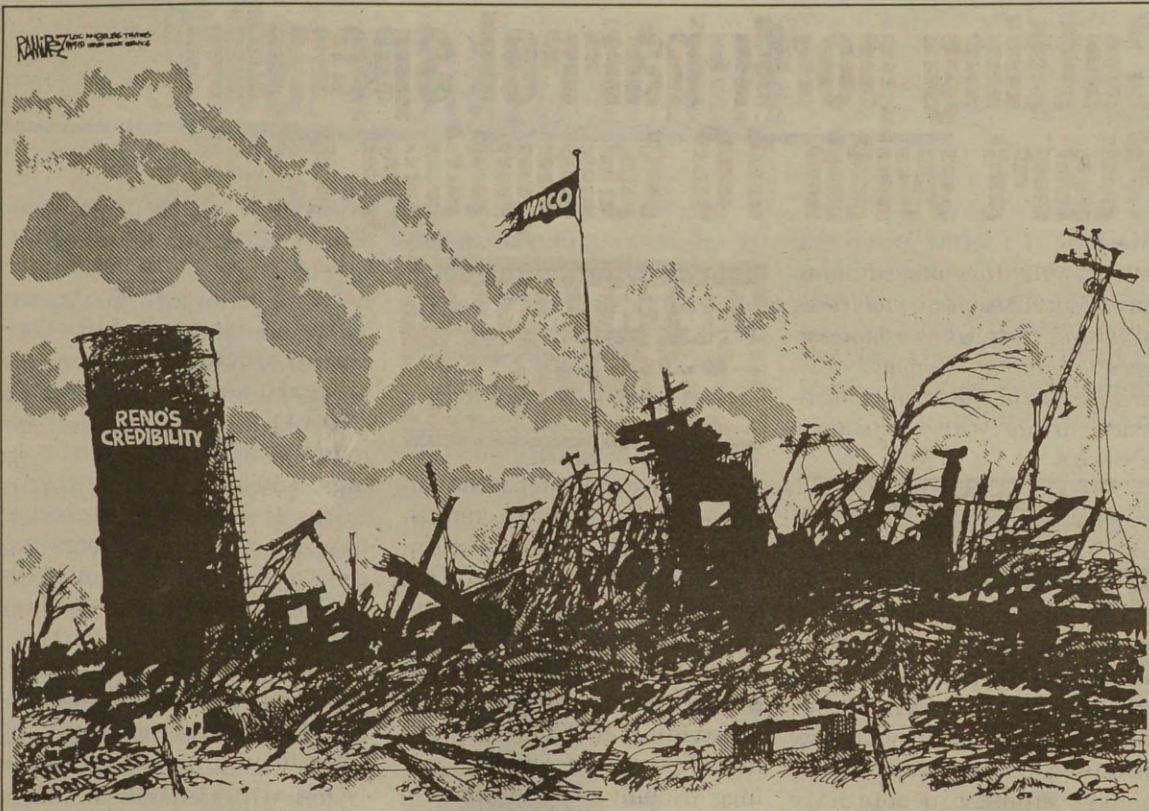
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### ■ Olfactory assault

I believe your "Talking Points" comments, in the September issue, regarding the "scent free" movement in the Halifax area were way out of line.

I have had the misfortune of working with several people who believe everybody within 100 feet of them should experience their chosen scent. I have also sat next to such people in various theaters. Since "the right to be left alone" should certainly qualify as a Libertarian belief, I salute the efforts to eliminate this sometimes nauseating intrusion.

Just as the right to swing one's fists ends where another person's nose begins, one can bathe in perfume if desired, but those who do should not be allowed to force it upon those of us who find it offensive.

— **FRANK SCHULTZ**

Russell Twp., Ohio

### ■ 2,000 Cheers

The Libertarian Party's goal of fielding 2,000 candidates for the year 2000 could not come at a better time.

With the brewing battle in the Reform Party over its presidential nominee and increasing voter dissatisfaction with the two incumbent parties, the LP will be well-positioned to capitalize on the many "down-ticket" races next year.

Therefore, I urge the LP leadership and its members to concentrate our attention and resources on viable Libertarian can-

**"THE LP'S GOAL of fielding 2,000 candidates could not have come at a better time."**

didates in races from county commissioner to state legislator to United States Senator in 2000.

— **JIM LATHAM**

Sacramento, California

### ■ Adoption ban

Items in the "Affiliate News" section appear to bear the seal of approval of *LP News*. Reported [in the August 1999 issue] is an action of the LP of Florida to join the ACLU "to overturn the state's ban on gays adopting children." That effort does not deserve the ordinary accolade awarded by *LP News*, for good reason.

