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Four More Libertarians Elected To Local Offices in NH and TX

In the past several months, a number of Libertarian Party members have been elected to local office. The election successes bode well for the upcoming fall campaigns.

In New Hampshire, three state party members were elected to office in town races.

Steve Davis was elected to a three-year term as selectman in Wentworth. A previous three-term selectman, Davis had taken several years off, but had been appointed to serve out the last year of a vacant selectman's seat.

Davis said he can already point to several Libertarian successes, such as reducing town spending by 12 percent last year.

"We were able to convince everyone to take a 10 percent cut," he said. "The library, the fire department, the police department, the road agent, and the planning board."

Davis said he next hopes to "turn over some of the things the town does to private business."

Davis, a former Republican, said he told townspeople he was running in the non-partisan race as a Libertarian. "My goals



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have been Libertarian goals for 20 years," Davis said.

In Litchfield, Cecil Williams was also elected as selectman, winning a two-year term. Williams has previously served on

the town's zoning board.

Williams said his first goal is to "try to get the taxes under control."

Williams came to the LP from the Democratic Party because he said he is tired of politics for politics' sake, instead of the people.

"Politicians are running for office for themselves, not for the people," Williams said. "I object to that. Politicians should just do their jobs, and then get out. That's what I plan to do."

In Hudson, Sherry Kahn was elected as supervisor of the checklist, a position which helps to oversee the election process.

Kahn waged an 11th-hour write-in campaign, distributing hand-outs at the polls urging people to vote for her. Kahn clearly declared her Libertarian affiliation on all her material. Kahn received more than twice as many votes as her closest competitor.

In Texas, Dick Tatum was elected to the Seguin Independent School District Board of Trustees. Tatum defeated the incumbent 269 to 238. Tatum is a former city treasurer and is managing the state house campaign of LP candidate Phil Koehne.

LP Campaign Media Guide

In Orange County, CA, the Libertarian Party has produced a media guide that could serve as a sample for all local LP organizations.

The media guide was designed for the upcoming fall election. The guide, which is an attractive three-ring binder with "Libertarian Candidates" and the local Orange County LP telephone number printed on the cover, includes: David Bergland's "America's Libertarian Heritage," the LP national platform, biographies and photos of the LP presidential ticket and California U.S. Senate and congressional candidates, and biographies and 8"x10" black and white photos of state and local candidates. The guide also includes information on the local write-in candidates, since the state party is currently involved in a lawsuit concerning the right of the party to select candidates by party convention rather than the state requirements.

Recognition and Credibility Gained

Gary Copeland, vice chair of the Orange County LP, said he "highly recommends all counties or states participate in bringing together the candidates to put together a media guide."

Copeland said the response from the media has been excellent. A Los Angeles Times employee said, "Boy, you guys are really organized. The Democrats and Republicans don't give us anything like this," Copeland said.

Copeland said the guide made the local LP look very "legitimate and worthy of more attention."

Copeland also said the guide is a great opportunity to make connections with the media. "The guides should be hand-delivered in order for you or your candidate to meet the press. It also gives you a direct contact in the media."

"The guide is also a rallying point for the local county to work together and learn more about your local Libertarians and the special talents each possess," Copeland said.

"If there was ever a time to crack the wall, 1992 is the year to do it," Copeland said.

Forty media guides were produced for a total cost of \$1,000. After photos were taken by a local photographer, each candidate was asked to fill out a questionnaire giving personal information, political offices held or sought in the past, and what political issues they would concentrate on if elected.

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Libertarianism Gains Popularity With TX High School Newsletter

Neither the Young Republicans (YR) nor the Young Democrats (YD) hold much attraction for Sean Seton-Rogers and his friends in Plano, TX.

"People are basically fed up with the rhetoric" dispensed at YR and YD meetings, he said. "They don't really talk about anything important, they mostly talk about how great they are."

(That makes the clubs the perfect training vehicles for Old Republicans and Old Democrats, doesn't it?)

So Seton-Rogers, a 16-year-old high school junior, and a few of his friends, founded PLOY—the Plano Libertarian Organization of Youths. The group grew from some accidental education at Plano High School. When Seton-Rogers' government teacher said most high school students are libertarians it piqued Seton-Rogers' curiosity. When an ideology quiz told Seton-

Rogers that he was a libertarian, he decided to find out about the Libertarian Party.

Seton-Rogers and his friends found Bill Walker, Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House from Texas' 5th district. The students talked with Walker and attended a meeting of the Libertarian Party of Dallas County.

The result was PLOY and "Plano Liberty," a six-page newsletter produced by PLOY with financial support from the Dallas County LP.

PLOY has about 60 members, a teacher willing to sponsor the group as an official school-sanctioned organization, and plans to put out another edition of "Plano Liberty" before the end of the school year.

"Basically, we just want to spread the ideology throughout the school," Seton-Rogers said. PLOY also plans to work on LP campaigns.

"Plano Liberty" has articles by students that deal with free speech, government regulation, taxes, a copy of "The World's Smallest Political Quiz," and a manifesto of sorts by "Plano Liberty" editor, Seton-Rogers, called "Why Libertarian?"

Seton-Rogers wrote that "The differ-

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ence between the Republicans and Democrats was becoming hazy. Both promise everything, but delivered nothing... the two-party system was helping the country go down the tubes."

"If you or I demand 40 percent of someone's earnings and take it by force it is called stealing, but for the government it is called revenue raising... The government has successfully succeeded in usurping our freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness... I like to think that everyone has the right to succeed and fail... I propose a return to the ideals of Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin. The Libertarian Party offers such ideals."

In short, Seton-Rogers wrote, "I joined the Libertarian Party because of beliefs in free enterprise, personal rights, and the American Dream."

An Uncommon Man—A Libertarian

It is always hard for me to hear that a fellow Libertarian has died. There are too few of us, and what we all have in common, our love of liberty, is so precious, that we can ill afford to lose even one active member. Last month we mourned the death of Missouri Libertarian Ogden Scoville, who was running for governor at the time of his death.

The Libertarian Party of California has been particularly hard hit with deaths in its membership in recent weeks, and I'd like to dedicate my column this month to the memory of those unique, dedicated individuals who worked tirelessly during their lives for liberty, each in their own particular ways.

We in California and throughout the party have lost these wonderful folks from our ranks, and we are poorer because of this loss.

Martha Webb, longtime libertarian, mother of Simi Valley Councilwoman Sandy Webb, mother-in-law of past state chair and current LP elder statesman Dan Wiener, and grandmother of a great LP convention babysitter, Aubrey, died Feb. 18.

Rudolph Laubscher, known professionally as Rudolph Reinhardt, a South African who came to America in self-imposed exile because he so strongly opposed apartheid, was a long-time Libertarian activist and an accomplished artist. Rudolph died Feb. 29, and is survived by his wife Clarica, also a devoted and active LP member for many years.

