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Oregon mayor joins LP

A mayor in a small town in Oregon has joined the Libertarian Party — becoming the most recent Republican officeholder to “defect” to the LP.

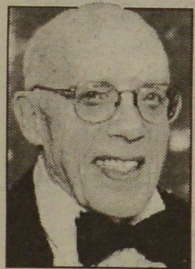
On August 26, Andrew F. Leckie, the mayor of Spray, Oregon, officially joined the Libertarian Party and changed his registration to Libertarian. At the same time, his wife, Kenna, joined the party as well.

“My wife was a life-long Democrat and I was a life-long Republican — but we could not find much that the parties disagreed on,” said Leckie.

■ Mayor Leckie: “You couldn’t tell much difference between the Republicans and Democrats. So we started looking for something else.”

Leckie said he had “been aware” of the Libertarian Party for a number of years, but it wasn’t until he learned that

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■ Marc Brandl (left), a customer service representative at the LP’s national office, shakes hands with New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, who is being urged to seek the party’s presidential nomination. The two met at a conference on drug policy reform in Washington, DC on October 4, but did not have a chance to discuss the “Draft Johnson” movement, said Brandl.

Johnson for president effort generates buzz

Libertarians launch committee to draft N.M. governor Gary Johnson for president

A new committee has been launched to try to draft New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson to run for president on the Libertarian Party ticket — and the effort has already generated national publicity for the party.

At a press conference on October 5 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a group of Libertarians and others announced the formation of a “Draft Johnson for President Committee,” and said they would soon file papers with the FEC. Johnson, who is serving his second term as governor, is a Republican.

The announcement generated a news story in the *New York Times*, and sparked coverage from the Associated Press, CNN, and other media outlets.

Johnson — who has generated headlines of his own over the past several months because of his outspoken call to end the

War on Drugs — has so far “politely declined” the invitation to run for president as a Libertarian.

The possibility of recruiting Johnson is “a chance for the Libertarian Party to have a Jesse Ventura of our own, and we’re quite excited about it,” said Joseph Knight, State Chair of the New Mexico LP, who attended the press conference and has written to Johnson to invite him to throw his hat into the ring.

Only party

In his letter, Knight urged Johnson to “join the only political party in America that agrees with your philosophy.”

Addressing some specific issues, Knight wrote: “You believe in less government, and so do we; you believe in school choice,

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SPECIAL FEATURE PRESENTATION

Freedom’s flicks: The 20 best libertarian movies of all time

The Orange County Register picks movies for “freedom lovers”

Editor’s note: It all started, said the editors of the *Orange County Register*, when they got bored with President Clinton’s scandal-of-the-day, and decided to compile a list of the “20 Best Libertarian Movies of All Time.”

It was late November 1998, the elections were over, the impeachment hearings seemed to be a “fizzle,” and there was nothing to do at the *Orange County*

Register — one of the most consistently small-“l” libertarian newspapers in the country — except “watch a movie.”

And, while they were at it, to decide which staff favorites did the best job of celebrating liberty on film.

Why? Well, “if the American film institute can come up with a list and the Vatican can come up with a list, why not libertarians?” they asked.

They were looking for movies, they said, “that encourage individualism over tyranny, self-responsibility over paternalism, and, well, that offer a hearty dose

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■ Mel Gibson as William Wallace in the #3-ranked movie, *Braveheart*, a stirring account of “the Scots in their fight against British tyranny.”



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NEWS BRIEFS

LP cited in 'Digital Democracy' report

The Libertarian Party and its campaign against the "Know Your Customer" regulation have been praised in a new report that examines the impact of the Internet on politics.

The report — *Creating a Digital Democracy: The Impact of the Internet on Public Policy-Making* — is described as a "qualitative analysis of how the Internet is changing the rules of the [political] game." It was released in early October by the Foundation for Public Affairs, a Washington, DC-based "research and information clearinghouse."

The LP is cited in the "Activists' Tool" section of the report, which noted that the party's DefendYourPrivacy.com website helped generate the flood of complaints that convinced the FDIC to withdraw a regulation that would have required banks to spy on their customers for the federal government.

"The Libertarian Party . . . knocked America's leading financial regulators on their heels with an e-mail campaign," wrote the report's author, Tom Price.

LP National Director Steve Dasbach said the Digital Democracy report was a nice "pat on the back" for the party.

"Defeating the Know Your Customer regulation was the most important pay-off for our campaign," he said. "However, being recognized as one of the leading-edge political organizations in the country is certainly gratifying, too."

Waco documentary wins Emmy Award

The documentary *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* — which helped revitalize the investigation about what really happened during the siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas — has won an Emmy Award as the best Investigative Journalism program of 1999.

The award, announced September 8, is the second major recognition for the documentary. Previously, it was nominated for an Academy Award as best documentary film of 1998.

The producers of the film, Amy Sommers and Dan Gifford, also won the "Champions of Liberty" award at the Libertarian Party's 1998 national convention.

Waco: The Rules of Engagement had previously been attacked by some critics, who suggested the film's allegations — that the FBI had fired military-style tear gas grenades and that machine gun fire had been directed at the compound by an FBI helicopter on the day of the fatal fire — were unsubstantiated.

However, recently uncovered photos of the actual 40-mm, flammable tear gas grenades fired during the siege and an admission by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno that the FBI had withheld evidence during the post-Waco investigation have confirmed many of the film's charges.

The documentary qualified for Emmy consideration after airing on HBO earlier this year. It is also slated for limited theatrical re-release in such cities as San Francisco, Baltimore, and San Jose, and is available at most Blockbuster outlets.

Tobin loses lawsuit over ballot rejection

A lawsuit filed by Illinois Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate Jim Tobin has been dismissed by a state appellate court, which ruled that the lawsuit had procedural flaws.

On September 23, the court refused to hear Tobin's challenge to a previous Cook County Circuit Court ruling, which had upheld a State Board of Elections decision in November 1998 to keep Tobin off the ballot.

Tobin had charged the Board of Elections with violating his First Amendment rights when it removed him — and seven other LP statewide candidates — from the November 1998 ballot by making the "capricious and wrongful" decision to invalidate 36,000 ballot access signatures.

The LP had filed a record 61,009 signatures to meet a 25,000 signature requirement, but the Board of Elections rejected so many signatures that the party failed to qualify.

A parallel federal civil rights lawsuit is still pending.



Oregon mayor becomes Libertarian

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Nobel prize-winning economist Milton Friedman was a libertarian that he decided to join.

"I've always been an admirer of the Cato Institute, and of Milton Friedman and his book, *Free To Choose*," he said. "When I found out that Milton Friedman was a libertarian, that changed my [mind]."

What he finds most appealing about the Libertarian Party, said Leckie, is that it isn't poll-driven like the Republicans and Democrats — but, instead, is based on principle.

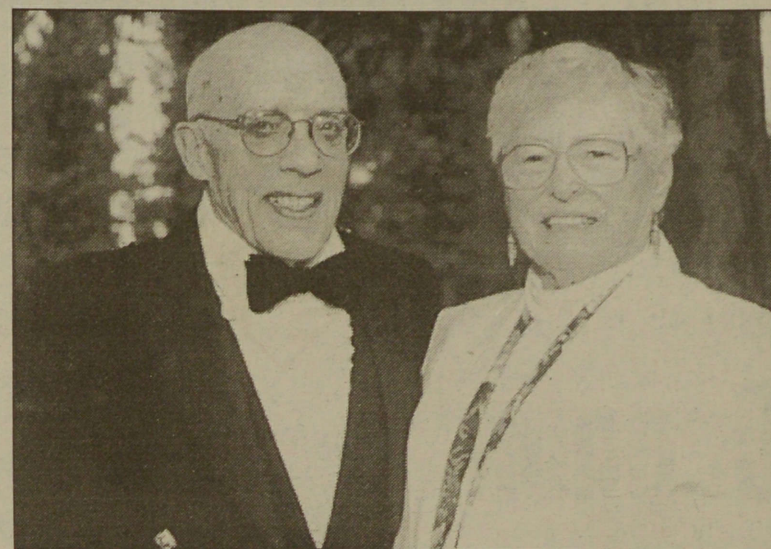
Libertarians have "the same policies our Founding Fathers had — support for the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, [which are] the foundation of our country," he said. By contrast, "I don't think either [the Republicans or Democrats] are performing the way our Constitution intended."

Stir up interest

Now that he is a member of the LP, Leckie said his principal role will be to "stir up interest about" the Libertarian Party. Although, he noted, "My wife does a better job of pushing it!"

Adam Mayer, the State Chair of the Oregon LP, welcomed Leckie's switch as a sign of the growing success of the Libertarian Party in the state.

"I was glad to see that another elected official has joined the Libertarian Party," he said. "Since Richard Burke's campaign for governor last year, our statewide membership and voter reg-



■ Mayor Andrew "Buck" Leckie and his wife, Kenna. He was a lifelong Republican; she was a lifelong Democrat — and they found common ground by joining the Libertarian Party.

istration has been growing throughout Oregon, especially in the eastern part of the state."

And Leckie's decision has won praise from Ron Crickenberger, the party's national political director.

"We're honored that after a lifetime in another party, Mayor Leckie has found a new home in the Libertarian Party," he said. "Our party will not succeed just by electing Libertarians to office, but by attracting high-caliber people from other parties who are brave enough and principled enough — like Mayor Leckie — to join us in our work for liberty."

Leckie, 78, was elected to the part-time mayor's position in Spray in 1998. His four-year term runs until 2002.

Now retired, Leckie had previously worked as a rancher, the

owner of a store, and as a newspaper editor. Politically, he had also served as a county judge for nine years, and as mayor of the town of Fossil for six years.

Won't change

Now that he's a Libertarian, Leckie's on-the-job behavior probably won't change much, predicted Oregon LP activist Jerome Cole, who had personally invited Leckie to join.

"He was already a [philosophical] libertarian before he joined the party," said Cole. "So in terms of governance there won't be much that he does differently if anything at all. However, he says he will actively lobby the legislature to repeal [Oregon's] onerous land use regulations and to protect our Second Amendment rights."

Cobb County (Georgia) LP battles sales tax

Cobb County Libertarians in Georgia were so effective in drumming up opposition to a "fiscally irresponsible" sales tax increase that the committee set up to study the issue is about to be disbanded.

Libertarians turned out in force at a series of public meetings in October to oppose the \$110 million a year sales tax increase — and even earned front-page coverage in the *Marietta Daily Journal*, said LP member Michael Powers.

"We pointed out that the

county was totally unable to state how much money they take in now, or where it all goes — so we certainly can't trust them with another tax increase," he said.

Powers was joined by LP members Dale Ritchey, Garrett Hayes, Jason Butler, and Rob Moody at the Cobb County

Board of Commissioners hearings in East Cobb.

"Negative sentiment to the tax is now so overwhelming that the Board of Commissioners is suggesting that the committee disband before the remaining meetings are completed," he said. Last year, voters rejected a similar 1% sales tax hike.

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1999 LP candidate list grows to 215

Additional candidates confirm status as LP's most-contested off-year election ever

The number of LP candidates on the ballot this November has jumped to 215 — further solidifying 1999 as a record-setting off-year election for the Libertarian Party.

Libertarians are on the ballot — mostly in local, non-partisan elections — in 24 states. The election is on Tuesday, November 2.

The number of candidates has increased from the 204 reported in last month's *LP News* because of new candidate announcements and updated candidate lists from state organizations, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

Besides running more candidates than in any previous odd-numbered election year — the party's previous record was 154 in 1997 — the Libertarian Party is also fielding twice as many candidates as all other third parties combined, he said.

According to information on their websites, the Reform Party

is running only 32 candidates; the Green Party, 69 candidates; the Natural Law Party, zero candidates; and the Constitution Party (formerly known as the U.S. Taxpayers Party), zero candidates.

Grass roots party

"Running more candidates than all the other third parties combined demonstrates that we are a true grass roots party," said Crickenberger. "While other third parties are almost all personality driven, ours is the only political party whose strength comes from its principles."

"The demonstration of that strength is that so many of our members put their principles, their time, and their money on the line to run as candidates of the Libertarian Party."

LP candidates are on the ballot in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mis-



■ There are 215 Libertarian candidates on the ballot this November, but this may be the oddest publicity that any of them has managed to generate. The unorthodox illustration — showing Andy Horning, LP candidate for mayor in Indianapolis, Indiana swinging into a local pond — appeared on the September 2-9, 1999 cover of *Nuvo Newsweekly*, a weekly "alternative" newspaper. It was also surprisingly positive, describing Horning as a candidate with a "passion for principles."

souri, Montana, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington state, and Wisconsin.

Crickenberger singled out four states for special praise, since they account for a bulk of the candidates: Indiana (43);

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY

1999 CANDIDATES

Here are the additional candidates running for office in the Fall 1999 elections, and the offices they are seeking. The other 204 candidates were listed in the October *LP News*. Not on either list? Call LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger at (202) 333-0008 Ext. 227.

■ California

Matt Grocott, San Carlos City Council • **Al Swain**, Whitmore Union School District • **Rita White**, Bonita School District

■ Colorado

Carole Hill, Lake County School Board

■ Indiana

Steve Kristoff, Oldenburg Town Council

■ Iowa

Mark Nelson, Davenport School Board

■ Montana

Richard Johnson, Missoula City Council

■ New Hampshire

Kathleen Sauer, Manchester Selectman

■ Ohio

Jocelyn Kendell, Alliance City Council • **Steve Linnabary**, Columbus Board of Education • **Jack Null**, Fariburn Board of Education

LP office is a winner in talk radio friendliness

LP wins accolades from Talkers Magazine

The Libertarian Party is one of the most "talk-friendly" political organizations in Washington, DC — and knows how to "connect" with talk radio audiences better than Republicans or Democrats, says the talk radio industry's leading publication.

In its November 1999 issue, *Talkers Magazine* cited the party's national office among the top 13 organizations in the nation's capitol that "go out of their way to be helpful to talk radio broadcasters."

The White House

The LP was listed alongside such political powerhouses as the White House, the Republican National Committee, the AARP, the Democratic National Committee, and the Heritage Foundation. The very short list was selected from the "thousands of organizations based in Washington, DC," noted *Talkers*.

"The Libertarians make great political talk radio guests as they directly connect to one of the

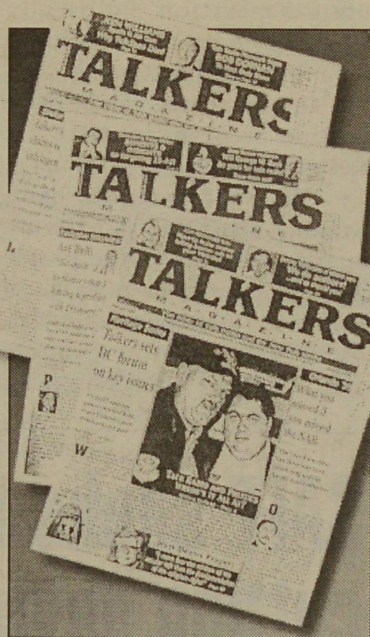
core audience's concerns over the rising power and size of the government in everyday life," the magazine wrote. "If the Republicans and Democrats knew how to connect with talk radio the way Libertarians do, they would really be dangerous!"

In a separate article in the same issue examining the connection between "Talk Radio and Politics," the magazine also wrote: "The Libertarians... have a track record of being talk radio friendly, something that has significantly contributed to their candidates having a high favorability rating among the medium's core listeners."

In fact, "10% of the talk audience says it identifies with the Libertarian Party and its philosophies," reported *Talkers*.

George Getz, the LP's Press Secretary and a principal spokesperson for the party on talk radio, said he was pleased that the Libertarian Party scored so favorably with *Talkers Magazine*.

"It's pretty amazing, when you think about it: We're in-



■ *Talkers Magazine*: "If the Republicans and Democrats knew how to connect with talk radio the way Libertarians do, they would really be dangerous!"

cluded on that list alongside the political parties that control the White House and Congress, and that outspend us by a factor of 100 to one," he said.

Secret of success

The party's secret of success, he said, has been figuring out what talk radio hosts need — and providing it.

"Talk radio has simple (but not easy) requirements: Guests who are available quickly, who

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Illinois lawsuit targets gun buyback programs

Libertarian says sheriff breaks the law

In a surprising turnaround, a Libertarian in Illinois has sued a local sheriff for sponsoring a gun buy-back program — arguing that it violates federal firearms laws.

On September 16, Matt Beauchamp, chairman of the Chicago LP, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court accusing Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan of illegal gun trafficking as part of the so-called Safe Streets/Safe Schools 2000 gun buy-back program.

Specifically, the lawsuit charges that Sheahan is purchasing firearms without the required federal firearms license. It also claims the sheriff is violating the law by accepting weapons without asking for identification — which makes it easy for felons to sell stolen guns.

Watchdogs of justice

"These people are supposed to uphold the law, not act above it," said Beauchamp. "If the so-called watchdogs of justice exhibit such blatant disregard for

their own laws, who are they beholden to? Who watches the watchers? In the coming weeks, the courts will decide just that question."

Beauchamp also charged that buy-back programs do not reduce crime, but may actually give money to criminals to upgrade their weapons.

No evidence

The "program [is] a sham and a waste of \$100,000 in taxpayer funds," he said. "There is no evidence that these programs have even the slightest effect on crime."

The lawsuit seeks a court order to halt the three-week-old buy-back program, which has already collected over 3,000 weapons — including an AK-47 assault rifle and an Uzi submachine gun — in exchange for \$50 in cash or \$75 gift certificates.

The lawsuit won the support of Conceal Carry, Inc., a non-partisan organization that lobbied

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POLITICAL NEWS

National ID card killed by U.S. House

Thanks to an outpouring of calls and letters from concerned Americans, Congress appears to have killed a proposed "national ID card."

On September 30, the U.S. House approved a House-Senate compromise committee version of the Transportation Appropriations bill, which included language repealing a federal mandate that would have turned every American's driver's license into a de facto national ID card.

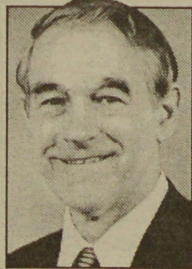
"This is a great moment for all Americans; we have succeeded in defeating a program that would have deprived Americans of their Constitutional liberties, while imposing a massive federal bureaucracy to monitor their every step from cradle to grave," said Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), who had sponsored HR 2337, a bill to repeal the national ID.

HR 2337 had been supported by the Libertarian Party, which has always opposed any kind of government-mandated identity papers.