Libertarians firmly support the principle that adults, including gays of course, have the right to practice the life style they choose — as long as it does not

do harm to defenseless people. Thus, Libertarians rightly urge the ban of laws prohibiting drug use by adults. However, libertarians properly draw the line at adults supplying recreational drugs for their children's use.

Libertarians find that one of the few genuine functions for government is to protect vulnerable children from dangers to their normal development. Libertarians thus rightly reject the idea that parents have the right to abuse their children, to starve or torture them, deny them an opportunity to health services, an education, and so forth.

Libertarians also should stand against gays gratifying their sexual identities by submitting children, too immature for intelligent consent, to the life-long social stigma of being adopted by them. Gays should have no "equal protection under the law" in this situation, since children in it are denied that safeguard.

— **PATRICK GROFF**

San Diego, California

### ■ Rage against the quote

As a twentysomething Gen X member, I want to respond to the letter written by Matt Ingratta [*LP News*, September 1999].

Mr. Ingratta quotes Zack de la Rocha, a leftist, as being representative of Libertarian sentiment in our age group.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Rage Against the

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# THE PULSE

## Explaining Libertarianism

**A**sk two Libertarians for their opinion, it's said, and you'll get three answers. This month's Pulse question proved the accuracy of that quip, generating dozens of different suggestions — almost all of them unique. The question? What's your most effective one-sentence definition and/or explanation of Libertarianism or the Libertarian Party?

The unscientific results: All over the map, with no one definition (or similar definitions) gaining more than a handful of votes. However, a few trends did emerge.

For example, the word "responsibility" showed up in 14% of the responses, making it the most common theme. (The most common theme, that is, other than the omnipresent "smaller government/more liberty" motif.) The words "wallet" and "coercion" each appeared in 6% of the responses, while the "non-initiation of force" was mentioned in just 4% of the answers.

Answers varied in verbosity, too. The shortest: Three words. ("You own you.") The longest: 54 words.

Here is a cross-section of responses, featuring the most interesting, unique, and persuasive definitions — along with some of the reasons why people like them.

■ "Smaller Government is Better Government." It says it all. — **RANDY BRYAN**, Laurel, Maryland

■ "The libertarian society will best reflect the Golden Rule carried to its logical conclusion."

— **SUSAN CALLAWAY**, Lucerne Valley, California

■ "The Libertarian Party is a coalition of those who hold dear the civil liberties championed by liberals yet abandoned by Democrats, and those who hold dear the economic liberties championed by conservatives yet abandoned by Republicans."

— **RICK ROOT**, Westminster, California

■ "We give you more options." This has a double meaning. Our principles give people more choices and our presence on the ballot does too.

— **JOHN DEMEO**, Cumberland, Rhode Island

■ "The Libertarian Party is the only political party that takes the entire Bill of Rights seriously."

— **NELSON WILLIAM CLAYTON**, Sandy, Utah

■ "Your life, your way." In only four words, that summarizes the philosophy and the practice; and it's a slogan to whose truth most people can immediately relate.

— **JIM DAVIES**, Sunapee, New Hampshire

■ "Libertarianism is the belief that YOU are a good person." — **JASON MILLER**, Hudsonville, Michigan

■ "Libertarianism is the belief that everyone is created by God with the equal rights of life, liberty, and property; that each person can do with their properties whatever they want so long as no one else is hurt; and that if a person is hurt, that victim is entitled to compensation for those injuries."

— **ROY H. SMITH**, Houston, Texas

■ "The oldest political philosophy in America."

— **MICHAEL SMITH**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

■ "A political philosophy which seeks to limit government and its laws, preventing it from interfering with an individual's fundamental rights."

— **STEVEN D. WEBER**, Easton, Pennsylvania

■ "Libertarianism: Keeping the government's nose out of our business and its hand out of our wallet."

— **LENORA BRYANT**, Nashville, Tennessee

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■ "Libertarianism is absolute personal freedom tempered by absolute personal responsibility." It's short and it goes straight to the point!

— RICH MCCORMACK, Poway, California

■ "You own you."

— BLAKE LEVERETT, Colorado Springs, Colorado

■ "Libertarians: taking freedom seriously."

— BRUCE EARNHEART, Dayton, Ohio

■ "Freedom and responsibility."