John Dentinger, a free-lance writer who wrote for Playboy and many other publica-

✓ From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

tions on a variety of libertarian topics, and had a brilliant and sardonic razor-sharp wit, died in March. He is survived by his long-time companion, libertarian lawyer Gary Meade.

Dean Anschutz, 54, production manager of California Libertarian News for the last several years, died May 4. A long-time "behind-the-scenes" San Fernando Valley Libertarian activist, according to his friend Ted Brown, Dean is survived by his wife Sue as well as several stepchildren.

And it is with particular sadness that I write about Dave Maxwell, vice chair of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara, who was killed in a car crash on May 4.

I didn't know Dave well outside the LP, but I was familiar with his work because for many years I, along with him, was a member of the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party.

Dave was a loan officer at First Interstate Bank, and an active member of his local and regional Lions Clubs. He served in many Libertarian Party officer and management positions over the years, providing a calm, organized, dedicated presence at both the state and local levels of the party.

National Committee member and LPSC Past Chair Steve Alexander spoke at Dave's memorial service, talking about how Dave had been hesitant to take on his first LP officer position, that of local treasurer when

Steve was local chair, because he wasn't sure how much time he would be able to devote to it. Steve then talked about how much Dave had given to the LP in the years since he took on that first job, as local treasurer, newsletter editor, and vice chair, as state treasurer, and in many campaigns and other LP projects.

And Dave was an active LP member long before he accepted any titles. Included in a picture display at his memorial service was a picture of Dave standing at a Clark for President fairbooth in 1980.

The most amazing thing Steve told us about Dave was that, as active as he was, he had no enemies in the party. No one didn't like him. He was able to work smoothly with all types of people in our organization. What a wonderful example he set for all of us.

Dave's memorial card contained one of his favorite quotes, written by Dean Alfange, which has been quoted from time to time in the Santa Clara Libertarian, and which I'd like to share with you here:

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon, if I can. I seek opportunity, not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefits of my creations and face the world boldly and say: This I have done."

Dave is survived by his wife, Priscilla, and his son, Brian.

Farewell to you all. Thank you for your contributions to our movement. You will be sorely missed by your Libertarian friends.

OCLP Media Guide

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Information was then typed up on standard sheets by a local member so each candidate's personal sheet would be similar. Then the entire guide was put together and distributed to the local media.

Copeland said the guide could not have been put together without the work of Mark Murphy, Brian Schar, Fred Singer, Dan Lungroth, Geoffery Braun, Kelley O'Neill, Eric Sprik, all of the LP candi-

dates, and many other local activists who contributed time and money to the project.

There is still plenty of time for other LP organizations to put together their own media guide for this fall's election. Copeland said he believes the work and cost of the media guide has already paid off, and the Orange County LP will continue to reap the benefits of the project throughout the campaign.

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Recently at Irvine (CA) High School, speakers from five political parties, including LP U.S. Senate candidate Richard Boddie, presented their political views, but students were not told which political parties they represented. Unswayed by preconceived notions, the students later cast ballots for the speaker that best represented their own political viewpoint.

Along with Boddie appearing for the LP, speakers also represented the Democratic, Republican, Peace and Freedom, and American Independent parties.

Of the 216 students who voted after the speeches, 79, or 36.6 percent favored the Democrat. But 69 students, or 31.9 percent, said they liked what Boddie had to say, and with Boddie's reputation as a speaker, probably the way he said it.

The Peace and Freedom Party representative finished third in the balloting with 11.1 percent, followed by the Ameri-

can Independent with 5.6 percent, and the Republican trailed the field with only 4.2 percent—nine students.

A number of the students were quoted as saying they found Boddie to be "thoughtful." Boddie's message of individual rights and lower taxes seemed to be popular with the high school students.

The results of this exercise show once

again that the public is receptive to the Libertarian message, if LP candidates are able to compete on a level playing field and without the media bias and preconceived labels.

Other Libertarian candidates and local parties should encourage this exercise—it is an eye-opener not only for the public but also for the media.

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LP Campaigns Gathering Momentum

California

The state party has signed up a record number of candidates for the 1992 election. Libertarians will contest 102 of 154 races for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senate, and State Assembly. The previous record was 100 candidates fielded in 1980, the state party's first year on the ballot.

John Vernon is running for State Senate in the San Fernando Valley (20th District). This is a special election, which will be held June 2, and was necessitated by the conviction and departure of Sen. Alan Robbins. For information, write Vernon for State Senate, P.O. Box 614, Van Nuys, CA 91408-0614.

Richard Boddie's campaign has been very active and is receiving excellent media coverage. Recently, Boddie covered over 1,000 miles during campaigning, visiting Oakland, San Francisco, Chico, Santa Rosa, San Jose, and more. During this one swing, Boddie held over 30 interviews and spoke at six LP gatherings. For more information, write Boddie for Senate, P.O. Box 2056, Laguna Hills, CA 92654, or call 1-800-6-BODDIE.

A number of LP candidates for local office are also getting very active. Two of the best-known local candidates in the state are Tom Tryon, who is running for re-election for a third term as Calaveras County supervisor, and Sandi Webb, who is running for re-election to the Simi Valley City Council. Contact Tryon at P.O. Box 1328, Angels Camp, CA 95222; contact Webb at 4250 Yukon Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063.

Colorado

Keith Hamburger's campaign for U.S. Congress in the 5th District is off and running. Numerous LP radio spots have already run and more are planned. The campaign has a deal with KVOR-AM/KSPZ-FM (KVOR is the major news/talk radio station in Colorado Springs, and its sister station KSPZ is an oldies station). The two stations together reach about one-quarter of the area's population, and the campaign can buy a minute on either for \$30 or get one minute on each (2 minutes total) for \$40.

For more information, write Committee to Elect Keith Hamburger to Congress, P.O. Box 1341, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Georgia

At the recent state convention, the state party nominated a number of candidates for the fall election.

Toby Nixon, a computer systems engineer and 1990 LP state representative candidate, was nominated to run for the



statewide commissioner of labor post. Nixon is also a board member of the recently founded Georgia Association of Taxpayers.

Former party chairman Jack Aiken was nominated to run for the Public Service Commission.

Richard Timberlake, the noted free-banking scholar who recently retired from the University of Georgia, was nominated to run for the Athens/Clarke County Commission. Recently, Timberlake has led a citizens' effort for a second referendum to stop plans for building a publicly-funded civic center in Clarke County.

Larry Bolin, a Gwinnett County activist, was nominated to run for the Georgia State Senate.

New Jersey

For the first time in a number of years, the state party has nominated a full slate of 13 candidates for U.S. House of Representatives in the fall elections. Candidates will include: Dan Karlan, Michael Pierone, Roger Bacon, Earl Dickey, Len Flynn, Ben Grinlinger, Spencer Layman, Carl Peters, Helen Radder, Richard Roth, Lou Stefanelli, Bill Stewart, and Jerry Zeldin.

