

Libertarian Party NEWS

Time to Talk Taxes Halve the Federal Budget Do the Same in Your Town Libertarians Can Tell 'Em How

There's one subject on which libertarians can hardly go wrong, a subject on which the Libertarian Party has the clearest advantage over the older parties. The subject is taxation.

The Libertarian Party is the only political party committed in principle to the reduction of all taxes immediately and to the eventual elimination of involuntary taxation itself.

With the latest staggering, debt-ridden federal budget now on the table, and with the annual horror of tax-thuggery filing just weeks away, the time clearly is ripe for the annual libertarian rallies and demonstrations against involuntary taxation to be girded as strongly as possible with practical alternatives rather than simply with objections.

To begin with there is the program of the Libertarian Party, adopted at the last national convention. It deserves respectful reading and widespread dissemination:

TAXES: The Cruelest Burden

One of the Libertarian Party's goals is to replace taxation with voluntary methods for financing government services.

The government uses force to collect taxes. If you don't pay taxes—voluntarily—your property may be seized and you may be imprisoned. Our earnings and property are taken by force if we don't cooperate. If any organization or person other than our government tried this, we would call it stealing. If it is wrong for private citizens to take others' property, it is wrong when government does it. Private citizens and companies would be called criminals for using such methods, so it must be criminal for our government to do it.

When taxation takes money or property from private citizens and transfers it to government, economic productivity declines. Employers cannot expand, businesses fail, and jobs are lost. We have seen this repeatedly, particularly during the past 70 years since the federal income tax was introduced. Even successful businesses must still pass on the cost of taxes to consumers. Everyone loses except the government.

Experience shows that government is inefficient. Most government services can be provided better by private businesses, private charities, and other community organizations.

To begin the process of replacing taxation with voluntary financing of government activities, we propose the following:

1. Neither Congress nor any state legislature should create any new tax or increase any tax rate from this day forward.

2. A "sunset" provision should be added to every tax statute. Such a provision would end the particular tax after two years unless it is re-enacted.

3. The U.S. Constitution and the state constitutions should be amended to provide for a binding initiative process where continued on page 5



Pictured on the set of the new Ron Paul TV show, as they pre-recorded a segment on taxation, are moderator Mike Hays, Ron Paul, and free market economist Walter Williams. See story on page 4.

Paul Forms Coalition To End Drug Violence

Calls for National Drug Peace Summit

Ron Paul, a former four-term congressman from Texas and 1988 Libertarian Party presidential candidate, has announced the formation of the Coalition to End Drug Violence (CEDV) and called for a national Drug Peace Summit in Washington, DC, by the end of summer.

"We haven't been able to keep drugs out of prisons, so we can't possibly keep them away from a free society by using more police and military enforcement. The war on drugs is a lost cause," Paul says. "The way to end drug violence such as street crime, gang wars, foreign military intervention, and police state tactics is to decriminalize drug use. We will save 10 billion dollars and these savings can go toward drug education and drug treatment centers."

Paul, who is chairman of CEDV, says he expects the coalition to include all those organizations and persons who have publicly stated their support of drug decriminalization. He says CEDV intends to hold a "National Drug Peace Summit" in Washington, DC, to devise an action plan aimed at gaining congressional support for a bill to decriminalize drug use. "The bill can accomplish what the re-

"The bill can accomplish what the repeal of liquor prohibition accomplished," Paul says. "It won't end drug use, but it will end drug connected violence, overdoses, and poisoned substances."

Paul is a physician, a Christian, and father of five. He says he strongly opposes drug use, "especially nicotine and alcohol," which he says caused 99 deaths for each illegal drug death last year.

"The crux of our argument is that, in reality, you can't force people to act wisely and responsibly; you have to educate and persuade them. Government threat and violence simply lead to more violence."

For more information contact Ron Paul, 409-265-3034; Don Ernsberger, CEDV executive director, 215-968-7127, or Tonie Nathan, CEDV communications director, 800-869-6601.

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LP's Drug Stance Presented To Colombians During Summit

Thanks to a blitzkrieg fund-raising effort by Utah activist Bob Waldrop, the Libertarian Party has presented a fullpage advertisement in a major Bogota, Colombia newspaper to coincide with President Bush's widely publicized Cartagena drug war summit.

The ad, which explains the Libertarian Party position that drug use should be "considered as a health problem and not a political problem," goes on to say that "for many years [drugs now declared illegal] were cultivated and used peacefully without death and slaughter in North, Central, and South America. Now the government of the United States has declared 'war on drugs.' To make the situation even worse, instead of solving this problem internally, we are exporting this war to Central and South America, with terrible consequences for the people of Colombia, Panama, Peru, and Bolivia..."

The ad also explains that the Libertarian Party is the third largest party in the U.S. and has fielded candidates in each general election since 1972.

The ad, appearing in *El Tiempo*, cost \$4,124. Most of the money was raised over just a few weeks, according to Waldrop, from the Libertarian Party activist directory contributors and from participants in the Libernet electronic mail network.

'Read My Principles...'

By Karl Hess

Taxes, the subject of major coverage in this issue of the NEWS, represent a major challenge to libertarian political practicality versus libertarian utopian. ism.

Probably the major utopian libertarian criticism of the Lib-

ertarian Party is that it suffers a sort of ideological original sin by even engaging in politics with its inescapable entanglement with the state.

Ideologically, the charge is hard to refute. The LP position that it is taking practical action toward opposing, even dismantling, the state, or that it is practicing a form of self-defense in which it always seeks to dismantle laws, not forge harsher ones-these defenses always sound thin when compared to the admittedly powerful, pure message of libertarianism as absolute and constant opposition to and withdrawal from state power.

Yet, as members of the Libertarian Party, including this one, have come to believe, the defenses are valid.

We have no magic button to abolish the state. We have no life-span long enough to patiently await the state's natural disintegration. We live and work in the here and now and we work with what we have and not with what we wish we had.

Taxes bring those points into sharp focus. Along with whatever we can do to abolish involuntary taxation altogether (see the LP NEWS, February 1990) we can properly, as libertarians, seek also to re-duce taxes.

Remember, no other political party actually is devoted steadily, constantly to reducing taxes. Over time this stunning fact could become a real rallying point for millions of Americans who are just now beginning to take tax rebellion

seriously. Check your local talk Viewpoint shows and news reports on that one.