The national ID card was a byproduct of the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act, which imposed federal standards on state driver's licenses. Those rules — intended to make it impossible to duplicate driver's licenses — would probably have included Social Security numbers and biometric identifiers.

Without such a federally approved ID card, Americans would not have been able to legally get a job, take a commercial flight, or purchase a handgun. The new standards were scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2000.

At press time, the bill still needed to be passed by the U.S. Senate and signed into law by the president.



■ Ron Paul: "A great moment."

Florida radio talk show host joins LP

The Libertarian Party's influence on talk radio has increased slightly, thanks to another radio talk show host who has joined the party.

Kim Watson — the popular host of both "Hotline" and "PM Tallahassee" on WTAL (AM 1450) in Tallahassee, Florida — announced on the air in mid-July that she had officially become a Libertarian.

"We are very gratified to have Kim on board," said Gene Cole, the Chair of the Leon County Libertarian Party. "She will surely be an asset to the party." Watson's announcement came a few days after she had interviewed several LP activists on her show, but her "libertarian leanings had long been apparent to her listeners and guests," said Cole.



■ Kim Watson: Asset to the LP

NY Libertarian fights SSN regulation

A New York state Libertarian has filed a lawsuit against the New York City Department of Motor Vehicles, to try to discover what law empowers them to demand his Social Security Number [SSN] before issuing a driver's license.

Now, eight months into his quest, Libertarian Matt Z. Siegel has lost the right to drive an automobile, and still hasn't gotten an answer.

"My lawsuit is based on the Privacy Act of 1974, which states that any agency specifically empowered to collect SSN's has to inform citizens whether collection is voluntary or not, and what federal statute authorizes the agency to collect SSN's," said Siegel. "The DMV cannot cite the law that empowers it to collect SSN's, but continues to do so anyway."

Because he can't get his driver's license without turning over his SSN, Siegel can't drive.

But the inconvenience is worth it, he said, because the case is "about tracking all Americans" — and he refuses "to be part of the generation that allows this to happen."

Advocates: Presidential Library prize up for grabs by activists

1999 Lights of Liberty winners will qualify for grand prize drawing

The Advocates for Self-Government has upped the reward for its popular "Lights of Liberty" awards for 1999 — and one lucky winner will receive an historic "Libertarian Presidential Library" set.

"This is a chance to own a piece of political history — not to mention some great reading," said Sharon Harris, president of the Advocates.

Launched in 1998, the "Lights of Liberty" program honors activists who help popularize libertarian concepts to the public. To qualify, a libertarian must either:

■ Get three or more letters-to-the-editor published in newspapers or magazines that use the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" in a positive light.

■ Deliver three or more prepared speeches about libertarianism to a predominately non-libertarian audience.

■ Participate in three or more Operation Politically Homeless outreach booths to help find new libertarians.

These activities can be done anytime between January 1 and December 31, 1999.

"We want to reward hard-working, effective grassroots libertarian activists — the people who are taking the message of liberty to the public," said Harris. "And we want to stimulate and encourage a lot more such



■ Sharon Harris: "This is a chance to own a piece of political history — not to mention some great reading."

vital libertarian activism.

"We also want to popularize the words 'libertarian' and 'libertarianism.' For too many Americans, these are still new words and new ideas."

Special Web page

At the end of the year, every libertarian activist who has qualified for the "Lights of Liberty" award will receive a certificate suitable for framing; will get their name posted on a special Web page; and will receive a year's subscription to *The Liberator* magazine.

Each Lights of Liberty winner will also have his or her name put into a drawing for the grand

prize — "a collection of mostly out-of-print campaign books (and one video tape) by Libertarian Party presidential candidates, most autographed," said Harris. The Library includes:

■ *Libertarianism* by Dr. John Hospers, 1972 Libertarian Presidential candidate. Exclusive Advocates edition. Autographed.

■ *A New Dawn For America: The Libertarian Challenge* by Roger MacBride, 1976 Libertarian Presidential candidate. Autographed by Ed Crane, MacBride's campaign manager.

■ *A New Beginning* by Ed Clark, 1980 Libertarian Presidential candidate. Autographed.

■ *Libertarianism In One Lesson* by David Bergland, 1984 Libertarian Presidential candidate. Autographed.

■ *Liberty Reclaimed: A New Look At American Politics* by Jim Lewis, 1984 Libertarian Vice Presidential candidate (with Jim Peron). Autographed by Jim Lewis.

■ *Freedom Under Siege: The U.S. Constitution After 200 Years* by Ron Paul, 1988 Libertarian Presidential candidate. Autographed.

■ *Marrou in '92 Campaign Videotape* by Andre Marrou, 1992 Libertarian Presidential candidate.

■ *Why Government Doesn't Work* by Harry Browne, 1996 Lib-

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SAFE seeks to expand its message of cutting government spending and debt

An organization for senior citizens that wants to serve as a counterbalance to the big-spending impulses of the AARP has made a "lot of progress" over the past few years, and is now seeking to expand to all 50 states.

Seniors Against Federal Extravagance (SAFE), founded by Delaware Libertarian Bill Morris, 78, has obtained 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, has set up a website, and has launched an "ambitious" plan to become a force to reduce the size and cost of the federal government.

"An important goal for SAFE is to have members in all 50 states so all Senators and Representatives from each state can

BILL MORRIS:

"The goal of SAFE is to get the government to cut spending."

hear about SAFE and its aims from a constituent," said Morris. "They need to know that [some seniors] endorse privatizing Social Security and creating individual medical accounts."

SAFE currently has members in 14 states, he said, and annual

dues are only \$5.

Launched in 1996, the goal of SAFE is to give Americans an alternative to the country's largest seniors lobby — the American Association of Retired Persons, said Morris.

\$944 billion

"If the legislative agenda of the AARP were enacted all at once, federal spending would increase by \$944 billion a year," he noted. "We've said before that the AARP takes a narrow view of the interest of seniors, neglecting our interest in the future of our children and grandchildren."

To counter the AARP's budget-busting agenda, he said, SAFE

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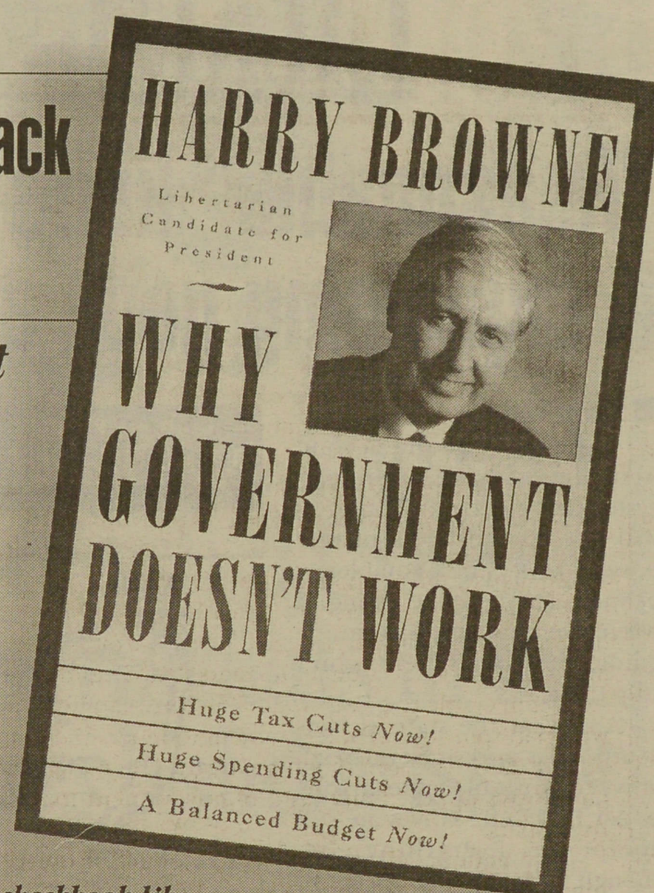
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■ Knife fight

Supporters of the Second Amendment have often suggested that gun control boosters will not rest until the private possession of guns is completely banned. They may be wrong: If recent events in Australia are any guide, the government won't stop there.

Last year the state of New South Wales made it illegal to sell knives or knife blades to anyone under 16. Plastic knives are still acceptable. Everything else, though — from cake slicers to cutlery — is off-limits. In Queensland, a new law prohibits carrying a knife in public without a "reasonable" excuse — a loophole that, the police minister stressed, did not include self-defense.

There's been no word yet on whether the land of Mad Max and Crocodile Dundee intends to ban darts, pencils and sticks.

—JESSE WALKER

Reason, October 1999

■ Crime control?

"That could have been my mother." That's what drove Maleke Card, 19, to step in and grapple with the mugger tugging at the gold chains that were around the neck of Nicole Evans, 40, Friday morning outside a Bronx subway station.

Card, a good kid, didn't hesitate when he leaped into action to defend a woman he didn't even know. During the ensuing struggle, Card, in self-defense, stabbed the mugger in the head and neck with the penknife he was carrying.

After the struggle, Card retrieved and returned the gold chains to Evans. Then he walked away towards his house, where he planned to get ready for work in a Midtown video arcade, but cops arrested him two blocks away from the Prospect Avenue train station. Card now faces attempted murder charges and 25 years in jail.

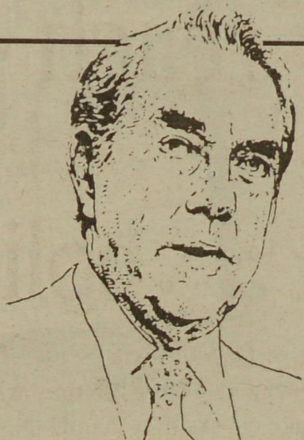
—DOUGLAS MONTERO

The New York Post
September 27, 1999

■ Why isn't Reno in jail?

Officers Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell were sent to prison for violating the civil

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rights of ex-felon Rodney King by using excessive force while arresting him.

Was not the whole Waco operation, including the gassing of infants and children, an excessive use of force in making an arrest? Who protects the civil rights of the innocent when it is the government itself who violates them?

Why isn't Janet Reno in jail?

—LINDA BOWLES

The Washington Times
September 8, 1999

■ Budget Busters

Vice president Gore and Democratic rival Bill Bradley

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have already made campaign promises that would spend every penny of the available [\$1 trillion] federal budget surplus for the next 10 years, and possibly more, calculations show.

To calculate the budgetary impact of the [Gore and Bradley] initiative, the *Washington Post* consulted nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections and asked independent budget experts to analyze the two democrats' campaign promises.

Bradley's ambitious health care proposal — estimated by his campaign to cost \$65 billion annually — would likely eat up more than the 10-year total surplus [taking into account inflation and "unrealistically low" estimates of prescription drug costs].

And while Gore's health plan would cost much less, the major proposals he has made as vice president — tax cuts, universal pre-school and extra spending for defense, education and other programs — could amount to as much as \$1.25 trillion over the next 10 years.

—THE WASHINGTON POST

October 9, 1999

■ New threat

Nine out of the 12 states with the highest tax burden (as percentage of income) — among them, California, Connecticut, Wisconsin and New York — have joined the [antitrust suit against Microsoft]. Just as unfunded mandates replaced overt tax hikes as big government's tool of choice in the 1980s and '90s, politically motivated antitrust litigation is the emerging threat to taxpayers as they enter the 21st century.

—MARK SCHMIDT

National Taxpayers Union
September 9, 1999

■ The FBI: Guilty

Most Americans believe the FBI intentionally covered up its actions during the Branch Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas, six years ago.

In the aftermath of the FBI's disclosure that potentially incendiary tear gas canisters were used on the final day of the standoff, 57% in an ABCNEWS.com poll

think the bureau has been intentionally trying to cover up its actions at Waco. Just 23% believe its previous denials were an honest mistake, as the FBI has maintained.

—ABCNEWS.COM

September 14, 1999

■ Good & bad drugs

The boundary between good and bad drugs is harder than ever to draw.

The same week that a Republican candidate for President spent struggling to compose ever more tortuous non-denials of his drug use as a young man, a former Republican Presidential candidate could be seen in full-page advertisements forthrightly acknowledging his own use of another drug.

Oh, I know: two completely different and incomparable situations; how unfair to Robert Dole and the Pfizer pharmaceutical company even to mention them in the same paragraph as George W. Bush and cocaine. One concerns an illegal drug that people take strictly for pleasure. The other concerns a legal drug that people take . . . well, also strictly for pleasure, but (almost) always with a prescription.

You would be hard-pressed to explain the taxonomy of chemicals underpinning the drug war to an extraterrestrial. Is it, for example, addictiveness that causes this society to condemn a drug? (No; nicotine is legal, and millions of Americans have battled addictions to prescription drugs.)

So then, our inquisitive alien might ask, is safety the decisive factor? (Not really; over-the-counter and prescription drugs kill more than 45,000 Americans every year while, according to *The New England Journal of Medicine*, "There is no risk of death from smoking marijuana.") Is it drugs associated with violent behavior that your society condemns? (If so, alcohol would still be illegal.)

Perhaps, then, it is the prom-

ise of pleasure that puts a drug beyond the pale? (That would once again rule out alcohol, as well as Viagra.)

Then maybe the molecules you despise are the ones that alter the texture of consciousness, or even a human's personality? Tell that to someone who has been saved from depression by Prozac.

—MICHAEL POLLAN

New York Times Magazine
September 12, 1999

■ Die broke

The major reason the official U.S. savings rate (a very flawed statistic) has tumbled is because our tax system behaves dysfunctionally. The federal income tax doubles and in some cases triple taxes Americans who save.

First, we tax a worker's income when it's earned.

Next, if the money is invested rather than instantly consumed, we tax the capital gains on stocks; we tax the income of the businesses that we own the stocks in; if there are dividend payments, the government imposes a levy on those too. We even tax the 3% or 4% interest income on basic savings accounts.

If we are fortunate enough to die with money left over after paying all those other taxes, the tax collector robs the grave by snatching away up to 55% of the estate. No wonder one of America's top-selling financial self-help books advises Americans to "die broke."


—STEPHEN MOORE

The Washington Times
September 22, 1999

■ Waging a war

In the name of establishing a drug-free society, overzealous police have too often failed to notice the difference between the innocent and the guilty. As a result, the war on drugs has gone beyond keeping the peace. It's become a threat to liberty.

From asset forfeitures to home invasions to military in-



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— Revolutionary War hero Nathan Hale

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volvement, the war on drugs has taken disturbing turns.

Among the more recent incidents, a SWAT team broke into a Compton, California, home at about 11 p.m. on Aug. 9. They killed a retired grandfather by shooting him twice in the back. His widow — handcuffed and wearing only a towel and panties — and six others were taken into custody. All were questioned. None was charged.

— **INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY**
September 21, 1999

Bird brains

What do 40,000 pounds of birdseed have in common with America's war on drugs? Nothing, says Jean Laprise, an Ontario farmer who shipped the birdseed to his American customers only to have it seized when it crossed the U.S.-Canadian border.

The birdseed, nearly 20 tons of it, has been locked in a Detroit warehouse since Aug. 9, when it was impounded by the United States Customs Service. The reason: the seed consists of sterilized seeds processed from industrial hemp.

"They say it's a tractor trailer full of drugs," Laprise said. "We say it's a tractor trailer full of birdseed."

But while smoking marijuana delivers a psychoactive high, smoking hemp gives only

a headache. The birdseed seized in Detroit had a THC content of barely .0014%, which wouldn't give a bird a buzz.

"What in the heck are they doing arresting birdseed?" said Anita Roddick, the British founder of the Body Shop. "It's so Monty Pythonesque."

— **THE NEW YORK TIMES**
October 3, 1999

Public Enemy #1


The California state legislature has enacted a law to save its unsuspecting citizens from . . . groceries at Wal-Mart!

The bill, which awaits the governor's signature, would make it impossible for Wal-Mart and other so-called "big-box" retail stores from competing with supermarkets.

[Consider] the twisted notion of power espoused by the backers of the bill. In their view, [the] legislature should vote on what kind of stores the people may shop at. If Wal-Mart were to defy that law and open its doors to willing customers, officers of government would close the store — by force if necessary.

So while the market settles things peacefully through persuasion and trade, politics settles it by the threat — and at times the commission — of violence.


— **SHELDON RICHMAN**
September 30, 1999



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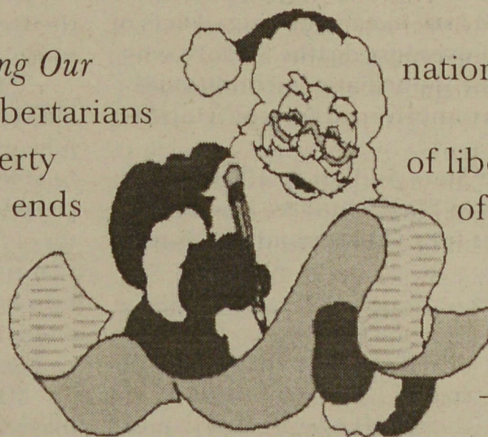
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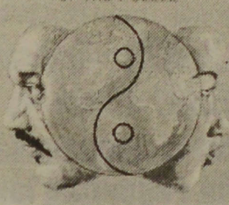
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■ ALASKA

13,000 signatures for hemp reform initiative

State Libertarians have gathered more than 13,000 signatures to put a hemp legalization referendum on the ballot next year — and are closing in on the 22,717 valid signatures they need by January 10.

"Getting this initiative on the ballot will be a tremendous opportunity to educate voters," said **Al Anders**, who is coordinating the project. "Moreover, this initiative could win. Medical [marijuana] won with 58% and, in 1990, keeping it legal failed with 46% of the vote. So we only need a small swing in sentiment to win."

The referendum would legalize hemp farming, said Anders, and "has built-in protection for medical marijuana users. It will mean they don't have to register with the state [or] buy from the black market. It will also give them some protection from federal prosecution because it instructs state and local law enforcement to not cooperate with federal authorities when [federal law] differs from state law."

For more information, visit: www.Alaska.net/~anc4hemp/99hemp.html.

■ CALIFORNIA

State LP endorses bid to reform 3 Strikes law

The state's "Three Strikes" law has struck out — and that's why the California LP has voted to endorse a proposed initiative to amend the controversial crime control law.

"The existing Three-Strikes-and-You're-Out law fails to focus on the truly violent career criminals who are the greatest threat to their victims," said state Executive Director **Juan Ros**. "Rather than protecting innocent people from violent criminals, the law has instead resulted in more individuals receiving egregious mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent, victimless crimes."