New Mexico

Maurice R. McDonald is running for state corporation commission. McDonald works in real estate investment and management. McDonald said he is running "because I must!" "If there is a 'Hell on earth' I know what mine would be. That is to be condemned to an eternity of more and more taxes to prop up wasteful, corrupt, and crumbling institutions of a government, which is engrossed in producing mountains of laws and regulations that render meaningless our sacred Constitutional Rights." "A more Libertarian society is still possible," he said. For more information, write McDonald, 1000 Eubank NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

New Hampshire

Probably the two most important campaigns coming up in the fall are the re-

election races of Rep. Calvin Warburton and Rep. Finlay Rothhaus, the two elected Libertarian state representatives.

It will be extremely important to show that current Libertarian elected officials can be re-elected this fall. The NEWS will provide extensive coverage of these campaigns in the near future. For more information or to support these two Libertarian officials you can write: Rep. Calvin Warburton, P.O. Box 365, Raymond, NH 03077, or call 603-895-4711; Rep. Finlay Rothhaus, 28 McGaw Bridge Rd., Merrimack, NH 03054, or call 603-424-8011.

Oregon

Dr. Fred Oerther, the 1990 gubernatorial candidate, was nominated to run for state attorney general at the recent state convention. Shaun Savage, of Corvallis, was also nominated to run for secretary of state. Two additional statewide positions are expected to be filled by mid-July.

Pennsylvania

According to Hugh Odhner, the state party has "a bumpercrop of candidates" this year. This fall there will be more candidates than any year since 1982, including a complete statewide slate—even a candidate for U.S. Senate.

There will be no local races this year in the state, however, as those elections are held during off-years.

South Dakota

Gus Hercules, candidate for U.S. Senate from Rapid City, has issued a release suggesting that with all the other "national insurance plans," it may be time for "national happiness insurance." Hercules

says in his release, "In one proposed plan, each taxpayer pays a 'national happiness tax' to the federal government (or goes to jail). Then each citizen obtains 'free' happiness services from 'happiness providers' who are paid by the government."

"The most valuable role our government could play in helping us achieve happiness, health, education, and social security would be to limit itself to its proper role of protecting our lives, liberty, and pursuit of happiness," Hercules concluded.

Texas

Greg Lassen, a 32-year-old with an MBA in finance from the University of Wisconsin, is seeking the U.S. House seat in the 18th District, located in the inner city of Houston. Lassen, who has been associated with the Republican Party in the past, said recently he was excited to be seeking this seat as a Libertarian. In addition to focusing on the economy, Lassen has said he will be running as a "none of the above" candidate, clearly distinguishing himself from the old party insiders.

This campaign will be an important exercise in taking the libertarian message to African Americans in the inner city. Several prominent African Americans have already accepted key positions in the Lassen campaign. Watch the NEWS for more information on this exciting campaign. For more information, write the Lassen Campaign, 1311 Antoine, #258, Houston, TX 77055.

Virginia

Mike Dalton of Martinsville has announced as a candidate for U.S. House in the state's 5th Congressional District.

Dalton, 32, a health care professional, asked the LP for its endorsement in this race because the two other parties profess philosophies at odds with his heartfelt beliefs in individual freedom and responsibility, low taxes, deregulation of the economy, and non-intervention in foreign policy.

"In Mike Dalton, we have a candidate who is bright, articulate, and impassioned," said 5th District co-chair David Brown. "His participation in the 1992 election campaign brings the LP an excellent spokesman and guarantees the voters of the 5th District an authentic choice on Election Day."

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LP Must Continue to Take 'Radical' Positions

By George L. O'Brien
Internal Education Director

One of the most common questions asked of the Libertarian Party is "Why does the LP take such radical positions?" Since some of the positions are politically unpopular and many are unlikely to be implemented in the near future, why not take a more "moderate" approach?

There are many strategic and tactical reasons for being clear about what our objectives are. But the real reason has to do with the underlying justification used for economic intervention—necessity.

If interventionism is "necessary," then the debate becomes issues of "how much," "for what ends," "who should benefit," and "who should control the instruments of power." The inevitable result is a debate over the meaning of "utilitarianism" and the "good of society."

Modern libertarian theory puts the focus on "natural rights" rather than some vague definition of the good of society. Without the argument from necessity, proponents of interventionism are forced to be explicit about their views on egalitarianism. Interventionists would have to accept the "burden of proof" in justifying their proposals.

Assumptions

The statist arguments from necessity all begin with the same underlying assumption: "If left free of government intervention, a purely free market would disintegrate into an oligarchically-run system, degenerate into terrible depressions, impoverish most of the population, devastate the environment, lead to shoddy and dangerous products, and in various other ways lead to totally unacceptable conditions."

Would it? This is not an easy question to answer. There has never been a society with purely free markets. Libertarians have focused attention on the role played

by state intervention that actually creates the problems that were alleged to be "market failures."

For laissez-faire to work properly, there are a number of structural preconditions:

- 1) A well-defined system of property rights (both real and tangible).
- 2) A reasonably unbiased court system and a comprehensible and stable system of laws.
- 3) Acceptance and enforcement of contracts.
- 4) Reasonable protection against extortion, physical force, and fraud.
- 5) A stable monetary system.

The social preconditions for laissez-faire are nominal levels of social tolerance, personal benevolence, with a fair proportion of the population which understands enlightened long-term self-interest; all relate to establishing and maintaining the structural preconditions rather than effecting the workability of laissez-faire itself.

The claim that the social/political preconditions necessary to establish and maintain a laissez-faire system may be politically impossible to achieve is very different from the claim that laissez-faire could not work if those conditions were achieved. The first is an argument from necessity, while the second is an argument from expedience.

Expedience may end up with a relatively limited state with some areas of intervention. However, that is different than concluding this intervention is inherently "necessary" or that these interventions should not be attacked.

Marxism and the Necessity Argument

Karl Marx did not invent the "necessity" argument in attacking the free market system. However, his influence far

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overshadows that of any other theorist in the past 200 years. Marx contended that the entire market system was doomed to fail due to the workings of the price system, the institution of property rights, and his claim that labor was the only source of value.

Space does not permit a comprehensive response to Marx, but a review of a couple of Marx's allegations are worth considering.

1) Concentration of Wealth and the Impoverishment of the Workers: Karl Marx contended that wealth would inevitably be concentrated into the hands of an extremely small number of people. Big business would use market power to drive small competitors out of business. Big business would exploit the workers and take their surplus value (presumably profits), leaving them all destitute.

Libertarians have pointed out that rich people often have a comparative advantage in seizing political power and it is the use of this political power that permits concentration of wealth. Instead, it is free markets that permit serious improvements in the real standard of living of the general populace. In addition, as the market starts moving toward full employment, the economic power of the "capitalists" deteriorates substantially.

Marx never understood the modern

theory of marginal utility and generally treated workers as a homogeneous commodity. In spite of this, there continues to be an extraordinary number of educated people who accept Marx's views on wealth uncritically.