> Libertarians need not say "read my lips, no new taxes." Libertarians can say "read my principles, involuntary taxation must be reduced, reduced, and, finally, abolished."

> Reducing taxes may not be as noble a cause or calling as storming the IRS palace. Incremental change may seem wimpish at a time when the Berlin Wall is falling, when dictators are falling. But those changes, as dramatic and as macho as they may seem, are in fact just incre-mental changes. Nowhere has the state itself been toppled. But how grand are the incremental steps that have been taken!

> Libertarians, of all people, should not be ashamed of incremental steps toward truly free markets and free, voluntaristic societies. Nor should we forget the most radical analyses that have kept us chipping away at the great libertarian project. But letting our utopian dreams interfere with our everyday realities would also be a mistake. We must continue to dream the dreams but, day by day, do the work that we can, as we can, where we can, and how we can.

Wanted: Answers

By Norma D. Segal

I remember feeling confused, then angry, when I heard a Libertarian candidate for a public office offer a quite unlibertarian response to a television reporter's question. Now I believe the reply came neither from ignorance nor antipathy, but from panic. We need to help each other come up with those bright and snappy answers we all need to sell the product and become better candidates.

From time to time, I'll suggest a question that could use short, hard-hitting libertarian answers. The better responses will be printed in the Libertarian Party NEWS. The best will receive a prize. A well known reporter at a New York con-vention told us, "My chief complaint about you people is that when I ask you for a practical solution to a current problem, you quote Thomas Jefferson at me." Now, I love Jefferson and proved it by going to his high school, but please don't quote him in your answers. Give us answers we can quote or paraphrase to reporters who will want to hear more.

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Send your 30-second to one-minute response to Internal Education Committee, 67 Bon Air Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804.

The prize: the \$19.95 hard cover edi-

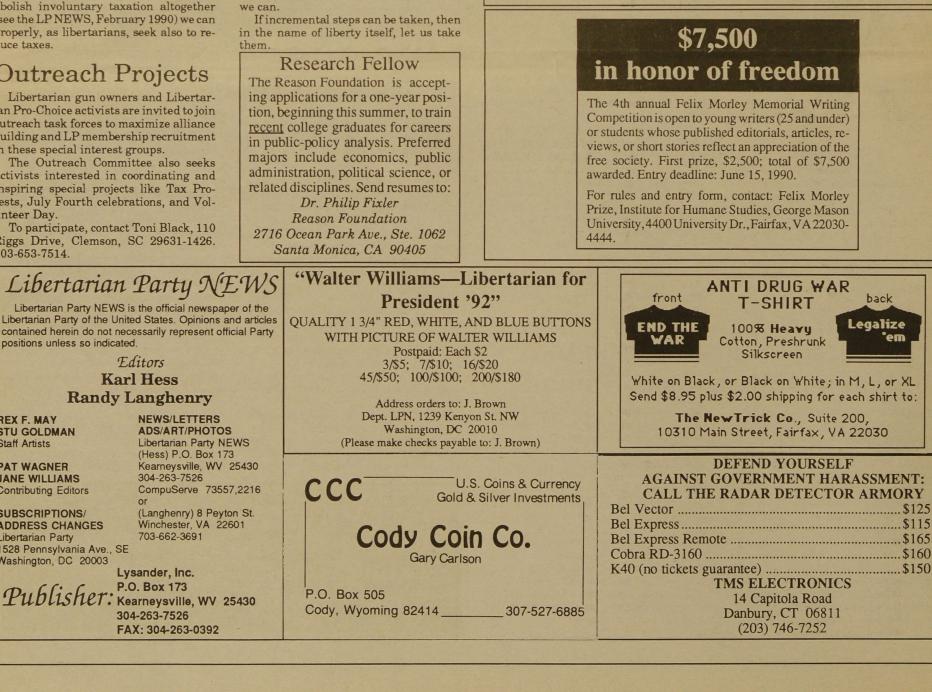
tion of In Pursuit of Happiness and Good Government by Charles Murray. The book was generously donated to the competition by the Free Press Association, described below.

Please suggest tough questions that you would like answered in the future. Tell us about topics that stirred up energy at your local meetings. Inform us of kindred spirit organizations that can supply libertarians with stimulating ammunition for their rhetorical arsenals.

The Free Press Association, founded by Michael Grossberg and 10 other journalists in 1981, is a national network of First Amendment absolutists. The Association publishes a bimonthly newsletter, holds annual human rights conferences and sponsors the annual Mencken Awards for outstanding writing in defense of freedom. Anyone may nominate a book, editorial cartoon, news or feature story for the Award. All supporters of the First Amendment may join the F.P.A., though regular membership is restricted to published writers, free-lancers and media professionals.

For a free membership brochure or Mencken Award entry form, send a selfaddressed stamped envelope to The Free Press Association, PO Box 15548, Columbus, OH 43215.

Segal is Chair, LP Internal Education Committee.



Outreach Projects

Libertarian gun owners and Libertarian Pro-Choice activists are invited to join outreach task forces to maximize alliance building and LP membership recruitment in these special interest groups.

The Outreach Committee also seeks activists interested in coordinating and inspiring special projects like Tax Pro-tests, July Fourth celebrations, and Volunteer Day.

To participate, contact Toni Black, 110 Riggs Drive, Clemson, SC 29631-1426. 803-653-7514.

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Question: What about the home-

Local LP Outreach Efforts **Enhance National Campaign**

By Dave Walter LP National Chair

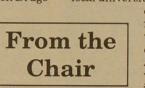
In recent months, the national party has issued news releases on topics such as the welcome news from eastern Europe, the invasion of Panama, the War on Drugs foolishness, the legislation to

allow Chinese students to stay in the United States, the ripoff of taxpayers through the S&L bailout, and the creation of a new cabinet level bureauc-racy in the EPA. According to the party's media relations

coordinator, Tonie Nathan, these releases are gradually making the media aware of the LP and have, in several instances, led to their seeking out the LP for our view on breaking stories. She says, however, that it takes time—months, even years—to have a very visible impact in the national media.

As we have learned, however, what the Libertarian Party says or does will be covered locally in the newspapers up to 100,000 circulation and in the smaller television markets. If you pick up your typical suburban or rural newspaper you'll see many articles about the doings of groups such as the Jaycees, the churches, and special interest groups active in the community. You may know nothing about what the Jaycees are doing nationally, but you certainly know what they are doing in the community. Local libertarian groups should take advantage of this desire to report on local news and not wait for the national party's news releases to filter down to the local media.

