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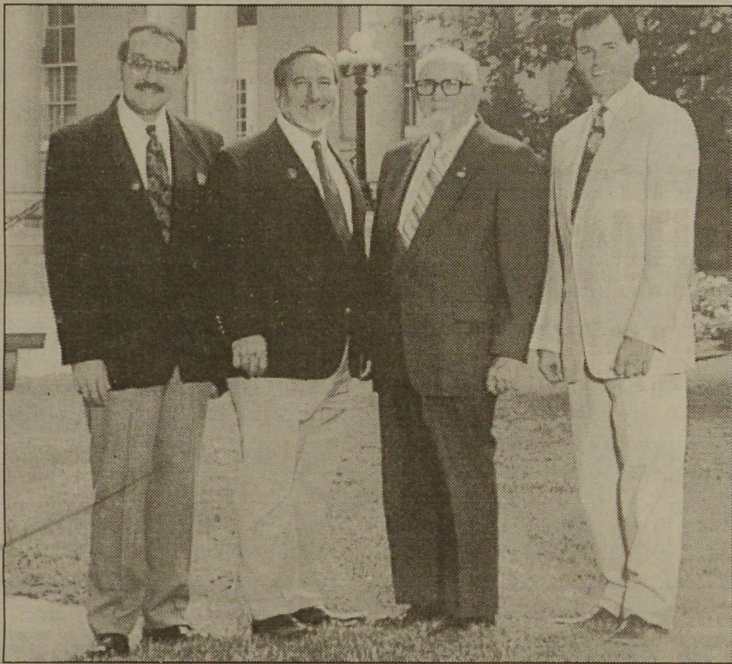
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THE DECADE IN REVIEW: 1990-1999



■ One of the campaign highlights of the 1990s for the Libertarian Party: The election of four State Representatives in New Hampshire in 1992. Above (l-r): Andy Borsa, Don Gorman, Cal Warburton, and Finlay Rothhaus.

The LP in the '90s: A decade of growth

By Bill Winter, LP News Editor

The Libertarian Party jogged into the decade of the 1990s — and exited it sprinting in the direction of America's political major leagues.

For the Libertarian Party, the 1990s were a decade of growth. Of setting new records in membership, elected Libertarians, and candidates. Of professionalization. Of mastering the ballot access hurdles that had bedeviled the party for several decades. Of finally getting ready to mount a serious challenge to the nation's two-party system.

In fact, Virginia's *Loudoun Times-Mirror* wrote in 1998: "[The Libertarian Party is] what some colleges and universities around the nation are now referring to in course titles as 'the third major party in American politics.'"

NEWS Analysis

As the party prepares to enter a new millennium — by the calendar, if not in fact — let's take a moment to look back at how far Libertarians have come over the past 10 years...

One day before the new decade of the 1990s dawned, the party's paid membership stood at 8,211. Ten years later, there were 32,828 card-carrying Libertarians — an increase of about 300%. And the registered Libertarian base stood at 182,000, another record.

In 1990, the LP ran 76 candidates for public office around

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20 Libertarians win office in state and local elections

Libertarian Party candidates elected in eight states around USA

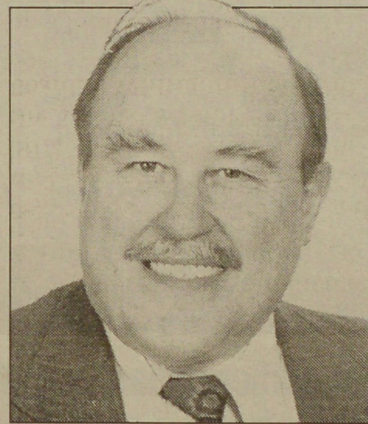
At least 20 Libertarian Party candidates were elected in local elections around the country on November 2 — including a record-setting 10 victories in city council races.

Libertarians won public office in at least eight states: California, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington state. At least eight of the wins were in partisan races — some of them fiercely contested.

Leading the victory pack were Washington state and Pennsylvania with five wins each, and Indiana and Ohio with three wins each.

Cemetery Board

Besides city council wins, Libertarians picked up seats on school boards, on a County Water Commission, and as Township Auditors. One Libertarian couple even won matching seats



■ In an unusual feat, Al Swain succeeded another Libertarian officeholder to win a seat on the Unified School District Board in Whitmore, California.

on a local Cemetery Board.

"Congratulations to all our winning candidates," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. "Their victories are adding to the increasing political clout of the Libertarian Party,



■ Eva Hart was one of 10 Libertarians who won seats on a city council. She was elected to the Colville City Council in Washington state.

and these elections show the strength of our local, grassroots activists."

The three wins in Indiana were particularly significant, said Crickenberger, because they were

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Florida LP endorses civil rights initiative

Would end laws that require discrimination

Delegates at the Libertarian Party of Florida's annual state convention have overwhelmingly approved a resolution supporting the Florida Civil Rights Initiative, a measure designed to end government-mandated discrimination in the state of Florida.

The convention, held on October 9, drew more than 200 participants, and was highlighted by a speech from Ward Connerly, the black businessman who engineered California's suc-

cessful Proposition 209, the original Civil Rights Initiative. A similar initiative also passed in Washington state.

The Florida LP's endorsement of the Civil Rights Initiative — along with Connerly's speech — generated coverage in *USA Today*, the *Miami Herald*, the *Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*, the *Palm Beach Post*, and the *Associated Press*.

Not racist anymore

In his speech, Connerly said that mainstream America isn't racist anymore and preferential treatment — such as government-mandated "affirmative action" and quotas — only per-

petuates discrimination.

Connerly said he seeks the realization of Martin Luther King's dream, in which people

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NEWS BRIEFS

"Atlas Shrugged" will be TV miniseries

Forty-four years after it was first published, Ayn Rand's magnum opus *Atlas Shrugged* may finally be coming to the screen — the TV screen.

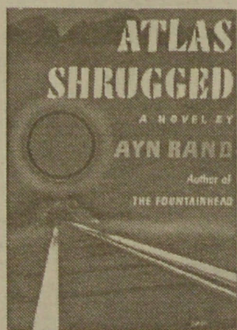
According to the *Washington Post*, the TNT cable network is planning to turn the 1,172-page novel into a four-hour miniseries, which could air by late 2000.

Producer Albert S. Ruddy recently bought the rights to Rand's classic pro-Objectivism novel, and is expected to start work on the \$15 million to \$21 million production this coming summer. Ruddy was a producer of the movie *The Godfather*, and has worked on such TV programs as *Walker, Texas Ranger*, and *Hogan's Heroes*.

Reportedly, Ruddy tried to acquire the rights to *Atlas Shrugged* 25 years ago, but the deal fell apart when Rand insisted on final script approval. Rand died in 1982.

At the time, Ruddy was reportedly considering Clint Eastwood for the part of Hank Reardon, Robert Redford as John Galt, and Faye Dunaway as Dagny Taggart. No casting decisions for the miniseries have been announced, but Ruddy said "two bankable female stars" have been in touch with him already about the Dagny role.

Atlas Shrugged — named the second most influential book of all time (after the Bible) in a poll taken by the Library of Congress — is a fictional account of what happens when productive people go on strike against an oppressive government. Ruddy called it "a great thriller [and] great love story."



■ *Atlas Shrugged*: 4-hour miniseries

Parenting columnist: "I'm a libertarian"

One of the USA's most famous child-rearing experts has announced that he's a libertarian. John Rosemond, a nationally syndicated columnist, disputed the media's claim that he is a conservative, and said: "I'm actually a libertarian."

His comment appeared in the May/June 1999 issue of his quarterly magazine, *John Rosemond's Alternative Parenting*.

Rosemond's column appears in 175 newspapers across the USA, reaching 10 million readers. He is also the author of eight bestselling books, including *Parent Power!*, *Teen-Proofing*, and *A Family of Value*. A popular public speaker, he gives up to 200 speeches a year.

Besides his reputation as a staunch foe of "permissive" parenting techniques, Rosemond is also known for his defense of the family against government intervention. He has also encouraged parents to use "libertarian" child-rearing techniques that stress self-responsibility.

New Libertarian campus group launched

A new campus-based student group — Libertarian Studies Organization — has been launched to encourage the study of the political philosophy of libertarianism.

"With the growth of libertarianism, I thought it would be great if there was one national organization devoted to young people on campuses that would provide a gateway to libertarian philosophy," said John McAlister, Central Region Chair of the Ohio LP, who started the organization.

The first group was formed at Ohio State University in October, he said.

LSO chapters will be encouraged to build a reference library of policy papers from libertarian organizations; sponsor seminars, panel discussions, lectures, field trips, and workshops; host political candidates and speakers; and promote libertarianism.

McAlister said his short-term goal is to "get five chapters started in Ohio in 2000 and 10 to 20 in other states." His long-term goal: "A chapter on every major campus in the U.S."

For more information about LSO or to start a college chapter, visit: www.libertarianstudy.itgo.com. Or call McAlister at (614) 898-0015.

Florida LP delegates endorse anti-discrimination initiative

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are judged by the "content of their character" rather than the color of their skin.

"Equal protection under the law" is the glue that holds American society together, he said — but when the government tries to provide "equal opportunity," it compromises equal protection.

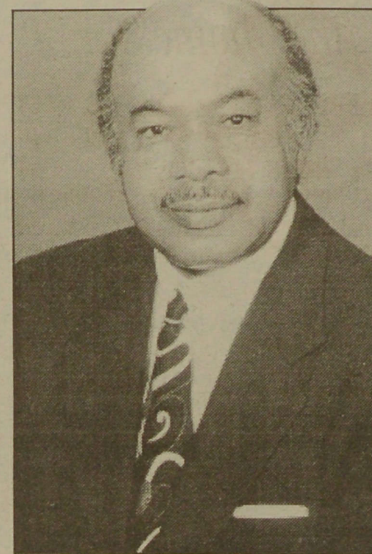
Connerly also argued that government discrimination against one group is still discrimination, even if it is euphemistically labeled "preferences."

Sit anywhere

"We didn't fight to say that just Rosa Parks could sit anywhere on the bus," Connerly said, "but so that any person could sit anywhere on the bus."

Connerly plans to put the Civil Rights Initiative before Florida voters in November 2000. To win a place on the ballot, 435,073 signatures from registered voters will be required.

Connerly's group has col-



■ Ward Connerly, sponsor of the Florida Civil Rights Initiative: Judge people by "the content of their character."

lected about 60,000 signatures, more than enough to get the state Supreme Court to consider his proposed constitutional amendments for the ballot.

"His toughest hurdle may be

getting the approval of the court, which is notoriously finicky about the wording of constitutional changes," said Tom Regnier, the editor of *Florida Liberty*.

The Civil Rights Initiative has already aroused opposition from both of the major parties in Florida. For example, Governor Jeb Bush met with Connerly but refused to support the initiative. State Senate President Toni Jennings canceled a meeting with Connerly due to pressure from black legislators, and House Speaker John Thrasher refused to meet him.

80% support

However, a recent poll showed that 80% of Floridians would support the referendum.

Connerly is Chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, a non-partisan, non-profit group which seeks to follow John F. Kennedy's maxim, "Race has no place in American life or law."

Tobin appeal: To state Supreme Court?

The Jim Tobin ballot access lawsuit may be heading to the Illinois Supreme Court.

On October 15, Tobin, the 1998 LP gubernatorial candidate in Illinois, announced he was appealing the September 23 decision of an appellate court, which had refused to declare illegal a decision by the state Board of Elections to keep Tobin off the ballot.

"The appellate court refused to rule on the legal merits of the case, citing a hyper-technicality involving jurisdictional issues," said Tobin.

On the positive side, however, the appellate court ruled Tobin's case was not moot, even though the election is long over. That ruling allowed the case to proceed.

Not enough

The legal battle began in 1998, when the eight-member, politically appointed state Board of Elections ruled that Tobin and six other statewide Libertarian Party candidates had not submitted enough valid petition signatures to qualify for the ballot.

To reach that decision, the board rejected 4,285 signatures that the board's own Hearing Examiner and General Council had ruled valid.

JIM TOBIN:

"The case strikes at the heart of the democratic process."

"The members of the Illinois Election Board wrongfully and illegally interfered with the democratic process of the 1998 general election," charged Tobin. "This case raises serious issues involving election law that strike at the heart of the democratic process."

There was no word on whether the state Supreme Court would consider the appeal, or when a decision might be made.

Meanwhile, in a parallel case, a federal court judge is expected to rule on November 23 whether to hear a civil rights lawsuit filed by the Tobin for Governor campaign.

The suit charges that the Illinois Board of Elections violated the First Amendment and the 14th Amendment of both Tobin and state voters by denying him a place on the ballot.

Tobin is asking for \$5 million in punitive damages from the individual members of the board, and wants the federal court to declare the board's decision void and unconstitutional.

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Aaron Russo joins LP, mulls run for office

Hollywood producer "finds home" in LP

Aaron Russo, the flamboyant Hollywood producer and former manager of singer and actress Bette Midler, has joined the Libertarian Party.

"We are very happy to have him," said Chris Azzaro, state director of the LP of Nevada, where Russo now resides. "This is good news for the Libertarian Party."

Russo, 56, announced his decision to join the Libertarian Party on a talk radio show in Las Vegas on October 25.

During the program, Russo "stated that he has always been a libertarian, and he feels the Libertarian Party is his true political home," said Azzaro. "Aaron believes in small government, low taxes, and social tolerance. I think he'll find his message is very well received in the LP."

Russo also urged people to join the Libertarian Party during the show "on numerous occasions," said Azzaro, and announced that he plans to run for office again in Nevada as a Libertarian.

"He discussed the possibility of running for U.S. Senate or U.S. Congress," said Azzaro. "Whatever race he settles on, we're ready to support him 100%."

Speculating about the race,

Russo said, "My heart leans toward the Senate, but being a sensible, prudent person, I haven't made up my mind yet. The Senate race is the tougher race, but I think I can beat [Republican John] Ensign."

Russo said he will announce his future political plans some time after January 1, 2000.

In 1998, Russo ran for governor as a Republican. In that race, he received 26% of the vote in the primary, finishing second.

Jesse Ventura?

"Russo used extensive television advertising, and still enjoys high name recognition," said Azzaro. If Russo runs again, "he [can] run the biggest Libertarian campaign this state has ever seen. He could be the Jesse Ventura of the 2000 elections."

Russo's decision to join the Libertarian Party marks the third political affiliation of the decade for the Hollywood producer-turned-politician. In 1994, Russo tried to launch the Constitution Party, a party with a platform similar to that of the LP. He shut it down after about 18 months.

Before his forays into politics, Russo was a major force in the movie business. He produced such box office hits as *Trading*



■ Aaron Russo — in his longer-haired Hollywood days — poses with the Golden Globe Award for *The Rose*, a movie that he produced. Leaving showbiz behind, Russo has joined the Libertarian Party and is considering a run for office in Nevada.