2) Business Cycle: Marx and many others believed that the business cycle (booms and depressions) were an inevitable result of the market system. During the 1930s, this view became the dominant view in the U.S.

Libertarians have focused on the role of government intervention as it relates to the business cycle. Key interventions include the expansion and contraction of the money supply by the Federal Reserve, major changes in the tax codes, the impact of protectionist restrictions on free trade, and the distortions created by wars and military spending.

3) Blind Search for Profits: While not unique to Marx, the claim has been that business people will invariably do all kinds of stupid things in the search for profits: shoddy or dangerous products, poor service, exorbitant prices, etc. The notion is that the business person will try to rip off the customer, the employee, and the general public at every opportunity because of the profit motive.

It was Adam Smith who pointed out that the profit motive actually produced good results rather than bad due to the working of competition. If someone sells shoddy goods at exorbitant prices, then a competitor can undercut and get the business. Free competition works as a kind of "invisible hand" that helps to get people to behave rationally, while government controls often do just the opposite.

Price of Compromise

Many people imagine that the Libertarian Party would make major political gains if it would only "compromise" on the question of whether a truly free market system could work. That seems unlikely. What is really at stake is the starting point for justifying the status quo and more state interventions.

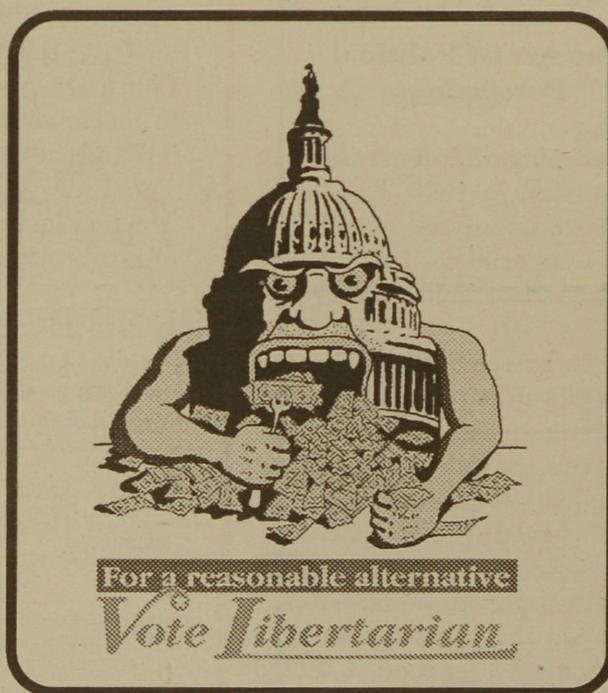
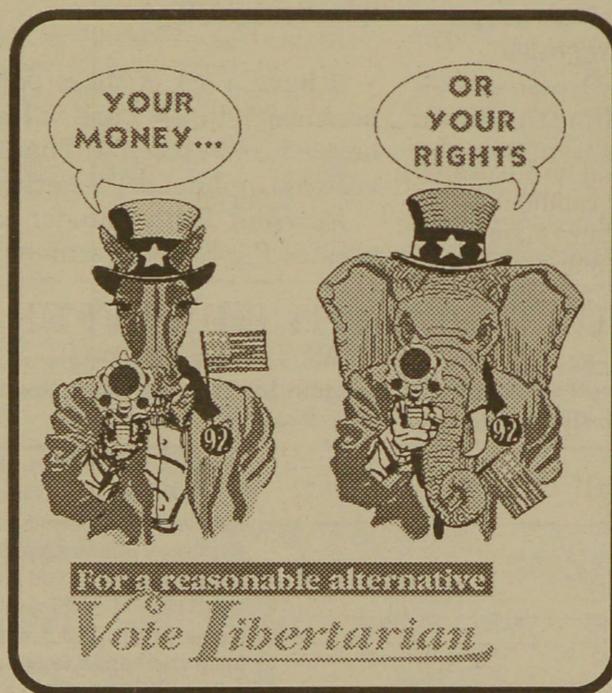
Accepting the contention that laissez-faire would work does not require an "abolitionist" approach (immediate elimination of all state power). The question of how to achieve a free society is a strategic rather than empirical one. But denying that a free society would work serves to defeat any serious attempts to achieve even a reasonably free society.

Ballot Access

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Andre Marrou

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ministrative law judge recommended allowing such prescriptions."

Nancy Lord

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"The Cold War is over. But the Pentagon sees the world as its oyster and thinks its mission is to preserve the status quo. The Bush administration has made simple-minded stability-preservation the basis of U.S. security policy.

"A Marrou administration, based on Libertarian principles, would define American vital interests precisely as our physical security from attack, our independence as a nation, and our constitutional liberties. Preventing and defending against any direct threat to these vital interests is what the Pentagon's job should be . . .

"The Pentagon's latest plans are self-serving justifications for the future budgets and careers of civilian policy analysts and bureaucrats in uniform. Communism is dead. But the military-industrial complex is imagining new enemies and dreaming of more places to go to war."

Andre Marrou

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Libertarian vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord said the "unjust verdict" in the Rodney King beating case had its roots in the war on drugs. Dr. Lord said, "Those policemen should have been punished for the brutes they were."

At the same time, Lord denounced the murder of innocent persons and the destruction and looting of innocent shopkeepers' premises in Los Angeles. "These are crimes as well, not excused by the policemen's original behavior. Two wrongs don't make a right," said Dr. Lord.

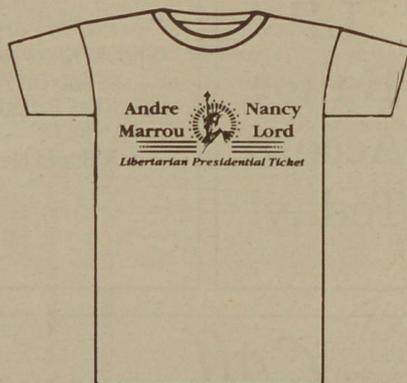
"We need to end the war on drugs to get our constitutional rights back," Lord said.

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Dave Says It's Wise to Be Wary of Home Work

By Dave Barry

TODAY'S CAREER QUESTION IS: Should You Work At Home?

Working at home is an idea that is appealing to more and more people, such as George Bush. One day he got sick and tired of constant foreign travel and said, "Barbara, I'm going to put a desk and a phone in the Oval Office and just stay home and veto legislation." Other famous people who work at home are Queen Elizabeth II and the American farmer.

Of course the home is not the ideal place to do certain types of jobs, such as coal mining. But many modern employers are willing to be flexible. The Ford Motor Company, for example, recently started a pilot program under which employees who don't want to leave their preschool children may elect to build Taurus station wagons in their homes. Oh, there have been problems. Some cars wouldn't start because of what was later diagnosed as Play-Doh in the cylinders, but most employers are willing to overlook such drawbacks, because studies show that the average corporation actually saves money when employees stay home, inasmuch as when they come to work, they spend the bulk of the time stealing office supplies and faxing jokes to international subsidiaries.