The Texas party issued their own news release on the invasion of Panama and it got far better circulation in Texas than any pronouncement by the far away national party in Washington. The possibilities for local parties are endless, and are a low cost and effective way to get out the libertarian message between campaigns: Is there an



S&L in your town that was bailed out by the feds(taxpayers)? Then your local club's resolution protesting the bailout is more likely to be covered in your local paper than any national news release the LP sends them. Any Chinese students at the local university? Any example of drug war

civil liberties abuse like the raid on Washington LP activist Kevin Bjornson's indoor growing supply store? Any local soldier killed or wounded in Panama? Any incident of pollution going unchecked because it complies with limits allowed by the EPA?

The Libertarian Party will receive news coverage to the extent it earns it. We cannot expect national news releases to do the job spreading the libertarian message without strong community participation by libertarians. We cannot expect the American people to support any organization that isn't active in their communities.

I urge you to avoid sitting back and waiting for the National Committee to pass a resolution and circulate it. You know the libertarian platform and libertarian principles. Have your local organization pass a resolution, let your local media know about it, combine the talk with some action or project that will make it even more newsworthy.

On April 1st, the Census Bureau expects all Americans to roll over and answer their census questionnaire. The LP's "Citizens for Census Privacy" is urging that this be voluntary. There will be national news releases and the like, but we cannot expect the media to pay much attention unless hundreds of local LPs promote the project and issue their own news releases.

We are all tired of the media giving both sides of the same side of an issue. Our local LP clubs have the best chance of breaking through with the free market, voluntary, individual rights view.

Libertarian Activist in Northwest Victim of Bennett's Drug War

By Amy Swanson

Operation Green Merchant, like a plague of locusts, was let loose across our nation last October.

Garden supply businesses were swept up with gestapo-like precision: inventories confiscated without compensation, mail order account records seized, employees searched and man-handled, bank accounts frozen

Libertarian activist and businessman Kevin Bjornson is one of those swept up in the operation and now, with no trial, no indictment, no jury of his peers, is stripped of his possessions and left to rot.

As of early February, three and onehalf months since the plunder took place, scores of witnesses have testified before grand juries in major cities across the country. Many witnesses have been recalled two and three times. So far, federal officials have been unable to convince the grand juries that there is any reason to criminally prosecute Bjornson, although virtually all of his property has been stolen without hearing.

As proprietor of Hydro-Tech (Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon) for nearly a decade, Kevin Bjornson is a leading authority on hydroponic technology and cultivation. He has dedicated his career to further knowledge and experimentation, more bountiful and cost-effective vegetable, fruit, and flower production.

Both locations of Hydro-Tech were raided by the Drug Enforcement Ad-ministration on October 26, 1989. As of this writing, the bank accounts remain frozen and none of the inventories or records has been returned.

Yet Bjornson remains liable for sales tax, withholding, workman's compensation, mortgage payments, payroll, utility bills, supplier debts, etc. With the avail-

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able options limited, he has closed the Portland location to consolidate his resources in Seattle. All but one employee has been laid off. Hydro-Tech remains open for business

Drug Czar Bill Bennett has declared that since some of indoor lighting/hydroponic equipment sales go to pot growers, those who retail and wholesale such equipment are drug profiteers and coconspirators. Of course, manufacturers who supply Bjornson and others with inventory have not suffered any consequences (familiar names like General Électric, North American Phillips, and Gardena).

Bjornson has not been charged with any crime, has not been subpoenaed or issued a warrant, or arrested. No illegal substances were found on his premises. With his bank accounts and assets seized, Bjornson is unable to pay an attorney. If he was able to find the money, it too would be seized before paying an attorney, as it may have been obtained as profit from a drug deal. Only money raised by his defense committee (and, unfortunately, some of our tax money) can be legally used to help defend him.

Kevin Bjornson is a real victim of the War on Drugs. He has been stripped of the civil liberties granted U.S. citizens by our Constitution. Drug prohibition is the major cause of crime, violence, and AIDS. The price we are paying for prohibition can only be measured by the degrees of lost civil liberties. The price is too high.

Kevin Bjornson's legal defense is being supported by Citizens for Freedom of Agriculture, 1916-M Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View, CA 94043; phone 415-965-1506.

Amy Swanson is an LP member and co-founder of Citizens for Freedom of Agriculture.

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Three Good Ballot Bills

By Richard Winger

• Georgia: Senator Culver Kidd introduced a bill to lower the number of signatures for statewide third party and independent candidates to 10,000 signatures; to lower the number of signatures needed for district office from five percent of the number of registered voters to one percent; and to provide that petitioning shall be done with small forms which hold only one signature. The latter provision is desired by the Secretary of State. The bill has passed the state senate.

• Kansas: House Bill 2428, introduced in 1989 and still alive, will be amended in conference committee to lower the number of signatures needed for a new party to get on the ballot from two percent to one percent of the last gubernatorial vote. The bill is sponsored by the Secretary of State. The bill may or may not also raise the number of signatures needed for a statewide inde-pendent candidate from 2,500 signatures to one percent of the last gubernatorial vote. This latter change, if it is made, will be unfortunate, but third party activists in Kansas would still support the bill.

•Missouri: Representative Sheila

Lumpe has introduced HB 1417, which lowers the number of signatures for a new party from one percent of the last gubernatorial vote (about 24,000) to a flat 10,000. The bill will be amended later to make a similar reduction for statewide independent candidates. The bill has six co-sponsors, five Democrats and one Republican. Last year the bill had no co-sponsors at all. Senator Frank Flotron will introduce the same bill in the Senate if he can obtain at least two co-sponsors; he already has one. Ken Bush deserves the credit for obtaining the six co-sponsors in the House. He coordinated a campaign by which libertarians from all parts of Missouri telephoned their own legislator and asked that the legislator become a co-sponsor.

Correction

In the January issue of the Libertarian Party NEWS, a story identified several people, including Paul Jacob, as "former party activists." Jacob, of course, remains active as a member of the LP. Everyone on the list, whether in the party or not, is libertarian and an activist.

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Get the Government Out Of Your Town's Business A Privatization Checklist

The following listing is taken from the Municipal Yearbook of the International City Management Association. It lists services provided by government that already have been taken over by the private sector in various parts of the country.