The proposed initiative would amend "Three Strikes" by limiting the law's application to convictions for "serious" and



Photo by Jeff Chase

End war on "responsible marijuana users"

■ Two representatives of the state LP spoke at an annual marijuana legalization rally, and called for an end to government prosecution of 18,000,000 "responsible marijuana users."

At the MassCann Freedom Rally on the Boston Common on September 18, past State Chair **Carla Howell** (shown above) and activist **Michael Cloud** both called for an end to the "no-win, morally wrong war against marijuana users."

To the 80,000-strong crowd, Howell said, "Eighteen million users and the government found zero marijuana-caused acts of violence . . . and zero marijuana overdose deaths." That's why, she said, Libertarians call for "the immediate, unconditional pardon and release of all citizens imprisoned for non-violent marijuana offenses."

Howell, whose campaign for State Auditor in 1998 helped the LP regain major party status in Massachusetts, is widely considered to be the frontrunner for the LP's nomination for U.S. Senate in 2000.

"violent" felonies only. According to the California Department of Corrections, only 39.5% of all third strike cases were defined as "crimes against persons," while 19.3% were "drug crimes."

The party publicly announced its support of the initiative on September 22, 1999.

■ FLORIDA

Libertarians qualify tax approval vote for ballot

Residents in Brevard County may get a chance to vote whether their taxes should be

raised, thanks in part to the county Libertarian Party.

In mid-September, more than 12,500 petitions were submitted to qualify an amendment to the County Charter, which would require the County Commission to get voter approval before raising taxes.

Working with the Home Rule Charter Committee, Brevard County Libertarians collected 1,500 of the required petitions — "enough to make the difference that put the amendment over the top," said Brevard LP Chair **Lee McLamb**.

"By amending the County Charter, we can take control of our local government right away even before we get a Libertarian majority elected to the Commission," he said.

The amendment will be on the ballot for voter approval in March 2000.

■ FLORIDA

State LP lobbies against 'killer fungus' proposal

The state Libertarian Party is publicizing a campaign to oppose the use of a "killer fungus" which may be released in four counties to kill marijuana.

"This project could endanger the delicate Florida environment and be a menace to people with breathing difficulties for years to come," said **Tom Regnier**, editor of *Florida Liberty*.

The fungus, *fusarium oxysporum*, is the product of a multi-million dollar federal program to create a "silver bullet" fungus that attacks marijuana plants.

"Yet scientific researchers have warned that the fungus, once released, can mutate, destroying many species of plants and flowers" including watermelons, tomatoes, and corn, said Regnier. The fungus can also remain active in the soil for 40 years, he noted.

Libertarians were encouraged to call the governor's office to "express your opposition."

■ FLORIDA

Miami-Dade Libertarians help kill sales tax boost

Libertarians in the Miami-Dade area helped defeat a one-cent sales tax increase — earning the proud title of "1-cent busters."

On July 29, voters rejected the tax hike by a 68% to 32% margin.

"Mayor Penelas had scheduled the vote for a Thursday in July, expecting that a low turnout would help get the tax passed," said **Tom Regnier**, editor of *Florida Liberty*. "The voters surprised the powers-that-be, however, with a 25% turnout and a resounding defeat for expanded government."

Miami-Dade Libertarians played a major role in the win, said Regnier, attending rallies with "1-cent buster" tee-shirts and placards, and publicizing their opposition in radio and TV.

"Chair **Emiliano Antunez** appeared on at least four radio shows explaining the LP's opposition to the tax, and Vice Chair **Anna Garcia** spoke on Spanish television," he said.

■ ILLINOIS

Ford County LP to work for 20% tax cut initiative

The Ford County Libertarian Party has voted to sponsor a ballot initiative to slash the County Corporate Fund Tax rate by 20%.

"It's time we [Libertarians] got something done about the local situation instead of just talking about it," said county LP Chairman **Larry Gardner**, who announced the tax-cut campaign on September 15.

Libertarians have until May 7, 2000 to collect signatures from 10% of the county's registered voters to put the initiative on the November 2000 ballot.

"This is a binding referendum that will force the Ford County Board to cut taxes, and end [the] out-of-control spending that has quadrupled the budgets of some county offices in a little more than 10 years," said **Michael Harri**, secretary of the county party. "I challenge the local politicians to tell voters it isn't time for a property tax cut."

■ KANSAS

State LP helps celebrate (rainy) Jury Rights Day

State Libertarians helped celebrate Jury Rights Day in Kansas on September 7 — undaunted by hail and heavy rain.

"Because of the good fortune that Kansas has in having such a day proclaimed by a governor, we were able to celebrate rather than protest," said LP member **Steven Rosile**, who helped coordinate the event. "It's amazing what this does to one's mindset and attitude. It is so much easier to keep a positive attitude and engage people in discussion."

Members of the Libertarians of South-Central Kansas (LSOCK) group, the Kansas Tenth Amendment Society, South-Central Kansas NORML, and the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) gathered at the Sedgwick County Courthouse to hear speeches, carry pro-FIJA signs, and discuss jury rights with passersby.

Despite the bad weather, "the Jury Rights celebration was a success," said Rosile, generating coverage from two local television stations.

■ NEVADA

LP blasts unnecessary casino reporting law

A proposed new federal regulation requiring new, more intrusive financial transaction report-

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ing from casinos has hit a jackpot of opposition from the state Libertarian Party.

On October 1, the Nevada LP publicly spoke out against a new plan from the Clinton Administration that would force casinos, brokerage firms, and storefront check cashers to notify the federal government about "suspicious" financial transactions. According to federal officials, the plan would help fight money laundering from drug dealers.

But Libertarians said the plan is unnecessary — and is another sign that the United States is being turned into a "nation of spies" thanks to Drug Prohibition.

"[The federal government already has] banks reporting on their customers and they have children snitching on their parents," said **Chris Azzaro**, State Director of the Nevada LP. "This is a divide-and-conquer strategy that pits citizen against citizen, while the federal government continues to erode civil liberties. Every day we see more and more of our Constitutional rights stripped away in the name of the War in Drugs."

■ NEW HAMPSHIRE

New website supports choice for vaccinations

A new website created by two state Libertarians could give a "shot in the arm" to people opposed to state-mandated vaccinations.

On October 1, New Hampshire Libertarians **Brad Hachez** and **Ron N. Roy** launched the "New Hampshire Libertarians Against Compulsory Vaccinations" site, which features a petition asking the state government to recognize philosophical exemptions to vaccinations. The site also includes extensive links to various vaccine information resources.

"I hope to expand the links so that they are the most accurate and up-to-date information about this cause available. I want this site to be the destination site for vaccine information," said Hachez.

The petition is going to be on-going and "will always be collecting signatures," said Hachez. "We need as many signers as we can get."

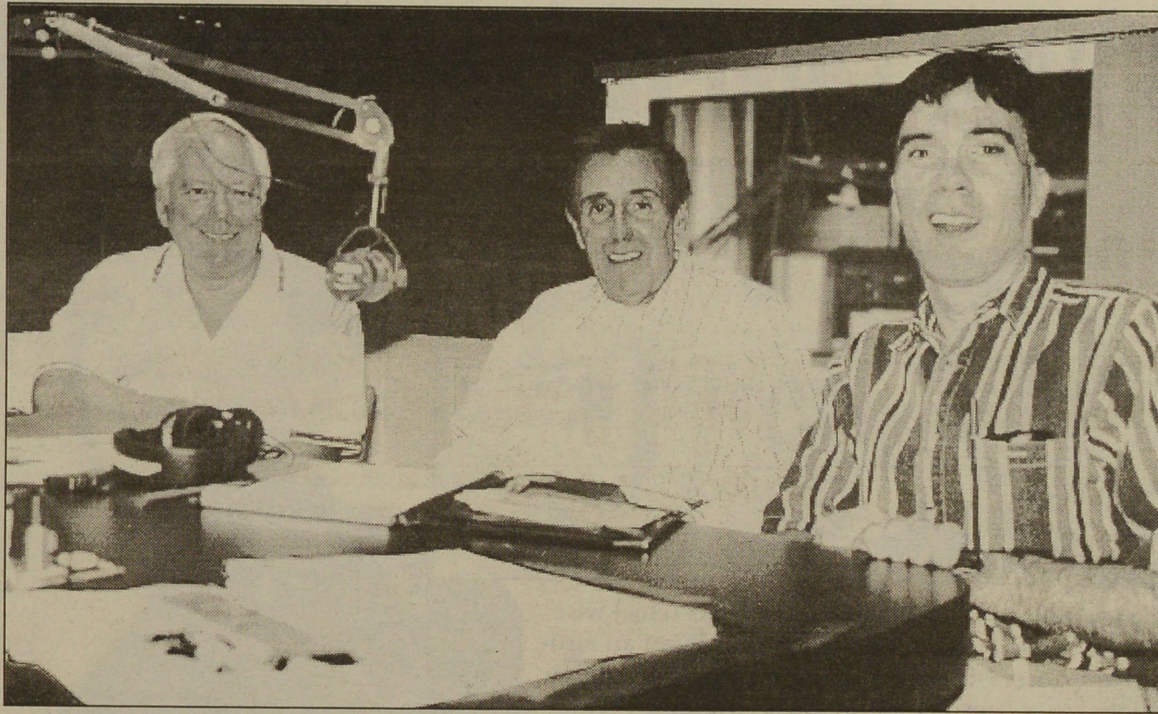
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■ NEW JERSEY

Open Spaces member: Saving property rights

A Libertarian has been appointed to a local Open Spaces Committee (OSC), and says he will use his position to "protect the rights of property owners."

Hal Shute, a resident of



Libertarians light up the lines on WINK Radio

■ Libertarian Party of Florida Vice Chair Tom Regnier (right) and Collier County LP Chair Wade Keller (center) were featured guests on Rich King's talk show on WINK 1240 AM radio in southwest Florida (Ft. Myers-Naples area) on July 15.

"Mr. King commended the clear presentation of Libertarian Party positions and said that he was very impressed," said Regnier. "There was no end of interested callers to the show — and the LP continued to be a topic on the station even into the next day."

West Amwell, was appointed to the committee by the town's mayor after he expressed concern about the impact of "downzoning" in a neighboring town, where farmers were "forced to accept lower prices for 'preserved' property," he said.

After having attended three OSC meetings, Shute said his role will be to push "alternative funding approaches, using private money whenever possible," to preserve open spaces in the community.

"I'm the skeptic on the committee," he said. "I intend to do what I can to protect the right of property owners," he said.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Ballot access lawsuit is rejected by county judge

A Libertarian candidate's effort to reform the state's ballot access laws has been rebuffed by a County Court judge.

On September 23, Judge Emanuel Bertin tossed out a lawsuit filed by **Kenneth Cavanaugh**, who was trying to get on the ballot for Montgomery County commissioner.

Cavanaugh had filed only 544 signatures — instead of the 2,799 required — to protest state law, which he said was unconstitutional.

But in a decision that was harshly criticized by ballot access expert Richard Winger, the judge rejected Cavanaugh's arguments.

"Judge Bertin cited three federal court decisions as the basis for his ruling," noted Winger. "However, none of them had any bearing on this case, which is

based on the state Constitution's guarantee that elections must be 'free and equal.' "

Cavanaugh said he hoped his lawsuit would generate "a little equality" for smaller parties. He will appeal the decision.

■ TEXAS

Lubbock County LP wins one of five bond votes

Libertarians in Lubbock went only one for five in "capital improvement bond" referendums on September 18 — but still managed to save taxpayers \$475,000 by convincing voters to defeat a proposal to fund a regional art center.

"I was extremely pleased with our effort," said **David DeLamar**, chairman of the Lubbock County LP. "Although four propositions passed, the most blatant attempt at legalized plunder was stopped — the regional art center. Now, those who want the art center can go to work to fund [it] with private donations, and never again ask the taxpayers to fund their welfare-for-the-rich schemes."

Local Libertarians "appeared on radio shows, spoke before the League of Women Voters, posted signs on election day and handed out alternative propositions at the polls in an all out effort to defeat [the] five propositions," said DeLamar.

Libertarians had urged the city to cut its budget by 5% across the board to pay for streets, parks, traffic signals, drainage systems, instead of issuing bonds to pay for such capital improvements.

■ VERMONT

Home-schooling mom's rights were violated

The case of a mother who is in jail for homeschooling her learning-disabled son is an example of "unwarranted government intrusion in parental authority," the state LP charged.

Karen Maple, who has successfully taught her son at home for four years before running afoul of the state's educational establishment, is a victim of "vicious, self-serving state interference in family life," charged Vermont LP State Chair **Scott Berkey** on September 9.

After Maple removed her son from government schools, he had showed a "dramatic improvement," said Berkey. Despite this, the state did not approve Maple's Individual Education Plan for her son, and ordered her to send him back to school. When she refused, she was jailed for contempt of court.

"The LP condemns the state of Vermont for its hypocritical, dictatorial handing of Karen Maple in violation of the most basic right of parents to educate their children," said Berkey.

■ VIRGINIA

Money and freedom at risk in Drug War plan

The Virginia LP has criticized a proposal from the state's Republican governor to ratchet up the War on Drugs, calling the plan a threat to the "money and freedoms" of Virginians.

"We've already tried prohibition in Virginia once, and it

failed," said state Communications Director **Greg Cunningham** in a public statement on October 3. "Even Governor Gilmore admits the so-called war on drugs is a failure. [Since he] acknowledged that government has made a mess of the drug issue, [why] propose Virginia's government attempt the impossible within our state?"

The proposal from Governor James Gilmore would create a Virginia-styled ATF and would offer taxpayer money to citizens to snitch on one another.

"We have already seen the effects of putting too much power into the hands of elite militarized [police] forces," countered Cunningham. "[This] will ultimately cost Virginians more of their money and freedoms."

■ VIRGINIA

State party gears up for ballot reform drive

State Libertarians are gearing up for another effort to pass ballot access reform, after an LP-backed bill to open up the election process was killed last year.

"We will be concentrating our efforts on creating a party petition process," said **Shelley Tamres**, who is coordinating the effort. "Currently, the only way for a new party to become recognized in Virginia is to win 10% of the vote in a statewide election."

The state LP is seeking a State Senate member to sponsor a petition process bill, and is lining up LP members to lobby in person during the General Assembly session and to contact civic organizations to endorse the bill.

"Summer's over and it's time to get back to work" to "pass election law reform," said Tamres.

■ WISCONSIN

Naturist ban proposal is political 'demagoguery'

State Libertarians have criticized a "naked" grab for power by state legislators, who are trying to ban nudists from certain beaches in Wisconsin.

"This is another example of the authoritarian demagoguery of politicians," said **Bob Collison**, State Chair of the Wisconsin LP. "Moralistic legislators have determined that they are going to use the law to impose their values — and create a law banning harmless naturist activity on state-owned land."

The proposed law is targeting Mazo Beach on the Wisconsin River, where naturists have congregated for over 25 years.

The LP does not condone naturists' activity, noted Collison, but opposes politicians' efforts to "control the behavior of harmless, law-abiding citizens."

The Top 20 best Libertarian movies of all time

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of against-the-grain individualism."

Their process was simple (if somewhat passionately debated): Nine staff members from the newspaper's Opinion and Commentary pages brainstormed a list of over 100 titles, and then winnowed it down to the Top 20 with two ballots.

When that was completed, the staff of the *Orange County Register* then speculated about the worst movies of all time, from a libertarian point of view.

"You won't find any of the *Star Trek* series on the list, for instance, because the crew's exploration efforts were in service to the 'Federation.' Mitigating circumstance: The federation forbade any interference with alien cultures — although the crew of the *Enterprise* violated the 'prime directive' every chance they got," they wrote.

"You also won't find James Bond films on the list — Bond accepted without question the government's missions and besides, private enterprise was demonized as the Dark Side of Man."

But enough about the bad movies. Here is the *Orange County Register's* list of the greatest "movies for freedom lovers" of all time.

1 *Brazil* (1985). Watch the painful inner workings of a futuristic bureaucracy where individualism is crushed. Directed by Monty Python alum Terry Gilliam, the movie is a surrealistic view of a society in which everything seems to be run by a kind of global DMV. Trying to fix a bureaucratic snafu that led to the arrest of the wrong man, lowly bureaucrat Sam Lowry becomes himself the enemy of the state.

Brazil is a zany classic of libertarian belief in the importance of an individual's dignity and freedom against an all-powerful government. Given the increase in government of recent years, it's even more chilling than when first released 13 years ago.

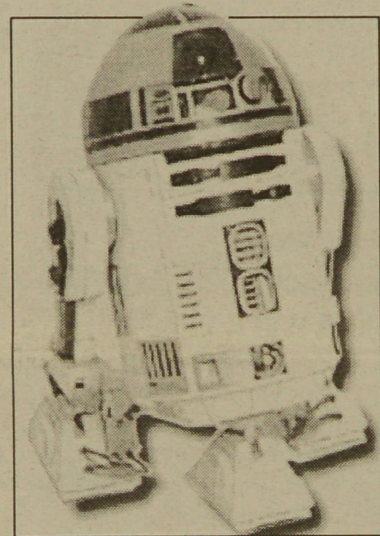
■ **Best libertarian moment:** Harry Tuttle, played by Robert DeNiro, becomes the most-wanted criminal by breaking into buildings to perform heating ventilation and air conditioning repairs without — horrors! — a permit.

2 *A Man for All Seasons* (1966). St. Thomas More is beheaded for opposing the tyranny of Henry VIII.

■ **Best libertarian moment:**



■ **Scenes from the best Libertarian movies (clockwise from top):** *Brazil* (#1), a cautionary tale about an anti-Utopian future; *Farhenheit 451* (#6), a warning about the dangers of censorship; the Nazi-tweaking *Casablanca* (#7); the 1984 take-off *Sleeper* (#16); and *Star Wars* (#18), which features the ultimate "Evil Empire."



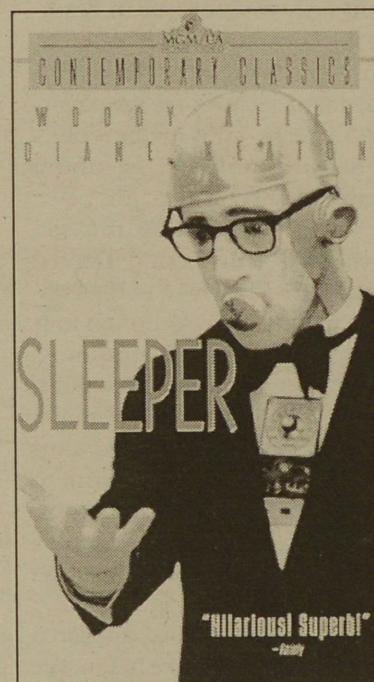
Just before his execution, More utters a final sentence of defiance against the tyrant: "I die His Majesty's good servant, but God's first."