Places and *The Rose*, and, at one time, commanded a \$1 million-a-picture producing fee. His movies received six Academy Award nominations and two Golden Globe nominations.

Bette Midler

Russo was also the manager of Bette Midler, guiding "The Divine Miss M" to platinum album stardom and a successful film career.

Upon leaving Hollywood, Russo created and attempted to syndicate a one-hour politically

themed television program, *Aaron Russo's Mad As Hell*. The show — part stand-up comedy monologue, part high-energy political discussion — presented a very libertarian look at such topics as Social Security, NAFTA, the federal budget, and the IRS.

Throughout his various political incarnations, Russo has been consistent in his pro-liberty positions. "I'm for the freedom of each person," he said. "The government is there to serve you; you're not there to serve the government."

Michigan LP airs ads for gun rights

The Libertarian Party of Michigan has launched a lobbying campaign — using radio advertisements and a new advocacy website — to try to pass a "shall issue" concealed carry law in the state.

On October 11, the party started a two-week radio blitz "aimed at getting people to contact their legislators on this issue," said Mark Heil, who is helping to coordinate the effort.

The law, if passed, would allow any state resident to qualify for a permit to carry a concealed weapon unless the government had a specific reason to deny it, such as a criminal record or history of mental illness.

Major cities

The radio advertisements ran in such major cities as Detroit, Lansing, Traverse City, Bay City, Grand Rapids, and Flint, on radio stations WXYT, WSGW WOOD, WFTN, WSGW, and WJIM. The spots appeared on popular programs like the Dr. Laura Show, the Rush Limbaugh Show, the G. Gordon Liddy Show, and the Art Bell Show.

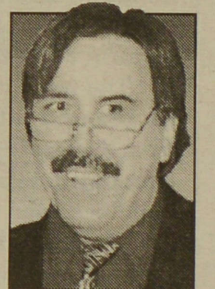
The barrage of radio ads is "designed to push the state legislature to take up the concealed carry issue before next year's election," said Heil.

The spots encourage people to call their state legislators directly, or log onto the party's new advocacy website, SpeakOut-Michigan.org.

E-mail messages

"SpeakOutMichigan.org is an Internet-based lobbying system that allows a user to send e-mail messages to their state legislators about a specific issue," said Heil. "It's similar to recent projects that the National LP used to fight for our financial privacy (www.DefendYourPrivacy.com) and to protest the war in Kosovo (www.StopTheWarNow.com)."

The website was designed to be flexible, he said, "so we can periodically update it to use to fight for a different issue, even to oppose or support a specific bill proposal."



■ Tim O'Brien: "Speak out!"

Governor Gary Johnson: Still saying 'No thanks'

NM governor continues to decline offer to seek Libertarian presidential nomination

New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson is still saying, "No thanks" — but Libertarians are still saying, "Please reconsider."

A month after a committee was formed to draft Johnson as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, the Republican governor is still saying he is not interested in heading the LP ticket in 2000. However, Libertarian Party supporters say they won't give up.

"We're still twisting his arm," said Joseph Knight, the State Chair of the New Mexico LP and one of the primary organizers of the Draft Johnson committee. "He's a closet Libertarian and he needs to come out of the closet. He's a very honest and understanding man and a sitting governor — and a perfect mes-

senger for us."

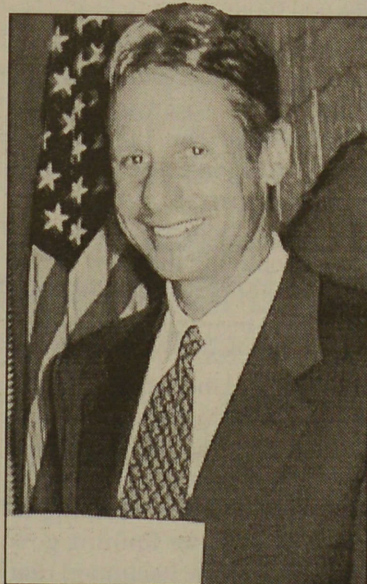
And Ashley Gauthier, another committee organizer, said, "We're hoping he'll change his mind."

After a group of Libertarians announced their Draft Johnson committee at a press conference in Albuquerque, NM, on October 5, Johnson said, "I'm flattered, but I'm a Republican governor. I have a job, and I've got the job I wanted."

After session

However, Maurice McDonald, another member of the Draft Johnson committee, speculated that the governor would not make a final decision about a presidential campaign until after the winter legislative session.

If newspaper reports are accurate, that legislative session



■ Gary Johnson: "I'm flattered, but I've got the job I wanted."

may give Johnson a reason to question his allegiance to the Republican Party.

According to the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, at least one GOP legislator will try to get other

House Republicans to vote to condemn Johnson for his position on legalizing drugs. If the governor doesn't stop talking about ending the War on Drugs, Republicans are warning that Johnson may lose the support of GOP lawmakers.

"The Republicans aren't being very nice to him now," said Knight. "[But] while the Republicans are embarrassed by him, we're proud of him."

\$30 billion failure

Johnson sparked national controversy — and attracted the attention of Libertarians — because of his high-profile call to end the War on Drugs. In interviews on national television and a speech at the Cato Institute, Johnson said the War on Drugs is a \$30 billion-a-year failure, and argued that it's time to consider legalization.

But Knight said Libertarians

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POLITICAL NEWS

Heard the "Oprah for President" rumor?

Oprah for President? According to a newspaper report, that's the goal of some Libertarians in Minnesota.

In the September 30 issue of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, a news story reported that a local man had set up a website to promote Oprah Winfrey — the popular TV talk show host and actress — as the 2000 presidential candidate for the Reform Party.

"A handful of Twin [City residents] active in the Reform and Libertarian parties have been discussing the possibility," wrote the paper's national political correspondent, Bob von Sternberg.

However, Charles Test, Minnesota LP State Chair, said, "I assure you, no one active in the LPMN is behind this stuff."

Test was baffled about any Libertarian credentials that Oprah might have that would attract LP support. "Beats me," he said.

As with most other potential Reform Party candidates, Oprah supporters focused little on her ideology, but stressed what they saw as her positive personal attributes. "Oprah Winfrey is famous, scrupulously honest, immensely popular, and wealthy in her own right," said one supporter.

She's also uninterested in being president: Her spokeswoman said: "Oprah is not running."



■ **Oprah: She's no libertarian.**

Future of Freedom Foundation goes online

The Future of Freedom Foundation (FFF) has moved into the age of cyberpolitics with a new and improved website: <http://www.fff.org>.

"Our goal is to spread our uncompromising libertarian essays to a much wider audience of people, especially non-libertarians, which hopefully will bring us closer to a free society," said Jacob Hornberger, the president of the Virginia-based, non-partisan educational organization.

The new site, which went online in late October, features background information about FFF, 10 years worth of essays from *Freedom Daily*, an interactive Debate Forum, newspaper editorials, books and tapes for sale, lists of upcoming FFF events, and libertarian information in Spanish.

"I think libertarians and Libertarian Party candidates will find our new web site to be a great repository of libertarian ideas," said Hornberger. "I hope LP members will take a look and let us know what they think."

Time for a Statue of Responsibility?

Does the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast need a "Statue of Responsibility" on the West Coast to balance it out? One Libertarian thinks so, and she has started a campaign to see if there is enough interest to build one.

Kristi Stone, a new LP member in San Diego, California, has started contacting people by e-mail, trying to raise money and a core team of volunteers to get the project started.

"I can't take full credit for this idea," she said. "It came from Libertarian [activist] Michael Cloud. I was reading the transcript of a speech he gave on Freedom and Personal Responsibility [in which he pointed out] to have one you need the other."

"He went on to talk about the Statue of Liberty being a symbol of our freedom. 'Wouldn't it be great,' he said, 'if we had a symbol here on the West Coast to remind us that, with freedom, there must also be personal responsibility?'"

"From that moment, I became determined — with lots of non-government fundraising — that I was going to build this Statue of Responsibility in San Diego," she said. "This project will start to educate Americans about personal responsibility [and] the Libertarian Party."

Stone said her plan is to find a "lead funder, a philanthropist," and then put together a small team to create a business plan and to raise the rest of the money needed. There is no timeline for the project yet.

For more information, contact Stone at (858) 547-0057.

Libertarian National Convention gets theme: "America's Future"

Mark Skousen and David Thibodeau announced as first speakers

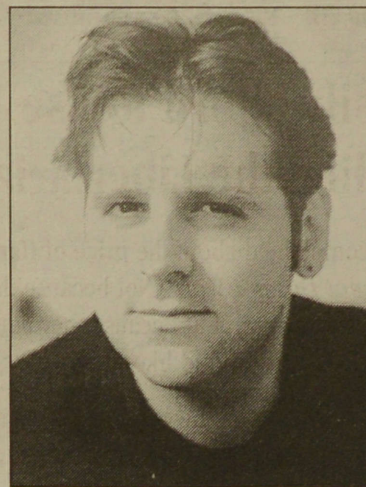
The Libertarian Party has decided on a theme for the 2000 presidential nominating convention, set prices for convention packages, and announced the first three of more than two dozen speakers.

The theme for the convention — which will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, California from June 30-July 3 — will be "America's Future: Liberty, Responsibility, & Community," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

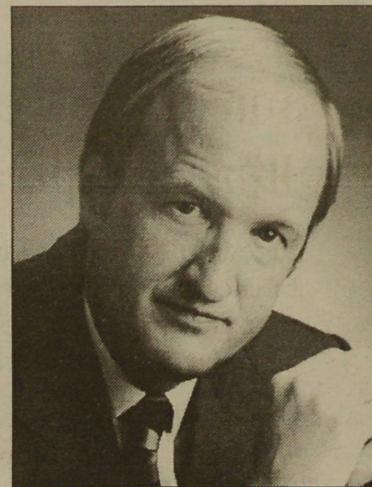
"We wanted to send a message to voters about the positive vision of the Libertarian Party," he said. "At the same time, since this is our first convention of a new century, we wanted to position ourselves as a fresh alternative for the future. We think this theme accomplishes both those objectives."

On C-SPAN

The theme will be emblazoned behind the main stage at the convention — and featured prominently on C-SPAN coverage of the event — and will help shape the speaker's list and other program events for the convention, said Dasbach.



■ **David Thibodeau**, author of *A Place Called Waco: A Survivor's Story*, will discuss his experiences in Waco, Texas.



■ **Mark Skousen**, editor of the *Forecasts & Strategies* newsletter, will offer free-market investment advice.

"Anyone who tunes in to watch the convention on C-SPAN should get the strong message that we are the party of genuine liberty, personal responsibility, and community-based solutions," he said. "That message should resonate through every aspect of the convention."

The party has also lined up the first speakers for the 2000 Convention, said Dasbach. They include:

■ **Barbara Goushaw**, Key-

note Speaker. One of the most dynamic speakers in the Libertarian Party, Goushaw is also one of the party's most savvy campaign managers. She guided Fred Collins to victory in his race for Berkley City Council (1998), and helped the Jon Coon for U.S. Senate campaign (1994) smash several electoral and organizing records. She is also founder of the Libertarian Campaign Managers Association in Michigan, and a

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Oregon LP: Four-for-four in lobbying

Libertarians in Oregon went four-for-four in their legislative lobbying efforts this year — targeting four bills for victory or defeat, and succeeding with all of them.

"[It was] the Libertarian Party of Oregon's first successful lobbying initiative in recent years," said Richard P. Burke, the party's lobbying director. "Even when out of power, Libertarians can have a big impact on the legislative process."

Oregon Libertarians started their campaign late in the session, said Burke, so "a limited number of bills were targeted. Bills were selected according to their potential for limiting government and the likelihood that an LPO effort could tilt the balance for or against passage."

Gun control

Targeted bills included HJR28 and HB2757, both relating to county secession; SB1149, an electric power deregulation bill; and HB2535, a gun control

RICHARD BURKE:

"Libertarians have a big impact on the legislative process."

bill.

"Our initiative included personal meetings with almost a dozen state legislators, phone calls, e-mails, and coordinated work with other organizations," said Burke. "Without the participation of LPO members through their faxes, e-mails and phone calls, our lobbying would not have been as successful."

Each of the bills, said Burke, required a different strategy:

■ **HB2757**: "By ourselves, we persuaded Governor John Kitzhaber's staff to change their recommendation on HB2757

from a 'VETO' to a 'SIGN.' The bill had actually been placed in the hopper for Kitzhaber to veto, but was pulled out in time for the change in recommendation," said Burke.

The bill changed the law so that only citizens who would live in a prospective new county could vote on whether or not to secede from the old one.

Because the governor signed the bill, some smaller prospective counties "may have a chance to chart their own destiny," said Burke — instead of being outvoted by a more "liberal and populous" county.

■ **HJR28**: The bill has been referred to the 2000 general election ballot, thanks in part to the LPO lobbying effort, said Burke.

HJR28 makes a constitutional change to allow new counties with less than 400 square miles of area if their population exceeds 100,000.

■ **HB2535** — a bill that "represented an erosion of our

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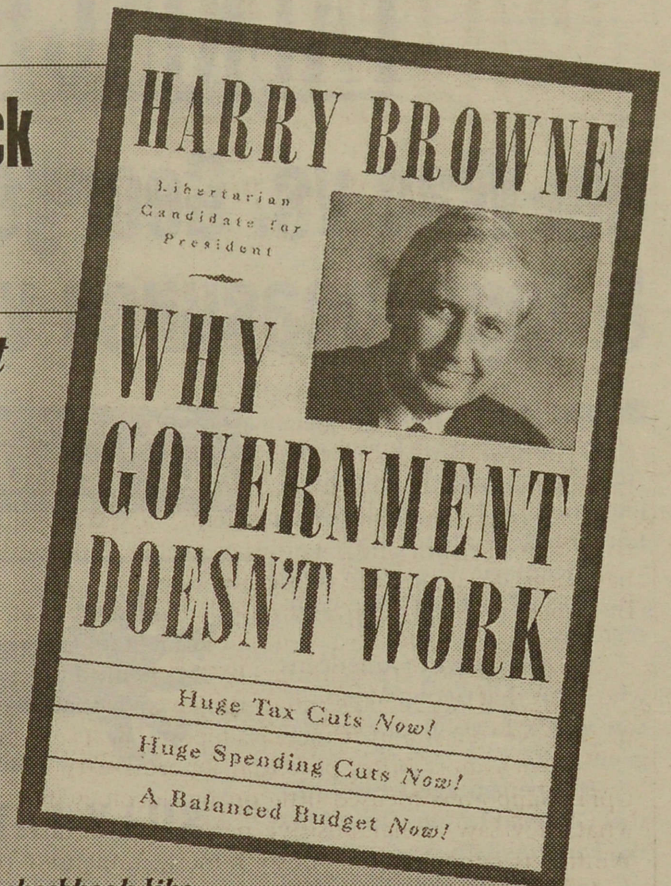
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Percentage who know that "Just Do It" is from Nike commercials: 79

The percentage of Americans who know that George Washington was a Revolutionary War general: 9.