	Number of Cities/Counties	Percent Using Private Sector
Public Works/Transportation		5
Residential solid waste collection	1,390	49
Commercial solid waste collection	1,143	58
Solid waste disposal	1,314	31 26
Street repair Street/parking lot cleaning	1,640 1,483	20 9
Snow plowing/sanding	1,485	9 14
Traffic signal installation/maintenance	1,569	26
Meter maintenance/collection	767	5
Tree trimming/planting	1,454	31
Cemetery administration/maintenance	718	11
Inspection/code enforcement	1,588	6
Parking lot/garage operation	784	13
Bus system operation/maintenance	555	25
Paratransit system operation/maintenance	579	26
Airport operation	561	30
Public Utilities		
Utility meter reading	1,204	19
Utility billing	1,248	20
Street light operation	1,281	52
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Public Safety	1.050	0
Crime prevention/patrol Police/fire communication	1,659	3
	1,685	1
Fire prevention/suppression Emergency medical service	1,520 1,361	1 16
Ambulance service	1,256	27
Traffic control/parking enforcement	1,502	1
Vehicle towing and storage	1,310	85
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Health and Human Services	001	also and the same
Sanitary inspection Insect/rodent control	991	1
Animal control	1,059	13
Animal shelter operation	1,508	7
Day care facility operation	1,262 441	14 35
Child welfare programs	567	6
Programs for elderly	1,190	5
Operation/management of public/elderly housing		12
Operation/management of hospitals	393	26
Public health programs	743	8
Drug/alcohol treatment programs	635	7
Operation of mental health/retardation		
programs/facilities	508	7
Parks and Recreation		
Recreation services	1,458	6
Operation/maintenance of recreation facilities	1,539	8
Parks landscaping/maintenance	1,574	9
Operation of convention centers/auditoriums	452	8
Cultural and Arts Programs		
Operation of cultural/arts programs	707	9
Operation of libraries	1,189	1
Operation of museums	505	4
Support Functions		
Building/grounds maintenance	1,699	19
Building security	1,499	7
Fleet management/vehicle maintenance		
Heavy equipment	1,642	31
Emergency vehicles	1,560	30
All other vehicles	1,622	28
Data processing	1,471	22
Legal services Pauroll	1,605	48
Payroll Tax hill processing	1,719	10
Tax bill processing Tax assessing	1,320 1,098	22 6
Delinquent tax collection	1,098	6 10
Secretarial services	1,254	10
Personnel services	1,663	4 5
Labor relations	1,514	23
Public relations/information	1,547	7

Discover Paul's New Series On Cable TV This Month

"At Issue" and Congressman Ron Paul make their cable television debuts on Wednesday, March 7, over the Discovery Channel network at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time. "At Issue" breaks the mold of weekly public policy discussion programs by approaching contemporary problems not from the political left or right, but from the point of view of individual liberty and the real costs—not only in dollars and cents, but also in loss of freedom-of public policies.

Four-term Republican U.S. Congressman and 1988 Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul is the host of "At Issue" and the permanent anchor for the panel discussion segment. Paul is considered by many to be the nation's leading spokesman for constitutional government, sound money, and the free market.

Each program opens with a background "Probe Report" that uses interviews with elected officials, celebrities, and recognized experts to expose not just the obvious, but even the hidden ways in which a public policy affects our lives. The "Probe Report" quickly brings viewers up to date on the subject that is "At Issue.

Next comes the "People's Response"the spontaneous and unpredictable reaction of a group of citizens to the "Probe Report" and the entire subject that is "At Issue."

Finally, expert and/or celebrated guest commentators pick up the program sub-ject and run with it—offering insights and approaches to problems of public policy that may be surprising, but are always instructive in helping people help themselves deal with the pressing problems of our day.

By making its debut with programs examining the "IRS and Taxpayers' Rights," "Casualties of the Drug Wars," and the "Crisis in Learning," "At Issue" may become as controversial as it is refreshing in the stale confines of established public policy programming. As a nationally known speaker and

author, as well as a practicing physician, "At Issue" host Dr. Ron Paul earned the title "The Taxpayer's Best Friend" for having the most pro-taxpayer congressional voting record ever achieved. He has received life achievement awards and other high honors from the National Taxpayers Union, the American Economic Council, and the Council for Competitive Economy, among many others.

Membership Contest Clarified

By Joseph W. Dehn III

It is important that everybody understand the definitions of the statistics involved in the "Take the Challenge" membership contest that began on February 1 and which will end on April 30.

It is important also to have some idea of what kind of numbers are reasonable.

I have written a program to report on all the relevant statistics, and present below a sample run. It is based on the most recent numbers I have (January 5), with growth figures based on numbers for September 28 (i.e., a span of about three months, similar to the period of the contest)

Here is the sample report:

National Libertarian Party Membership Statistics

Total members in areas with affiliate parties: 8,252. (As of February, that figure has increased to 8,442.)

Number	Density	#Growth	%Growth	Growth/pop
CA 2099	AK 116.4	CA 275	ME 50	AK 15.3
TX 521	NH 94.9	MA 66	RI 45	NH 14.7
PA 417	CA 74.1	WA 58	MT 44	WY 14.6
NY 388	LIT 72 2	NIV 54	MAN AT	NIM 12.0

(Note that the total is a bit lower than the number usually reported by the national office, because it excludes people living in overseas territories and foreign countries-in this case, a total of 23 people)

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Definitions of the columns are as follows:

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Let M1 be the number of contributing members at the start of the period.

Let M2 be the number of contributing members at the end of the period.

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Let P be the population in millions.

The column values are:

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Number	Density	#Growth	%Growth	Growth/pop
M2	M2/P	M2-M1	100*(M2-M1)/M1	(M2-M1)/P

The last three values are the ones being used for the upcoming contest. In other words, if the contest had been conducted this fall, California would have won the first category, with Massachusetts the runner-up. In the second contest category, the winner would have been Maine, with Rhode Island the runner-up. And in the third category, Alaska would have won, with New Hampshire the runner-up.

These are, of course, only examples. Also note that the figures in the sample report are based on July 1988 population estimates. The contest calculations will be based on July 1989 population estimates

Questions about the contest in general should be referred to Karen Allard, 6901 Narrows Lane North, Tacoma, WA 98407; 206-759-1838.