3 *Braveheart* (1995). Mel Gibson plays William Wallace, who leads the Scots in their fight against British tyranny.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** As his torturer begins the fatal evisceration, Wallace shouts out one last word before he dies: "Freeeeeddommmmm!"

4 *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956, original version). In a quiet California town, folks are being replaced with look-alike alien pod people who sap each individual's humanity in the name of the common good. A great sci-fi drama that doubles as a devastating critique of totalitarianism.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** Kevin McCarthy describes how shocking it is to watch people he knows drained of their humanity and individualism. It happens all the time without the pods, he explained, but usually over a lifetime rather than instantaneously.



5 *The Fountainhead* (1949). Scripted by Ayn Rand from her novel, it's a bold story of an architect who endures poverty and scorn rather than give in to the prevailing egalitarian values of his architect-competitors. The movie, although a bit turgid, well reflects her uncompromising philosophy of individualism.

■ **Best libertarian moment:**



with "secret" illegal gambling games going on in the back room.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** When Nazi Major Strasser threatens to invade New York City, Rick makes a great argument against gun control: "Well, there are certain sections of New York, Major, that I wouldn't advise you to try to invade."

8 *Schindler's List* (1993). Probably the best dramatic depiction of the horrors of the Nazi extermination regime. Director Steven Spielberg avoids preachiness by showing a dramatic story of one "righteous gentile" who helped save Jews from Auschwitz.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** Oskar Schindler, played by Liam Neeson, is horseback riding near Krakow, Poland, and comes upon Nazis mistreating Jews and he realizes the Jews' humanity. From then on, he uses all his talents, resources and cunning to save every person he can.

9 *The Quiet Man* (1951). Kind of a John Ford Western set in director Ford's beloved Ireland, with epic fistfights over Maureen O'Hara and no government in sight. Besides, we couldn't have a Top 20 list like this without John Wayne on it.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** The barroom brawls where disagreements were settled voluntarily — without even the interference of the police.

10 *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975). Who are the sane ones in a psychiatric ward? Jack Nicholson, playing McMurphy, resists arbitrary authority.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** After the electroshock treatment that's supposed to subdue him and make him less anti-social, McMurphy remains as feisty as ever.

11 *Gone With the Wind* (1939). The Yankees invade Tara, burn private property in Atlanta, and kill people. After the war, Scarlett and Rhett beat carpet-baggers at their own game and become wealthy capitalists.

The whole movie is a libertarian moment.

If we had to pick one, it would be where Howard Roark (Gary Cooper), defending himself in court after having blown up his own housing project because conventional thinkers meddled with its design, gives a Randian speech, saying: "The reasoning mind cannot work under any form of compulsion."

6 *Fahrenheit 451* (1966). It's based on the Ray Bradbury book about how freedom lovers learn books by heart to subvert a futuristic totalitarian government that attempts to control people's thoughts by banning and burning books.

■ **Best libertarian moment:** At the end, people are walking around in the rebel encampment in the woods, defying the book burners by each memorizing a book.

7 *Casablanca* (1942). The immortal Rick and Ilsa fight the Nazis. Rick is a capitalist who used to run guns and now operates a bar and cafe,

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Best Libertarian movies

12 *What About Bob?* (1991). The best critique of psychology and psychiatry outside a Thomas Szasz book, and more hilarious. It stars Bill Murray in his funniest role as a "multi-phobic" patient driving psych-jockey Richard Dreyfus nuts.

13 *The Searchers* (1956). The Duke makes our list again in John Ford's epic, playing the fiercely individualistic Ethan Edwards.

14 *The Ten Commandments* (1956, tie). Moses (Charlton Heston) leads the Israelites out of slavery to Pharaoh (played with bald-headed bravado by Yul Brynner).

Then on Mt. Sinai, God gives Moses the Decalogue, including the favorites of libertarians: "Thou shalt not steal" and "Thou shalt not covet."

14 *Ninotchka* (1939, tie). "Garbo speaks" ran the ads touting the former star of silent films. She does so in one of the funniest anti-communist movies ever made. Similar story remade as *Silk Stockings* (1957) with Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, and delightful dancing.

16 *Sleeper* (1973). Woody Allen's anti-utopian comedy is one of his funniest. It's a takeoff on Orwell's 1984 in which a Big Brother-like dictator destroys freedom while Woody and Diane Keaton organize a revolution.

17 *Duck Soup* (1933). The Marx Brothers turn war into anarchy. All hail, Freedonia!

18 *Star Wars* (1977), plus sequels. Aided by cute droids, Luke, Princess Leia, and smuggler Han rebel against the ultimate Evil Empire.

19 *Network* (1976). It's a send-up of the TV media that still packs a wallop 22 years after its open-

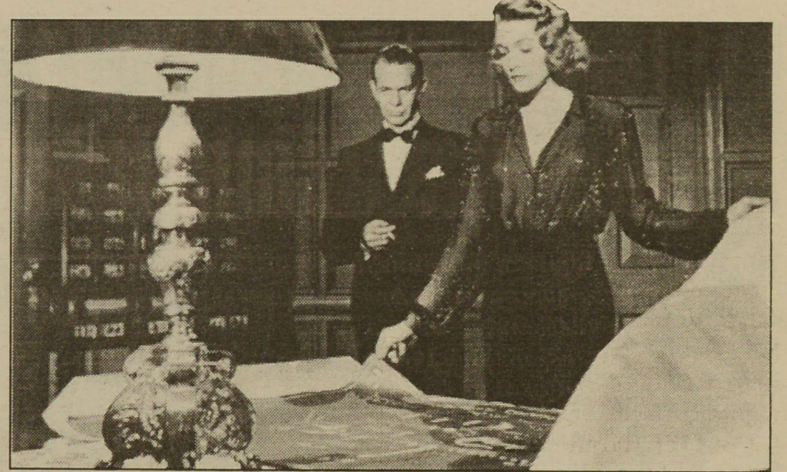
MOVIES FOR "freedom lovers."

ing. The scream of nutty anchorman Howard Beale, "I'm mad as Hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!" in real life became the rallying cry of the late Howard Jarvis two years later in

his fight to enact the Proposition 13 tax cuts.

20 *The Godfather* (1972). When you outlaw drugs and gambling, you get corrupt politicians and cops, murder, and great gangster movies.

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■ The entire movie is "a libertarian moment:" *The Fountainhead* (#5), based on the classic Ayn Rand novel.

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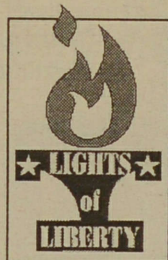
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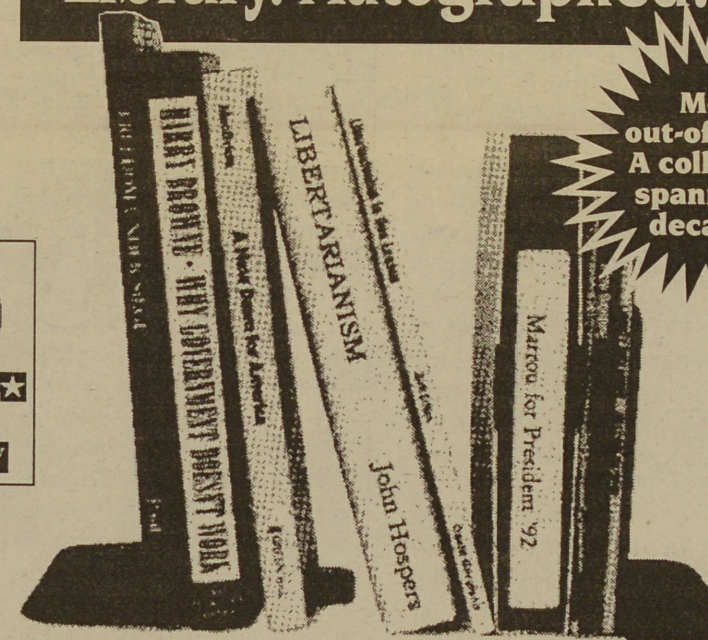
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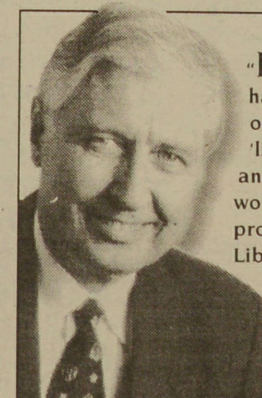
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— **Harry Browne**, 1996 Libertarian Party presidential candidate

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Readers respond: Favorite Libertarian books

Selecting a favorite Libertarian book is like picking a preferred vacation spot or a favorite wine: Ultimately, the decision comes down to individual taste and personal preference.

That's why, after we printed a list of the "20 Best Libertarian Books Ever Written" (selected by Jim Powell, the editor of *Laissez Faire Books*) in the September issue of *LP News*, we encouraged readers to add to the list.

Specifically, we asked: "Was there one libertarian book you thought should have been on this Top 20 list — but wasn't?"

We requested books that were solidly libertarian and were either "essential" or "entertaining." The books could be about particular political issues or general libertarianism; it could be an advanced and scholarly opus or a basic, introductory work.

Readers responded with dozens of titles, and we've selected a good cross-section from those suggestions. So, courtesy of *LP News* readers, here are 21 more of the "Best Books About Liberty," in no particular order.

YOUR PICKS
1 *Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do: The Absurdity of Consensual Crimes in a Free Society*, by Peter McWilliams. This book is a well-researched, easy read that makes some of the simplest most concise arguments I have ever read for limited government involvement in its citizens' lives. This book was the single most important influence in my decision to become a Libertarian.

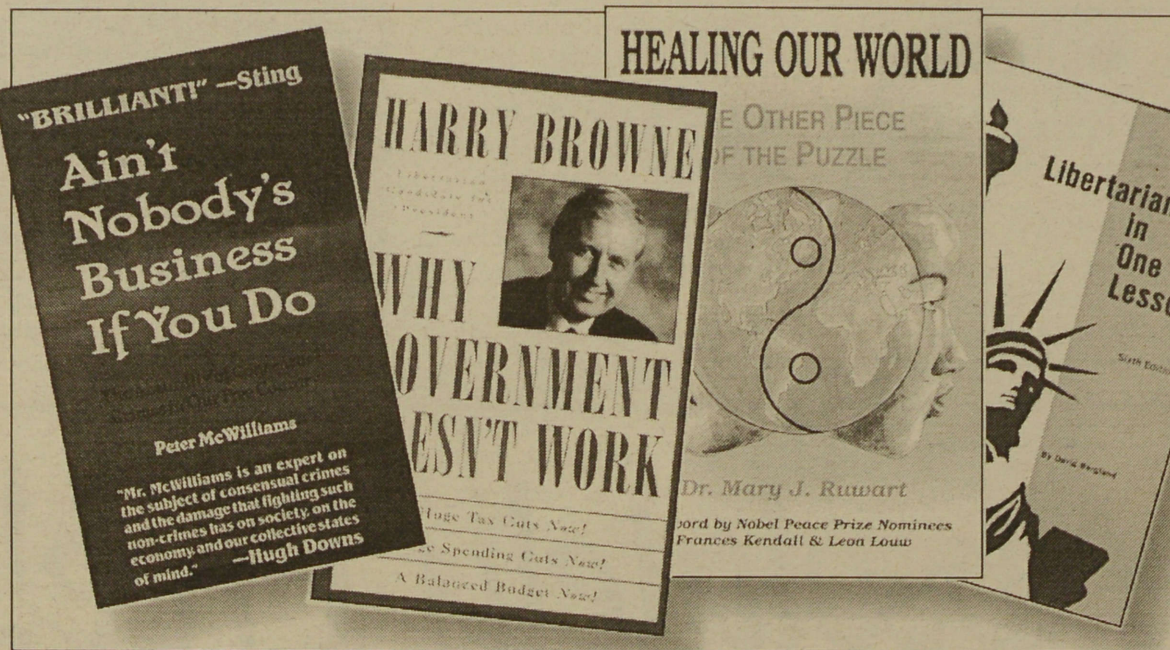
— **KIRK SCHERMERHORN**
Hixson, Tennessee

YOUR PICKS
2 *1984*, by George Orwell. This novel brilliantly described the horror which can arise if government control goes too far.

The Wealth of Nations, by Adam Smith. Economic treatise which first explained in detail the great benefits of free market capitalism.

— **BILL HUFF**
Goodview, Virginia

YOUR PICKS
4 *Healing Our World*, by Mary Ruwart. A number of books present a logical, thorough explanation of the libertarian viewpoint, as does Ruwart's, but hers



■ Four of the books that *LP News* readers cited as among their favorites: *Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do* (Peter McWilliams); *Why Government Doesn't Work* (Harry Browne); *Healing Our World* (Mary Ruwart); and *Libertarianism in One Lesson* (David Bergland).

does more — it speaks to the heart. It does this by reminding the reader of sound, basic social rules we all grew up with, then showing how failure to apply them in the world of politics causes many of our problems.

By seeing the goodness in people, Ruwart induces her readers to want to further that goodness for the benefit of all. A book that inspires while it instructs is a rare treasure.

— **CHARLES V. EIMERMAN**
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

YOUR PICKS
5 *A Liberty Primer*, by Alan Burris. This is both an excellent intro book, and covers most all libertarian issues. Also the host of quotes are very entertaining.

— **STEVE BECKER**
Divernon, Illinois

YOUR PICKS
6 *The Law*, by Frederic Bastiat. I was absolutely amazed that you did not include it. It was originally published in his native France in 1850 and translated into English in 1998. It is still in print and, being only 76 pages short, I consider it to be excellent "conversion material" for friends open minded enough to consider Libertarianism.

— **WILLIAM BLAIR**
Cheyenne, Wyoming

YOUR PICKS
7 *The Anti-Capitalistic Mentality*, by Ludwig Von Mises. This short book explains very clearly why some people hate freedom. It is not just about economics!

Patriots, by A.J. Languth. A great telling of the story of the American Revolution. Re-read this to appreciate the magnitude of what our founders accomplished.

YOUR PICKS
9 *Vision of the Anointed*, by Thomas Sowell. This book explains the guilt-mentality that drives the left-liberal vision.

You've got to understand the enemy!
— **MITCHELL J. MCCONNELL**
Brookline, New Hampshire

YOUR PICKS
10 *Anything That's Peaceful*, by Leonard Read. His description of a hypothetical 1850 discussion about what projects government should undertake is a clas-

sic. Deliver the mail, transport people from New York to Los Angeles in under one day, allow people to talk if over a football field away from each other, or allow people to view events from a remote site. Everything would be considered impossible except "deliver the mail," but everything else happened through the miracle of the market.

— **JOHN EVANS**
Kirkland, Washington

YOUR PICKS
11 *Time Will Run Back*, by Henry Hazlitt. The theme of this novel is that a centrally directed economy cannot solve the problems of economic calculation.

When the naive son of the Dictator of Wonworld, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, finds himself catapulted into leadership by the death of his father, he has to reinvent capitalism, private property, and objective law in order to feed and clothe the world. This is done step-by-step in logical progression from egalitarian communism to free market democracy.

— **EDWARD F. BRODIE**
Houston, Texas

YOUR PICKS
12 *The Bible*. Biblical Christianity seems to be our best hope for freedom's future. One pervasive Biblical theme regards personal responsibility and accountability. [And] 1 Samuel 8:10-18 is one of the more poignant anti-government passages found in literature.

— **GRANT W. KUHN**
Carlsbad, California

YOUR PICKS
13 *Why Government Doesn't Work*, by Harry Browne. From my perspective, you chose the wrong Harry Browne book!

How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World is more a matter of Harry's personal philosophy, and tends to ramble. *Why Government Doesn't Work* seems to me to be more pointed and to have greater impact.

— **W. TRIBBLE**
Hoquiam, Washington

YOUR PICKS
14 *The Enterprise of Law: Justice Without the State*, by Bruce L. Benson (1990). It shatters the myth, widely believed even

among libertarians, that law must be administered by a centralized, coercive authority — by a state. It shows how voluntary institutions can supply law in civil society.

— **RICHARD O. HAMMER**
Hillsborough, North Carolina

YOUR PICKS
15 *The Foundations of Morality*, by Henry Hazlitt. This is a comprehensive review of various concepts of morality with the persuasive conclusion that voluntary social cooperation is exhibited by the free market, and provides the most personal satisfaction and the greatest social benefits overall.

— **MARIBEL MONTGOMERY**
Albany, Oregon

Libertarianism in One Lesson, by David Bergland.

— **DON GOLDBERG**
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17 *The Right and Wrong of Compulsion by the State*, by Auberon Herbert. Behind that mild-sounding title lie the most potent arguments for individual free-

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dom I have ever read. Herbert (who originated the the term "Voluntaryism") deserves to be enthroned among the best.

— **JOANNA PARKER**
Ocean Shores, Washington

Sic Itur Ad Astra (This Is The Way To the Stars), by Andrew J. Galambos. Galambos was one of the most important teachers who transformed conservatives, liber-

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als and moderates into Libertarians at a time when Liberty was a radical idea!

— **CHERYL CROXALL**
New York, N.Y.

The Survival of Freedom, edited by Jerry Pournelle & John F. Carr. If you've missed this one, enjoy! It is an anthology, and is not dedicated exclusively to Liber-

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tarianism (it explores many types of government) but it has had a great influence on me and all the people I've shared it with —

all in the Libertarian direction.
— **DENNIS BIDELMAN**
Eureka, California

Our Enemy the State, by Albert J. Nock. This single book revealed

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to me the actual state of affairs in which we all live. Nock says more in a single paragraph than others can say in a chapter. By changing my world view, my life was also changed. I joined the Libertarian Party immediately and without reservation.

— **TONY SMULLIN**
Everett, Washington

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The Philosophy of Manufactures and The Cotton Manufacture of Great Britain, by Dr. Andrew

Ure. His writing had a tremendous influence on me because, more than any old-time or contemporary writer, he aggressively debunked the lies that capitalists and an unregulated economy "exploited" workers. [In fact], 19th century capitalism [had] enormous benefits for working people.

— **JOHN CHODES**
New York, New York

Do gun buybacks violate the law?

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bies for the right to carry concealed weapons.

"Gun buy-back programs cost the citizens of Cook County thousands of dollars, do not reduce crime, and only give money to those selling junk guns the cash they need to buy a real gun," said Conceal Carry, Inc. founder John Birch [no relation to the conservative political organization of the same name]. "The sheriff's gun buy-back is good politics, but bad public policy, especially in that many of the poor may lose the only real protection they have."