The percentage who know that Obi-Wan Kenobe said, "May the Force be with you": 55

— **PLAYBOY**, December 1999

■ Three vital laws

In Minnesota, it's illegal to tease a skunk. Oklahoma prohibits people from making "ugly faces" at dogs. And in Tennessee, it's illegal to use a lasso to catch a fish.

— **ROBERT KAHN**

North County Times (California), September 26, 1999

■ The rich poor

The Census Bureau has just issued its annual poverty report, claiming that nearly 35 million Americans (13% of the population) are "living in poverty." But just what does living in poverty mean?

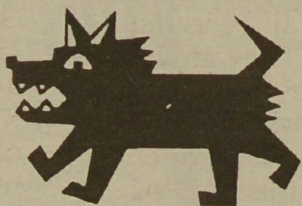
Today, the typical American defined by the government as poor has a car, air conditioning, a refrigerator, a stove, a VCR, a microwave, a stereo, and a color TV. He is able to obtain medical care. His home is in good repair and is not overcrowded. By his own report, his family is not hungry, and in the last year he had sufficient funds to meet all his essential needs. While his life is not opulent, it is far from what the popular consciousness understands by "poverty."

These facts are gleaned from the government's own surveys of the living conditions of the poor. The surveys indicate that most poor Americans today are better housed, better fed, and own more property than average Americans throughout most of the century.

Today, expenditures per person among the poorest fifth of households equal those of the average household in the early 1970s (adjusted for inflation).

Let's look at housing. Forty-

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Oklahoma prohibits people from making ugly faces at dogs.

one percent of the poor actually own their own homes, typically a three-bedroom house with one-and-one-half baths.

Modern conveniences are commonplace—and some nearly ubiquitous — among America's poor. About 70% of poor households own a car or truck, and more than a quarter own two or more cars. Two-thirds of the poor have air conditioning, and a similar number have microwaves. Nearly half of all poor households own two or more color television sets. Almost three-quarters now have VCRs.

Then there is the matter of hunger. Advocates tell us that 35 million Americans live in its grip. But government surveys don't bear this out. Asked if they have enough food to eat, 96% of Americans answer yes. The surveys also show that the diets of the poor and those of the middle class have a similar nutritional content. Poor children and middle-class children consume almost identical amounts of protein, vitamins, and minerals, in most cases well above recommended norms.

— **ROBERT RECTOR**

National Review
October 25, 1999

■ Study these facts

Between 1960 and 1995, average per-pupil spending in U.S. public schools rose 212% in in-

flation-adjusted dollars.

In 1960, for every U.S. public school teacher there were approximately 26 students enrolled in the schools. In 1995, there were 17.

In 1994, fewer than 50% of the personnel employed by U.S. public schools were teachers.

The average salary of U.S. public school teachers rose 45% in real dollars from 1960 to 1995.

— **SCHOOL REFORM NEWS**

October 1999

■ Measure this

Police in Manatee County, Florida, aren't too fond of a new law they have to enforce. The county has made it illegal for women to expose more than 75% of their breasts in public, and for anyone to show more than two-thirds of his buttocks.

Now police are trying to figure out how to measure compliance. "I don't think we'll be tape measuring," said the sheriff's spokesman.

— **CHARLES OLIVER**

Reason, November 1999

■ Some pay gap

Proponents of more government regulation in the workplace have launched a new effort under euphemistic labels of "Paycheck Fairness," "Fair Pay" and "Equal Pay." It's hard to oppose Paycheck Fairness but not impossible — especially when you examine the details.

Congress and state legislatures are being urged to advance paycheck fairness by adopting

the specific concept of "comparable worth" in setting pay scales. It's a bad idea.

The case for comparable worth is based on a striking but misleading statistical comparison: On average, women are paid less than men. Women's median annual earnings were 74% of men's in 1997. It is tempting to conclude that this 26% gap is due to discrimination.

However, numerous factors come into play in the determination of wages and salaries — and they are not always the same for men and women.

For example, on average women have less work experience than men because women are more likely to leave their jobs in connection with childbirth and child rearing. Moreover many women favor occupations that minimize overtime and allow flexible work hours because of caring for children.

In recent years workplace barriers to women [have been reduced if not removed]. We would thus expect to find the pay differential between men and women becoming narrower in younger groups.

This is what is happening.

In the youngest working groups, the pay gap has almost disappeared, especially for men and women of comparable education and experience. Women aged 16 to 29 typically earn 92% of men's earnings. Women aged 27 to 33 who have no children now earn on average 98% of the wages of childless men of the same age. Some pay gap.

— **MURRAY WEIDENBAUM**

Intellectual Ammunition,
October 1999

■ Guard Our Property

When Dorothy Joyner, 57, a Republican candidate for mayor of Baltimore, appeared live on the local evening news, speaking at length about her ideas on crime-fighting, a police officer watching the news recognized her as a suspect wanted for burglary. Police were waiting for

Joyner when she left the TV station and led her away in handcuffs.

— **GENERATION NEXT**

(Washington, DC)

September 1999

■ Clipper control

In a unanimous vote, the Escambia County School Board decided not to expel a 15-year-old female student for possession of a nail clipper. Despite a recommendation by a hearing officer that [student Tawana] Dawson be expelled, the Board placed Dawson on strict probation for the next school year.

The board meeting was the final step in an administrative process stemming from an incident earlier in the year when Dawson brought a nail clipper to school. After a teacher noticed the clipper on the desk of another student, she gave it to Dean Tom White to determine if the item constituted a weapon. Upon investigation, White discovered a two-inch metal attachment, which he deemed to be a weapon under the school's [zero tolerance] policy.

— **ACTION NEWSLETTER**

Fall 1999

■ Freak show?

For the last eight years or so, the question with Ross Perot's [Reform Party] has been what will happen to his creation when Texas's Little Napoleon steps aside. Will it become a legitimate third party? Will it become a vessel for equally eccentric Perot-picked successors? Or will it become a freak show?

Of course, the Reform Party has never exactly been known for the seriousness of its candidates. But consider the possibilities and just try to explain what they are all doing under the same tent.

Pat Buchanan — aka The Amazing Revisio — the historical revisionist and off-again, on-again right chair on "Crossfire," who is a fierce social conservative and strongly pro-life.


Donald Trump — aka The Human Ego — the New York real estate magnate who is a social liberal and whose credentials for the office seem largely to consist of his notoriety.

Warren Beatty — aka Sen. Jay Billington Bulworth — the extremely liberal actor best known for his impressive list of ex-girlfriends and whose credentials for the office consist largely of having played a senator in a film.

It is rare that you can look at a field of candidates for president and declare Buchanan the most qualified choice, but there you have it.

— **DANTE CHINNI**

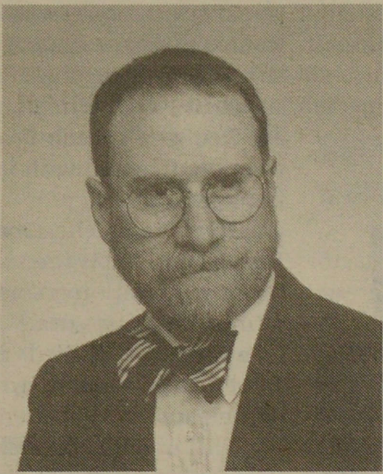
Christian Science Monitor,
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— Attributed to Benjamin Franklin

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Exploiting JFK Jr.'s Death

by Sheldon Richman

Advocates of activist, overbearing government claim to be against exploitation. But they did not hesitate to exploit John F. Kennedy Jr. in death.

Do you believe for a moment that the death of the son or daughter of any other ex-president (or even an ex-president himself!) would have set off the shameful media frenzy we witnessed after the airplane accident involving Kennedy, his wife, and his sister-in-law? Would pundits, TV historians, and former courtiers have poured out the sort of embarrassing blather that became routine for a solid week? Would Dan Rather have cried on the air?

It wasn't JFK Jr.'s fault, and my comments are in no way critical of his life. In fact most of the reaction to the plane crash had little to do with his life. It was about something else entirely. The chain of association is this: JFK Jr. was the son of President John F. Kennedy. President Kennedy is the

faded symbol of Nice Big Government. This is all about government, not the Kennedys.

Some background: The cause of activist government has encountered problems in recent years. Failure is everywhere: from the collapse of socialism to the bankruptcy of European welfare states to the public's reaction to Hillarycare to President Clinton's toying with an intern in the Oval Office. This has made the weary champions of government long for the good old days, when politics and government intervention were fun and public service (what a self-serving term!) was considered noble. The Kennedy years were the height of that era. Kennedy was a "Cold War liberal," distinguishable from the later dovish McGovern wing of the Democratic party. A "Cold War liberal" was someone who favored government intervention in both domestic and foreign policy. The Vietnam war was the signature — the New Deal and New Frontier applied to Southeast Asia. Comprehensive intervention thrilled the hearts of the self-proclaimed "enlightened" intellectuals, including key media figures. Kennedy, with good looks, lovely wife, and cute kids, made it seem so wholesome, so American. It

was anything but.

When Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country," few seemed to notice how contrary to the American spirit those words were. It was a classic false alternative. Is there no other choice than mooching off the taxpayers and serving the country? (They are in truth the same thing.) Do the words "pursuit of happiness" ring a bell? America was about neither serving nor being served. It was about making one's own way, finding one's own fulfillment, pursuing one's own happiness. In doing so, one would also benefit others; that's how a free society works. The idea of serving the country — translation: government — would have appalled the individualists who founded this country.

Such rhetoric was more at home in the European despotisms of the 1930s. Mussolini talked about the individual's duty to serve his country. So did Hitler. Every dictator does.

After Kennedy told us to ask what we could do for the country, he set in motion a policy that led 58,000 young men to die "for their country" in a remote jungle. That's what such talk gets you.

The guardians of Camelot would like us to forget that unpleasant detail and to once again associate government with a young, handsome First Family frolicking on the South Lawn. It's all style. They can't talk about substance, because the substance of activist government is, as George Washington said, "not reason; it is not eloquence, it is force." The Kennedy myth has been calculated to shroud that truth. The devices perfected by *People* and *George* magazines were first assembled by President Kennedy and his mythmakers.

What is called "public service" is more accurately called paternalism and power lust. Most of what public servants do is spend other people's money magnanimously, to be sure, but other's people's money just the same. Taking people's money and telling them how to live is not noble. Not even when done with a swagger and smile.

It is sad that JFK Jr., who went into business not politics, has been used in this cynical cause.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Red Ryder gallops in Libertarian direction & the New York LP takes on elephant dung

■ CALIFORNIA

Movie-subsidy plan is no "Phantom Menace"

What's worse than the plots of *Waterworld*, *Ishtar*, and *Hudson Hawk* — combined?

A new proposal by the city government of Los Angeles to offer low-interest loans to certain motion pictures that shoot inside city limits, said **Juan Ros**, Executive Director of the California LP.

"We have a sixth sense about these things," he said in a public statement on November 2. The plan is "not just a phantom menace, but a very real one. Los Angeles taxpayers will be the big losers if the city proceeds with this proposal."

The city councilman who proposed the movie-subsidy idea "must have his eyes wide shut. History has shown that government and the arts never mix," said Ros.

Instead, if the city wants to help low-budget movies, politicians "can make filmmaking cheaper by loosening regulations and lowering the tax burden on businesses," he said.

■ CALIFORNIA

Riverside Libertarians oppose 'Goliath' agency

Riverside County Libertarians are siding with local businesses and homeowners in their "David vs. Goliath" struggle against a county redevelopment agency.

"As Libertarians, we are keenly aware of the vast powers that [government] redevelopment agencies hold over taxpayers and property owners," noted the LP in a public statement on September 7 in support of a lawsuit filed by a Lakeland Village homeowners group.

"We urge our members to join in any and all activities un-



Liberty in action in Maryland

■ Above: Libertarians — including John Prue and Spear Lancaster — staffed a booth at the Montgomery County Fair in Maryland, August 13-31. "I really had a great time," said Prue. "It was very satisfying to be able to give people a more positive impression about libertarianism." Right: Katie Millionie (as a pint-size Lady Liberty) and baby Libertarian Stephan Brooks prepare to participate in the July 4th parade in Dundalk. Libertarians used the parade to promote the Lorenzo Gaztañaga for City Council campaign.

dertaken to end the redevelopment nightmare which is beginning to emerge."

The suit charges that the agency has shown a "public hostility" to those who disagree with it — and even refused to allow the public to vote on the board. Riverside Libertarians also appointed LP member **Lorna Spangler** as its official liaison with the Association.

"In disputes between the public and private sector, we invariably side with citizens and businessmen, since they have the most to lose in any struggle with the government: Their property, money, and individual rights," the LP said.

■ COLORADO

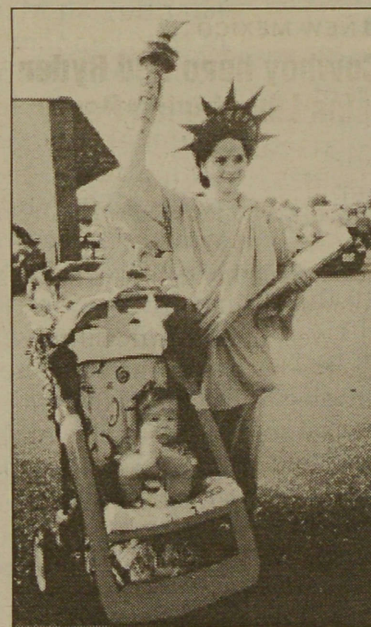
Libertarian lawyer wins first-ever 'ZAP Award'

LP member **Paul Grant** has received the first-ever ZAP Award from the Institute for Justice for his role in helping to "remove bad laws from the books."

Grant won the award for his Supreme Court victory in the case of *Buckley v. Constitutional Law Foundation*, which successfully challenged several restrictions on initiative and referendum petitioning. Citing the First Amendment, the Supreme Court's ruling in the case limited the right of states to put restrictions on petitioners.

The award was announced in the May 1999 issue of *Liberty & Law*, a bimonthly publication of the Institute for Justice (IJ). Grant, an alumni of IJ's 1994 Law Student Conference, is also a member of the group's Human Action Network.

"IJ is a non-profit organization that I strongly urge libertar-



ians to support," said Colorado LP member **Richard G. Combs**. "They have been astonishingly effective in using the court of law to advance the cause of liberty."

■ COLORADO

LP picks fruit to protest U.S. immigration policies

State Libertarians picked fruit for liberty — as part of an event to protest the federal government's immigration policy.

On August 28, a crew of LP activists and candidates picked fruit at Talbott's Farms in Palisade to show their support for migrant farm workers and opposition to the prosecution they face from the Immigration and

Naturalization service (INS).