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April 16, 1990: Tax Protest Day

Tax Repeal Television Spots Ready for Local Broadcast

Two 30-second TV spots promoting repeal of the income tax are now available for state and local Libertarian Party groups. Conceived and produced by LP co-founder David Nolan, the TV spots would be most appropriate for scheduling in late March and in April, particularly on the official tax filing deadline of April 16.

Nolan advises interested LP groups to consider reserving time as soon as possible. Even though "it costs a good deal of money," Nolan suggests that the most effective time for using the spots would be during week-day evening news programs when the libertarian message would reach the largest number of people interested in current events.

To order the spots, contact the LP national office at 800-682-1776. Costs for copies were being worked out at press time. Versions will be available either with the national LP's 800 number or with space for the substitution of state or local numbers.

One spot opens with a shot of the U.S. Capitol, under a gray overcast sky. It fades quickly to a montage of headlines highlighting stories of waste, corruption, and violations of individual rights.

The narration for this spot:

"Let's face it. The government has got-ten out of control. Federal spending is now over one TRILLION dollars per year, and still rising.

"The politicians are robbing us blind and lining their own pockets. And now

they're assaulting our Constitutional rights to wage a futile and destructive War on Drugs.

"There's a better way... [cut to Statue of Liberty and superimposed LP name and phone number] the way of liberty and justice. And a political party that's defending your rights against every attack: The Libertarian Party.

"To learn more about the Libertarian Party, call today."

The other spot opens with an extreme close-up of the 1040 in the corner of a tax filing form. As the narrative proceeds, the camera pulls back to show more of the form and the fingers holding it until the entire form is shown with a hand holding it. Another hand comes in, and grasps the form and tears it in half. The LP name, logo, and phone number is superimposed.

The narration for this spot:

"Every year, the federal government takes billions of dollars from hard-working Americans, and gives it to foreign regimes and special interest groups here at home.

"And every year, the government gets bigger, more intrusive, more costly, and more dangerous.

"It doesn't have to be that way. The Libertarian Party is working to end the burden of big government and repeal the income tax, so you can keep 100 percent of what you earn. "To learn more about the Libertarian

Party and its efforts toward a free future, call today.

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the voters can repeal any tax by majority vote.

4. Tax money should no longer subsidize any government service which can possibly be provided in the private sector.

Along with that, the Libertarian Party can draw on the magnificent work of the so-called Grace Commission, the Reagan administration's almost totally ignored Private Sector Survey on Cost Control.

The survey cited hard-and-fast figures showing practical, achievable savings of \$424.4 billion in spending cuts. It contained 1.5 million pages of supporting documentation.

By a government-sponsored commission's own survey, that means we could cut the federal budget just about in half beginning right now.

The work of the Grace Commission continues to this day as a private enterprise called Citizens Against Government Waste, 1511 K Street, NW, Suite 643, Washington, DC 20005. There is no better overview armory of up-to-date facts and figures on waste in the federal budget. Every Libertarian Party affiliate might want to consider joining the group. For a minimum \$25 contribution you can get on CAGW's mailing list and receive its regular Waste Watch tabloid. The current edition lists 10 new ways to cut \$19 billion from the budget deficit in 1990.

Libertarians should also be familiar with the "grandfather" of tax watchdog groups, the National Taxpayers Union, 325 Penn-sylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003. For its basic membership fee of \$15 it provides a wealth of tax resistance information

For Libertarian Party affiliates, attacks against the federal tax-theft situation can provide a powerful background accompaniment for the most important anti-tax work of all-attacks on taxation at the local level where practical alternatives can be among the most sure-fire components of any candidacy.

Privatization of government services is one way to cut taxes that has proven its worth frequently across the country.

On page four there is a list of services which have been privatized already. It makes a great checklist for any Libertarian Party candidate.

An important point to keep in mind, however, is that libertarians should support the sort of privatization that puts the service fully into the free market, and where people have actual choices about even using the service or choosing between providers. Privatization in which the government clings to a monopoly position, awarding contracts only to single providers, may make the government services far more efficient and effective but leaves state power virtually untouched.

Tax Protest Examples

By Vincent J. May

For our last Tax Day protest our local Libertarian Party in Austin, TX, came up with a scenario that we hope could be of interest to other local parties.

We wanted to attract maximum media coverage as well as the attention of the thousands of people coming to the post office to mail their returns.

A prop was needed. We obtained a used plastic barrel of the sort which are sold after use, for about \$10, by many businesses who buy supplies in them.

We rinsed it carefully and used a power saw to cut off the top and bottom. Then, using the saw, we cut four horizontal slits about a half-inch down from the top. The resulting slots, at the 2, 5, 7, and 10 o'clock positions allowed us to attach suspenders to the barrel. (Bright red, white, and blue industrial suspenders cost about six dollars at well-stocked tool houses.)

A person, wearing the barrel, with only shorts underneath, was instantly recognized as a victim stripped bare by the tax collector.

Other protesters carried posters (Honk if you hate taxes, Repeal the 16th Amendment, etc.). Still others approached people in cars and handed out Libertarian Party literature while inviting the drivers to join the party.

Library Alternative

Gerry Walsh, former chair of the Illi-nois Libertarian Party, has been fighting for four years against tax increases to finance the public library in his town of Roselle, IL. He's not against the library, Walsh has tried to make clear. He's just against taxing everybody more and more to pay for it.

In an example that every libertarian activist should take to heart, Walsh has been careful, also, to provide practical alternatives rather than only being critical. In this case, the practical alternative is striking: user fees actually could pay for the library.

The library has issued 6,000 cards. Its annual budget is \$400,000. If each user paid \$60 a year, or \$5 a month, the budget would be fulfilled. If the library isn't worth \$5 to its users it has failed a serious market test. Provisions, of course, could be made for kids in poor families.

Sign Up for Tax Protest

Repeal the

By Toni Black LP Outreach Committee Chair

While many Libertarians will observe Tax Protest Day with the usual post office picketing, others will be collecting signatures

The petitions, reading "I'm in favor of repealing the income tax," will be sent on to Congress to join the postcards bearing the same message that have been collected by radio talk show hosts across the country-letting Washington know what the people really think.