— ELLISSA TILLER, Salem, Virginia

■ "The principle that every person and his property should be free from bullying, fraud, or intolerance, whether from another individual, group, or even a government, so long as he in turn lives by the same principal."

— STEVEN S. AFTON, Royal Oak, Michigan

■ "Freedom, across the board."

— ALMA HYDE, Perris, California

■ "Libertarianism is all about individual liberty coupled with individual responsibility."

— RUSSELL STANTON, East Claridon, Ohio

■ "Libertarianism = Freedom + Responsibility!"

— TODD B. HERMAN, Yuba City, California

■ **Editor's Note:** For more answers to this month's "Pulse" question, see *LP News* online at [www.LP.org/lpn](http://www.LP.org/lpn)

## December Question: Improve the Platform?

The Libertarian Party's platform, although remaining remarkably consistent from year to year, is always a work in progress. Every two years, delegates at the party's National Convention "fine-tune" the document—adding planks about new political issues, deleting obsolete language, and tweaking the rhetoric. That process will happen again soon, when delegates meet in Anaheim, CA, from June 30-July 3, 2000. So, now's the time to make your voice heard—if there is something about the LP's platform you don't like (and want to delete), or think could be *improved*: Either beefed up, moderated, or added.

■ **QUESTION:** If you could change (or add) one Libertarian Party platform plank, what would it be? And why? (Please limit answers to 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** November 5, 1999

## November Question: Flat Tax? Sales Tax?

Libertarians don't like taxes; there's no doubt about that. But while we work to eliminate our least-liked tax—the income tax—some Libertarians suggest the party should support "interim" measures. For example, some say the LP should support a national sales tax, which would make the IRS unnecessary. Others say we should endorse a flat tax to make taxes more "simple." But other Libertarians reject those arguments, saying the party should concentrate on lowering or abolishing taxes—not making them flatter, or creating a new federal tax.

■ **QUESTION:** Should the Libertarian Party support a flat tax? And/or should we support a national sales tax? Why or why not? (Please limit answers to 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** October 5, 1999

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Machine is a leftist group that advocates anti-capitalism, anti-individualism, and "Getting Whitey." They are not Libertarians.

Please do not confuse anti-state rhetoric with anti-statism ideology.

— ADRIAN C. HITON  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## ■ The Liberty Penguin

In the August issue of *LP News*, noting a proliferation of penguins, David Mann pondered: "How did the penguin, of all animals, become a symbol for liberty and independence?"

It's my fault. I may have started this. What's worse, it may turn out to be my most substantial contribution to the cause of liberty.

You see, in early 1994, I wrote a letter to *LP News*, which was subsequently printed, in which I suggested adoption of the penguin as a fitting mascot for the Libertarian Party (and a darn sight cuter than any elephant or jackass I've ever encountered, I might add).

Several months later, I was contacted by Ann Cason and happily granted her permission to use the idea as a basis for the libertarian promotional merchandise she still produces today.

Until seeing Mr. Mann's letter, I was unaware that anyone else had adopted the popular penguin as a symbol of liberty, but if this is the case, I am perfectly pleased, particularly since I still regard the National LP's preference for our American Pallas, Ms. Liberty, as prosaic at best, and lacking the provocative potential of the penguin.

— LUTHER JETT

Washington Grove, Maryland

## ■ Ventura for Prez

As a long-time member of the LP (about 20 years), I think we should be seriously considering enticing and inviting Jesse Ventura to accept the LP nomination for president in 2000.

I have a friend who has been a life-long Democrat and he told me he would vote for Governor Ventura if he ran for the presidency.

We would influence more people with our libertarian ideas by having a popular, charismatic personality, such as the wrestler Ventura, as our candidate.

— JOSEPH F. LIDO  
Montebello, California

## ■ Peace & safety

I somewhat admire the courage of the letter-writer ["Heart, brains, courage," *LP News*, September 1999], who looks forward to a Libertarian America, which he calls a sometimes "fearsome" place where people must intelligently, bravely bear the burdens of responsibility.

But I beg him to consider that this one-sided rhetoric almost resembles a hostile Socialist portrait of liberty—and scares

away millions of plain, timid voters whose support we need to free America.