Among the participants was **Barry Maggert**, Libertarian candidate for the Third Congressional District seat, who said he wanted to demonstrate his opposition to "domestic tragedies such as the war on migrant workers. You don't teach peace and promote freedom with [a] racist immigration policy."

"Central to the Libertarian Party's message is the view that open immigration is sound economic policy, as well as a moral imperative," said LP activist **Bette Rose Smith**, who also participated.

This was the second annual fruit-picking event for the Colorado LP. Last year, approximately 30 Colorado Libertarians picked \$5,600 worth of apples and peaches "to show their support for undocumented citizens living in the Western slope," said Smith.

■ GEORGIA

Libertarians fall short with \$125m bond vote

Forsyth County Libertarians had two chances to stop a \$125 million school bond issue — but came up slightly short both times.

On September 21, a Libertarian-led campaign to defeat the bond issue fell short by just 23 votes. The margin of defeat was so razor-tight that a recount was ordered, which, unfortunately for the Libertarians, produced the same result.

Despite the loss, Libertarians continued to insist that the increased spending was a mistake.

"Libertarians absolutely believe a good education is important for every child," said **Bill Tepper**, President of the Forsyth County LP. "But taxing residents who have lived in the county for years to pay for the growth brought about by new residents is just plain wrong."

Tepper suggested that a small tuition fee paid by parents would be more fair to taxpayers — and would encourage more parental involvement as well.

■ INDIANA

Candidates win access to registration lists

Libertarians in Muncie can finally declare victory over Democrats and Republicans who tried to deny them access to voter registration information.

In late September, attorneys from the Indiana Election Commission ruled that any party with more than one candidate on the ballot was entitled to receive voter information, including addresses and phone numbers.

The case began when town election officials — appointed by

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the local Republican and Democratic party chairmen — refused to let LP city council candidates **Robert Trapp** and **John Dobelbower** have a printed copy of the voter registration list, even though Republican and Democratic candidates got access. If Libertarians wanted the list, they could copy it by hand, suggested the board.

But, in a binding legal opinion, the State Election Commission ruled that, as a legitimate political party, Libertarians were entitled to the list for campaign purposes.

■ MASSACHUSETTS

Libertarian tries to stop school's religious study

Government-run schools in Duxbury have found a way to sneak religion into the classroom — and one Libertarian is fighting it on First Amendment grounds.

"My children are being sent home with parables, psalms, and various books from the Bible to study as subjects for essays," charged LP activist **Doreen Adams**, who has three children in the school system.

The religious study is part of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), which focuses on the four "major" religions of the world.

"The MCAS curriculum clearly favors four religions over all others, and as such encourages these religions over all others in an unconstitutional manner," said Adams. "I believe our rights are being violated."

Adams is trying to unite state Libertarians to oppose this "selective religious education," and said she may file a ballot initiative to eliminate the program.

■ NEW JERSEY

County LP: Gun buyback is just 'waste of money'

Gun buyback programs won't help the fight against crime because "the problem isn't guns," says the Monmouth County Libertarian Party.

That's why LP members showed up again to picket a buyback program in Aberdeen on September 17, carrying signs with the message, "More guns, Less crime."

"We just might need [guns] for our defense [since] the cops can't be everywhere," said **Emerson Ellett**, county LP vice chairman. "The problem isn't guns; it's a deteriorating society."

The Guns-for-Cash program collected 39 guns, ammunition, and even World War I and II bayonets — but was a waste of \$30,000 of taxpayers' money, said **Virginia Flynn**, an LP candidate for freeholder.

"As a woman, I'm opposed to [the plan to] sweep Monmouth County of guns," she said. "I know women are safer if there are guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens."

■ NEW MEXICO

State LP defends the individual's 'right to die'

The right to live your own life also includes the right to die, the state Libertarian Party has declared.

Citing the concept of "self-ownership," New Mexico State Chair **Joseph Knight** interjected the Libertarian perspective into the debate over assisted suicide in early October.

"If the government owns us, it has the right to make those life-or-death decisions for us," he said. "But if we own ourselves, then we have the right to make those decisions for ourselves."

That's why, he said, the state should not be involved in the assisted suicide controversy.

"If a doctor euthanizes a patient without the patient's knowledge or consent, that's murder. But if the request originates with the patient, that's a different story," he said. "The real issue is: Who owns us?"

■ NEW MEXICO

Cowboy hero Red Ryder joins Libertarian Party

The State Chair of the New Mexico LP has convinced Red Ryder — a famous old-time cowboy who starred in a series of movies in the 1940s — to become a Libertarian.

Well, not the fictional character — but the actor who plays the latest incarnation of the "red-headed cowboy" signed up as a registered Libertarian in late September, said State Chair **Joseph Knight**.

"**Dave Saunders**, who portrayed Red Ryder at the New Mexico State Fair, stopped by the LPNM booth to chat, and registered as a Libertarian!" he said.

Knight said he isn't exactly sure why Saunders became a Libertarian, but noted that the actor had just been hassled by police about the six-guns he used as part of his costume.

"[That] probably influenced his decision," he said.

Does the "Red Ryder" name sound vaguely familiar? "Older Libertarians searching their

childhood memories may recall a cowboy hero named Red Ryder and his faithful sidekick, Little Beaver," said Knight.

The colorful Western character started out in a newspaper comic strip, but his adventures eventually spread to a radio show, novels, and the silver screen. From 1944 to 1949, he appeared in at least 11 movies, including *Tucson Raiders*, *Cheyenne Wildcat*, and *Vigilantes of Boomtown*.

■ NEW YORK

Museum attacks and subsidies: Both wrong

The state LP has a message for New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and the Brooklyn Museum: You're both wrong.

The issue: Whether Giuliani can withhold taxpayer subsidies and otherwise punish the museum for its "Sensations" exhibit, which has generated public outrage because of an elephant dung-speckled painting of the Virgin Mary.

"Both Giuliani and the Brooklyn Museum's supporters are wrong," said **Richard A. Cooper**, Media Director of the New York LP. "There is no right to taxpayer funding of art, [but] Giuliani's actions to harass the Museum with convenient subway shutdowns and his drive to replace the Museum's Board should frighten conservatives [because] the Museum is a private institution, not a City Agency."

The solution, said Cooper: "Separation of culture and state."

■ NORTH CAROLINA

The e-mail tax: It's just a rumor, says County LP

Relax. The rumor you might have heard about "Bill 602P" — which would supposedly allow the U.S. Postal Service to place a 5¢ tax on every e-mail message — is just a hoax.

That was the reassuring message from the LP of New Hanover County in August, after it got numerous inquiries about the so-called "postal tax."

The party tracked the rumor back to *The Washingtonian* magazine, which reported on its website: "The Congressman quoted does not exist; the bill number does not exist; [and] the law firm which supposedly wrote the message does not exist."

"Obviously, the Libertarian Party would oppose such a bill," said county chair **Ann Cizek**. "But the fact that such an outlandish rumor can be taken seriously shows just how anti-liberty our government has become."

■ SOUTH CAROLINA

LP: Governor's storm powers must be curbed

The governor should not be able to force people to leave their homes, says the state Libertarian Party — even when a hurricane is on the way.

"Simply put, Governor Jim Hodges should not force businesses to close and people to put their lives on hold because he perceives a threat to public safety," said LP State Chair **Chuck Williams** in October.

Libertarians weren't the only ones scolding the governor: Hodges had received widespread criticism for his Hurricane Floyd evacuation order, after huge back-ups on Highway 26 stranded thousands.

As an alternative, Libertarians proposed their own "disaster" plan, which would authorize the governor to issue public safety warnings — but would let residents remain in their homes at their own risk and pay any required rescue costs.

■ TEXAS

Sending traffic violators to jail is 'un-American'

A new policy that allows police officers to throw traffic violators in jail — instead of issuing citations — is both "sneaky" and "profoundly un-American," the Texas LP said.

The maneuver is part of a "zero tolerance" policy by the Harris County Sheriff's Department to discourage drag racing.

"To require jail time automatically rather than issue a citation is an abuse of the officer's discretion and of the U.S. Constitution, which protects citizens against unreasonable bail," charged State Chair **Geoff Neale** in late September.

Neale demanded that the policy be ended immediately.

"The sheriff has confused strict law enforcement with unconstitutional behavior," he said. "This rewriting of the crime and punishment laws of Texas by the officers on the street is profoundly un-American."

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THE DECADE IN REVIEW: 1990-1999

The LP in the 1990s: A look back at the decade

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the USA, according to *LP News*. Just four election cycles later — in 1998 — a whopping 853 Libertarians were on the ballot, and the party confidently expects to run 2,000 candidates in 2000.

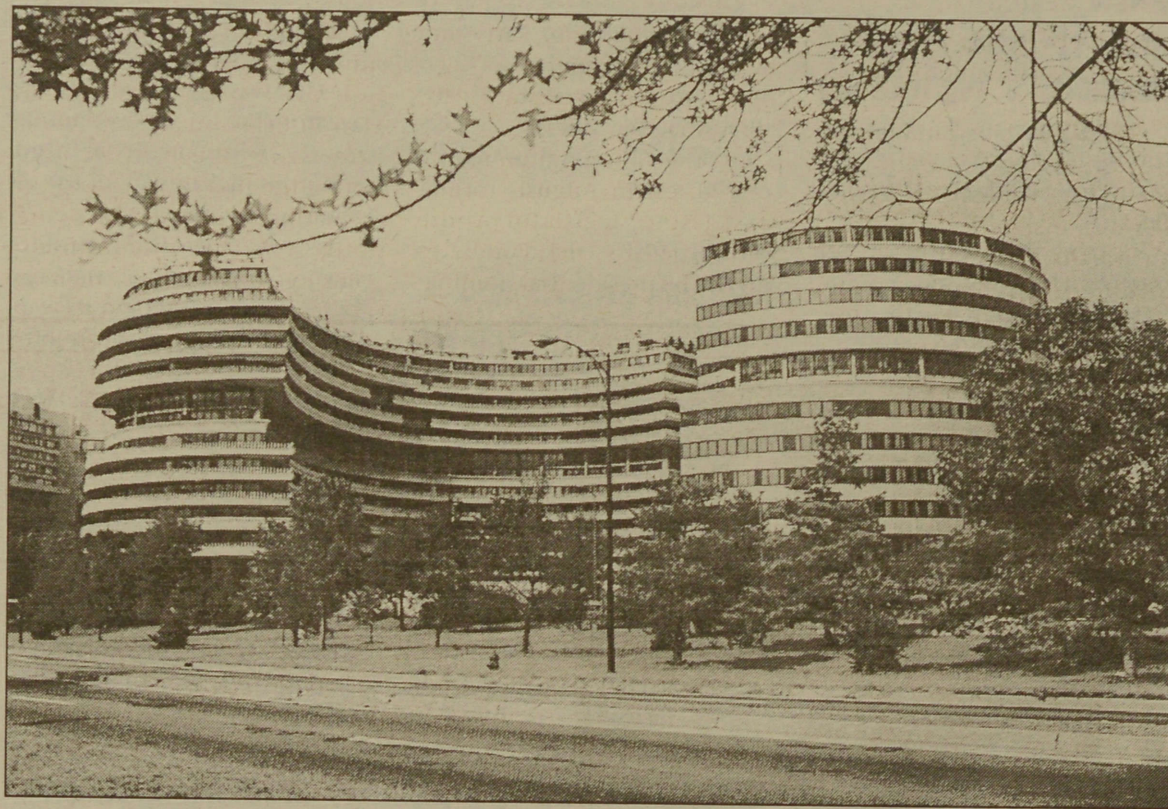
In 1990, the LP's budget stood at \$490,000, and the party operated out of a run-down townhouse at the edge of Washington, DC's slums. Ten years later, the party's operating budget stood at \$2.8 million, and the party's staff goes to work in the world-famous Watergate Office Building.

In 1990, fewer than a hundred Libertarians served in public office. In fact, the most comprehensive list, assembled early in the decade, showed just 76. Ten years later, the number of elected and appointed Libertarians has soared to about 300.

Two-for-two

In the 1990s, the LP conquered ballot access. While still a challenge, it wasn't the back-breaking struggle it had been during the party's first two decades. Want proof? During the party's first five presidential elections, Libertarians achieved 50-state ballot status just once (in 1980). In the 1990s, the party went two-for-two, appearing on every state ballot in both 1992 and 1996 — a first for any third party.

But the 1990s were about more than just numbers. It was also about politics — and during the '90s, the government contin-



■ ABOVE: In 1995, the LP moved its national office into the prestigious Watergate Office Building. *The Wall Street Journal* called the move "a sign of the times" of the party's growing stature. Then-National Director Perry Willis quipped about the new location: "The Watergate is where the Republican Party almost destroyed itself in the 1970s. We're here to finish the job." RIGHT: The party's 1992 presidential ticket: Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord.



ued to give Libertarians numerous causes to fight against.

Take foreign policy. Except for a few, brief, peaceful months in early 1990, "the U.S. has been nearly continually at war since the Cold War ended," noted *The Wall Street Journal*.

Less than a year after its invasion of Panama in late 1989, the United States was playing a leading role in the Persian Gulf War — and, nine years later, was still routinely bombing Iraq. And even while "Operation Desert Storm" was turning into "Operation Perpetual Storm," the U.S. military was being deployed in Somalia (1992), Haiti (1994), Bosnia (1995), and Kosovo (1999).

The Libertarian Party was the only political party to oppose every one of those bipartisan military adventures — maintaining a perfect record of support for a foreign policy of peaceful, non-intervention.

In the 1990s, Republicans again broke the hearts of those

few Libertarians who wanted to believe the GOP didn't just talk about smaller government — but, given the chance, would vote for it.

Shattered

The 1994 Republican take-over of Congress shattered that illusion. The first three budgets passed by the GOP-dominated Congress raised federal spending by 11.5% — compared to the 9.7% increase of the previous three Democratic-controlled budgets. It was official: The Republican's tax-and-spend frenzy put even the Democrats to shame. And Libertarians said: We told you so.

During the 1990s, it seemed

a new big-government political issue emerged like clockwork for Libertarians to fight against. Tax increases . . . the Hillary Clinton take-over of the health care system . . . NAFTA . . . censorship of the Internet . . . asset forfeiture . . . more "gun control" laws . . . the massacre at Waco . . . record levels of corporate welfare . . . lawsuits against the tobacco companies . . . government-mandated "national ID cards" . . . and so on.

Sadly, during the 1990s, the onslaught against individual liberty and the Constitution never slackened.

But, during those years, the party also scored victories in the public policy realm. The idea of

ending the War on Drugs — scorned at the beginning of the decade — had been embraced by two of the nation's 50 governors by 1999. And six states had passed medical marijuana laws, against the fierce opposition of the federal government.

Other ideas long advocated by Libertarians — turning Social Security over to the free market, privatizing government services, abolishing the IRS — also became part of mainstream political discourse.