The petition project can be combined with post office demonstrations. Getting petition signers while handing out brochures provides a chance to follow up on contacts made during the protest. The petitioning can provide an anti-tax activity in communities too small to have an open-till-midnight post office and in places where lack of media coverage has made the protest marginally useful. Other antitax groups can be asked to join in this project.

Camera-ready ads (similar to the ad displayed in the February 1990 LPNEWS) focusing on the repeal of the income tax are available from the LP national office. An updated Liberty Today and new position papers on abortion and the free market are also in production.

Other focal points for public Libertarian demonstrations in the year to come will be July 4th and the Bill of Rights Day in December.

New Mexico Lp'ers **Drive Home Point**

New Mexican Libertarians Dave Chavez, Jeff Lee, Gregg Townsend, and Joseph Knight demonstrated at the opening ceremony for the new municipal golf course in Farmington.

Their signs read "Stop Taxing Illness & Injury to Buy Golf Courses, Race Tracks, and Museums," "Why Should Folks Who Why Should Folks Who Don't Play Golf Have to Subsidize Those Who Do?", "The Elite Play While the Sick, Injured, and Poor Pay," "Free Enterprise, a Rational Libertarian Alternative," and "Toyation In Theft." "Taxation Is Theft." The protest was cov-ered by KGGM-TV, KREZ-Radio, and the Farmington Daily Times.

April Event

At a January gun show in Manchester, NH, a Mr. Rich Zore distributed a two-page letter addressed "To all lovers of Liberty."

Rich's letter provides an account of events on April 19, 1775. On that day a contingent of British troops marched from Boston to Lexington and Concord, in order to disarm the "colonial rabble." The day ended not with a disarmed citizenry but in the spirit of Liberty and with the birth of a nation.

Rich goes on to say, "On April 19, 1990, citizens from all across America will mark the 215th anniversary of this day by calling and posting letters to their elected officials in all levels of government. From local city and town governments, to the state and federal level, we are going to LET FREEDOM RING!!! ... this is a grassroots effort, there is no central organization backing this though we welcome the help of any organizations who wish to do so."

I believe that this effort is of interest to the members of the National Libertarian Party. In addition to calling and writing our representatives on April 19, state parties may wish to organize or participate in local rallies.

Greg A. Fridholm Raymond, NH

Backing the Bastion

The events in China and Europe were reported by the media as struggles for democracy. They really were struggles for liberation from centralized bureaucratic tyrannical government; a libertarian movement toward freedom.

The changes toward a freer world have caught our own government and "other parties" off guard, leaving the Libertarian Party a chance to use these events for freedom's benefit. The free market, multiparty political system, and open elections the rest of the world seems to be winning do not exist in our own country. We should tell our friends, write letters to the editor, call radio talk shows, and shout it from the rooftops that the world is entering a Libertarian decade, and that unless we take action in the United States of America the bastion of freedom will be somewhere else by the end of the millenium.

Dan Becan, Chair LP-Nevada

Did We Survive?

I have always been a libertarian and was glad to support the national party when I found out about it; however, I have seen very

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little activity from the party through these years of support. It has been so long since I had heard from the party that I assumed it had folded.

Coming out in the '90s is not a fact until you prove that you survived the '80s. **Richard Greeson**

North Augusta, SC

Divine Determinism

The statement by Karl Hess that, "Classical liberals . . . surely would reject a notion of divine determinism . . ." is more than questionable . . .

The Baptists who were known as standing for religious liberty and freedom of conscience did not find it necessary to reject divine determinism, and in 1742 the Philadelphia Association adopted the London Confession of Faith of 1689 which includes the statement: "God hath decreed in himself, from all eternity, ... freely and unchangeably, all things, whatsoever comes to pass ..."

Our Baptist, Presbyterian, Anglican, and Puritan forefathers did not find it any more needful to reject Theological Determinism in helping to found a truly free nation than Augustine, Luther, and Calvin found it necessary to reject God's predestination in order to preserve man's responsibility. The erosion of our liberties actually found its theological base in a rejection of Predestination, which began to subvert the foundations of Classical Christian Theology in the first half of the 19th Century.

Glenn E. Salisbury Copper Hill, VA

Educational Choice

Your brief article on the Educational Choice Program making the grade in Oregon failed to mention several key facts. The group behind this exciting, most comprehensive choice initiative is "Oregonians for Educational Choice." The

Letters Policy

Due to the curtailed space of our new monthly editions (8 pages instead of 12) we're going to have to keep letters to about 250 words apiece.

If your letter is longer we will edit it down to that length, trying as best we can to keep its major point intact. If you want your letter to go as written, please keep it to a single double-spaced typed page, approximately 250-350 words maximum, which will take up about fourand-a-half column inches of space in our newspaper. We have always tried to use as many letters as possible and will continue to do so but we can do it only with the cooperation of letter writers keeping their letters short. Your attention to our space limitations will help in sharing the space equitably with other letter writers.

If you do not want your letter edited, *please make that clear*. But, if it does not fit our space limitations, it cannot be used. Some longer letters might be considered for use as articles but, as with any other editorial submissions, the decision to use or not use the material will rest with the editors. We simply cannot, as much as some would desire, use everything that is submitted.

For writers who have a letter that is much longer and which they want to appear exactly as sent, you might consider placing it in the paper as a paid ad. As with other ads, we reserve the right to refuse statements that are obviously aimed simply at damaging the party, attacking personalities, or spreading lies or half-truths or statements that are simply scatological or obscene. And, as with other ads, such editorial statements must be sent as camera-ready copy along with payment. An example would be \$120 for a quarter-page ad (approximately 650 words using our regular Century Schoolbook nine-on-ten-point body-copy type size or equivalent).

chair and architect of the intitiative is Martin Buchanan, the 1988 LP candidate for Secretary of State.

For those wishing to contact "Oregonians for Education Choice" for further information, please contact us at P. O. Box 40748, Portland, OR 97240. Phone 503-282-3138. Edward Marihart Portland, OR

Bad News

The January 1990 Libertarian Party NEWS was awful.

Hungary was part of the Austro-Hungary Empire prior to WWI; it did not "pre-date" that war.

Where's the beef? This issue was pretty light on news orientation. It was apropos that the Page Nine "California Plans" was characterized on Page One as "California Dreamin'."

The worst was the Rockwell resignation blurb.