Firm legal ground

A spokesman for the sheriff's office said there is little concern about the lawsuit, arguing that the buy-back program is "on firm legal ground." And a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), said government entities are exempt from the federal Gun Control Act.

But Beauchamp said the lawsuit demonstrates that the Libertarian Party is "ever vigilant to the right of the people to bear arms in the cause of their own self-defense."

"The days of politicians posturing about gun control as a way to cover up their own failings in law enforcement — and subsequently failing to reduce violence in society — are over," he said. "Felons should not be remunerated by illegal gun buy-backs sponsored by politicians."

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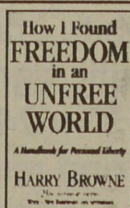
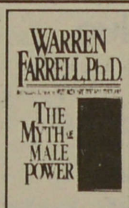
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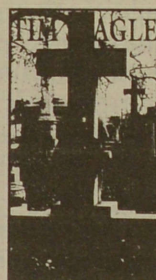
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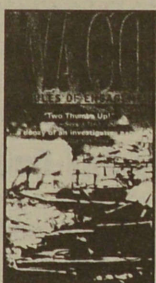
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THE ISSUES

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Just say no to anti-drug commercials?

A new study has discovered that teenagers who watch anti-drug TV commercials become more "curious" about illegal drugs. So why, the Libertarian Party asked, are taxpayers being forced to pay for those ads?

"According to this study, the government spends \$195 million a year to tantalize teenagers about illegal drugs," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director. "Shouldn't Americans have a choice about whether we want to fund what is essentially a 'Just Do It' advertising campaign for drugs?"

In the study, assistant professor S. Shyam Sundar (Penn State University) and doctoral student Carson Wagner (University of Colorado) found that teenagers who viewed anti-drug commercials desired more "experimental knowledge" about drugs.

These findings came just after the federal government sharply increased the money spent on such commercials.

"According to this study, the government is acting as a tax-funded advertising agency for drug pushers," said Dasbach. "Unfortunately, there's nothing you can do about it. If a private anti-drug organization was running these ads, you could threaten to withhold your contributions. With the government, you don't have that option — even if politicians use your money to glamorize drugs to teenagers."

Gun buybacks: Zero impact on gun crime

A plan by President Clinton to spend \$15 million to launch a nationwide gun "buyback" program is not only a waste of money — it's a cheap public relations stunt that will have zero impact on gun crime, the Libertarian Party predicted.

"Only politicians and criminals will benefit from this buyback program," said Dasbach. "Criminals like it because it takes only a minuscule percentage of guns out of circulation — mostly from law-abiding people. And politicians like to spend money while pretending to solve a problem."

In September, Clinton proposed to hand out \$15 million in federal grants to police departments as part of "the largest gun buyback project in American history."

Ironically, even the federal government questions the usefulness of gun buyback programs, noted Dasbach. Out of the \$15 million earmarked for this project, \$1 million will go to study the effectiveness of gun buyback programs.

"It's typical of politicians: They spend \$14 million on a program, and then spend \$1 million to see if they wasted that \$14 million," he said. "If it was their own money, it would be funny. Since it's the taxpayers' money, it's an outrage."

Cell phone tracking plan: Spy-One-One?

A new federal regulation that allows the government to pinpoint the exact location of a phone call has troubling implications for privacy, the Libertarian Party said.

"This is 'reach out and spy on someone' technology — and will be an irresistible stepping stone for law enforcement to expand its surveillance of ordinary Americans," charged Dasbach.

In September, the Federal Communications Commission directed phone companies to deploy new technology to determine the location of a cellular phone call to within 55 yards. The rules are scheduled to take effect in 2001, and the cost of the tracking devices will be passed on to phone customers.

The use of the new tracking system will be restricted to 911 emergency calls, vowed the FCC — but Libertarians don't buy that promise, said Dasbach.

"This new regulation may start with 911, but it will end with Spy-One-One," he predicted.

Besides, he said, if this new technology will help people, why not let individual Americans make that decision?

"Every year, millions of Americans voluntarily make purchases that enhance their safety," he noted. "We don't need more regulations to force us to be safe."

More states step up to help party move closer to 2,000 in 2000 goal

The Libertarian Party is several steps closer to its goal of running 2,000 candidates in the 2000 election — thanks to a number of state affiliates that have stepped forward to announce ambitious candidate recruitment goals.

Over the past few months, another five states have unveiled plans to place a record number of candidates on the ballot for Election Day 2000. In some cases, states will be running three or four times as many candidates as they have in the past.

"The momentum is building," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. "State party leaders around the country seem determined to prove that the LP is America's *real* grassroots third party — and the proof of that will be on the ballot in 2000."

Since September, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Ohio, the District of Columbia, and Massachusetts have announced candidate recruitment goals for the 2000 election.

■ **Rhode Island:** America's smallest state hopes to run its biggest-ever slate of candidates in the Millennium Election, announced State Chair Jay Robbins.

"We intend to run a minimum of 12 candidates for seats in the Rhode Island Senate in the 2000 elections," he said — which would be the "most ambitious campaign plan ever undertaken by a third party" in the state.

"While this may seem a lofty endeavor, it is not unrealistic," he said, noting that if the plan is successful, the party could reap more media coverage and establish itself as a "viable entity with real solutions."

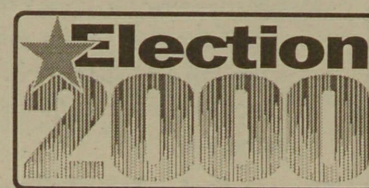
■ **District of Columbia:** The party will have two main objectives for the 2000 election, announced State Chair Dan Smith: "Gaining major party status, and getting a member of the LPDC

elected to office."

To accomplish that, Smith said the LPDC will recruit up to eight Libertarians to run for partisan office — which could earn the LP major party status — and numerous additional candidates for non-partisan Advisory Neighborhood Council (ANC) seats.

"The ANC races are going to be very important," he said. "These seats are an opportunity to gain entry-level access to the decision-making process in Washington, DC."

■ **North Carolina:** The state party has developed a mul-



tifaceted plan to begin playing a more significant role in North Carolina politics, said State Chair Sean Haugh.

Specific goals include winning 10% of the vote in the governor's race; running candidates in all 12 U.S. House districts; running candidates for a majority of the state's 120 State House seats; and contesting all six Council of State races.

Such a plan, said Haugh, could help the party organize more county affiliates, "triple our

dues-paying membership, [and] win at least five races in 2000!"

■ **Ohio:** Under a plan proposed by past State Chair Jim Babka, the Ohio LP will try to run candidates in a majority of State House races, said Ralph Mullinger, LPO Northwest Region Chair.

The party will also attempt to recruit candidates for U.S. House as part of the national effort to contest more than half of all Congressional seats — and, overall, wants to put a "decent number of candidates" on the ballot next year.

■ **Massachusetts:** After again qualifying as a major party in 1998, the Massachusetts LP plans to take advantage of that status by running a record number of candidates in 2000, said R. Dennis Corrigan, who is helping to coordinate the effort.

"In the past, very few Libertarians ran for [offices like State Representative and State Senate]," he said — no more than four in a general election cycle. "We've already got four times that and we are well on our way to our goal of 20 candidates."

To reach the party's nationwide goal of 2,000 candidates in 2000, 14 states have already announced goals to recruit and run a combined total of more than 1,500 candidates.

1999 candidates up to 215

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Pennsylvania (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."

Indiana, for example, again ran more candidates for local elections than ever before.

"Indiana continues the trend of running record numbers of candidates," said state executive director Sara Cotham.

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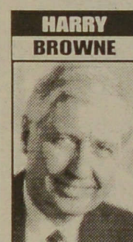


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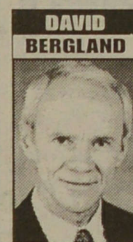
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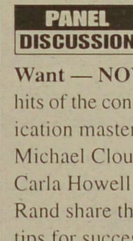
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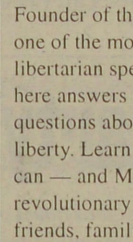
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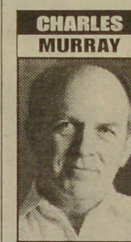
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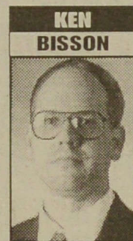
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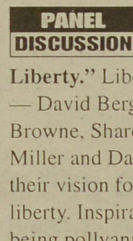
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Pollie Award winners offer candidate help

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"Many people think that commercials are too expensive to produce," he said. "We can help you with that. By customizing generic ads, we are able to offer television commercials for as low as \$500 for candidates."

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The secret to the low price: Advancements in technology and production and discounted prices from Hollywood talent who want to help the party, said Hilgenberg.

For more information about Scribner and Hilgenberg's services, sign up for their announce list at: www.onelist.com/subscribe/LibertarianAds.

New online poll says: Run, Harry, Run

One of the potential candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination has tied for third place in an online poll as the candidate voters would "most like to see get into the race."

On September 28, Libertarian Harry Browne won 13.5% of the vote in a poll conducted by America Online.

He finished behind Reform Party Governor Jesse Ventura (48.5%) and actor and potential Democratic candidate Warren Beatty (24.4%), and tied billionaire and potential Reform Party candidate Donald Trump (also at 13.5%).

The question — "Which one potential candidate would you most like to see get into the race?" — did not specify any particular political party.

Interestingly, although Browne scored in double digits in the unscientific poll, only 1.5% of the more than 4,000 respondents said they were a registered member of any third party.

"Internet polls are skewed because of the uncommonly large libertarian e-world population, so we shouldn't get overly encouraged by this," said Browne. "But, at the same time, to have done so well, when we haven't formally started the campaign and have done nothing yet to become widely visible, is a very hopeful sign."

Former Democrat launches LP campaign

A leading Democratic politician has joined the LP and announced plans to run for Governor in 2000 as a Libertarian. On August 17, Bob Myers filed his pre-candidacy papers to enter the 2000 West Virginia gubernatorial primary race under the Libertarian Party banner.

Myers is a former president of the West Virginia Board of Education, president of the Cabell County Commission, Vice Mayor of Huntington, and a member of the Cabell County Board of Education. He switched his registration to Libertarian from Democrat late in 1998.

"Myers finds his philosophy at home with the Libertarian Party," said past State Chair John Brown. "His book, *The Spirit in Politics*, documents how West Virginia has suffered under the heavy-handed rule of government officials, and how less government could help all citizens of the state."

Myers' goal in the campaign will be to "grow the Libertarian Party membership and to recruit other Libertarians to join him on the ballot," said Brown.



■ **Harry Browne:** He placed third.

Maine, Colorado, and Missouri host wrap-up sessions for Success '99

Time is running out for Libertarians who want to attend the Success '99 activist training seminars: There are only three left, and they will be held in Maine, Colorado, and Missouri.

"The clock is ticking — and we urge you to take advantage of these last three opportunities!" said LP National Director Steve Dasbach, who is coordinating the series of workshops.

"If you want to increase your effectiveness as a political activist, or do better in your next campaign, Success '99 is your best bet to do it, and November is your last chance."

The remaining Success '99 seminars will be held in:

■ **Augusta, Maine** (November 6-7). Speakers include Bill Winter (LP Director of Communications), Sharon Harris (Advocates for Self-Government), and Michael Cloud ("Essence of Political Persuasion.")

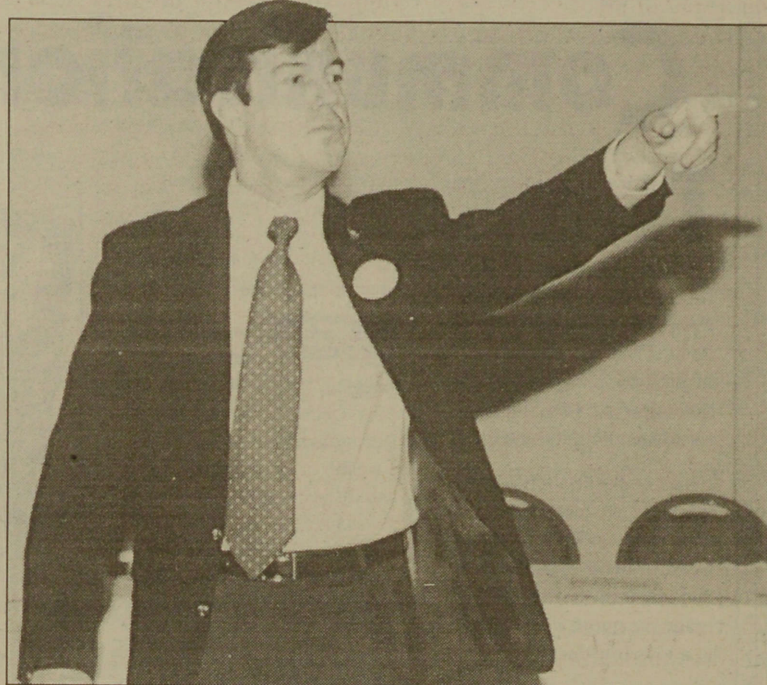
The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, at 110 Community Drive. For reservations/directions, call (207) 622-4751.

■ **Denver, Colorado** (November 13-14). Speakers include David Bergland (LP National Chair), Ron Crickenberger (LP Political Director), and Jim Lark (advisor, Liberty Coalition).

The seminar will be held at the Red Lion Inn, 4040 Quebec Street. For reservations/directions, call (303) 321-6666.

■ **St. Louis, Missouri** (November 20-21). Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart (author of *Healing Our World*), Barbara Goushaw (three-time LP campaign manager), and Steve Dasbach (LP National Director).

The seminar will be held at the Henry VIII Hotel & Conference Center, 4690 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Bridgeton (just outside St. Louis). For reservations/directions, call (314) 731-3040.



■ **Michael Cloud**, generally considered to be one of the most dynamic speakers in the Libertarian Party, will present workshops on "break-through" communications, building an effective campaign team, and fundraising at the Success '99 seminar in Augusta, Maine, on November 6-7, 1999.

Success '99 teaches "tried-and-tested techniques for building thriving LP organizations and running successful campaigns, and covers such specific political skills as fundraising, generating media, answering tough questions, planning a campaign, and recruiting volunteers," said Dasbach.

Intensive

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 is \$79, and includes a Saturday lunch. Participants pay for their own transportation and lodging.

For Libertarians who are uncertain about whether Success '99 is worth the time and cost, Dasbach urged them to consider the comments of previous attendees:

■ **Sean Haugh** (who attended the event in Raleigh-

Durham, North Carolina), said: "Success '99 lives up to its name. With this kind of quality political training, we'll soon be able to compete with the two older parties."

■ **Barbara Lockwood** (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Success '99), said the information presented was "better than Christmas morning with a pile of new toys under the tree. It was more refreshing than an ocean cruise. I had a wonderful time."

■ **Bruce A. Smith** (Southfield, Michigan Success '99), said: "Best event in years! Exciting, informative, helpful."

■ **J.R. Prohaska** (San Jose, California Success '99), said: "Success '99 [is] a major success [with] a tremendous amount of helpful material."

For more information on the upcoming Success '99 events — or to request more information or register — call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

Party wins 'radio-friendly' accolades

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are knowledgeable about current political topics, and who have provocative but defensible positions that will intrigue listeners," said Getz.

"Over the past several years, we've worked hard to provide that — and worked equally hard to attract the attention of talk radio with our hard-hitting and entertaining press releases."

The proof that this targeted effort has worked, he said, was not only the fact that the LP national office was included on *Talkers' list*, but also that it generates about 100 contacts from the media every month — more than half from talk radio — and is averaging 30-40 radio interviews a month. During the first six months of the year, LP spokespeople also appeared on

an average of 1,897 radio or television stations a month — a number boosted by numerous invitations to appear on large radio networks.

"For a small party, we get a significant amount of media," he said. "Our next challenge is to figure out how to make the jump from radio to network television, so we can reach even more voters on a regular basis."

SAFE works to build its influence and scope

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is advocating significant cuts in federal spending.

"The goal of SAFE is to get the federal government to cut spending and pay off as much debt as possible before the Baby Boomers retire," said Morris.

"We want to minimize the unfair burden which the huge federal debt will place on [future generations]," he said. "We recognize the danger of a financial crisis unless government spending is cut [quickly], and cut more than the politicians are even discussing. We are willing to give up some of our entitlements if federal spending is decreased so that the debt can be paid off."

Pressure

To accomplish that, Morris said SAFE must become large enough to put significant pressure on politicians.

"Politicians respond to the wishes of the voters — and the role of SAFE is to educate voters about the urgent need to cut government spending," he said.

Some of the specific political goals of SAFE include:

■ **Eliminating corporate welfare.** "Elimination of corporate welfare should be easy to agree on," said Morris.

"In fact, Congress is already moving in that direction and is considering cutting \$10 billion. We could prod them to do more — [for example, the] Cato Institute has identified \$65 billion of corporate welfare."

■ **Eliminating some federal departments,** such as the Department of Energy.

"The [free market] energy companies are capable of supplying all the energy we need without subsidies or excessive regulations," he said. "Most of the functions of this department should be eliminated."

■ **Ending federal payments to states.** "Taxpayers send money to Washington, DC, and some of it is sent back with government controls," he noted. "[We should] stop payments to the states, and let the states get along without federal subsidies."

■ **Selling some government assets.** "The federal government owns a tremendous amount of land, buildings, mineral rights, and other assets," said Morris. "Many of these assets could and

should be sold. A sale of assets to pay off part of the debt would help mitigate the unfairness of the debt to future generations."

Very similar

Although some of these proposals sound very similar to Libertarian Party positions, SAFE is non-partisan, is open to members of all political parties, and has no age requirement for mem-

BILL MORRIS:

"We must never buy into the idea that it can't be done."

bership, said Morris, who was the founding member of the LP of Delaware in 1975.

However, he acknowledged, "SAFE members are working hard to help move toward the LP goal of smaller government."

That goal may be difficult to achieve, he said, because of the political clout of groups like the AARP — and because of the unwillingness of some seniors to

forego any promised government benefits.

However, "if everyone gives up and says it can't be done, then it won't be done," said Morris. "We must never buy into the idea that it can't be done."

"Is cutting spending difficult to accomplish? Yes.

"Is it hopeless? No! No! No!"

■ For information about SAFE, or to join, visit: www.s-a-f-e.org. Or write: SAFE, 206 Main Street, Odessa DE 19730-0602. Or call Morris at: (302) 475-7060.