But the real beneficiaries of the work-at-home trend are the employees themselves. I work at home, and I have found

that this arrangement has a tremendous potential for personal growth, because nobody will notice if you eat as many as 20 lunches per day. Plus you have no incentive to take showers, which results in personal growths in your armpits, which tends to limit your social life. If you have dogs, which I do, you find yourself talking to them a lot, not in a condescending manner, but as equals. Eventually you abandon personal hygiene altogether and degenerate into a primitive life form, living in your underwear and licking Cheez Whiz directly out of the jar. When delivery people come, you bark and try to sniff their privates.

But you can get a lot done at home. The key for me, in terms of productivity, has been my personal computer, which can be linked electronically via telephone lines to the newspaper. This means that, when I have a column due, I merely press a few keys, and within seconds, thanks to the miracle of modern microchip technology, I am playing "F117A Stealth Fighter." This is a computer game wherein you're the pilot of an extremely advanced Air Force jet flying dangerous missions over enemy territory while enemy fighters attack you and enemy bases shoot missiles at you and enemy editors call you up demanding to know where your column is. I am extremely good at "F117A Stealth Fighter." This would not be possible if I did not work at home.

Of course there are drawbacks. The one that has probably already occurred to you is that if you work at home, you could be killed by a large lump of bread dough falling from the sky. This danger was made chillingly clear to me recently when several alert readers mailed me an Associated Press report from Bellingham, WA, stating that "20 pounds of white-bread dough somehow fell from the sky and crashed onto the roof of Doug and Paula Ward."

I am not making this report up. The dough landed on the Wards' home on St. Patrick's Day, with what Doug Ward described as "a horrendous crash, like a sonic boom."

I spoke with Paula Ward by phone a couple of weeks after the incident, and she said it remains a mystery.

"An astronomer took a sample, and he said it was just regular bread dough," she said. "The religious people think it was a sign from God, because you know, in the Bible, God dropped manna. But it doesn't look like religious dough to me. We still have it, and it hasn't risen yet. It's looking kind of slimy."

One possible explanation is that alien beings from the Planet of Bad Nutrition are flying over in F117A Stealth Saucers and dropping unhealthy foods on people's homes, starting with white bread and gradually escalating to Ring Dings, Slim Jims, and—if they are truly evil—Lucky Charms breakfast cereal. But Paula Ward has a more chilling theory involving another alien life form, one that is even more menacing to human civilization.

"I think it's college students," she said. "We live right near a campus (Western Washington University). I think they fig-

ured out a way to launch dough."

And people have the gall to say that our educational system is not getting the job done.

Anyway, it appears that this is an isolated case, which should not be blown out of proportion. The truth is that if you work at home, the chances are less than one in two that you will ever be killed by any form of high-speed baking ingredient. The worst that's likely to happen is that, being alone all day, you might find yourself riding weird trains of thought. Believe me when I tell you this.

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Quote of the Month

Just prior to the Michigan presidential primary in mid-March, local citizen Alberta Garner, a Democrat, was quoted in the newspapers suggesting how she would cast her precious vote:

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Catching Up on All the State LP Activities

Arizona

The Maricopa County LP has formed a "Libertarian Press Corps" whose purpose is to expand the awareness of Arizona voters concerning Libertarian issues and events in a coordinated and organized manner. The committee, consisting of **Debbie Norwitz, C.J. Jenkins, Charlotte Bandy, and Scott Parrish**, will send out regular press notices of all meetings, special events, and feature stories relating to LP issues and candidates.

California

James Gray, currently a superior court judge, recently spoke to a gathering of the Orange County LP. Gray spoke against the war on drugs and in favor of the legalization of marijuana, heroin, and cocaine. According to **Brian Schar**, Orange County LP chair, about 100 people attended the talk, and needless to say, the judge was well received.

Two initiatives backed by Libertarians have qualified for the November ballot. The Death with Dignity Initiative will allow others to assist terminally ill people to end their lives, with the cooperation of the ill person. The other measure would limit U.S. House members from California to six years in office and U.S. senators to 12 years.

Connecticut

Long-time LP activist **Lou Klein** grabbed some media coverage around April 15, when he announced that he had missed the tax filing deadline. Klein was quoted as saying that he didn't know if he owed any money this year or not. "I haven't the slightest idea and I don't care," he said. "If it's one penny or \$1,000, it's still theft." Klein is retired and receives \$750 a month from Social Security. This is Klein's first year as a tax evader.

Hawaii

Mike Rossell is chairing a campaign to get LP television ads on the air in the state. You can contact Rossell at 523-7755, or call in support to state treasurer **Larry Bartley** at 261-0598.

The state party held their convention in late May, with guest speakers including **Nancy Lord** and **Jarrett Wollstein**.

Indiana

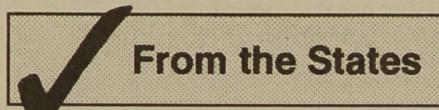
The state party has targeted the "Indy 1500" gun shows, the largest gun shows in the state, as a prime outreach site for party activity. In late March, and again in late May, an LP exhibit attracted not only attention, but also new members, at the gun shows. [see photo at right]

Kansas

In Wichita there is a local doughnut shop called "Squeaky's" Daylight Doughnuts. In mid-March they conducted a presidential poll using a sign on their storefront; they even closed early to tabulate the results.

Surprise! **Andre Marrou** gathered 17 votes, to equal—another surprise—NOTA! The newspapers even covered Marrou's showing.

The complete results: Bush, 60; Tsongas, 38; Clinton, 23; Marrou, 17; NOTA, 17; Buchanan, 15; oh, and Margaret Thatcher, 1.



From the States

Activities noted in newsletters and news releases

Kansas State University has a new college libertarian club led by **Chris Domenico, Chris Ilcin, and Nathan Clemens**.

Frank A. Kaul of the Kansas University Libertarians reports that the response to the organization on campus has been very encouraging. A number of libertarian articles and letters to the editors have appeared recently and generated additional interest.

Massachusetts

Between 15 and 20 Boston-area libertarians rallied at the South Boston Postal Annex on April 15 to offer the LP perspective on taxes. The protest was organized by **Galit Dukach** of Cambridge.

Michigan

More LP television ads are scheduled to appear in the Dearborn, Grand Rapids, and Macomb County areas. A fund-raising effort is also under way to pay for the ads to appear in other major markets throughout the state. There are also efforts being made to get the ads on the air at no charge on local cable access channels. **Jeff Hampton** is heading up this fund-raising effort and can be reached at 313-348-2718.

Dick Whitelock is already preparing for a big outreach event at the Ionia County Free Fair. The fair runs from July 29-Aug. 7. To volunteer time or to help with expenses, call 532-4234.