As a former partisan for Monroe, now a member of the loyal opposition, I should delight in so stupid a gaffe. But I cannot: My foremost hope is seeing libertarianism become strong. Those hopes are weakened seeing my sparring partners botch up. Even though this gives credence to my faction. What you did is rather sad and pathetic. Were I narrowly partisan I would urge you to carry on and do what you think is best. But the LP would suffer more.

Don't do this kind of thing anymore, it is harmful to the Party and makes you look like asses.

Alan R. Turin North Miami, FL

Joint Letter Project

A joint letters to the editor effort by "Consumers for the Free Market" and "Young Libertarians of Western Pennsylvania" has resulted in publication of letters and/or opinion columns in three daily newspapers, a business weekly, a religious weekly, two high school publications, and one college daily.

daily. Combined circulation of these papers is over a half million (reaching well over a million readers). One unexpected result of the campaign was an invitation to Danny Alman, president of "Young Libertarians of Western Pennsylvania," to become a regular (paid) columnist for *The Pitt News* at the University of Pittsburgh. Danny, a (math major) freshman, is now doing two columns per month, alternating between issues of personal freedom and economic freedom.

Anyone who would like a free copy of "Ten Tips on Writing Letters to the Editor" may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Letter Tips, c/o Consumers for the Free Market, 6300 Alderson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Ima Freeberson Pittsburgh, PA

Choice 1

According to the January issue, "The Libertarian Party's pro-choice message was clearly displayed at a November [abortion] rally in Washington, DC." The message: "Pro-choice on everything: Libertarian Party." Everything? Including kidnapping, rape, arson, and theft? (Even a legislator's voting for the draft and higher taxes?) Whatever happened to the qualification, "except when there's a victim"?

Doris Gordon, Coordinator Libertarians for Life Wheaton, MD

Choice 2

In reflecting on the continuing right-to-life debate, after seeing the "Pro-Choice on Everything" banner in the January 1990 NEWS, it seems to me that the activists who attended November's so-called Pro-Choice Rally are actually displaying astounding naivete about the rally's principal sponsors. The sponsors include some of the most devious statists in the world.

As one of the increasing number of prolife libertarians, it occurs to me that a banner reading "Pro-Life on Everything" would far better express the true libertarian spirit. After all, the Libertarian Party is not literally prochoice on *everything*, as only a moment's thought will demonstrate (interventionism? embezzlement? robbery?).

Milton R. Norris Canfield, OH

Choice 3

I recently joined your party with great enthusiasm. I was very impressed by your standards. It was refreshing to find a political voice speaking out for the common citizen. You seemed to voice the needs and wants right down to the core of each hard-working American. At last, I thought, here is a champion of people.

Sad to say, though, I was reading my January 1990 copy of the LP NEWS when I came across [the story] "LP Presence at DC Rally."

It stated that the LP is "pro-choice for everything." Pro-choice for everything to me includes abortion which I believe is murder. So now the party that I hoped in has a specter of Dachau and Auschwitz looming over it.

In all good conscience, I must resign as a member and muster whatever talents, monies, and support I can to make people aware of your stand on this pressing issue. Edward T. Jarrell Havertown, PA

Choice 4

Whether abortion is right or wrong, it should not be a matter to be decided by the government; but by the person who would otherwise bear and rear the child.

This is the position of Right to Choose. This is also the position, on other issues, of the Libertarian Party. Please don't miss this opportunity to reach people in an area where they already hold the libertarian position. Patricia Shaw Mathews

Albuquerque, NM

Good Invasion

I strongly object to the Libertarian Party's condemnation of the invasion of Panama. Unlike the vast majority of the incidents over the years of American intervention in this hemisphere, the rescue of Panama from the clutches of strongman Manuel Noriega was a laudable and heroic gesture that had no small cost of American lives, and is morally comparable to our becoming involved in the fight against Hitler's reign of terror.

Please don't compare this to the many times we have attempted (or succeeded) to topple legitimate governments that somehow offended either our government or American mega-business. Noriega is just as legitimate as butchers like Deng Xiaoping, Pol Pot, and Fidel Castro are, and Vladimir Illich Lenin, Adolph Hitler, Josef Stalin, Ayatollah Khomeini, and Mao Zedong were. In short, *continued on page 7*

Libertarianism: Wave of the Future Worldwide

By Vince Miller

The United States has for hundreds of years been a beacon of liberty to the world and indeed libertarians have come to think of libertarianism as a uniquely American phenomenon. However, with the current mangling of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights by the central government's "Drug Czars" and the slamming shut of the golden door," it is refreshing to see that the "demonstration effect" of a working libertarian society is showing considerable promise elsewhere-in Norway, and in such unlikely places as Peru and Argentina-rather than the U.S. It is for this reason that we should keep an eye on our fellow libertarians in other parts of the world. They may be able to show us a few things.

•Argentina: Dr. Martin Krause, the International Society for Individual Liberty's (ISIL) Rep for Argentina, reports that Alvaro Alsogaray, the leader of the libertarian-leaning Argentinian Center Democratic Party (and president of IESM, a free-market think tank) has resigned to take a post as a special advisor to Argentinian (Peronist) president Menem. Alsogaray's sister has also been appointed to

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we had, as free people, every moral right (and possibly a moral duty) to liberate the Panamanians from Noriega. Any totalitarian system is morally bankrupt. The Chinese students who gave their lives rather than live under the iron fist of the Chinese Communist Party realized this, and so did the Panamanians who strained under the yoke of Noriega.

It is no accident that the Panamanians now look as fondly upon their American liberators as the French did after D-Day. Of course, we had no business aiding the French Resistance . . . right?

Michelle Klein-Hass Pacoima, CA

Recruitment

I think each member ought to try to submit five names of persons he sincerely feels might join, or contribute to, or be otherwise beneficial to the Libertarian Party. I am submitting a list of 25 names whom I know to be strongly oriented toward Libertarian beliefs. I feel that at least 75 percent of them will join. We must plan now for '96.

John Davis Las Vegas, NV

Reach Out

While I agree [with previous letter writers] that the leaders of N.O.W. are anti-libertarian in their approach, I believe that the membership of N.O.W. are more interested in obtaining and protecting individual rights of women; these activist individuals are of great importance to the Libertarian Party...

Indeed the LP does not appeal to these women who seek special favors and government handouts, but I don't believe these are major issues within the N.O.W. organization...

The Libertarian Party needs to reach out to the advocates of women's rights, the NRA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Gay Rights movement, NORML...the John Birch Society, and other seemingly incompatible groups.