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BOOKREVIEW

The jury rights story

Jury Nullification: The Evolution of a Doctrine

By Clay S. Conrad (Carolina Academic Press, 334 pages)

Jury Nullification, by former Libertarian National Committee member Clay S. Conrad, is a biography — the life story of the concept of an accused's right to nullification of bad law by his jury.

Conrad describes the erosion of this right in stages, as he traces the development of this doctrine, century by century. He supports his thesis with every source imaginable and has put together a masterpiece. The short book is jam-packed with careful documentation, yet reads like a fine novel. Characters and courtrooms come alive — I could almost smell the dust in the crowded courtrooms of the Deep South.

The book taught me some new things, and it taught me much more about what I already knew.

I knew that juries had refused to enforce the Fugitive Slave Act, but never knew that one of the defendants on trial for helping slaves escape bondage was a black lawyer, who told his jury: "[T]hey were to judge the law as well as the facts, and that if any of them conscientiously believed that the Fugitive Slave Law was unconstitutional, they should disregard any instructions by the judge to the contrary."

Clay Conrad shatters the myths about jury nullification.

The excuse that racists would be acquitted by other racists is destroyed by this work. It was born of racist judges and prosecutors who made certain no juries ever learned of the incriminating evidence — then, in Conrad's words, "scapegoated the jury" for the acquittals.

As a lawyer, I believed that jurors are required to swear that they will follow the instructions of the judge even if to do so violates their own conscience. Conrad demonstrates that this has never been so. I am embarrassed I never noticed that myself.

Whole chapters in this history were new to me. The Supreme Court overturned the Texas death sentence of a severely retarded man, because the jury was not given a chance to consider mitigating evidence. To save its death penalty statute from being struck down as unconstitutional, Texas Courts began instructing juries that, if they believed death was not an appropriate punishment, they should answer "no" to one of the questions that require a "yes" finding to mandate death — even if the facts support the contrary. There is a Texas jury nullification instruction to this effect, which the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld.

In our own time, the case of Laura Kriho and the 1997 case of *U.S. v. Thomas* (where the sole black jurors' dismissal was reversed because there was "a possibility" he might have been voting on the facts, not nullifying) are brought to life. But Conrad carefully explains that neither incident involved a punishment for violating their oath. Any attempt to punish jurors for violating their oaths would not be constitutional because when the jurors took their oaths, they had not already decided to nullify.

In the last chapter, Conrad talks about how to use a nullification defense. He explains my favorite technique, the "shadow defense" — a legally plausible, factually based defense that undercuts an essential element of the prosecution's case. By giving the jury a "legitimate" reason to say "not guilty," they are empowered to do so.

If you hope to see fully informed jurors in our lifetime this is the book to read — even if you only have time for one book a year.

■ **About the reviewer:** Nancy Lord Johnson, a Nevada attorney, was the 1992 Libertarian Party candidate for Vice President. She also serves on the Board of Directors for NORML.



**Reviewed by
Nancy Lord
Johnson**

Group tries to draft Gov. Johnson as 2000 LP presidential candidate

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and so do we; you believe in privatization, so do we; you believe in private property rights, so do we; you believe decriminalization is a viable alternative to prohibition, so do we; you believe in individual responsibility, so do we."

Despite the fact that the governor is a longtime Republican, Knight told Johnson, "You are closer to the Libertarian Party than you are to the Republican Party: we know it, you know it, and they know it."

Knight said Johnson is "not a 'pure' libertarian, but his administration has been marked by a number of libertarian-type initiatives, including privatization of prisons, school choice, large tax cuts, [and] whittling away at welfare. He used to attend LP forums in Albuquerque before he became governor."

Joshua Zader, who is doing volunteer work on the "Draft Johnson" website, said he also thought Johnson is very Libertarian leaning.

"He has trimmed taxes by \$106 million per year, saved the state \$100 million per year through Medicaid reforms, convinced the majority of New Mexicans to support school choice, cut the number of welfare recipients in half, and trimmed the state budget by another \$60 million per year by eliminating one out of every twenty state employees. He also encourages his staff to read *The Fountainhead*," he said.

Viable alternative

On the issue of ending Drug Prohibition, Johnson has said, "I am advocating that I think legalization is a viable alternative to what we are now doing." He said he had no plans to propose legislation to make drugs legal in New Mexico, but said he personally supported legalization as a national policy.

On the day the Draft Johnson committee went public, the governor was speaking at a drug decriminalization forum at the libertarian Cato Institute in Washington, DC.

According to a news report in the *Albuquerque Sunday Journal*, the governor "laughed and blushed" when he heard about the "Draft Johnson" effort, and said he was "honored they would do that."

However, he said he was sticking to his promise to "never run for elected office again."

JOSEPH KNIGHT:
It's "a chance for the LP to have a Jesse Ventura of our own."

Johnson's second four-year gubernatorial term concludes at the end of 2002.

While the national Libertarian Party office must remain neutral in the race for the party's nomination, LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said he would "welcome" Johnson into the race.

"Energetically contested presidential nomination contests are healthy for the party," he said. "And having such a well-respected candidate like Governor Johnson could only help us. If he decided to join the party and enter the presidential race, I think Governor Johnson's campaign would be embraced by many LP members."

Welcome entry

The two most active current candidates for the LP's 2000 presidential nomination — Harry Browne and Larry Hines — also said they would welcome Johnson's entry into the race.

"I would certainly welcome Gary Johnson into the Libertarian Party," said Browne, a best-selling author and the party's 1996 candidate. "Although he undoubtedly has some views that are different from ours, most people become more libertarian once they're inside the LP. As a

candidate, it might be that his views on various issues important to us aren't uniquely libertarian, but I don't know enough about him to be able to say."

However, Browne predicted that Johnson would not run.

"It seems very unlikely," he said. "Running for president as a Libertarian would disassociate him from his party, his colleagues in the state legislature, and perhaps even many of his friends. It would seem far more likely that he would think about doing something in 2004, when he will no longer be governor."

Hines took a slightly different tack, focusing on the media coverage.

"Speaking as a member of the LP, I would say [trying to draft Johnson] was a media-savvy move," he said. "Speaking as a Libertarian presidential candidate, the cliché 'the grass is always greener on the other side' comes to mind."



■ **Gov. Johnson:**
Honored, but...

Besides Knight, some of the other Libertarians involved in the "Draft Johnson" campaign are Bruce Bush, Ashley Gauthier, and Mike Marshall Weber.

Knight said he's also been contacted by LP state chairs who are interested in persuading Johnson to seek the party's nomination.

"They've just been expressing interest, looking for information," he said.

For more information on the Draft Johnson Committee, visit: <http://garyjohnson2000.org>.

Presidential Library offered as '99 Lights of Liberty prize

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Libertarian Party Presidential candidate. Autographed.

If libertarian activists accomplish more than one of these activities, they will be included in the Libertarian Presidential Library drawing multiple times, said Harris.

"So a devoted activist can greatly increase their odds of winning the Libertarian Presidential Library by writing more letters, doing more speeches, and

helping with more OPH booths," she said. "The more activism, the more chances of winning."

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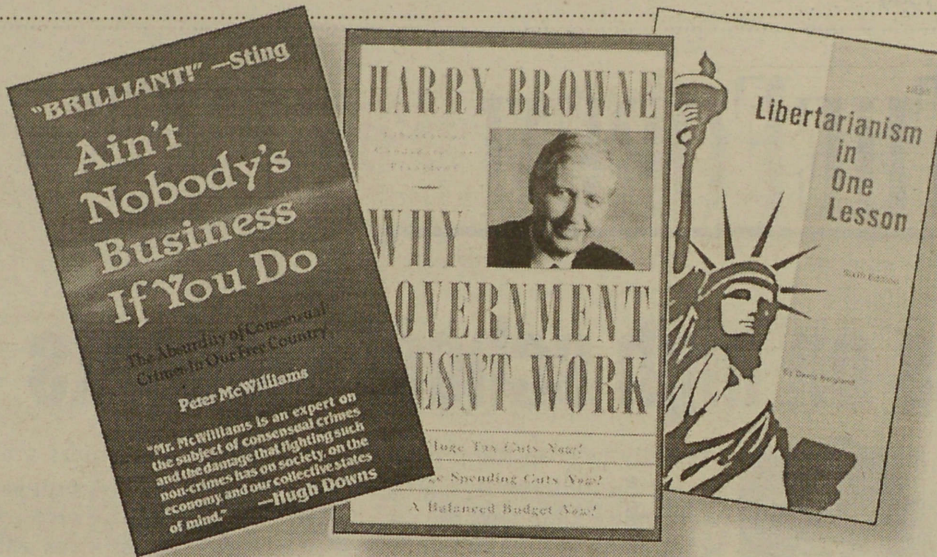
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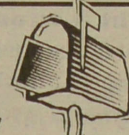
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THE FORUM

Bleak reflections on high school students

In April 1999, Gordon Kitsawa, a member of the Hawaii Rifle Association, suggested to Ken Schoolland, author of *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey*, that he start an essay contest for high school students concerning free-market principles, with savings bonds offered as prizes.

One of the questions suggested for the essay contest was, "What would Jonathan G. say about the UH [the University of Hawaii's government-funded] softball stadium?"

Knowing that I was still in high school at the time, Prof. Schoolland asked me, via e-mail, about how such a contest would fare among students at my school. I resignedly told him that, while I thought that other high schools would benefit from such contests, I could not imagine the students at my own school developing any interest in the free market or in reading *Jonathan Gullible*.

For one thing, very few of the students at the school which I had attended until my graduation in May 1999 even know

what a savings bond is. The word itself sounds too complicated.

I believe that most teenagers would instead prefer a cash prize, since they can understand its concrete value and can use it for instant gratification.

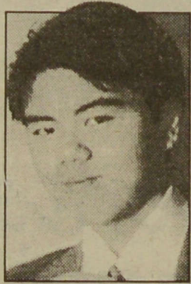
Also, virtually none of the students at my former school would understand questions like "What would Jonathan Gullible say about Aloha Stadium?"

This is not an exaggeration.

Inconceivable

Just the idea that Aloha Stadium would have been better off had it been built and run by private enterprise is inconceivable. At that school, the usual attitude among most students and even some teachers is something like this:

"If the evil corporations ran the stadium, they would con-



By Stuart Hayashi

tinually jack up the price until no one could afford to go. And if people couldn't go, the greedy capitalists wouldn't mind, because they already have a lot of money.

"Sure, eventually they would lose money, but it would take a long time for them to have a change of heart and be nice to customers again. Rather than having people be deprived of seeing their ball games, it is just better for the government to freeze the ticket prices.

"But then, the government running the stadium is even better, because it isn't motivated by greed, while companies are.

"And if the greedy corporations running the stadium made the customers angry, boycotting them wouldn't be good. Why not? Because consumers are stupid and have weak wills and will agree to the conditions set by the cheapskate businessmen. Consumers having weak wills should be tolerated, but companies being greedy should not.

"Since consumers are too weak and stupid to gain an upper hand over the cheapskate businesses, it just saves a lot of time and effort for everyone if the government forces them to have fair prices.

"Besides, just having more businesses around means more greed and corruption, while having more government agencies means more safety and justice. The only government agency that really harasses people is the local police department, because it is a bunch of grumpy old men

wouldn't be pro-business, because those simply aren't businesses. Privatization of social services shouldn't be done, because it's so weird and no one has ever heard of such a thing.

"And if the government decided that privatizing the postal service is not a good idea, then it's simply not a good idea.

"The government is seldom wrong, because it is a big collective of people democratically elected, and these people always compromise. Democracy and compromise are always good, so it is safer to rely on the government than on the selfish capitalists. Besides, the legislators must be intelligent, since they speak well and have such nice suits.

The public good

"But what about the government raising the University of Hawaii's tuition? That doesn't sound good, but it must be necessary, because the government only does bad stuff when it is absolutely necessary. When business raises its prices, it is because of greed. When the government raises fees or taxes, it is out of necessity and for the public good.

"That's not to say that businessmen like Bill Gates and John D. Rockefeller are utter bad guys. It is just that they are out for themselves, and therefore tend to do wrong. That doesn't mean that they are necessarily cruel. They are just mor-



who want to prevent teenagers from having a good time. The Food & Drug Administration, on the other hand, can do no wrong.

"And privatizing garbage collection or mail delivery

Generation 2: Life as a second-generation libertarian

Being a college libertarian: Teeth-grinding in Dublin and a solo defense of James Madison

I clearly remember sitting in my Social & Political Philosophy lecture my freshman year of college listening to my classmates in disbelief.

They spoke of a "right" to education, a "right" to job training, even a "right" to health insurance. One student even refused to speak to me after hearing I did not support public (or rather, government) education. They seemed brainwashed by the idea that mentally competent adults are unable to make decisions for themselves; they need the government to take care of them as a parent cares for a child.

All I could think was, "Wow, I must have grown up in another world from these people."

And I did. I grew up in a libertarian household.

Both of my parents are libertarians. My father gave me Ayn Rand's *We The Living* to read be-

fore I even reached high school, and at the age of 13 I attended anti-state income tax rallies with my mother. But their philosophy permeated my life on a daily basis, not just once in awhile.

In my house there weren't many rules, just the ones that mattered. I don't remember having a set bedtime or being told what music I could or couldn't listen to, but I do remember strict rules about fighting, stealing, and the like. I was treated more like a responsible adult, capable of making my own decisions, than most of my peers were.

Right & wrong

Without dozens of little rules I still learned that infringing on others' rights was wrong, but I was able to develop my own

sense of right and wrong on issues that solely effected me, and I have since become a responsible member of society. Legislation, or rules, do not create values. People need to develop those on their own, and they will if left alone to do it. I'm proof of that.

But along with the freedom to make my own decisions came personal responsibility. The consequences of my actions were mine to deal with. My parents didn't take excuses and they had no tolerance for self-proclaimed victims. My achievements were mine to be proud of and my problems were mine to solve. As my mother would say, "Self worth comes from accomplishment, not from a pat on the back when you're failing."

Most importantly, my home environment challenged me to think. I rarely, if ever, heard "because I said so" or "listen to your elders." Instead I was encouraged to question everything, think about others' opinions, draw my

own conclusions.

Celebrities weren't heroes in my house; great thinkers and achievers were. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Thomas Paine: they were the role models. Of course we took trips to amusement parks, but we also visited Monticello, the Capital Building, and Colonial Williamsburg.

Controversial

By the time I reached high school, it was clear that I had a different way of thinking than my classmates. I questioned what I was told in class, wrote papers on controversial topics like drug legalization, and stood up for what I believed in.

During my senior year, the class president spoke to the entire class about the importance of setting a good example for underclassmen — and then soon after was arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor and trespassing. I felt that he ought to lose his office, as provided for in

the school rules. After all, he chose to take the actions he did, those actions directly contradicted what he claimed to have stood for, and they lessened his effectiveness as class president.

So, I wrote an article for the school newspaper urging my classmates to think about the actions taken by the class president — and their inconsistency with the stand he took a few weeks earlier. He remained in office (as most people were not willing to break with the status quo), but I have been told, four years later, that it is still being talked about in my high school.

It wasn't until I reached college that I became involved in the Libertarian Party, but when I did I found myself right at home.

I joined the George Washington University College Libertarians as a freshman, and by sophomore year I was president. We accomplished a lot, including a protest of the Department of Justice on behalf of Microsoft

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ally weak and give in to temptation like the rest of us. Only government can restrain them.

"And, sure, once in a while government officials do illegal things, but the government tends to be good. And nothing legal that a politician does can possibly have any ill effect, because the laws were so carefully and democratically reviewed by a large number of people who argued and compromised. Nothing that came out of compromise can be unjust or impractical.

Mean & dumb

"So the public schools are in bad shape, but that's only because the people running them are mean and dumb. The people are always at fault, but never the system itself. The system is close to fool-proof.

"But if self-seeking capitalists took over the schools and Aloha Stadium, the population would be sucked dry of its money, and the wealth would be concentrated only among the avaricious fat cats. Sure, our parents' fortunes are being taxed away, but what the government does with my parents' money is not for me to decide and is not even worth thinking about. I've already wasted too much time thinking about this boring stuff."

When I asked other students why they were biased against the free market, the common response was "I dunno."

But I *do* know.

This basic attitude has been conditioned into them by years of indoctrination. When I spoke of the importance of always asking oneself, "Why is this true? How do I know what I am being told is true?", the other students usually just pitied me for thinking about such boring things that didn't concern me.

To the other students, raising the driving age was only about grown-ups being "mean," and had nothing to do with politics or philosophy.

Robber barons

At my former high school, most of the pro-statist attitudes of my peers came from American History class, in which everyone was taught that the Industrial Revolution — sorry, "The Gilded Age" — was an oppressive time run by the selfish robber barons. My teacher (who once said that the Federal Reserve chairman was named Hiram Greenspan) criticized "J. D. Rockefeller" for

being a miser who "never 'shared' his wealth." This suggests to me that she was ignorant of his well-known philanthropy.

There may be another student at my former school who is interested in the free market, but I've never met one.

My out-of-the-closet Libertarianism was one of the things which made me appear so freak-

ish. I wasn't harassed for being a Libertarian, though it did make me very dull in the eyes of others. Since very few of the students at my school wanted to be seen as boring, they usually avoided thinking about politics, the exceptions being the members of the Environmental Club and Animal Rights Club.

So while the students of

other schools may eagerly participate in such a contest, I cannot imagine more than five students from my school showing interest.

If the high school doesn't mind its students entering, the only way the students will know about it will be from reading the tiny print on a piece of paper stapled to the bulletin board in

front of the career counselor's office.

I'm sorry that the situation at my former school has to be so bleak.

It disappoints me as well.

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Growing up as a second-generation libertarian

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that was mentioned in the *Wall Street Journal* and an appearance on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal*.

Before the year was up I was interning at the Libertarian Party's National Headquarters in Washington, DC and planning a libertarian-related law career.

I continue to be amazed by how differently I look at the world compared to my peers.

Just last year I once again found myself feeling as if I was from another planet when the students at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, where I was studying for a year, staged a march to demand more money from the government. Not only were they attending such a prestigious school for free, but they were receiving fifty pounds a week to cover expenses. The

**NO ONE THOUGHT
Common Sense
"was worth the
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printed on."**

problem: Rent was generally closer to fifty five pounds per week.

Not only did they believe they had a "right" to education, they also believed they had a "right" to have it completely free, even rent-free! Those who knew my beliefs on the role of government couldn't help but notice my teeth grinding as the

protest was cheered on in class.