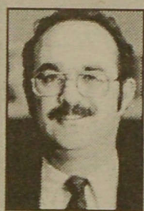
As the *Los Angeles Times* noted in 1997: "Libertarianism has contributed much to defining American political thought in the '90s. Libertarian themes are part of contemporary political discourse."

Victories

Libertarians also achieved more concrete victories. From 1997-1998 alone, local LP activists helped stop more than \$17 billion in higher taxes, by leading the fight at the ballot box.

And the party ended the 1990s with a victory against the FDIC's "Know Your Customer" regulation. Using the Internet, the LP was able to flood the FDIC with more than 170,000 complaints against the regulation — which would have re-

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Two things. First, the widespread acclaim for *Braveheart*, one of the best pro-freedom movies ever. When *Braveheart* won the Academy Award for Best Film of 1995, that was a sign that a lot of Hollywood liberals are starting to rethink their position. And second, the relocation of the LP's national office to its present address, a tangible symbol of our growing credibility and influence in the world of politics.
— DAVID NOLAN, LP Founder

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The achievement of 50-state ballot status for the 1992 presidential campaign was a highlight of the 90s for the Libertarian Party. Although this happened on my "watch" as LP Chair, it was the untiring effort of Bill Redpath, Nick Dunbar, Joe Dehn, and hundreds of volunteer and paid petitioners that made it happen. I recall watching in awe with my breath held as they achieved it despite unbelievable obstacles. After the heart-break of falling short in 1984 and 1988, 50 states in 1992 and again in 1996 was a milestone that put us forever beyond the "minor party" label.

— MARY GINGELL, LP National Chair, 1991-1993

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quired banks to spy on their customers for the federal government — until battered bureaucrats begged for mercy, and withdrew the rule.

As the last few weeks of the 1990s trickle away, let's look at some of the Libertarian Party's year-by-year highlights:

■ **1990:** In *LP News*, Libertarians marvel over a newfangled invention called "computer bulletin boards" — and discuss how to use them for political purposes. Nancy Lord takes her first foray into politics: She is nominated as the LP candidate for mayor of Washington, DC. Libertarians start a campaign to send free-market books to Lithuania and other Eastern European countries, trying to help the transition from Communism to liberty.

In November, approximately 2 million people vote for Libertarian Party candidates. Election Day is "Double Digit Day," as many LP candidates for U.S. Congress and state house draw percentage numbers in teens, twenties, and thirties.

A 5% vote for New Hampshire gubernatorial candidate Miriam Luce qualifies the Liber-

tarian Party of N.H. as an "official" party with ballot status.

■ **1991:** Libertarians rally in Washington, DC against the war in the Persian Gulf. New Hampshire state legislators Cal Warburton (July) and Finlay Rothhaus (December) resign

from the Republican Party and join the Libertarian Party — giving the party its first state legislators since the 1980s.

At the Chicago nominating convention in August, former Alaska state legislator Andre Marrou defeats Dick Boddie to win the LP presidential nomina-

tion. Nancy Lord wins the VP nod. In December, Libertarians across the USA celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. And Libertarians in San Diego win a court battle to stop \$1.6 billion in new taxes.

■ **1992:** In New Hampshire's presidential primary election on February 18, Andre Marrou beats incumbent President George Bush in Dixville Notch, the first town to vote in the nation. While Marrou's vote in the general election is disappointing — 281,000 — there is

good news in local and state elections: Four Libertarian Party state legislators are elected in New Hampshire. In addition to the re-election of Warburton and Rothhaus, Don Gorman and Andy Borsa win office.

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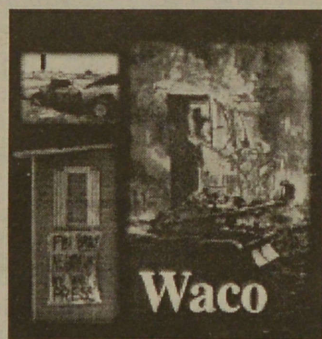
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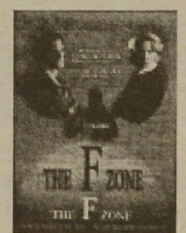
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The best news for libertarians during the past decade, and for all humanity, was the collapse of communist and socialist governments and the threat they posed to peace and liberty. The Berlin Wall fell. The Cold War ended. Privatization, free market reforms and democratic political reform have swept the world. Socialism's disintegration was inevitable. The Soviet Union and its satellites collapsed because their centrally planned economies were so unproductive. After 70 years of Communist Party misrule, oppressed people rebelled against the misery of life under socialist dictatorship. Libertarians can make it happen here.

— **DAVID BERGLAND**,
LP National Chair,
1977-1981 & 1998-2000

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The 700+ Libertarian Party candidates nationwide receive more than 3.7 million votes for state and federal offices. The 23 Libertarian candidates for U.S. Senate receive over 1 million votes, the highest total for a nationally organized third party since 1914.

■ **1993:** In April, Libertarians marvel when President Clinton claims to have an "almost Libertarian" position on some issues. In June, LP National Director Stuart Reges testifies before Congress, endorsing legislation to make it easier for third-party candidates to participate in presidential debates. In Waco, Texas, Libertarians protest the FBI's handling of the Branch Davidian standoff — and the tragic, fatal conclusion. The LP launches "Project Healthy Choice" to oppose Clinton's health care plan and publicize free-market solutions.

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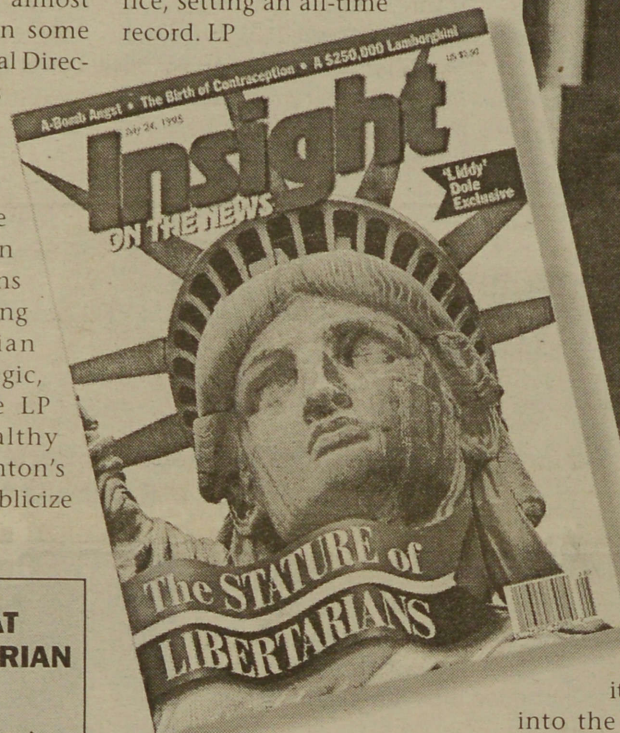


The libertarian resurgence has many highlights. There's the widespread name recognition for the word "libertarian." Membership in the LP has nearly quintupled—allowing a much greater specialization of labor. We now have nearly automatic ballot access in 50 states (while the Reform Party needs to spend \$6-8 million for ballot access in 2000). We have true professionals at the national office and in many state parties. Today Libertarians are doing more selling and less preaching. But there's more to come. We will triumph when we're big enough to be visible to everyone. Then each person will have the opportunity to vote for the freedom to live his life as he wants, to keep every dollar he earns, and to raise his children by his own values.

— HARRY BROWNE,
LP Presidential
candidate, 1996

In "off-year" elections, 15 Libertarians win public office, scoring victories in local and county races across the country. Miriam Luce is appointed to the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission and Bonnie Flickinger wins election as Mayor of Moreno Valley, California.

■ **1994:** During the year, more than 40 Libertarians are elected or appointed to public office, setting an all-time record. LP



■ **LEFT:** The national news magazine *Insight* emblazons "The Stature of Libertarians" on a 1995 cover. **ABOVE:** Harry Browne accepts the LP presidential nomination in Washington in 1996.

June, the LP moves its national headquarters into the prestigious Watergate Office Building, which the *Wall Street Journal* dubs "a sign of the times" of the party's growing stature. The party joins a coalition to fight the Communications Decency Act.

In July, *USA Today* reports that libertarianism is the de facto politics of Generation X, and *Insight* magazine makes the LP its cover story.

In November, three more Libertarians are elected to city councils: Bruce Van Buren (Avondale Estates, Georgia), Dwayne Metheney (Auburn, Georgia), and Doug Carlsten (Brighton, Colorado.) In December, the Libertarian National Committee passes a resolution opposing American military involvement in Bosnia.

■ **1996:** The Libertarian Party celebrates its 25th birthday, and a Gallup Poll says that 20% of Americans — 50 million people — are broadly libertarian.

At its convention in Washington, DC in July, best-selling author Harry Browne gets the party's presidential nomination, defeating Arizona LP activist Rick Tompkins. Jo Jorgensen is picked for the VP slot. In November, the Libertarian Party becomes the

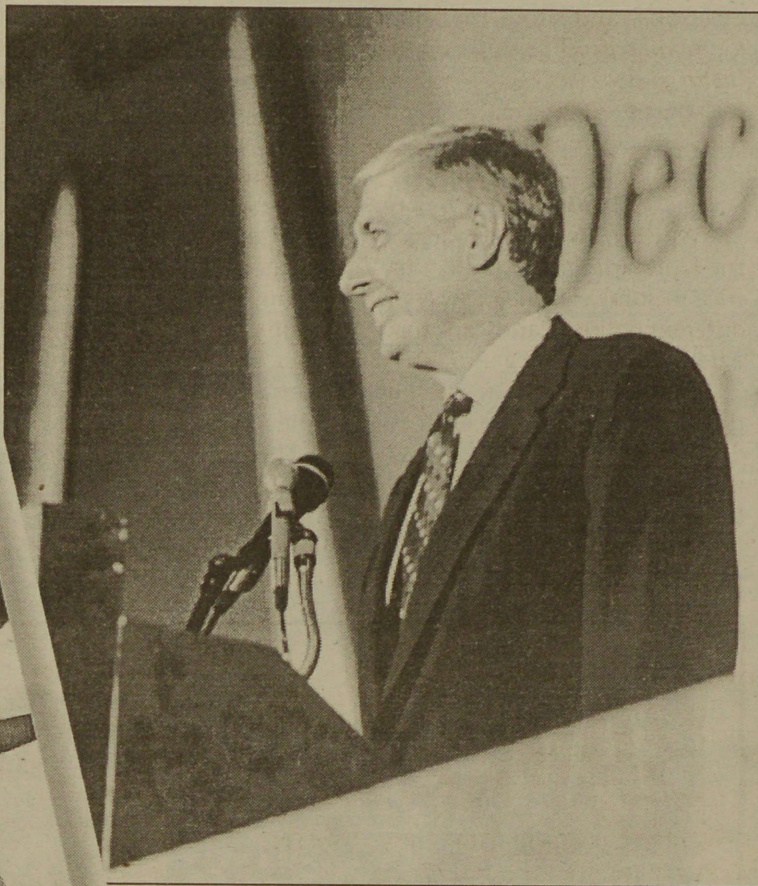
first third party in American history to earn ballot status in all 50 states two presidential elections in a row. On Election Day, Browne wins 485,759 votes in the general election, the second-best showing in party history.

In all, the party runs almost 800 candidates for office, and 10 of them break the 100,000-vote barrier. LP candidates for statewide and federal office alone win 5.4 million votes, and seven Libertarians are elected or re-elected to office.

■ **1997:** In March, ABC newsman Hugh Downs comes out of the closet as a libertarian supporter, saying, "All the good ideas belong to the Libertarians." In May, LP member Walker Chandler wins a Supreme Court decision, overturning a Georgia law that mandates drug tests for political candidates.

In Alabama, the state LP spearheads the campaign to kill fingerprints on drivers licenses. Charles Murray publishes *What It Means to Be A Libertarian*. The LP joins a third-party coalition to fight for nationwide ballot access reform. Colorado Libertarians help defeat a \$16 billion tax increase.

It's another record-setting "off-year" election for the Libertarian Party, with 39 Libertarians



elected to office in November — including four city council winners: Fred Collins (Berkley, Michigan); Ron Wittig (New Meadows, Idaho); Bob DeBrosse (Piqua, Ohio); and John Gearhart (Palous, Washington). In all, 64 party members join the ranks of Libertarian office-holders during the course of the year, and the party passes the 200 figure for Libertarians in office.

■ **1998:** In February, African-American civil rights leader Roy Innis join the party; talk radio powerhouse Art Bell follows suit in May. In California, Art Olivier becomes mayor of Bellflower, while in Georgia, Dwayne Metheney is elevated to acting mayor of Auburn. The national LP launches Project Archimedes, a direct-mail campaign to boost membership. In July, LP delegates at the National Convention vote to support the impeachment of President Clinton — for "crimes against the Constitution."

In November, the party sets a new record by running 853 candidates in 44 states — and runs its first ever non-presidential year TV advertising. Neil Randall wins election as a State Representative in Vermont,

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The recognition of Libertarian ideas by major media in the '90s indicates we are winning

the war of ideas. This is important because ideas lead to change. *Wall Street Journal*: "Less is more: Libertarian impulses are spreading through the land." *Washington Post*: "It [the rise of Libertarian ideas] is the story of one of those quiet intellectual revolutions that can have enormous political impact." *PBS News Hour*: "The message of the election is the changing definition in the minds of voters on the role of government — we are seeing a Libertarian streak coming into the electorate."

— TONIE NATHAN,
LP Vice Presidential
candidate, 1972

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while Zenneth Caudill and Mary Dufour win partisan office as Jefferson Township Trustees in Indiana. In all, 19 LP candidates are elected. In Florida, the LP-backed Revision 11 dramatically rolls back ballot access barriers.

■ **1999:** The party breaks new ground in political activism with its Internet-based campaign against the FDIC's "Know Your Customer" bank spying regulation. After being flooded by 250,000 complaints — 170,000 of them via e-mail from the LP's site — the FDIC withdraws the plan. In June, the party launches the StopTheWarNow.com website to rally opposition to the U.S. military attack on Kosovo.

Party founder David Nolan is named one of the "2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by the International Biographical Centre in England.

Fourteen Libertarians are elected to office in local Spring

elections, and more than 215 Libertarian candidates are on the ballot in state and local elections in November; 20 more of them win office.

Final word

As the '90s drew to a close, the Libertarian Party faced what was, in some significant ways, a different political landscape than when the decade began.

It was stronger than ever, but the Reform Party — as celebrity-driven and politically vague as it was — had emerged as a major third-party contender.

The LP had remained "the party of principle," but faced the

challenge of communicating the message of liberty in a poll-driven, soundbite-happy, politically apathetic era.

The party had successfully battled ballot access barriers, but still had to overcome the equally fierce "dollar barrier" of expensive mass media.