A Libertarian America will offer something great for everyone. The brave and clever will prosper more than now (through opportunity for adventure), but I (timid, with only an average mind) strongly support Libertarianism for the opposite reason: Because I want true peace and safety. Many terrible welfare/warfare state evils will be eliminated. A few:

Needless foreign wars (in which Americans get disabled and killed); forced busing; inner cities turned into nightly war zones, with frequent shootings, stabbings, beatings and rapes (because of Democrat and Re-

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publican "welfare" and "drug war" policies); the guaranteed-to-shrink value of U.S. currency; admittedly safe, powerful pain-relief medicines for the terminally-ill being kept illegal and unavailable for years because bureaucrats insist that they — not the suffering patients — must decide (through an endless process) whether the medicines are "truly effective."

The list is endless.  
— **MICHAEL HOLASEK**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## ■ No-Tax Alaska

A correction is needed. Your story in the August edition, "New Hampshire LP leads anti-tax fight," is in error on one important point. New Hampshire is not the only state without an income or sales tax.

Last time I checked, Alaska was still a state, and we enjoy the same lack of taxes.

— **C. STUART PRISK**  
Soldotna, Alaska

## ■ Mandating guns

It is time each state legislature enact a law that states each law-abiding household must have a gun in it for protection. And, since the crime rate will be next to zero, all police forces should be reduced by 75%.

The Libertarian Party must join other groups and push for this legislation before we are completely without defense.

— **JUNE BOUDETTE**  
Rimrock, Arizona

## ■ Too confrontational

I am a disenfranchised Republican. I have contributed to the LP, have a membership card, read *LP News*, and will post the "Enough is Enough" sign in my yard come the next election.

But I still have problems with what seems to me to be an overly "confrontational" stance of the LP. In a zeal to be anti-government, I think we sometimes defy logic.

Take the LP stand against the ban on assault weapons. We appear to decry the ban only because of one's "right" to own and carry the weapon. I equate this weapon with a mad dog. I not only see no earthly civilian use for this weapon, I do not want to confront it on the streets. Do I agree with leash laws? Yes, I do . . . and if I confront a mad dog on a public street, I do not want it left for me to evade or kill it. In an honest regard for the public safety, that dog should not be on the streets in the first place.

All in all, I wonder why the

LP must by nature — at least in appearance — be so either/or? Surely we could allow that sometime, somewhere there is a law that is truly in the public good.

— **HERB CHILDS**  
Lubbock, Texas

## ■ Freemasonry

I am a Libertarian. I am also a Freemason. Imagine how

proud I felt when I found the following ad on page 23 of September's *LP News*, "FREEMASONRY: An ideal complement to Libertarianism."

I learned about the LP in the early '80s. I liked and believed a lot of what they were saying, but I just couldn't talk myself into joining. In 1997 I became a Mason; in 1999 I became a cardholding Libertarian. I had no choice; their principles are the same: Friendship, Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and Freedom to name a few. You can only join of your own free will

and accord. A good many of our Founding Fathers were Masons, plus a lot of other liberty-loving men down through the years.

I recommend Freemasonry to any man, and the Libertarian Party to anyone.

To Be One, Ask One.

— **LARRY D. BURGESS**  
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

## ■ Help from Harry

Last night I called the Harry Browne Radio Program. I suggested to Harry that he ask me a common question that he's got-

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# Corrections

■ In the September issue, an "Affiliate News" item incorrectly stated that "other small parties" joined in the Vermont LP's campaign finance lawsuit. In fact, the Vermont LP was the only party named as a plaintiff. And the article, "The 20 best liberty books," featured a photograph incorrectly identified as Henry Hazlitt. It was F.A. Hayek.

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# Investigating The Federal Income Tax