Once in awhile, though, I do feel as if I'm on the right planet.

For example, this past summer I was privileged to receive a scholarship to attend the Cato University Summer Seminar in San Diego, California.

Fascinating

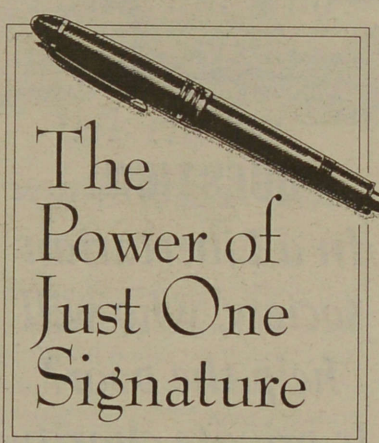
My father and I attended together and we both enjoyed a full week of meeting other libertarians, listening to thought-provoking lectures, and participating in many fascinating discussions. As far as I know, we were one of only two father-daughter pairs at the seminar. But I guess there just aren't that many second-generation libertarians yet.

I have since returned to college to continue to be baffled by my peers.

Already this semester they have challenged me to defend Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, which not a single student in my American Literature class felt was worth the paper it was written on. Government is not a necessary evil, they said, but a worth while public service which many argued doesn't do enough.

One student even argued that the government ought to be doing something to curb the divorce rate. So, add government enforced marriage to the list of "rights" I still haven't been able to find anywhere in our nation's founding documents!

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From THE CHAIR

Those unpredictable National Conventions

Are you ready for the Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention in July 2000 in Anaheim, California? Begin planning now, because this will be the kick-off event of the new Libertarian millennium. Future historians will say that the 2000 elections were the beginning of a libertarian revolution in America — forgetting, as pundits usually do, that our overnight success has taken three decades. Looking forward to July 2000, let's also glance back at our earliest nominating conventions.

1972. Fewer than 100 young libertarians gathered in Denver, Colorado, for the party's first convention. John Hospers, head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Southern California, drafted the party's Statement of Principles. The delegates selected Dr. Hospers as the first LP presidential candidate. He was joined on the ticket by Tonie Nathan and they were on the ballot in two (!) states.

Libertarians learned then that ballot access is tough. Democrats and Republicans write the election laws and don't make it easy. So the party scheduled nominating conventions in the year *before* the election to give time for petitioning to place our presidential ticket on the ballot.

Roger MacBride came to the **1975** convention in New York the clear favorite. As a Republican elector in 1972, he had cast his electoral vote for Hospers and Nathan, a heroic act that endeared him to delegates who nominated him overwhelmingly. But, the convention bogged down on the selection of a vice presidential candidate. MacBride favored Manny Klausner (of *Reason* magazine), but the lovable contrarian delegates were not swayed.

During an overnight recess, two friends called me at home in California and suggested I catch a red-eye to New York and add my name to the list. So I did. My primary qualifications were being over 35 (very few others were) and a new face at the convention. The delegates made it a MacBride/Bergland ticket in 1976.

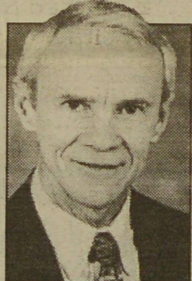
Los Angeles hosted the **1979** convention that nominated Ed Clark for president and David Koch for vice-president. Ed Clark was a popular California libertarian who had campaigned for Governor in 1978.

The wealthy Koch family had been major benefactors of the party during the 1970s. Much of our ballot access success leading up to this convention, and after, resulted from their support. The new Federal Election Campaign Act limited individual contributions to \$1,000. So David Koch offered to be the VP candidate since candidates could spend unlimited amounts. Most delegates were happy with that deal, so the Clark/Koch campaign had the benefit of about \$3 million from David Koch. The campaign made the ballot in 50 states, a first, and also bought national TV advertising.

Leading up to the **1983** convention, the only real contender for the nomination was Gene Burns, an Orlando radio talk show host and remarkable communicator. However, shortly before the convention in New York, Burns dropped out, leaving the party with a wide open convention. Among those who sought the nomination was yours truly. It took four ballots — and I was nominated on the last ballot, winning by one vote.

Party growth and ballot access success have made it possible to move our nominating conventions to the election year. Past experiences teach us one overwhelming lesson: Anything can happen at a nominating convention.

Don't miss Anaheim in 2000!



By David Bergland, LP National Chair

How do we know the poor won't starve in a Libertarian society?

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 Mary Ruwart

In a Libertarian society, what will keep the poor from starving in the streets? What about the homeless and the people who are handicapped? What proof is there that private charity will be sufficient?

In a Libertarian society, the poor would almost certainly have more than they do today. A voluntary society would more efficiently provide aid and actually give the poor an opportunity to become rich. Part I of this article explains how a libertarian society would increase the resources available to the disadvantaged — by several hundred percent!

During the 1980s, I rented to welfare recipients. Ninety percent of my tenants were able-bodied women with children who simply chose welfare instead of work.

Indeed, one woman who tried to give me friendly advice suggested that I stop fixing up the apartments at night and give up my day job. "Have some kids and get on welfare so that you can enjoy your life," she counseled me.

Although I did not take her advice, many young women did. Low-income teens often told me that they became pregnant in order to receive welfare checks and establish their own residences. The more children they had, the bigger their welfare stipend.

One in eight

In 1992, New Jersey eliminated part of the monthly increase that women received for new children. Even though stopping this stipend only decreased the welfare package 4%, births to welfare mothers went down by 10%. Clearly, many women were getting pregnant as a means of self-support. No wonder that one in eight children now receive some form of government "aid."

Why would someone choose to conceive children as meal tickets and live on welfare?

By the mid-'90s, a person would have to earn \$5.50 to \$17.50 per hour (depending upon your state) to get more af-

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ter-tax benefits than they'd receive on welfare! Of course, choosing welfare instead of work didn't give a person job experience or regular raises, so choosing poverty as a teen was generally a life sentence.

When Ohio required capable welfare recipients to work, 40% of them decided that they didn't need help after all. Oregon tried to place its able-bodied welfare population in jobs by offering employers a subsidy to take



QUESTION:
In a Libertarian society, who will help the poor? Is private charity really enough?

them. Once welfare recipients found out that they were going to have to work for someone, 80% went out and found an unsubsidized job. Clearly, a great deal of the welfare population simply chooses not to work when tax dollars, usually in excess of what they would initially earn, are readily available. Giv-

ing money to those who could work results in less money for those who can't.

In 1987, Wisconsin began requiring people on aid to seek or train for work. By 1997, Wisconsin had 55% fewer families on welfare than it did in 1987, while the rest of the nation experienced an average increase of 16%. In other words, Wisconsin's work program cut welfare by 71%!

Let's assume that Wisconsin's experience was atypical and that nationwide, only 50%, rather than 71%, of the people on welfare are capable of supporting themselves. Private charities would be likely to weed out such people. Thus, if we simply gave the equivalent of the welfare budget to churches and other private charities for distribution, twice as much help would go to the truly needy — virtually overnight!

Cut overhead

Of course, public welfare gives over two-thirds of every tax dollar we give them to overhead (e.g., salaries of the bureaucrats who administer the program). Private charities, however, give two-thirds of every dollar to those who need help. By switching to private distribution, we'd cut overhead in half. In other words, we'd double the dollars available to the needy once again. By switching from public to private charity, we'd quadruple our help to the disadvantaged — virtually overnight!

Taxes are expensive to collect. Two-thirds of a dollar are spent to collect one dollar of taxes. If everyone in a libertarian society voluntarily gave the same amount to charity as they do today through taxes, once again we'd triple what the disadvantaged receive.

In other words, if private charities received the entire welfare budget in voluntary contributions, we'd multiply by twelve the money available to the poor!

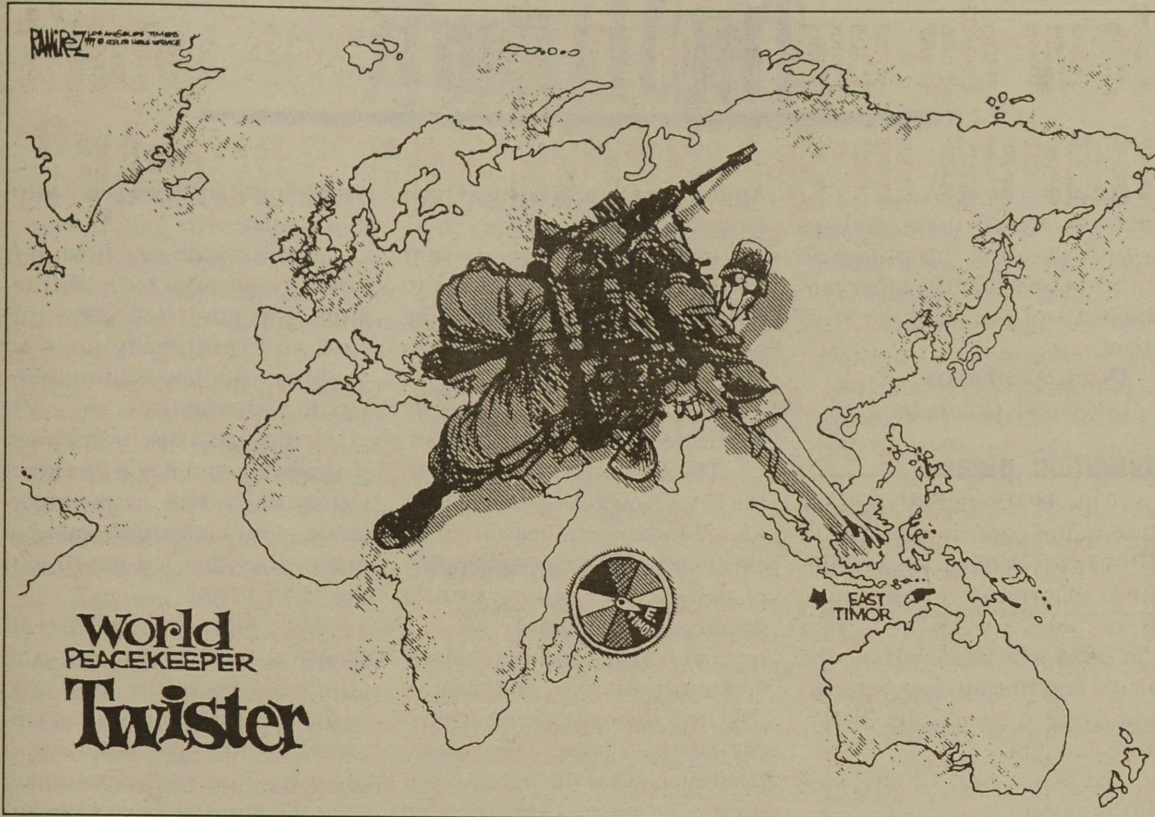
More charitable

Even if private charities received one-tenth of what our current welfare budgets are, the poor would still be better off than they are now. From all indications, however, each generation of Americans is more charitable than the last. In 1996, the average donation per adult was

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Census: Never again!

Thanks for the informative article about the Census in the October issue. I, for one, plan to answer only the basic questions sufficient to fulfill the Constitutional requirement of an "actual enumeration," and to invite the government to go ahead and try to impose a fine on me for refusing to answer the rest.

I was similarly aggravated in 1990 when I was one of the unlucky ones who received the full 50-something question form, but having not yet seen the Libertarian light at that point in my life, I went ahead and answered them all. Never again!

— **FRANK C. MAGILL**
San Antonio, Texas

Book search

Jim Powell's list of "The 20 best liberty books ever written" [*LP News*, September 1999] is a distinct service to established and would-be libertarians. How available are these books to library patrons?

The library of San Diego State University is not renowned for the extensiveness of its book collection. It is a lower-ranked institution that enrolls students who lack the academic qualifications necessary for entry into the University of California, or are not affluent enough to attend private universities.

It thus is not surprising that when doing research in my field, I find the SDSU library does not stock about 20-25% of the volumes I desire to inspect. How-

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ever, it is a pleasure to report that this library catalogs all but three of the 20 books on Powell's list: James Doti and Dwight Lee's *The Market Economy*, A Reader, Randy Barnett's *The Structure of Liberty*, Justice and the Rule of Law, and Henry Hazlitt's *Economics in One Lesson*. However, 14 other books by Hazlitt, that contain his libertarian views on economics, are available from this source.

On the other hand, the San Diego City Library fails to offer its patrons 40% of the books on Powell's list: (1-3) the books by Doti/Lee, Barnett, and Hazlitt, (4) *Socialism* by Ludwig von Mises, (5) *The Machinery of Freedom* by David Friedman, (6) *The Incredible Bread Machine* by Richard Grant, (7) *More Liberty Means Less*

Government by Walter Williams, and (8) *The Libertarian Reader* by David Boaz.

It is likely that libraries in cities smaller than San Diego offer patrons an even lower percentage of books on Powell's list. It thus would be a worthwhile project for libertarians to urge their public libraries to purchase these missing volumes.

— **PATRICK GROFF**
San Diego, California

More trust

Sometime back, I read a letter from my friend Dave Aitken [*LP News*, August 1999]. Dave proposed beginning each plank of the LP Platform with the phrase, "Because we trust you..." The platform committee may never consider Dave's suggestion. Having recently used it as a candidate, I hope they will. It works great!

Fortunately, the power of this phrase doesn't need sanctioning by any committee to work. If you're a candidate for school board or Congress, it will work for you. It will help you answer the questionnaires or debate your opponent. It will work on any issue, abortion to zoo taxes. Just say, "I trust you," figure out who the "you" in the issue is — women, zoo patrons — and then tell 'em how you'll trust 'em.

Trust may seem a hackneyed phrase in politics. Hackneyed until you remind people you're not asking them to trust you, but

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THE PULSE

Thanks, but no new taxes

Taxes, schmaxes, say Libertarians: The best way to reduce taxes is by *reducing* taxes — not by adding new ones or modifying old ones.

That was the unscientific result of this month's Pulse question, which asked *LP News* readers: While the LP works to eliminate the income tax, should we support any "interim" measures? For example, should we support a flat tax . . . and/or a national sales tax?

Saying no to both suggestions were 36% of the respondents, who argued that fiddling with the tax system should be left to the "big-government" parties. The Libertarian Party, they said, should be the party that focuses on *reducing* and *eliminating* taxes.

But the tax alternatives did have their supporters: 32.5% said the party should support some kind of national sales tax. Its principal virtue: It would get the federal government out of the business of snooping into people's financial lives. And 18% supported a flat rate income tax, arguing that it is simpler and less intrusive.

Another 2.5% said that either tax was a step in the right direction; 9% did not answer the question or proposed another form of taxation; and 1% said the party should take no position on what kind of tax was best.

An overview of the various responses:

■ **Neither:** No support for a flat tax or a sales tax!

Under either of these proposed tax systems, there would be some individuals who would end up paying more in taxes than they do now. As the Party of Principle, we cannot advocate raising the taxes of even *one* American.

— **HENRY HALLER**, Valencia, Pennsylvania

■ **Flat tax:** All that a national sales tax would accomplish would be to provide another target for raising taxes. The flat tax is a reasonable interim goal [and] would be a significant step in reducing the overall influence of the federal government on our daily lives.

— **ALLEN R. MERRIMAN**, Arlington, Virginia

■ **Neither:** Use our voice to talk about alternatives to taxation. Get people to think about fees for services and having the service offered by the free market, rather than by government.

— **SUZANNE KANNARR**, Glendale, Arizona

■ **Different tax:** Start a National Lottery on the lines of Power Ball. At this point, it would be a voluntary contribution to the government with a potential return.

— **JOSEPH S. VOLZ**, Holtwood, Pennsylvania

■ **Sales tax:** I believe that an immediate drop to a 5% flat sales tax for individual and corporate income, with no deductions or exemptions, and a five-year plan to "wean" people off the government dole and to cut the government down to a reasonable size is something that would be more palatable to the American public.

— **MIKE CARBONNIERE**, Warrenton, Colorado

■ **Neither:** Replacing the income tax with the sales tax is appealing, but in the real world we'd end up with *both* the national sales tax *and* the income tax. If not on the national level, then on the state level. Check out Europe.

— **RICHARD RIDER**, San Diego, California

■ **Flat tax:** Support a flat tax so that minors, who have not yet reached the age to vote, shall not be forced to pay a very high sales tax (taxation without representation).

— **JASON MILLER**, Hudsonville, Michigan

■ **Neither:** Leave debating "fair" tax schemes to the Big Government Parties!

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

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■ **Sales tax:** It allows me to choose when or whether to spend money, depending on my current situation, health, financial emergencies, savings/investment plans, etc.

— DWANE KOPPLER, Springfield, Missouri

■ **Sales tax:** A retail sales tax might have the dual benefits of removing government snooping of our income sources and reducing a powerful lobby for income taxes: accountants, lawyers, and IRS employees earning their living from the current system. We would then have to tackle the REAL problem — government spending!

— SHELLEY TAMRES, Sterling, Virginia

■ **Neither:** A 15% flat tax? In just a few years, some "national emergency" will have them demand an increase to 17%, then 18%. A 10% national sales tax? All they have to do is declare some "crisis" or another, and lament that they will have to institute a "temporary" income tax.

— RENNY DECHARTES, Houston, Texas

■ **Flat tax:** While the sales tax would eliminate the IRS, it would also be regressive — punishing the poor — switching the error of the "progressive" system that punishes the rich for making money.

— JAMES GILLEN, Las Vegas, Nevada

■ **Neither:** Libertarianism is opposed to taxes in principle, and the LP should concentrate on eliminating the income tax without replacement.

— DONALD J. HENNIG, Council Bluffs, Iowa

January Question: 21st Century Liberty?

It's time to pull out your crystal ball. In a few short months, the clock will click over to January 1, 2000 — the dawn of a new century of American history. It's a century that will be shaped by the dramatic changes of the past 100 years: Advancements in technology (from the World Wide Web to biotechnology), the growth in government, globalization, increasing wealth and education, the fall of Communism, and much more. Putting on your prognosticator's cap, how will all these factors impact on the issue Libertarians care most about: Liberty — and, more specifically, liberty in the 21st Century?

■ **QUESTION:** Will Americans have more or less liberty (personal and economic) in the next century? And please explain why. (Please limit answers to 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** December 5, 1999

December Question: Improve the Platform?

From June 30-July 3, 2000, delegates at the Libertarian Party's National Convention will take their bi-annual whack at the party's Platform. They might simply "fine-tune" it (tweaking the rhetoric); add to it (proposing new planks about emerging political issues); or trim it down (taking out whole planks or chunks of language). Here's your chance to have input in that process. Is there something about the platform you don't like (and want to delete), or think could be improved (either beefed up, moderated, or added)? If so, tell us about it!