But, throughout the 1990s, the Libertarian Party had started to put into place the tools, the talent, and the strategy to move to the next political level.

The challenges it had faced had not killed it — as they had killed so many third parties throughout American history — but made it stronger.

There is an old essay attributed to a "Confederate soldier" that states: "I asked God for health, that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

"I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.

"I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

"I got nothing I asked for — but everything I hoped for."

Throughout its history the Libertarian Party asked to win a presidential election. Instead, Libertarians learned to master the tools to win hundreds of local and state elections — and create a growing "farm team" of future leaders.

The LP asked for the millions of dollars the Republicans and Democrats get from large donors and special interests. Instead, the Libertarian Party developed its

largest-ever base of members, whose more modest donations still amount to millions.

The LP asked for American voters to instantly embrace the libertarian message. Instead, Libertarians were given an opportunity to refine their rhetoric, hone their arguments, and enhance their communications skills — so, when their moment in the national spotlight comes, they will be ready.

In the decade of the 1990s, the Libertarian Party did not get everything it asked for — but, in some important ways, achieved almost everything it had hoped for.

Based on how far the party has come from 1990 to 1999 — which, in retrospect, deserves to be called "the decade of growth" — the next 10 years look like an exciting time . . . and could turn out to be the "decade of success" for the Libertarian Party.

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The highlight of the 1990s was the incredible growth of the Libertarian Party in all areas — public office holders, membership, voter registration, votes, permanent ballot access, and institutional infrastructure. This is in marked contrast to the 1980s, when the LP saw little or no growth in any of these key indicators. We have now laid the basic foundation for even greater success in the first years of the next century. And this is the most important libertarian event of the 1990s for the simple reason that political change cannot be brought about by any organization other than the Libertarian Party. Think tanks and non-profits cannot bring much pressure to bear on the political process. They cannot convince legislators to decrease their own power. But a political party can do that, either by threatening to unseat elected officials, or by actually doing so.

— **PERRY WILLIS**,
LP National Director,
1985-1986 & 1993-1997

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EEOC will force companies to rehire illegals

Talk about schizophrenic government: The EEOC has announced that if a company fires an illegal immigrant because of "discrimination," the employer will be forced to rehire him — even though hiring illegal immigrants is a crime.

Confused? You're not the only one: The government apparently plans to force Americans to break the law.

"According to the government, if you fire illegal immigrants for the wrong reason, which is a crime, you can be forced to rehire them, which is a crime," said Steve Dasbach, the Libertarian Party's national director. "This pair of paradoxical regulations is enough to make you paranoid."

In September, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued new guidelines to protect illegal immigrants from discrimination. Employers face a \$300,000 fine if they fire an illegal immigrant with discriminatory "malice."

And if illegal immigrants are fired for discrimination-based reasons, they must be reinstated to their jobs, even though, under U.S. law, employers face up to five years in prison for "knowingly" hiring an illegal immigrant.

"Employers are caught between a rock and a hard place," said Dasbach. "And the rock is the head of the bureaucrat who dreamed up this preposterous regulation."

Will government support plan to tax cash?

A Federal Reserve official wants to add "tracking devices" to U.S. currency so the government can tax your cash, warns the Libertarian Party.

"If the politicians gain the power to track and tax currency, then financial privacy will be dead and your money will grow more worthless every day," said Dasbach. "This idea deserves a swift kick in the cash."

According to Wired.com, Marvin Goodfriend, from the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, wants the government to tax possession of cash via a high-tech tracking device on currency.

In a 34-page paper presented at a Federal Reserve System conference in Vermont, Goodfriend wrote: "[A] magnetic strip could visibly record when a bill was last withdrawn from the banking system. A carry tax could be deducted from each bill upon deposit according to how long the bill was in circulation."

Such a cash tax could discourage people from "hoarding" currency and deter criminal activities, Goodfriend argued.

But Libertarians reject the plan, said Dasbach: "The intent of this scheme is to drive all commercial transactions through the banking system, so the government could snoop on — and tax — every aspect of the economy."

Court shouldn't force landlords to commit a "sin"

A court should uphold the right of Americans to refuse to rent apartments to unmarried couples if such behavior violates their religious beliefs, the Libertarian Party said.

"For many Americans, there is a higher power than government anti-discrimination laws — and it's the word of God," said Dasbach. "Americans should never be put in the position of having to choose between the Bible and some government regulation."

In September, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco overturned a previous ruling that said laws against housing discrimination violated the religious freedom of two landlords in Anchorage, Alaska. The landlords had declined to rent to unmarried couples because they did not want to "facilitate the sin" of unwed people living together.

A new 11-judge panel will now hear the case, and decide whether sincere religious beliefs can exempt landlords from housing discrimination laws.

"Politicians should not force religious people to commit a sin in the name of government-mandated equality," said Dasbach. "That's the real discrimination here: Politicians are trying to place themselves above people's belief in God."

San Diego Libertarians help squash \$149 million Measure A bond issue

Add another \$149 million to the amount of money that Libertarian Party activists in California have helped save taxpayers.

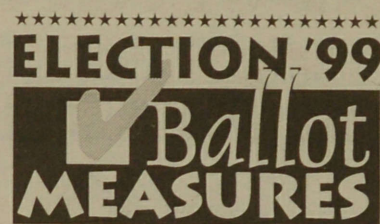
That was the price tag on the Proposition A bond issue that was defeated by San Diego voters on November 2, thanks in part to a legal challenge by Libertarians that caused numerous pro-bond signs — illegally funded by tax dollars — to be covered by black trash bags.

The bond issue, which would have been used to fund improvements to government schools in the Poway Unified School District, won 64.1% of the vote, falling short of the two-thirds majority required to levy any new property tax or bond issue in the district.

\$16.12 per vote

"Some people might be impressed by the 64% positive voter turnout for the bonds," said San Diego County LP Chair Steve Green. "But consider how much tax proponents spent — over \$235,000. Considering that they got only 14,581 votes, they paid an astonishing \$16.12 per vote."

"In addition, no one knows how many school employees worked for this measure on school time, or how much tax-



payer money was spent on advertising the measure, including putting up 'informational signs' in front of the schools touting the bonds," he said.

By contrast, anti-bond activists spent only "a pittance fighting the measure, relying largely on the ballot book bond arguments to present our side of the issue," said Green.

But Libertarians had one other factor on their side: A last-minute legal challenge that "bagged" pro-bond signs.

On November 1, LP member Cinthia Duroche filed a complaint in San Diego County Superior Court against the Poway Unified School District, School Superintendent Robert Reeves, and others, charging them with violating section 7054 of the California Education Code. That law prohibits the use of public funds to advocate support for a bond issue.

In her lawsuit, Duroche said the school district had used tax money to erect pro-bond signs

on school property and to mail letters to Poway voters.

Even though no court decision was handed down, school district employees were sent out late at night with black garbage bags — and by Election Day had covered all the pro-Proposition A signs.

Trash bag cover-up

"Obviously the flap of the legal action changed the view point of the education bureaucracy in this matter," said Richard Rider, a longtime local LP activist and experienced tax fighter. "The embarrassing black trash bag cover-up of the school signs on the day of the election might have caused some voters to conclude that government money had been wrongfully used to support a tax increase."

Whatever the reason for the voters' decision, "Once again an expensive stealth election failed," he said.

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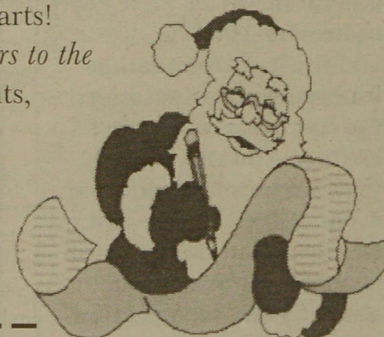
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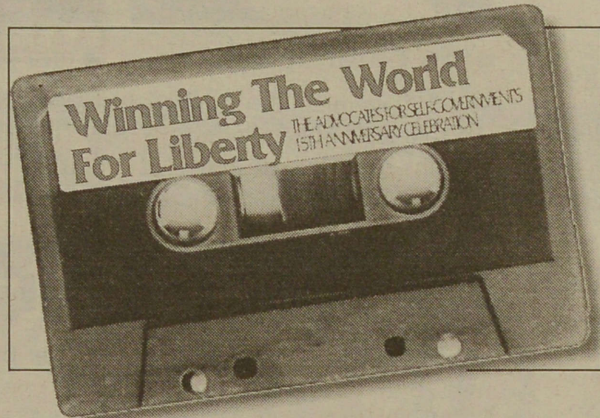
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Emergence victorious from a "stealth" referendum

■ **Editor's Note:** In March 1999, Libertarians in San Diego, California spearheaded the campaign to defeat a \$423 million bond issue known as "Proposition L," which would have increased funding for government libraries. Despite millions of dollars of pro-Prop. L spending, voters rejected the measure by 50.2% to 49.8%. In this essay, local activist J.R. Graham explains "how we did it and how others can use what we learned."

How San Diego Libertarians beat a stealth election: We started by looking at the process [political consultant] Fred Register and other consultants use to push their brand of tax addiction [in these kind of local referendums]. Their recipe calls for: 1) A low-turnout election; 2) No visible opposition; 3) Support from local leaders and organizations; 4) A series of one-sided forums to "explain the need" to community activists; 5) Low-profile mail and word-of-mouth campaign targeting only those who are likely to vote in their favor.

By providing visible opposition, we made them abandon their game plan to fight back. By fighting back, they used their million dollars to defeat themselves.

Visible opposition started with letters to the editor and calls to talk shows. Our two top debaters, Richard Rider and Edward Teyssier, contacted town councils and other forums to be included in the debates.

Our e-mail list and fax tree helped educate our activists and the media on the issues, researched by Rider, Teyssier, and "library guru" Robert Magness. The research was important to be able to point out why they didn't need the money — and where they were lying to the public.

We widened our base by including Assemblymen Howard Kaloogian and Steve Baldwin and other non-Libertarian signers on the ballot arguments.

The proponents sued to remove wording in our ballot argument. This created more controversy, more news, and more quotes from Rider and Teyssier in the press.

Then we came out with our big surprise: 900 campaign signs with six different, but coordinated, designs. Our sign-posting crews "Burma-Shaved" neighborhoods, highways and byways. Soon the whole town was buzzing about the "L NO!" signs.

"Yes on L" then made their biggest mistake. They had lots of money, so they decided to print a bunch of signs to swamp ours. They put big signs on the libraries. They increased their mailings and bought TV time. Goodbye "stealth" election.

Trying to discredit the opposition, "Yes on L" started using the slogan: "350 Organizations and Leaders You Can Trust Urge You to Vote Yes on L." We responded by attacking the most visible shells on their list, including the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

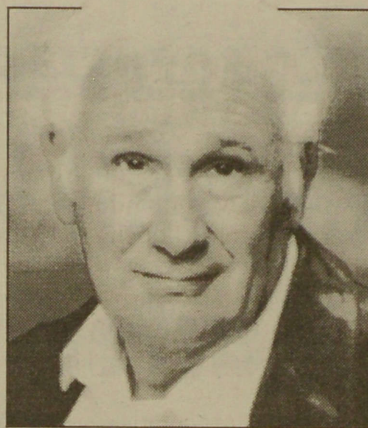
The top-rated radio talk show host in San Diego, Roger Hedgecock, finally got off the fence and started chanting our slogans on the radio. Other talk show hosts had been with us from the first.

Finally, we had sign-wavers at busy intersections on Election Day to remind people it was the day to go vote.

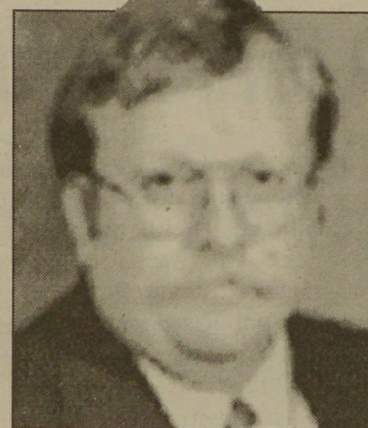
After all was said and done, they had to pay Fred Register more for losing than we spent to win. The "350 Leaders and Organizations..." are being scoffed at as tax addicted losers, while the LP has clearly taken the lead as the taxpayers' friend and protector.

To summarize the keys to winning stealth elections: 1) Research the issue thoroughly. 2) Put together a coalition. 3) File ballot arguments. 4) Call radio talk shows. 5) Write letters to the editor and op-ed articles. 6) Get visibility. 7) Convince the media the opposition is real. 8) Raise \$1 for every \$1000 the proponents raise and spend more wisely.

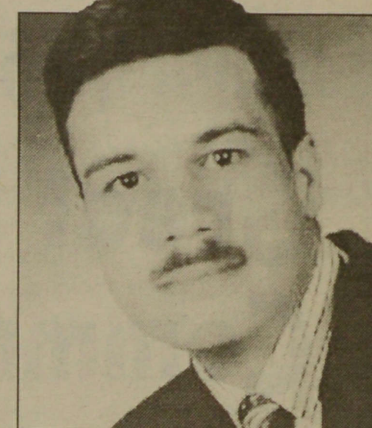
By J.R. Graham



■ Nate Cardarelli, one of two school board winners, won a spot on the Mapleton School Board (Ohio) with 28.1%.



■ Phil Miller, in a partisan race, beat an incumbent to win a seat on the Greenfield City Council (Indiana).



■ Mark Taff, joining nine other City Council winners, earned a seat on the Colville City Council (Washington).

20 more Libertarians elected

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all partisan elections.

"Indiana continues to show how attention to the basics of campaigning pays off," he said. "Not only have they elected three more Libertarians in partisan races, their overall vote percentages were up. And Washington state's strategy of recruiting candidates for every slot they could fill certainly paid off — they elected more Libertarians this year than ran for office in the last two elections."

Libertarian winners in Election 1999 included:

■ **Phil Miller**, Greenfield City Council (Indiana). Came in first in a two-way, partisan race with 51.89% of the vote, defeating the Republican incumbent who is the GOP Hancock County Chair and the Congressional District Chair for Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN).

"This was the premier victory of the year," said Crickenberger. "It demonstrated that a Libertarian can win a contested, partisan race against an incumbent — if you run an energetic, well-planned, well-executed campaign."

In his race, Miller personally talked to 65% of the voters in his district, distributed three pieces of literature door-to-door, and sent out two direct-mail pieces.

"I worked. I worked hard," said Miller about his win. "[But] I think people are starting to listen to us, starting to take us seriously."

Miller, 44, also credited Success '99 — the national LP's activist training seminars that teach the basics of successful campaigns — with giving him the



knowledge needed to win.

"Attending Success '99 was a tremendous help in achieving my victory," he said. "I encourage anyone serious about winning Libertarian campaigns to attend."