Minnesota

The state party needs to collect 2,000 valid signatures between July 7 and Sept. 15 to put the LP presidential ticket on the ballot. As an incentive, prizes will be awarded to the individual who collects the most signatures. **Fred Hewitt, Ted Ellingson, and Brad Eichstadt** are members of the ballot access committee. For more information, call 612-454-2115.

Missouri

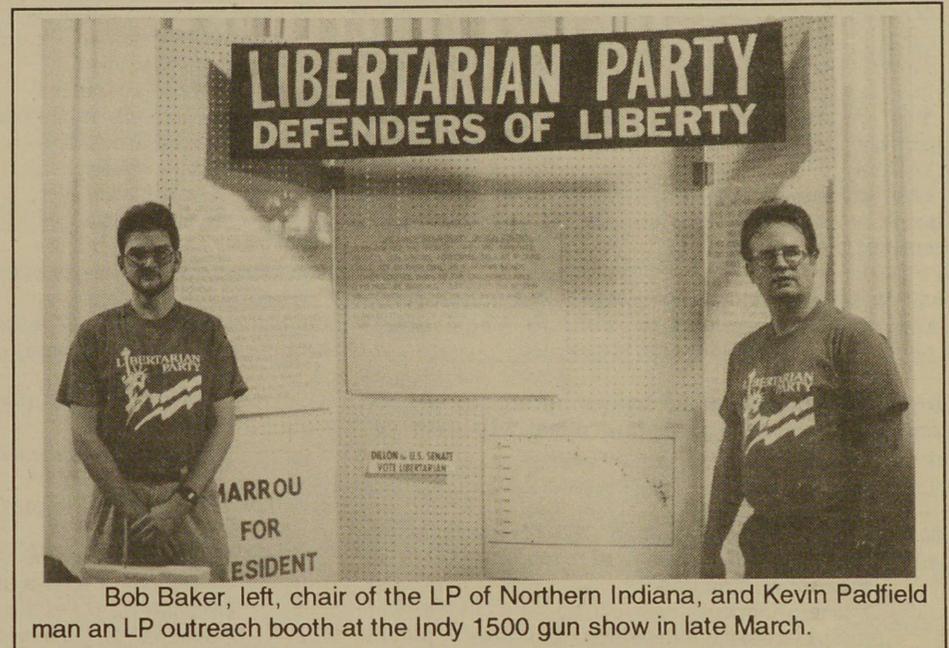
In Columbia, **Frank Williams** has been appointed to the Solid Waste Task Force.

Laura Coker-Garcia has been chosen secretary of the city's Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. Coker-Garcia is also the LP candidate for Boone County sheriff, and chair of the Campus Libertarians at the University of Missouri. She joins **Mitch Moore**, LP candidate for state attorney general on the committee.

Robbin Stewart, past MO LP vice-chair, is now vice-chair of the Columbia Energy & Environment Commission. Stewart is recruiting libertarians to seek appointment to local boards and commissions. "Apply early and often," Stewart said. "Application usually involves filling out a form with the city or county clerk, and is the easiest way for a libertarian to win public office."

New Jersey

Laura Stewart is coordinating the Operation Politically Homeless Booth out-



Bob Baker, left, chair of the LP of Northern Indiana, and Kevin Padfield man an LP outreach booth at the Indy 1500 gun show in late March.

reach project again this year. Stewart has announced an ambitious schedule of 10 events through late August. For information or to volunteer, call Stewart at 908-264-4492.

Dan Karlan, a member of Toastmasters, an international speakers' training organization, is coordinating a state speakers' bureau. For more information call Karlan at 201-444-2846.

Oklahoma

A newly reorganized college libertarian club has been formed at the University of Oklahoma. Student organizers include **Daniel Wade, Jason P'Slatry, and Robert Anderson**.

Tennessee

The LP has been receiving a lot of media attention in the state in the past few months. LP activist **Scott Benson** was recently featured on a Nashville radio talk show for two hours, and the listener response was excellent. LP VP candidate **Nancy Lord** was also featured on this radio show and once again received strong listener support.

In April, 84 radio commercials were aired on the top stations in Nashville. State party members are also working on television ads in the Nashville area as well. Area LP members are excited about the progress over the past couple of months.

Texas

The LP of Dallas County held a large tax protest on April 15. Over 2,000 LP flyers and leaflets were handed out during the demonstration. Television, radio, and newspapers all covered the activity. A number of LP candidates were interviewed during the gathering, including **Randall Morgan, Rick Donaldson, and Patricia Lee**.

Virginia

State party chair **Richard Sincere** declared May "Ballot Access Month." State law requires that third-party presidential candidates gather 14,000 signatures statewide.

"Virginia election law is badly in need of reform," Sincere said. "The obstacles erected against third-party and indepen-

dent candidates by the Republican and Democratic parties now in power serve to undercut the range of choices available to voters on Election Day. We need to bring Virginia's laws into line with other states where third parties enjoy competitive status with the parties of the political establishment."

Sincere has called attention to the efforts being made on behalf of H. Ross Perot, as well as **Andre Marrou**, and is hoping to gain attention for the excessive ballot access requirements while the media and public are expressing an interest in the Perot ballot drive.

Washington

Lawyer and LP activist **Richard Shepard** has filed a complaint on behalf of the LP of Washington State against the secretary of state and elections officials of two counties. The purpose of the lawsuit is to challenge the constitutionality of state law which requires minor parties to declare their candidates up to two full weeks before the major parties. Washington law also does not give minor parties an opportunity to fill vacancies for offices after the filing deadline, an opportunity it does grant to major parties.

Shepard has asked for any assistance which may be available, including legal and financial. "If you have any suggestions regarding this suit or know of any case law that would back our position, please contact me," Shepard said.

To contact Richard Shepard, call 206-752-1189.



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1993 LP Convention Survey

Morning Glory Productions (MGP), hosts of the 1993 LP national convention to be held in Salt Lake City, UT, at the Marriott Hotel and the Salt Palace in August of next year, would like your input on the convention program.

MGP requests LP members fill out the following questionnaire and mail it to: MGP, P.O. Box 526175, Salt Lake City, UT 84152.

MGP will provide a non-transferable certificate for \$5 in goods or services purchased from MGP to people who respond to the survey.

1. If you were selecting the keynote speaker for the 1993 National Convention, who would you select?

2. If you have attended an LP national convention, what did you like best about the convention? What did you not like?

3. If you have never attended an LP national convention, why not? (List in order—1,2,3—all that apply.)

- Not elected delegate
- Too expensive
- Not interested in workshops scheduled
- Not interested in speakers scheduled
- Location
- Travel expense
- Other (specify) _____

4. What kind of music do you enjoy (check all that apply)?

- Classic rock-n-roll (60s, 70s, Grateful Dead, Rolling Stones, etc.)
- Jazz
- New Age
- Country and Western
- Modern Rock
- Classical
- Big Band
- Heavy Metal
- Folk
- Gospel

5. What interests you most about a convention (rank in order all that apply)?

- LP Business sessions
- Interesting speakers
- Entertainment
- Interaction with other libertarians
- Social events/parties
- Smoke-filled back rooms
- Media opportunities
- Workshops
- Sightseeing/tourism
- Ideological development
- Other (specify) _____

6. What opportunities do you believe the national convention offers the national LP (rank in order all that apply)?

- Media visibility
- Conduct business
- Build morale/inspire members
- Train party cadre
- Develop strategy
- Elect officers
- Other (specify) _____

7. What price range and package content are you most interested in?

- Less than \$100 (speakers, workshops only)
- \$100 to \$200 (speakers, workshops, some special activities)
- \$200 to \$300 (all of the above, additional special activities)
- \$300 (approx.) (full ride, all activities)

8. Are you interested in purchasing event packages in advance, at a discount? _____ If yes, what time frame and discount interests you?