BY JOSEPH BANISTER

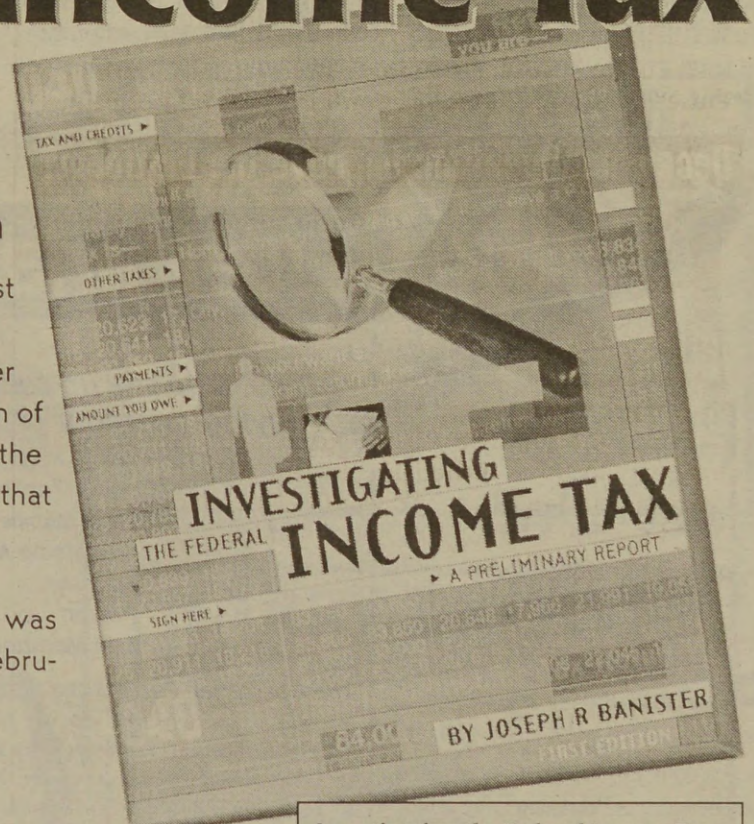
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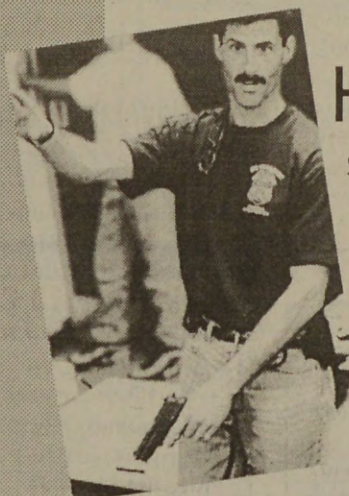
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"keep track of costs for each case." Recommends CAGW: "The Antitrust Division's budget should be slashed to prevent more taxation through litigation."

■ **Bring Federal Retirement Benefits in Line with the Private Sector.** One-year savings: \$880 million. Five-year savings: \$10.8 billion. Should federal government workers — who already receive generous benefits, automatic raises, and all-but-guaranteed lifetime employment — also receive lavish retirement benefits? No, suggests CAGW, which notes that even "modest alterations" in the federal pensions system could save billions of dollars and still provide "retirement benefits comparable or better than most private-sector plans."

■ **Phase Out the Operating Subsidy for Amtrak.** One-year savings: \$180 million. Five-year savings: \$1.6 billion. Even if you never ride a train, you're still paying for Amtrak, to the tune of \$180 million a year. Phasing out that subsidy "would complete the task of making Amtrak a self-sufficient trans-

porter and get taxpayers off the endless track of wasteful spending," says CAGW.

■ **Impose a Moratorium on Federal Land Purchases.** One-year savings: \$109 million. Five-year savings: \$1.3 billion. The federal government already controls about 30% — or more than 650 million acres — of the land in the United States. But that's not enough: It continues to spend upwards of \$300 million a year to buy more land. Phase out that program, suggests CAGW, so land-use decisions can be made for economic or environmental — rather than political — reasons.

■ **Reform Milk Marketing Orders.** One-year savings: \$149 million. Five-year savings: \$669 million. Got milk? Or rather, got more *expensive* milk? Thanks to this 60-year-old program, you do. Designed to ensure an adequate supply of milk, these milk marketing orders have grown into a bizarrely complicated system that increases the cost of milk based in part on how far the manufacturing plants are from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The bottom line: Consumers get milked while "the prices of all

## LAND PURCHASES:

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products that contain milk" are inflated, says CAGW.

■ **Eliminate Grants to Non-Profit Organizations.** One-year savings: \$118 million. Five-year savings: \$590 million. Just because they're called non-profits doesn't mean they're not profiting from your tax dollars. In fact, some non-profit environmental, "social justice," and advocacy organizations get more than 50% of their operating budgets from the federal government — and use that money for "advocating, lobbying, or promoting policies that many Americans would find untenable,"

notes CAGW. Abolish that non-profit welfare system, it says, because "taxpayers should not be forced to spend their own money to support agendas with which they may disagree."

## Afterword

Ten simple waste-cutting proposals, courtesy of Citizens Against Government Waste. The amount of money that could be saved by American taxpayers during the first year if they were implemented: \$2.777 billion. Savings over five years: \$20.9 billion.

And those are just 10 of CAGW's 44 proposals to curb an "increasingly expansive, expensive, and inefficient government."

No, Libertarians wouldn't stop with CAGW's waste-cutting proposals. But they're a good place to start.