Now that he's in office, Miller said he will work for harmonious relations with the Republican and Democratic major-

ity of the City Council.

"I'm not planning on being an obnoxious, rile-things-up kind of person," he said. "I want to work with [the other council members]."

■ **Darren Nolan**, University City Council (Indiana). Placed third — with 21% of the vote — in a four-way race for three seats to win the partisan race.

■ **Gale Owen**, Silver Lake Town Council (Indiana). In another partisan victory, Owen won 20.89% to place third in a five-way race for three seats. In the process, he beat two incumbents.

The election of three more partisan Libertarians in Indiana was a major step forward for the state party, said Sara Cotham, Indiana LP Executive Director.

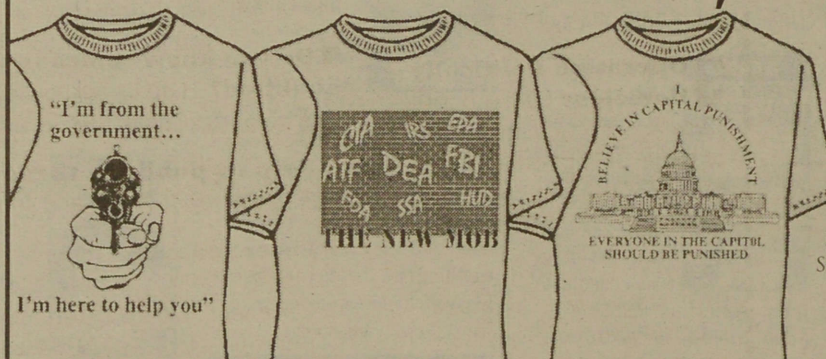
"I'm very pleased that the residents of Indianapolis and Indiana are finally realizing that a Libertarian vote is not a wasted vote," she said. "And I'm really proud of the high-quality candidates we ran this year."

■ **Al Swain**, Whitmore Union School District Governing Board (California). Swain won 24.47% of the vote, coming in third in a four-way race for three seats.

With the victory, Swain re-

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LP wins 10 city council seats

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placed LP member John Hufford, who had served on the school board for the previous four years.

"I am looking forward with anticipation to carrying on the example set by John, and helping to demonstrate that Libertarian principles are good for our schools," he said.

■ **Roger Fritz**, Roland City Council (Iowa). Fritz won 39.88% of the vote in the race for three open seats, placing first and beating the incumbent by two votes.

■ **Ken Lankford**, Madison Alderman-At-Large (North Carolina). Lankford, the incumbent, switched from the Republican Party to the LP in July. He won 10.89% of the vote in the 11-way campaign, placing fifth in the race for six open seats.

■ **Nate Cardarelli**, Mapleton School Board (Ohio). Won 28.1%.

■ **Roger Krass**, Centerville City Council (Ohio). Won 19.1%.

■ **Nick Hogan**, Gahanna City Council (Ohio). Won 18.9%.

■ **Mike Hihn**, King County Water Commissioner (Washington). Ran unopposed.

■ **Heidi Duty**, Spokane Cemetery Board (Washington).

■ **Morgan Duty**, Spokane Cemetery Board (Washington).

"Heidi and Morgan were a rare — but not unprecedented — Libertarian husband and wife team of candidates," said Crickenger. "Even more rare, they both were elected!"

■ **Mark Taff**, Colville City Council (Washington). Ran unopposed.

■ **Eva Hart**, Colville City Council (Washington). Ran unopposed.

■ **Michael Baldwin**, Jackson Township Auditor (Pennsylvania).

■ **Carol Pash**, Clay Township Auditor (Pennsylvania).

■ **Arthur L. Farnsworth**, West Rockhill Township (Pennsylvania).

■ **Shawn Smith**, Windsor Township Auditor (Pennsylvania).

■ **Bob Schindo**, York Township Commissioner (Pennsylvania).

In some other high-profile campaigns around the country,

Libertarian Party candidates did well but did not win, said Crickenger. Highlights include:

■ **Andrew Horning** won 4.4% of the vote in a four-way, well-publicized race for mayor of Indianapolis.

"I'm pleased that I got 4% in a race this tight and this ugly," said Horning. "Those familiar

with the process know that we're a force to contend with."

■ **John Kopcha**, in a heart-breaking loss, won 49.6% in a race for Lansdowne Borough Auditor (Pennsylvania). His 1,423 votes left him just 21 votes short of victory.

■ **Jim Schrader** earned 29.6% of the vote in a three-way race

for Millcreek Township Trustee (Ohio).

■ **Diane Barnes** won 20.56% in a five-way race for two open seats on the East Detroit School Board. It was another squeaker: She won 2,097 votes, ending up just 164 votes away from a win.

■ **Rosemary Racchi** won 19.01% of the vote in a four-way race for three seats on the Roseville City Council (Michigan).

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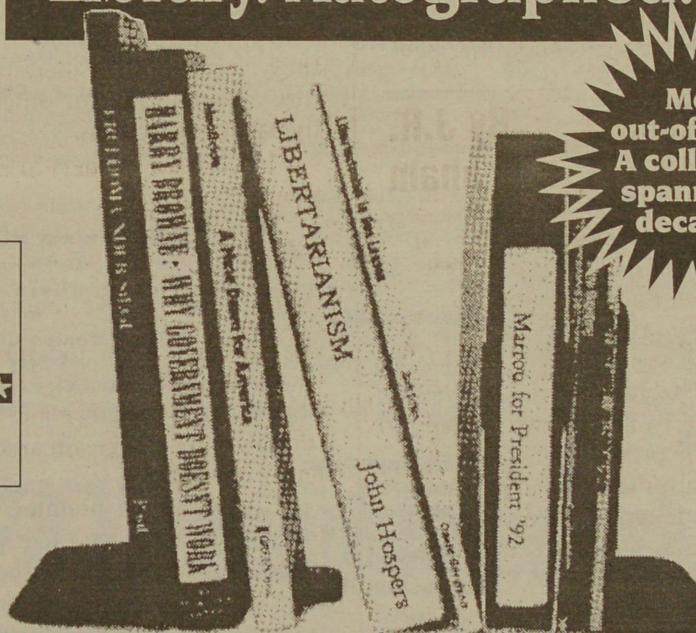
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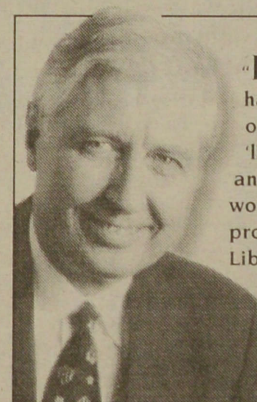
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RESULTS '99

Here are all the Election '99 results for Libertarian Party candidates that were available at press time. The January 2000 issue of *LP News* will feature results for the remaining candidates.

Each listing features (when available) candidate, district, office sought, votes, and percentage. Winners are in bold.

■ Arizona

Ed Kahn • Mayor of Tuscon • 4,709 • 6%

■ California

Larry Baird • Riverside • Community College Board of Directors • 4,707 • 8.75%
John Scott Ballard • U.S. Representative • District 42 • 355 • 1%
Ray Bell • Sequoia Union • High School District Board • 5,973 • 10.13%
Joe Duval • District 10 • Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District • 163 • 7.5%
Matt Grocott • San Carlos • City Council • 2,090 • 25.23%
Jack Hickey • San Mateo • Community College Board of Trustees • 21,103 • 11.38%
Bill Holmes • Palmdale • City Council • 172 • 1.11%
Margaret Buckley Schmidt • San Mateo • Community College Board of Trustees • 15,349 • 8.28%

Al Swain • Whitmore • Unified School District Board • 115 • 24.47%
Rita White • Bonita • Unified School District Board • 733 • 8.68%

■ Colorado

Tom Goonan • Jefferson • School Board • 15,543 • 17.77%
Ariane Hildenbrandt • District 20 • School Board • 2,443 • 10.2%
Carole Hill • Lake County • School Board • 41%

■ Connecticut

David Abrams • Windham • Willimantic Selectman • 91 • 1.1%
Arriola • Juan • Windham • Board of Education • 230 • 11.1%
Arline Dunlop • Mayor, Meriden • 683 • 6.5%
Marvin Edelman • Winham • Board of Education • 224 • 4.2%
George Eggert • Bethlehem • First Selectman • 147 • 11%
Angel Figueroa • Windham • Board of Education • 198 • 3.7%
John M. Joy • Oxford • Selectman • 180 • 6%
Robert Langworthy • Windham • Windham Selectman • 83 • 3.6%
Roger LeClair • Windham • Willimantic Selectman • 98 • 1.1%
Roger Morin • Windham • Willimantic Selectman • 97 • 1.1%
Ken Mosher • Windham • First Selectman • 163 • 5.4%
William Rood • Windham • Windham Selectman • 164 • 7.2%
Joseph Santa Lucia • Windham • Willimantic Selectman • 153 • 1.8%
George Yonclas • Windham • Willimantic Selectman • 87 • 1%

■ Georgia

Bruce Van Buren • Avondale Estates • City Council • 558 • 36%

■ Iowa

Roger Fritz • Roland City Council • 205 • 40%

■ Indiana

Kris Ames • Lafayette • City Council • At-Large • 1,027 • 3.08%
Eric Barnes • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 14 • 132 • 2.79%
Richard Bees • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 7 • 1,123 • 9.56%
Michael Bennett • Lafayette • City Council • District 3 • 27 • 2.81%
Mark Brickman • Hammond • City Council • At-Large • 606 • 0.66%
Timothy Brown • Mayor of Terre Haute • 174 • 1.62%

John Calderone • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 9 • 212 • 2.68%
Steve Carr • Indianapolis • City-County Council • At-Large • 7,332 • 0.99%
John Victor Currotto • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 23 • 287 • 3.19%
John Dobelbower • Muncie City Council • 142
Michael J. Fallahay • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 6 • 287 • 3.94%
Dennis Fox • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 1 • 314 • 2.48%
Edward Gluck • Terre Haute • City Judge • 1,278 • 13.47%
Sam Goldstein • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 2 • 614 • 4.89%
Aldo Gonzalez • Leo-Cedarville • Town Council • 210 • 31.00%
Robert Hamilton • Terre Haute • City Council • District 1 • 69 • 4.32%
Lesli Handwork • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 8 • 183 • 2.71%
Jack Hawkins • Mayor of Hobart • 122 • 1.85%
Andrew J. Horning • Mayor of Indianapolis • 7,767 • 3.98%
Cindy J. Kirkpatrick • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 18 • 412 • 5.34%
Brad Klopfenstein • Indianapolis • City-County Council • At-Large • 6,915 • 0.93%
Steve Kristoff • Oldenburg • Town Council • 35 • 29.41%
Brad Manzenberger • Terre Haute • City Council • 138 • 6.43%
Bennett Mickey • Lafayette • City Council • District 3 • 2.81%
Phil Miller • Greenfield • City Council • 344 • 51.89%
Darin Nolan • University • City Council • 42 • 21%
Gale Owens • Silver Lake • City Council • 47 • 20.89%
James Parkey • Hammond • City Clerk • 455 • 2.55%
Todd Reust • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 22 • 170 • 3.61%
Lewis Richardson • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 20 • 318 • 5.05%
Max Robinson • Mayor, Hammond • 278 • 1.4%
Paul V. Rotella • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 10 • 170 • 3.92%
Steve Ruemmele • Indianapolis • City-County Council • At-Large • 6,243 • 0.84%
Michael Schmitt • Bloomington • City Council • 934 • 8.00%
Paul Schram • Fort Wayne • City Council • District 3 • 194 • 3.10%
Daniel Stevens • Warsaw • City Council • At-Large • 114 • 3.93%
Amy Stinson • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 24 • 318 • 3.92%
John Taylor • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 13 • 317 • 3.73%
Lisa Tennes • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 15 • 281 • 5.50%
Bob Trapp • Muncie • City-County Council • District 3 • 363
Bryan Van Vlyman • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 25 • 234 • 3.01%
John Voelker • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 19 • 187 • 3.14%
William E. Waldschmidt • Indianapolis • City-County Council • District 4 • 287 • 2.7%
Kelly Woebkenberg • Indianapolis • City-County Council • At-Large • 6,425 • 0.86%

Massachusetts
Jeff Chase • Cambridge City Council • 145 • 8%
Richard Freedman • Newton • School Committee • 1,485 • 23.5%
Paul Norton • State Representative • District 9 • 97 • 3.8%
Michigan
Diane Barnes • Eastpointe • School Board • 2,097 • 20.56%
Charles Goodman • Ann Arbor • City Council • Ward 1 • 140 • 11.38%
Dr. Erwin Haas • Grand Rapids • Library Commission • 4,554 • 18.55%
Albin Jalynski • Livonia • City Council • 2,078 • 4.44%
Garry Kaluzny • Ann Arbor • City Council • District 5 • 51 • 1.77%
Gabriel Quinnan • Ann Arbor • City Council • District 3 • 125 • 6.72%
Rosemary Racchi • Roseville • City Council • 1,887 • 19.01%

Stephen Saletta • Ann Arbor • City Council • District 4 • 47 • 2.18%
Kurt Verhoff • Ann Arbor • City Council • District 2 • 574 • 3%

■ Minnesota

Larry Fuhol • State Senate • District 18 • 574 • 3.36%

■ Montana

Richard Johnson • Missoula • City Council • 70 • 3.13%

■ North Carolina

Robert Koch • Greensboro • City Council • 789 • 3.1%

Kenneth Lankford • Madison • Alderman-At-Large • 177 • 10.89%
Ben Pixley • Greensboro • City Council • District 1 • 31 • 2.00%

■ New Jersey

Virginia Flynn • Monmouth • Board of Chosen Freeholders • 2,594 • 2.37%
Robert Hull • Monmouth • Board of Chosen Freeholders • 2,027 • 2.7%
Barbara A. Jones • State Assembly • District 11 • 723 • 1.04%

■ New York

Philip W. Clark • Brookhaven • Town Receiver of Taxes • 320 • 0.6%
Thomas A. Fordham, Jr. • Brookhaven • Town Council • 458 • 0.8%
Amy Fuller • Brookhaven • Town Council • 583 • 1.1%
Gary C. Heine • Brookhaven • Town Superintendent of Highways • 258 • 0.5%
Scott T. Hurst • Binghamton • City Council • 240 • 32%
Bruce Martin • Suffolk • County Council • District 3 • 87 • 1.0%
Audrey Pappaeliou • Brookhaven • Town Supervisor • 463 • 0.8%
Michael E. Walter • Brookhaven • Town Council • 4,421 • 8.00%