- 1 year _____ % discount
- 6 months _____ % discount
- 3 months _____ % discount

9. What types of workshops do you feel are most important for this convention (rank in order all that apply)?

- Strategy development
- How-to/party development
- How-to/political campaigns
- Ideological development
- Issues and current events

10. What issues do you feel are most important at this time (rank in order all that apply)?

- Environment
- National Debt
- Foreign Policy
- Economic Policy
- First Amendment
- Relegalization
- Women's Issues (pro-choice/pro-life, feminism)
- Keep and Bear Arms
- Health Care
- Transportation

11. At this time, what are your plans for attending the 1993 national convention?

- I will definitely attend.
- I will definitely not attend.
- I'm still thinking; depends on the program.
- I'm still thinking; depends on the price.

12. If you have teenage children, are you interested in libertarian activities at the convention for them? _____ Are they interested? _____

Perot Watch

Deep in the Heart of Taxes

"The deficit . . . 'We're the largest debtor nation in the history of mankind. Yet everybody's out there taking a pledge on no new taxes.' . . . Selling, rather than managing is Ross Perot's genius. He can make an audience of bankers leap to their feet, applauding his message that they are going to have to pay higher taxes so that his vision of the future can come true . . . Perot would raise taxes to close the deficit." Peter Elkind, "Can Ross Perot Save America? You Bet. Just Ask Him." Texas Monthly, Dec. 1988, pp. 100, 193.

Giving New Meaning to the Term "Medicare Benefits"

"[I]n 1965, the federal government got into the health insurance business, and Perot began capturing lucrative state contracts to computerize systems for paying Medicare and Medicaid claims. Profits in 1966 were eight times the previous year's total . . . [I]n advocating a role for government, Perot is not really removed from his past. After all, if government were not providing health care, Ross Perot might not be a billionaire." Peter Elkind, "Can Ross Perot Save America? You Bet. Just Ask Him." Texas Monthly, Dec. 1988, pp. 195, 197.

No Knock, No Knock. Who's There? Not the Bill the Rights.

"[Perot's] proposals sometimes make little allowance for niceties—such as the Constitution, civil liberties, and government bidding regulations—that serve to keep government from abusing its power. After cruising drug-infested South Dallas neighborhoods in a police car, Perot proposed his own solution to the problem: the city should cordon off sections of the area and send in hundreds of cops for a house-to-house, person-to-person confiscation of drugs and weapons." Peter Elkind, "Can Ross Perot Save America? You Bet. Just Ask Him." Texas Monthly, Dec. 1988, p. 200.

Tax the Rich

"[Perot is] on record favoring more taxes for the rich." Kristin Huckshorn, "Perot Platform Has Something for Everyone," San Jose Mercury News, Apr. 24, 1992, p. 1A.

Down the Foreign Aid Rathole

"[Perot] favors financial aid to the former Soviet Union." Kristin Huckshorn, "Perot Platform Has Something for Everyone," San Jose Mercury News, Apr. 24, 1992, p. 28A.

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Comments on CATO, NRA, the Pledge, More

Dave Barry

It isn't bad enough that you regularly use precious space in MY newsletter to publish the inane maundering of Dave Barry, now you have added insult to injury by devoting a page and three-quarters to an interview with the air head!

By wasting space on that, you are cheating us out of what we pay for: Libertarian news. . . When you get rid of the objectionable column, the NEWS will again receive my overall A rating.

Lyn D. Tinsley
Des Plaines, IL

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I enjoyed your interview with Dave Barry (May, 1992, NEWS). However, I do believe that Barry did not cite correctly the author of what he thinks is the "best book" he has read on Libertarianism. His description of the book and his recollection of its name convinced me that he refers to "A Liberty Primer," written by Dr. W. Alan Burris. An ad for the same book is also found in the above [and this] issue of the NEWS.

Vernon I. Saunders
Rochester, NY

Born-Again Libertarian

I am a 1991 high school graduate soon to be going to college and I wish to join your party. . .

As a young high school student, I was an admirer of Marx and Lenin and their revolutionary ideology. But with the demise of the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc, communism wasn't so "cool" anymore. . .

During my senior year in economics class, I learned, and believed, about the many advantages of a laissez-faire, free market economy over a socialist command economy.

Hear me, O World! I am a born-again Libertarian!

I have found a party in which I agree on most of its issues, both personal and economical. Now that I am a member of your party, I wish to get other people to join. Although people agree with most of the LP platform, they are afraid to join a third party.

What can I say to convince people to vote Libertarian? What shouldn't I say?

Gregory D. Smith
Brewster, OH

CATO

In a March 16 memorandum, Edward Crane made the following statement speaking for the CATO Institute: "We have narrowed the field of presidential candidates down to five individuals, each of whom is noteworthy for his lack of a market-liberal vision." As a contributor to CATO, I questioned Mr. Crane about this statement, which is clearly either false or derogatory. Mr. Crane stood by these words, responding that "we live in a two-party world."

He is incorrect, of course; however, he is trying to create a "two-party world" by helping to shut the LP out of the political process. Consequently, I have withdrawn my support of CATO, and I am writing CATO out of my will. I urge my fellow Libertarians to do the same and to contact CATO about this outrage.

Russell A. Osborn
Lancaster, OH

From You

Letters from members and readers

Kids Vote

It has come to my attention that several states, including Arizona, Alaska, and Florida, have a program in their school systems entitled "Kids Voting USA." The idea behind the program is to gradually teach children to vote. The children will be allowed to cast ballots in the presidential election and they will be counted and tabulated.

I would like to suggest that Libertarians across the country make certain that if the program is in their state or community that the Libertarian alternative is considered. The program is unique and is something that should have been started many years ago, if it covers the entire political spectrum and not just the Democrats and Republicans.

Perhaps some funding from the LP could be earmarked for this program. What better way to get the message across than by telling children the facts. Money spent in 1992 could show a profit by 2000.

Michael Dann Hayes
Grand Junction, CO

New Symbol

We need a symbol that cartoonists will be tempted to put along side the elephant and the donkey. An overheard remark that Libertarians would win elections "when pigs fly" inspired me to commission Gordon South to create a winged pig, the spirited beast below. To fears that such a mascot implies that we aren't serious, I say that it was due to a tongue-in-cheek Newsweek article about the founding of the party, that I joined it, with conviction, over 20 years ago.