■ **Editor's note:** For more information about Citizens Against Government Waste and its Prime Cuts Summary: Forty-Four Ways to a Leaner Government, call (800) BE-ANGRY. Write: 1301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 400, Washington DC 20036.

# THE MAILBOX

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ten from the "hostile media" on the campaign trail. I proposed that after I respond, he critique my answer. We did this with Harry offering much valuable feedback on how I may more effectively present and organize my response. His points were simple but powerful.

I strongly recommend that LP candidates, in particular, use this resource to sharpen their responses to common media queries. Call the program on Sunday evening (800-298-TALK) for an educational — and delightful — experience.

— **MICHAEL R. EDELSTEIN**  
San Francisco, California

## Phase it out

I'm writing in response to the August 1999 LP News in which John Nemeth objected to ending Social Security outright [The Mailbox].

The reality is that when Libertarians gain legislative power, they will need to carefully review each government program or agency and decide how they can be modified and/or gradually phased out. We need to consider that without Social Security, millions of current retirees would have saved and invested earlier in life to plan for retirement.

People like Mr. Nemeth would have obtained private disability insurance. For that reason, people who are currently on (or close to being on) Social Security should be "grand-fathered" in. Social Security should be officially closed to anyone not currently or near being on it. Younger people not currently receiving benefits would then need to obtain private retirement funds and disability insurance (if they have not already).

The result would be that the payroll tax would, each year, decline based on the mortality rate of recipients until the program was completely phased out.

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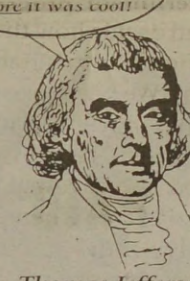
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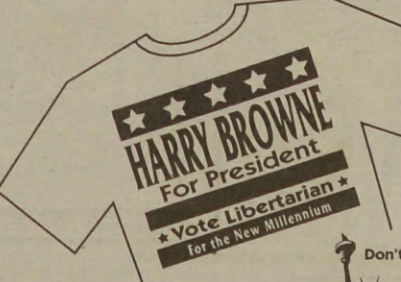
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## ■ October 6, 1999

**Heartland Institute's 15th Anniversary Benefit**, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Speakers include syndicated columnist Walter Williams and libertarian comedian Tim Slagle. For information or reservations, call (312) 377-4000.

## ■ October 8-10, 1999

**Florida LP Convention**, Sheraton Hotel, West Palm Beach. Speakers include Ward Connerly (civil rights activist), Michael Cloud (1998 Libertarian National Convention Keynote Speaker) and David Bergland (LP National Chair). For information, call Frank Longo: (561) 883-3357. E-mail: FLongo@bellsouth.net.

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**Hawaii LP Convention/Campaign 2000 event**, 2500 Pali Highway, Honolulu. Events include: Officer elections, and candidate and membership recruiting workshops. For information, contact Roger Taylor (808) 352-5683. E-mail: roger@pixi.com.

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**New Hampshire LP Convention**, Holiday Inn, Nashua. Speakers include LP presidential candidates Harry Browne and Larry Hines; Michael Cloud (1998 National LP Convention keynote speaker); and Edmund Contoski (author of *Makers and Takers*). For information, contact Tom Kershaw at (603) 424-0100. E-mail: kersha19@IDT.net.

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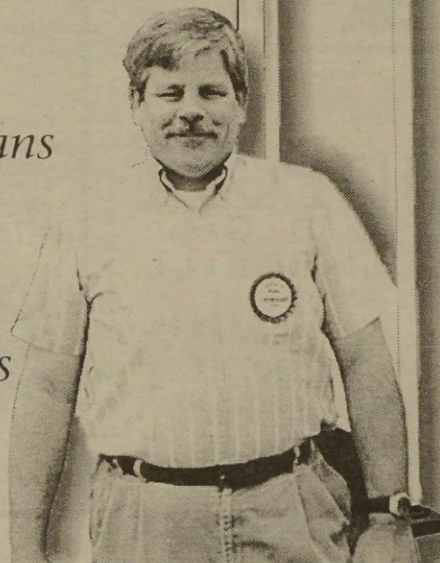
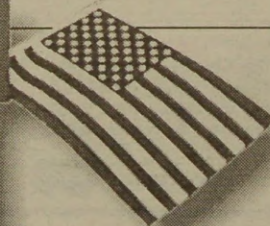
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— MALCOLM DOUGLAS, *Northwest Florida Daily News*  
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— CARA DEGETTE, *Colorado Springs Independent*, (CO), July 1, 1999