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

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offering to trust them. Perhaps best of all, using this phrase reminds people that the other candidates and parties don't trust them.

— DOUG ANDERSON
Lakewood, Colorado

Definition, please

This is about Herb Childs' letter, "Too confrontational," in LP News for October. Does Childs know that there's no such thing as an "assault weapon" — that the term was made up by the media and the anti-gun activists and refers to no specific object? It's a chimera.

I'd like to hear Childs' definition of one.

— CHARLES CHANDLER
Lexington, Massachusetts

Defense against tyranny

Herb Childs writes that the LP often takes "too confrontational" stances on issues. I agree, to a point.

Mr. Childs raises a very important question: Why oppose the banning of assault weapons, when there is no earthly civilian use for this weapon?

The best answer to Mr. Childs' question is not the typical answer he cites from others: that we oppose the ban on assault weapons because of the Second Amendment right to own and carry one. That is too simplistic an answer for a society that is strongly in favor of such bans, a society that fears assault weapons because it doesn't understand their legitimate purpose.

What is that purpose? The source for the best answer is in the history of the Second

Amendment, and why it was written in the first place.

It wasn't written so that hunters could have the right to hunt. Nor does it have anything to do with loving guns. It has absolutely nothing to do with the NRA. And it is only indirectly connected to the Rights of Man.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has a much more fundamental reason for its existence: It is society's last line of defense against a tyrannical government run amok.

I don't own a gun, let alone an assault rifle. Nor do I want to own one. But as a defense against the day that I hope never comes, I definitely want the right to own such a weapon. Don't get me wrong: I don't see anything like that happening any time soon. God willing, it never will. But you see, that's the whole point.

The Second Amendment is, collectively, our best, last defense against tyranny. It helps ensure that such a tyranny never comes.

— WALT THIESSEN
Simsbury, Connecticut

Jingoistic term

Unfortunately, Mr. Childs has been demonized by the media-concocted, jingoistic term "assault weapons" when refer-

ring to military-style semi-automatic rifles.

An attack on one firearm is virtually an attack on all firearms. The gun-haters know this well, and continually press on to divide the law-abiding gun-owning community.

I, too, was a disenfranchised Republican, and it was President George Bush's ban on the importation of military-style semiautomatic rifles that led me to join the LP in 1992.

Mr. Childs also expresses an identity; to wit, that it is the criminal who is the mad dog, and not the weapon. Neither Libertarians nor the Libertarian Party are "too confrontational"; only the gun-haters and the enemies of freedom are. History will attest to this truth.

— DAVID C. ROTH
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Unitarian opportunity?

Has anyone considered reaching out to the Unitarian Universalist congregations in our communities? As a new attendee of services of this denomination this church of social action seems open to manifesting a Libertarian hotbed of converts. I'd be interested in reflections on this by those who know the Unitarian philosophy better than me.

— AMANDA SWAFFORD
Sacramento, California

Choice on Guns

My initial reaction to June Boudette's letter in last month's Mailbox (LP News, October 1999) advocating that each state mandate all law-abiding households have guns for protection was to chuckle. Was this really written by a libertarian or was it a plant

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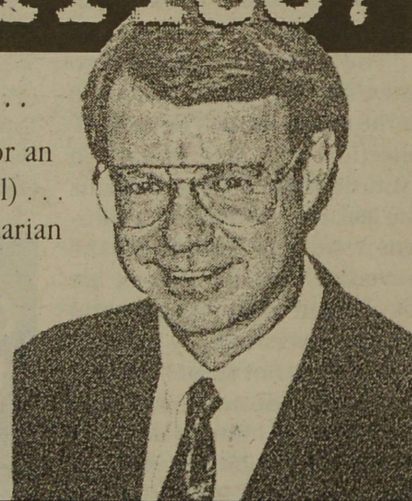
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by the editor to see if readers were paying attention?

First, and obviously, no government of a free society has any more right to mandate that peaceful citizens bear arms (which is one reason libertarians oppose the draft) than it has to mandate that peaceful citizens may not bear arms. (Although, somehow, the town of Kennesaw, Georgia, got away with mandating guns in every home.)

Second, and not so obviously, is that a mandate just isn't necessary. Even in today's America the most virulent anti-gun nut is unwittingly being de facto protected by the very gun-toters in his neighborhood whom he so despises; thugs cruising his street at night looking for a house to burglarize have no idea who has a hand gun tucked in the nightstand and who doesn't.

In a libertarian society, Ms. Boudette, the operative word is "choice," not "mandatory."

— **GARRY L. REED**
Fort Worth, Texas

East Timor lessons

The tragic events unfolding in East Timor are but the latest of a long list of examples highlighting the precise reason why so many Americans adamantly refuse to give up their right to own guns.

How many innocent men, women, and children would be getting hacked to pieces by government-funded butchers if the East Timorese people were as well armed as the Americans? How many Africans would have been forced onto ships and into slavery had they been well armed? How many Jews would have been bullied into concentration camps and ovens, had they been well armed? How many Australian Aborigines would have been slaughtered at whim or had their children stolen from them, had they been well armed?

Sadly, this list covers the entire span of human history and repeats itself over and over again. If history teaches us anything it shows that an inert and disarmed citizenry is a seed bed for government tyranny.

East Timor is proof positive that the important lessons enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, by its wise founders, are as relevant today as they were 200 years ago. "... The right of the people ..." — not just the police, army, or paramilitary's, but the right of the ordinary people — "... to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

If this had been the law of the land in East Timor then these unfortunate people wouldn't have to rely upon the pathetic and shamefully inadequate response from the international community. They would instead be relying upon and saving themselves.

— **JAMES P. HILTON**
Castle Hill, Australia

Proportionally bad

I was very disturbed to read in the October *LP News* that the party is flirting with advocating proportional allocation of elected officials based on vote percentages. There must be some better way to increase our influence than to enter the mire of suggesting that our candidates don't actually have to win in order to be elected.

Proportional representation is operated one of two ways. The first method is that all the candidates run "at-large." So, here in Tennessee, there might be 250 names on the ballot for the Gen-

eral Assembly. The voter would be allowed to vote for up to 99 of them, i.e., one for each seat in the General Assembly.

After the votes are counted, the seats are apportioned and it would be very possible that candidates not even close to the top 99 vote-getters would be awarded seats. And, which one of them would be "my" representative with whom I could take issue at the next election?

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The second method is to continue the district method of election, but to assign the winner based on voting results external to that district. So "your" representative might wind up being from some other city/county/or even state.

This departure from representative government could not further the cause of liberty. Let's not sacrifice liberty in exchange for the rush of election "victory."

— **KEN BRYANT**
Nashville, Tennessee

■ **Editor's note:** The article in question — "Proportional voting listserv started" in the *Political News* column — reported on the actions of an individual LP member. The Libertarian Party has never taken an official position on the merits of proportional representation voting systems.

The \$25 billion rule

In response to the essay, "Cutting pork-barrel spending: Start with 10 tempting targets" (*LP News*, October 1999): Every one of these items mentioned in *Libertarian Solutions* is worthy of elimination, but with a \$1.7 trillion budget your total spending cut is less than 0.2%.

Why not cut every program under \$25 billion per year? If it's smaller than that, the Federal Government shouldn't be messing with it because it probably doesn't benefit the whole country. After that start on the bigger stuff.

— **PETE KOMEN**
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Harming children

Regarding Patrick Groff's attacks on gay people adopting children in *The Mailbox*, October issue, it seems Mr. Groff apparently wants to harm children, even though he states the opposite.

Since there are more children waiting to be adopted than potential adopters, it appears he believes children are better off in orphanages and foster homes instead of living in a loving, stable home. Gay people often adopt the children that no one else wants (older children, children with ADHD, etc.), and I'll wager Mr. Groff cares little about this. This makes him unfit to tell who should or shouldn't adopt any more than a government bureaucrat.

And I wonder how long Mr. See **THE MAILBOX** Page 26

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Groff has been "gratifying his sexual identity" in front of children. Perhaps it is he who should be prohibited from adopting children because of the "social stigma" of being around a person who is intolerant.

The Libertarian Party stands for not letting people's ignorance and prejudices trample on individuals' lives. Mr. Groff's comments seem more fitting coming from the Republican Party, not the Party of Liberty.

— **DAN KOEHLER**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Disheartened

I am compelled to respond to a letter written by Patrick Groff. In his letter, Mr. Groff argues that gays should not have equal protection under the law when it comes to adopting children. I was astonished, disheartened, and bewildered.

He stated that "Libertarians should take a stand against gays gratifying their sexual identities by submitting children, too immature for intelligent consent, to the lifelong stigma of being adopted by them." Using the same logic, do heterosexuals "gratify their sexual identities" when adopting children?

Not being an adoptive gay parent, but having children who are, I can assure Mr. Groff that children raised by gay parents are no better or worse off than those raised by straight parents. Children need love, support, and guidance. Straight people do not have a lock on the ability to provide those needs.

Furthermore, accepting the notion that being gay connotes a "social stigma" only adds fuel to the fire of hate-mongers like Pat Buchanan and Jerry Falwell. Based on the "social stigma" logic, who else should then be

excluded from the adoption process? Only gay people? Such an argument is not based on a concern for children, but rather on a disdain and fear of a lifestyle that is not understood by the heterosexual majority.

In conclusion, the very idea that any individual or group should be singled out and denied rights afforded to any other individual or group is anti-libertarian. I joined the Libertarian Party for this very reason.

As a gay libertarian, I am opposed to special rights, but I'll be damned if I'll be denied any that everyone else gets.

— **VINCENT GRUBBS**

San Francisco, California

Local time?

Boy did you blow this one! In the September News Briefs, "Uncle Sam vs. Father Time," LP Communications Director Bill Winter is quoted as saying, "It's time to get the politicians out of the time business..."

Do you want another Constitutional amendment to amend paragraph 5, Section 8, or what? Of all the things our government does which are outside the limits imposed by the Ninth and Tenth amendments, weights and measures certainly are not. The Bureau of Standards is one of the oldest and best of the sorry mess which governs us today.

Perhaps you think that we should all go back to local time?

— **SKIP PREMO**

Camp Nelson, California

Avoiding Jesse

To the fellow who said "Ventura for LP presidential can-

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didate" (The Mailbox, LP News, October 1999), hey pal, go back and read "The Pulse" on page 19, same issue. Ray H. Smith said, "Libertarianism is the belief that everybody is created by God with equal rights of..."

Jesse Ventura doesn't believe in God. Read his quote in *Playboy* magazine, that "religion is an opiate to the masses."

Do you still want him as "our" candidate?

— **BERNARD STOLTIE**

Shelton, Connecticut

Courting Jesse

I wonder, with the Reform Party Chairman telling Governor Jesse Ventura that he should resign from the party, and with their leadership courting a guaranteed election loser like Pat Buchanan instead of a fresh option like Donald Trump, why the LP hasn't offered either of them a place to call home?

Both of them call themselves socially liberal and fiscally conservative, and both of them have been unafraid to call for people to be personally responsible for themselves and yet free to pur-

sue happiness as they see fit.

These two men have charisma, name recognition, and generally favorable public perception. And one of them wouldn't need our money to make a run for the White House.

Now if we can only get Mr. Trump to select someone with strong political experience as a running mate, we could, as Jesse likes to say, jump in four months before the election and steal it from the Republicrats...

— **JEAN-MARC O'CONNOR**

Marysville, Ohio

What it's all about

We have hanging on the wall of [the state LP's] fair booth replicas of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Rodney Wimberly, the State Chair, was working at the Union County fair in September when this lady came by with a passel full of children, from 17 years down to about 6. She wanted some literature and then she saw those three documents. She showed them to her children.

Rodney told her that they were welcome to walk over and look at them. She made each of her children look them over, and she and a couple of the oldest read the Preamble to the Constitution out loud to the others.

All Rodney could do was stand there with tears running down his face. She thanked him and he told her, "No ma'am, thank YOU."

Friends, this is what it is all about.

— **GERHARD LANGGUTH**

Russellville, Arkansas

More UPCOMING EVENTS

■ February 3-5, 2000

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■ February 18-21, 2000

California LP Convention, Doubletree Hotel San Diego-Mission Valley, San Diego. For information, call (818) 506-0200.

■ February 20, 2000

Oklahoma LP Convention, Tulsa. Exact location and speakers TBA. On the agenda: Ballot access and candidate nominations. For more information, contact Lyn Atherton at (918) 447-1776.

■ March 26, 2000

Oregon LP Convention, Eugene. Exact location TBA. On the agenda: Candidate nominations. For more information, contact Jerome Cole at (503) 317-0636.

■ April 14-16, 2000

Colorado LP Convention. Location and speakers TBA. For information, call Michele Bethke at (303) 690-2907.

■ May 19-21, 2000

Michigan LP Convention, Clarion Hotel, Ann Arbor. Business includes selecting delegates for the 2000 Libertarian National Convention, nominating candidates, and electing state party officers. Speakers TBA. For information, call Emily Salvette at (734) 668-2608. Or e-mail: salvette@aol.com.

■ June 30-July 3, 2000

Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, Anaheim, California. Speakers and events TBA. For information, call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 227.

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twice the inflation-adjusted average in 1970 and triple the 1950 average. Volunteer work has increased in roughly the same proportions.

How significant are private contributions to charity?

If volunteer time is valued at the minimum wage, total private contributions to charity exceed the combined poverty budgets of government at all levels. If Americans contribute so generously while they are also forced to pay taxes for government welfare programs, wouldn't we expect them to give *more*, not less, if government left more money in their pockets?

More dollars

In summary, in a libertarian society, *more* dollars per capita — not less — should be available to the truly needy.

Savings come from getting

the able-bodied back to work, cutting the overhead of bureaucracy, and doing away with the collection costs of taxation.

The disadvantaged would benefit greatly from the increased monetary resources available from a libertarian society. However, a libertarian society has more than hand-outs to offer. A libertarian society provides better opportunities — even for the disabled — to work and grow rich.

Find out how in Part II of this article, in next month's Lib-

ertarian Solutions (in the December issue of *LP News*).

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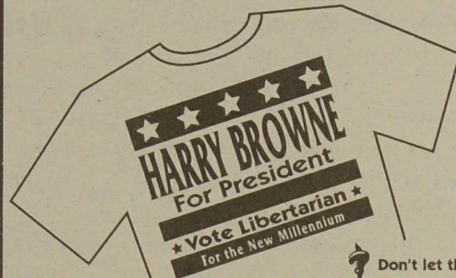
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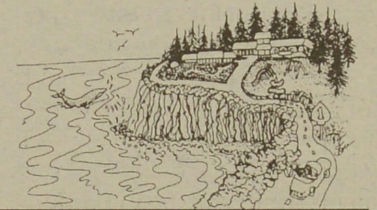
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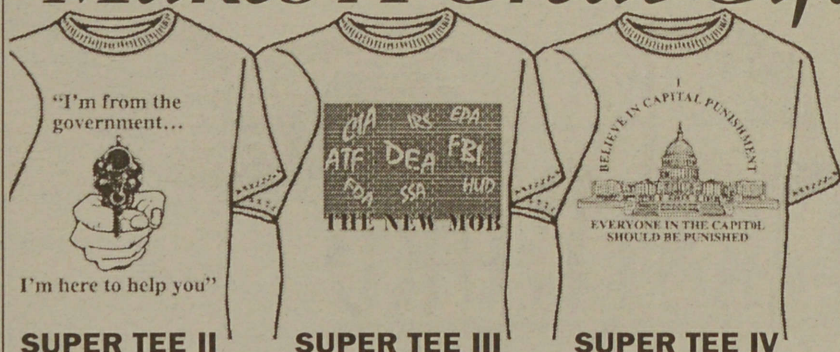
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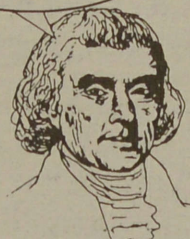
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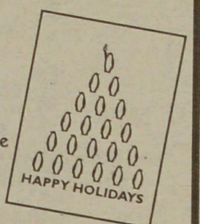
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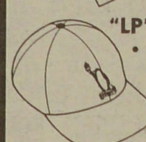


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■ November 6, 1999

Benefit Dinner for Beth King for Congress, Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Speakers include David Boaz (Cato Institute). Sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Washington County. For more information, contact Jerome Cole at (503) 317-0636.

■ November 6-7, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Activism Seminar, Holiday Inn Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. Speakers include Michael Cloud (creator of "The Essence of Political Persuasion"), Sharon Harris (President, Advocates for Self-Government), and Bill Winter (LP Director of Communications). For information or to register, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

■ November 10, 1999

Dinner Event and Speech on "The Moral Foundations of Liberty," Marriott Norcross, Atlanta, Georgia. Sponsored by the Metro Atlanta Libertarians. Speaker: Rev. Robert A. Sirico, CSP of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty,

who will discuss "the ethical, practical, and economic premises upon which virtue and freedom rest." For information, call: (770) 205-1211. For more information about the Acton Institute, visit: www.acton.org/.

■ November 13-14, 1999

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■ November 20-21, 1999

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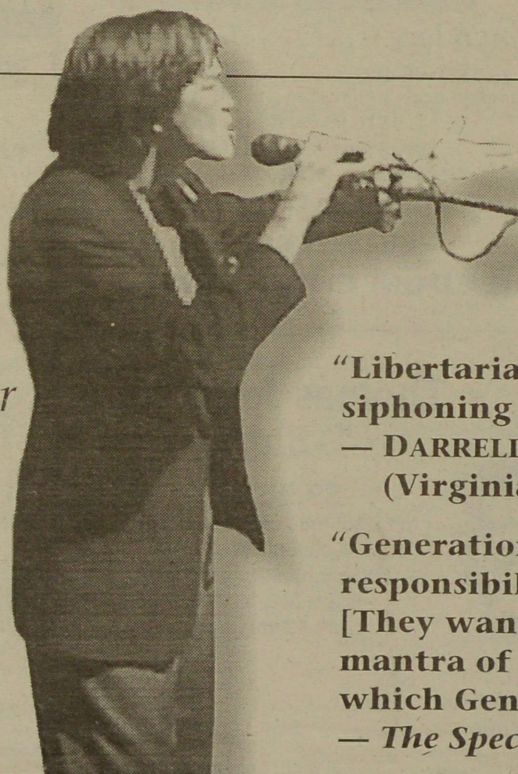
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