Philip C. Bolger
Gloucester, MA



Clean It Up

During my relatively brief association with the LP, I have been somewhat dismayed that there is a certain element within its ranks which are more likely to repel incipient libertarians than attract them; it is an element that appears more libertine than libertarian.

I am not a thorough reader of the NEWS so I may have missed earlier uses of gutter language within its pages. In the April, 1992, issue on page 7 is apparently an advertising reprint by Michael Emerling. It is basically a fine article but in it he commits one of the sins that he is condemning. Are we Libertarians

considered so devoid of imagination that we must have four-letter gutter words spelled out for us? There used to be a time when journalism managed to convey a message without spelling out the language of the gutter. Hopefully this was just a case of journalistic oversight. When this type of language is permitted within the official journal of the Libertarian Party, it does nothing to enhance the image of the party.

The people among whom I circulate are not likely to become active Libertarians if uncouth language is allowed to grace the official publication of the party.

Phil Clark
Carthage, IL

The Pledge

I was a philosophical libertarian for many years before becoming a "card carrying" member of the LP. It was seeing the pledge that finally persuaded me to join. If there are people who won't join the LP simply because they have to sign their names certifying they don't believe in initiating force, so be it; maybe they shouldn't join.

If our founding fathers could pledge their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor" in support of independence, then we, their political heirs, can certainly certify in writing not to start a fight or lie about our goals.

The pledge and party name reflect our uniqueness in the political world. We need to keep both.

Richard B. Schwartzman
Newark, DE

Constituents

Brett P. Bellmore (March, 1992, NEWS) advocates advertising in pornographic magazines. He says they are our natural constituency. I disagree.

Our natural constituency is the over-taxed, over-regulated, criminalized, and impoverished American. We intend on becoming a majority party, and this attitude of focusing on fringe groups works to undermine that goal. In Region 6 (NY and New England), we intend on getting many people into office this fall. We have two state representatives in New Hampshire to re-elect! How much harm would a full page Marrou ad in "D-Cup Review" do to them?

Our natural constituency is the average American. Let's focus on THIS fringe group for a change!

Clay S. Conrad
Beverly, MA

NRA

Like Jeff Thomsen (May, 1992, NEWS) I see no reason "why the NRA has not bannered official support of the LP. . ." However, I got a hint a couple years ago at a luncheon featuring one of NRA's Capitol Hill lobbyists as guest speaker.

The speaker's remarks were devoted to the pro-gun control policies of the Bush Administration and the NRA's disappointment with its own member and 1988 presidential endorsee, Mr. Bush.

When, during the subsequent question-and-answer period, I asked the NRA lobbyist how many presidential candidates the NRA considered when making its 1988 endorsement, he brushed aside my question. Any attempt to explain that there were four candidates in 1988 with a mathematical chance of being elected, including Ron Paul,

was obviously unwelcome.

Rest assured, if I had considered joining the NRA, that little encounter squelched it. My own impression is that NRA leadership is more interested in "dues for shmooze" than principled positions and endorsements.

John Finerty, Jr.
Alexandria, VA

Roe or Roo?

Until the 1991 LP convention, half of the Libertarians who backed Andre Marrou did not know how to pronounce his last name and called him Muh-ROE instead of Muh-ROO.

In light of the success of a candidate whose real name rhymes with Marrou's fictitious one, should we consider mispronouncing his name again? Sure, we might get a few votes from people who have no idea where we stand on anything, but so does the guy we'd be "stealing" the votes from [Perot].

Jeff Bishop
La Mesa, CA

Land Patent

[Michael Borland (May, 1992, NEWS) asked] for letters of help to the St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Disposal Authority. I believe that you are asking us to write to persons who not only are not going to help you keep your land from being confiscated for a public use, but to people who are a part of the system diligently working to deprive all citizens of the right to own and use property!

Our organization has been working for a number of years researching the United States Land Patent, and have concluded it is a legitimate means to get the state off our land! The state should have no jurisdiction to hold any power over your land if it was sold originally under this patent.

The problem you will find is that most attorneys will not touch this information because they are well aware of the ramifications which will develop if the people find out they have been cheated out of their property by a corrupt state legal system.

Our organization would be happy to help Mr. Borland, or any other NEWS readers by telling you where and how to get your patents. For information contact Oakland Citizens for Justice, 5894 Andersonville Rd., Waterford, MI 48329.

Laveda P. Powers
White Lake, MI

Free Speech

When did the First Amendment get amended?

I work at a radio station in Nenana, AK, and recently we got a threatening letter from an attorney representing Rep. Don Young (R-AK) who has just been named as a check bouncer.

The letter stated that if we were to mention the incident as bounced checks, kiting, non-sufficient funds, etc., we would be faced with a lawsuit. He was going to graciously allow us to use the term overdraft, but that was it. Excuse me, but since when do I have to consult with anyone when I want to discuss the truth? How much longer do we have to take this garbage?

I am disgusted. I really can't say any more.

"Hello. Big Brother?"

Jake Ketscher
Bettles, AK

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Upcoming Events

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May 29-31, 1992:

Florida LP Convention; 407-290-2467.

June 4, 1992:

Tiananmen Square Massacre
Anniversary (1989).

June 5-7, 1992:

South Dakota LP Convention, Rapid City;
605-342-4242. Speakers include Nancy
Lord.

June 5-7, 1992:

Ohio LP Convention, Marriott Portside
Hotel, Toledo; 419-353-1813 or 419-425-
2702. Speakers include Andre Marrou, Larry
Dodge, Jacob Hornberger, and Jim Lark.

June 12-16, 1992:

Idaho LP Convention, Statehouse Inn,
Boise; 208-585-2253. Speakers include
Andre Marrou.

June 13, 1992:

Texas LP Convention; 817-536-4131.

June 14, 1992:

Connecticut LP Convention, Meriden;
203-649-2274.

June 14, 1992:

Rally for Health Freedom, Washington, DC, Senate
Park (just north of U.S. Capitol); 201-471-3792.
Sponsored by the National Progressive Health Political
Action Committee.

June 15, 1992:

Magna Carta Day (1215).

June 20-21, 1992:

Tennessee LP Convention, Wyndham Garden Hotel,
Nashville; 615-758-5906. Speakers include Nancy Lord
and Jacob Hornberger.

June 27-28, 1992:

Washington State LP Convention, Seattle; 206-759-
1838.

June 28, 1992 (tentative):

Rhode Island LP Convention, Providence; 401-273-
0047.

November 11-14, 1992:

Drug Policy Foundation's Sixth International
Conference on Drug Policy Reform, Loews L'Enfant
Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC; 202-895-1634.

April 24-25, 1993 (tentative):

Region 6 Caucus and Activist's Conference,
Framingham, MA; 508-922-9251.

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