John A. Bennett, D.O. Seguim, WA head the government's communications monopoly for the purpose of educating party members and university students in libertarian philosophy.

To this end, Dr. Krause visited the Cato Institute in the U.S. recently to learn about the work done by Milton Mueller on privatization of the airwaves. There is an interview with Dr. Krause in the current issue of ISIL's Freedom Network News.

Dr. Krause, incidentally, is now in Nicaragua as part of a team to ensure that the February elections are conducted in a proper manner. He has indicated that he and an associate, Dr. Eduardo Marti, plan to attend and speak at the ISIL World Conference in San Francisco this August.

•Norway: Libertarians are making major headway in Norway. In last year's elections, the libertarian Progress Party jumped from two to 22 seats in the national parliament. Moreover, soft support, at least according to polls, indicates that approximately 25 percent of the people in the Oslo area consider themselves to be libertarians.

Carl I. Hagen, Progress Party president and a member of parliament, will be a featured speaker at the ISIL San Francisco conference. •Sweden: ISIL Rep Henrik Bejke reports that a growing libertarian contingent recently took over the Swedish conservative student organization (much to the chagrin of the "conservatives"). The conservatives were particularly enraged at libertarian positions against the draft that passed in committee and the fact that Christian Gergils, the charismatic libertarian student leader, instituted a stylized version of Dave Nolan's "Libersign" as the symbol of the organization.

•**Poland:** A libertarian student chapter of ISIL is now under development.

•Canada: The latest news, reported by ISIL Rep and Nova Scotia LP president David Morgan, is that a libertarian revolution is now occurring at Dalhousie University law school in Halifax, Nova Scotia. (Dalhousie, incidentally, is the Canadian equivalent to Harvard in the U.S.) The student rebellion, led by ISIL member David MacKinnon, has arisen over leftist domination of course content. MacKinnon remarked, "Leftist professors denounced our natural law solutions as fairy tales, and grudgingly gave us passing grades, with a promise of higher grades if we accepted their leftist swill. We have rejected their offer." The breaking point came when a prof demanded that students interpret Canadian law on the basis of race and color. The growing libertarian organization has recruited, among others, the son of a famous New Democratic (socialist) Party publicist and the son of former Alberta (Conservative) Premier Peter Lougheed. MacKinnon predicts that the rebellion will swell into a national movement.

• ISIL World Convention: The 1990 World Conference will be held in San Francisco from August 10 to 14. It will be the first such conference to be held in the U.S. and will feature such speakers as Milton Friedman, Leon Louw and Frances Kendall of South Africa, Norwegian Progress Party President Carl I. Hagen and Research Director Jan Arild Snoen, Enrique Ghersi (an associate of Mario Vargas Llosa) of Peru, Dr. Martin Krause of Argentina, Dr. Walter Block of Canada, Henry Woo of Hong Kong, and many others. American speakers will include Ron Paul, Barbara Branden, Peter Breggin, environmentalist John Baden, and more.

For information on joining ISIL and the San Francisco World conference, write to: International Society for Individual Liberty, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA 23229.

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LP Press Release Targets EPA Status

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President Bush's decision to upgrade the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to cabinet status is further proof that the Republican Party has no real interest in reducing the size and cost of government, according to Dave Walter, Chairman of the Libertarian Party, the nation's third largest and fastest-growing political party.

"The best way to understand why we have a high level of air and water pollution today is to recognize that responsibility for protection of the environment has been turned over to a government bureaucracy," Walter says. "To enlarge that bureaucracy is to enlarge the problem."

Professor Terry Anderson of Montana State University, a senior associate of the Political Economy Research Center, who specializes in environmental concerns, says, "Governments have been in complete charge of the environment in Eastern Bloc countries for decades, and they've only entrenched the status quorather than move toward real environmental solutions. Upgrading the EPA is a mistake." Anderson is the author of a forthcoming book, *Free Market Environmentalism*.

Ecologist Karl Hess, Jr., of New Mexico State University, a specialist in biological diversity and management of public lands, says, "Giving the EPA more power is a very ominous development. It represents a significant step toward centralized planning of our environment which is ecologically impossible and administratively unfeasible. We should realize that the ultimate problem with the environment is political. The number one polluter is the state." Ron Paul, 1988 Libertarian Presidential candidate who was a former four-term Congressman and resigned from the Republican Party because of his disillusionment with the Reagan Administration's failure to scale down the federal government, says, "Every Republican administration since Eisenhower has added a department to the cabinet, resulting in more costs to the people. A new cabinet position will just allow the bureaucrats to manage the environment like they managed HUD. With our huge budget deficits, we should be deleting departments, not creating them."

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April 6-7, 1990: Wisconsin LP Convention, Holiday Inn, Milwaukee; 414-375-0068.

April 8, 1990: Massachusetts LP Convention, Marriott Newton Motel, Newton, MA; 617-426-4402.

April 13, 1990: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

April 14, 1990: New Mexico LP Convention, Holiday Inn Pyramid, Albuquerque; 505-425-5077. Speakers include Marshall Fritz and Karl Hess, Jr.

April 16, 1990: Tax Protest Day

April 20, 1990: Pennsylvania LP Convention, Harrisburg; 215-545-6994. April 21-22, 1990: Ohio LP Convention, Columbus; 800-669-6542. Speakers include Don Ernsberger.

April 20-22, 1990: Colorado LP Convention, Ft. Collins Holiday Inn, Ft. Collins; 303-837-9393. Speakers include Walter Williams.

April 28-29, 1990: National Committee Meeting, Austin, TX; 512-467-1776. To receive agenda packet, 202-543-1988.

April 1990: Vermont LP Convention; 802-482-3075.

May 3-5, 1990: Maine LP Convention; 207-353-9711.

May 12, 1990: Indiana LP Convention; 317-463-6601.

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June 9, 1990: Texas LP Convention, El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio; 512-467-1776.

August 10-14, 1990: Future of Freedom/ISIL Conference, San Francisco, CA.; 415-864-0952.

August 11-12, 1990: National Committee Meeting, San Francisco, CA; 415-731-3031.

August 11, 1990: Council of LP State Chairs Meeting, San Francisco, CA; 818-796-8231.

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December 8-9, 1990: National Committee Meeting, New York City; 914-633-5137.

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