■ Ohio

Nate Cardarelli • Mapleton • School Board • 539 • 28.1%

Bob Hart • Cuyahoga Falls • City Council, Ward 5 • 79 • 6.9%
Ed Howard • Sylvania • School Board • 2,807 • 14.5%
Null Jack • Fairborn • Board of Education • 2,687 • 18.1%
Kenyon Jocelyne • Alliance • City Council • 199 • 24.4%
Roger Krass • Centerville • City Council • 1,553 • 19.1%
Nick Hogan • Gahanna • City Council • At-Large • 2,854 • 18.9%
Jim Schrader • Millcreek • Township Trustee • 176 • 29.6%
Steven Linnabary • Columbus • Board of Education • 5,016 • 1.6%

■ Pennsylvania

Michael Baldwin • York • Jackson Township Auditor • 100%
Ebert Beeman • Erie • Waterford Township Supervisor • 42 • 6%
Rob Chesnavich • Allegheny • County Council • District 13 • 914 • 5.7%
Frederic S. Crocker • Blair County (Martinsburg) • Council Member • 6.5%
Arthur L. Farnsworth • Bucks • West Rockhill Township • Auditor • 35 • 100%
Tom Giles • Erie • City Council • 3,203 • 7%
Julian Hecklen • Centre County • Commissioner • 1,281 • 4.7%
Julian Hecklen • Patton • Township Supervisor • 304 • 14.4%
Sean Patrick House • West Lampeter • Township Supervisor • 117 • 4%
Lois Kaneshiki • Blair • Commissioner • 13%
John Kopcha • Delaware • Treasurer • 1,423 • 49.6%
Kush Steven • Philadelphia • City Council • District 1 • 294 • 0.90%
Barbara Lockwood • Lockwood • County Coroner • 4,130 • 8%
Samar Lovejoy • Centre • County Treasurer • 873 • 3.2%
Brandon Magoon • Erie • County Council • District 3 • 663 • 14%
Tom Martin • Centre • Spring Township Supervisor • District 5 • 69 • 4.3%
Teresa Martin • Centre • Recorder of Deeds • 6.4%
Carla Moquin • Centre • Centre County Commission • 794 • 2.9%
Douglas A. Morin • Butler • District Justice • 223 • 2.3%
Doug W. Morin • Butler • Township Constable • 827 • 20.58%
Austin Moyer • Delaware • School Board • 670 • 1.3%
Carol Pash • Butler • Clay Township Auditor • 286 • 100%
Teresa Peters • Recorder of Deeds • 873 • 6%
Bill Schadle • Lebanon • E. Lebanon School Board • 199 • 2%

Jimmy Stewart • Butler • City Council • 372 • 8.28%
Charles Stutler • Allegheny • School Board • 515 • 7.2%

■ Utah

Jim Dexter • Taylorsville • City Council • 96 • 6%
Charles Hardy • Sandy • City Council • 1,980 • 17.4%
Don Kingsley • Davis • City Council • 88 • 5%
John Pack • Sandy • City Council • 532 • 32.6%
Dave Seely • St. George • City Council • 446 • 4.61%
Seth Stinson • St. George • City Council • 2,079 • 12.24%

■ Virginia

Tim Belton • House of Delegates • District 65 • 3,016 • 22.85%
Johna Gagnon • Fairfax • Soil & Water Commission • 25,764 • 7%
Paul Gagnon • Fairfax • Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors • 18,080 • 12%
Paul Girardeau • House of Delegates • District 72 • 2,622 • 17.16%
Robert McBride • Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors • 1,858 • 5.06%
Garry Myers • State Senate • District 33 • 8,869 • 22.54%
Pete Thomas • House of Delegates • District 36 • 463 • 2.75%
Jim Vencil • Brentsville • School Board • 1,454 • 25.89%

■ Washington State

Mike Brodle • Clark County • Fire Commissioner • District 5 • 46%
Chris Caputo • King • County Council • 7,283 • 25%
Morgan Duty • Spokane County Cemetery Commissioner • District 5 • 409 • 100%
Heidi Duty • Spokane County Cemetery Commissioner • 405 • 100%
John Hall • Lake Washington • School District Director, Position 1 • 7,234 • 32%
Eva Hart • Colville • City Council • District 3 • 607 • 70%
Gene Hawkridge • Kirkland • Hospital Board • District 1 • 42%
Rachel Hawkridge • Kirkland • City Council • 2,082 • 29%
Bill Healy • Shoreline • City Council • District 6 • 3,663 • 38%
Mike Hihn • King • County Water • District 125 • 1,346 • 100%
Jayne Peralta • Bellevue • City Council • 5,315 • 31%
Mark Taff • Colville • City Council • 588 • 58%
Bruce White • Kent • City Council • District 5 • 3,818 • 38%

20 LP candidates win election

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■ Rich Bees picked up 9.56% in a three-way partisan race for the Indianapolis City-County Council, District 7 (Indiana).

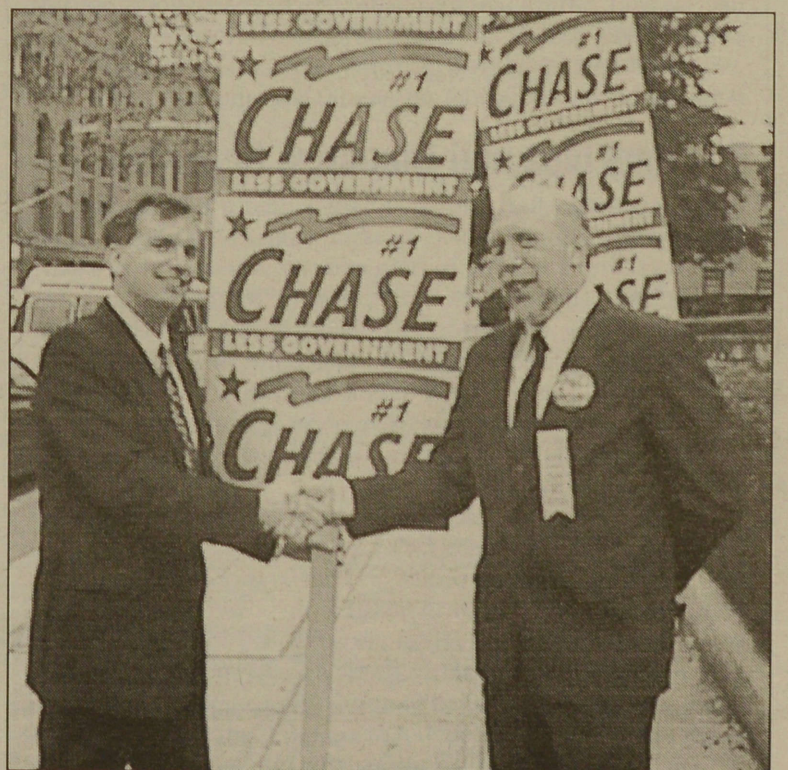
"Thanks also to all who put their principles on the line by representing the Libertarian Party as a candidate in 1999," said Crickenberger.

Make it easier

"Their hard work gave thousands of voters the chance to vote Libertarian, and their efforts will make it easier for the next Libertarian candidate to win," he said.

In all, at least 215 Libertarian candidates were on the ballot in November, a new party record for an off-year election (when there are neither presidential nor Congressional elections).

It was also twice as many candidates as all other "third parties" combined, noted Crickenberger.



■ Cambridge City Council candidate Jeff Chase (left) thanks volunteer Jim Sullivan, who worked a nine-hour shift outside of the Cambridge City Hall polling station on November 2.

POLITICAL NEWS

Libertarian: "Fix" Statement of Principles

A New Jersey Libertarian has announced a campaign to remove the controversial "cult of the omnipotent state" phrase from the party's Statement of Principles at the 2000 National Convention.

Instead, Dan Karlan would like to substitute, "We, the members of the Libertarian Party, defend the rights of the individual and deny the idea that coercion is a moral or practical way to solve social problems."

Since the original statement was written 28 years ago, "we've grown up, and realized that few if any mainstream politicians compose a cult in any meaningful sense of the word, and our adherence to that term now only serves to marginalize us, by revealing how naive we are about political reality," said Karlan.

If Convention delegates approved the new language — which has already been adopted by the New Jersey LP — "it would not suddenly catapult the LP into the political mainstream, but it would remove a major obstacle to our presenting our views to the public," he said.

To modify the Statement of Principles, a 7/8th majority of all registered delegates must approve any change.

For more information about the "Project to Fix the Statement of Principles," write: Dan Karlan, 97 Manhattan Avenue; Waldwick, NJ 07463-2228.

LP National Director: A "world leader"

It's official: The national director of the Libertarian Party is a "world leader." So says World Party 2000, a group that is planning "one of the largest millennial New Year's Eve parties" in the country in Grand Rapids, Michigan — and wants videotaped greetings from "world leaders, entertainers, and VIPs."

Included on their invitation list: Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party national director.

"I'm certainly not an entertainer, and no one has ever accused me of being a VIP — so I guess I must be a world leader," said Dasbach. "As the Libertarian Party gets larger and more successful, I hope that other organizations besides World Party 2000 will start treating us with that same respect."

Dasbach said he plans to videotape a "greeting wishing Grand Rapids and Michigan a happy New Year," as requested.

"It's an unusual opportunity, but one we don't want to pass up," he said. "And I will make sure to wish party-goers not just a happy New Year — but a libertarian one, as well."

World Party 2000 will feature "700 actors, musicians, and dancers" at the Van Andel Arena on December 31, 1999.

Ron Paul files anti-Executive Order bill

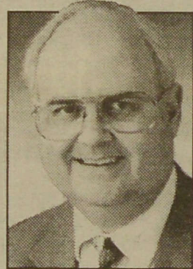
Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) has filed a bill to curb the power of the president to issue Executive Orders — and has set up a website to help educate voters on the issue.

HR 2655, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act, was introduced in July, with co-sponsor Jack Metcalf (R-WA). The bill would end all presidentially declared states of national emergency; require the president to cite the specific Constitutional authority on which any executive order is based; and prohibit any unconstitutional delegation of power to a foreign government or international body.

Paul filed the bill, he said, because President Bill Clinton has signed over 300 executive orders since taking office.

"By using executive orders and declarations of emergency, President Clinton is vastly increasing the power of the national government," said Paul. "He is also concentrating more power in his hands alone by taking the legislative power that rightfully belongs to the United States Congress. With each stroke of his pen, he is effectively rewriting our Constitution."

For more information about the bill, visit the website: executiveorders.org. The site includes information about executive orders and tools to send lobbying messages to Congress.



■ **Dasbach: A "world leader."**

San Mateo Co. Libertarians lead fight to kill \$148 million bond issue

A group of Libertarians spearheaded a campaign to defeat a \$148 million bond issue in San Mateo County, California — and emerged with a 65% to 35% victory on November 2.

Thanks to their lobbying efforts, Measure A fell short of the required two-thirds vote required for passage.

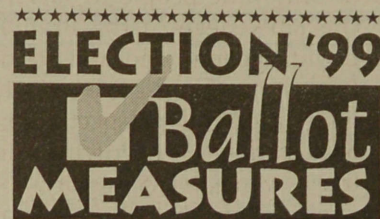
"This outcome is indicative of the importance of the two-thirds threshold for approval of bond debt in protecting an inattentive public from tax assaults waged by small, but well organized, advocacy groups," said Christopher Schmidt, the secretary of the San Mateo County LP.

Lobbying weapons

To defeat the College District bond measure in San Mateo County — which is located just south of San Francisco — Libertarians used a wide array of lobbying weapons, including anti-bond language in the county ballot pamphlet, endorsements, and phone-calling.

Heading the effort was Libertarian Jack Hickey.

"Jack can take credit for spearheading the effort to stop an attempt by trustees to put the community college district deep into debt," said Schmidt. "Jack publicized the nature of the bond measure and the district's efforts to skirt the law in promoting it."



To muster public opposition to Measure A, Hickey:

■ Wrote, signed, and submitted the argument against the bond issue that appeared in the county ballot pamphlet.

■ Lined up prominent citizens to co-sign the anti-Measure A statement in the pamphlet. "Jack recruited fairness-minded citizens from outside the party to co-sign our argument and to join in the effort to defeat the bond, including a former mayor," said Schmidt.

■ Ran for office as a District

Trustee, and used his campaign to speak out against Measure A. Hickey lost the race, but his "campaign served as a platform for press coverage of opposition to the bond and the reasons therefore," said Schmidt.

■ Worked the phone. "Jack telephoned voters in the weeks leading up to the election, and sent letters-to-the-editor in the week before the election. [His] letters were printed in local papers," said Schmidt.

Also helping in the anti-Measure A campaign were Libertarians Christopher Schmidt, Margaret Schmidt, Christopher Inama, and Lacy Nelson.

Their work paid off on November 2, when the necessary super-majority of voters refused to support the \$148 million bond issue.

Students: "Write About Freedom" for cash

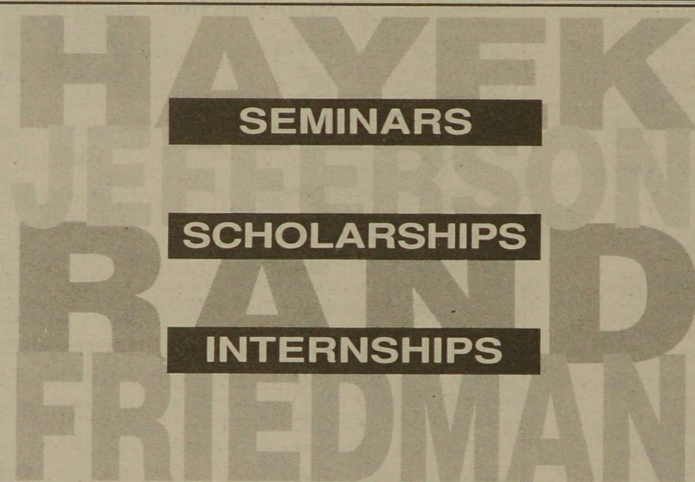
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Convention 2000 theme, prices set

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leader in Michigan's Brass Roots gun-rights group.

■ **Mark Skousen.** He's one of the nation's most respected investment advisors, editor of *Forecasts & Strategies*, and a columnist for *Forbes* magazine. A professor of economics and finance at Rollins College in Florida, he has also published more than 20 books.

■ **David Thibodeau.** The

author of *A Place Called Waco: A Survivor's Story*. Thibodeau is one of only nine people to survive the FBI's siege of the Branch Davidian compound, and one of four who did not go to jail. He offers a unique perspective on one of the most horrifying and tragic events in U.S. history.

The party has also set final convention package prices, said Dasbach.

"We wanted to make the

convention affordable for every delegate — and still offer a wide array of events and entertainment," he said. "So we offer several price levels, depending on how much you want to pay." They include:

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The 2000 Libertarian National Convention will run from Friday to Monday (June 30-July 3). LP delegates — up to 1,400 of them — will gather to choose the party's 2000 presidential ticket, vote on platform changes, and select party leadership for the following two years.

Successful OR lobbying

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Second Amendment rights" — passed the state house but lost by one vote in the state senate.

"In the wake of the Columbine shooting, HB2535 represented a way for gun control advocates to exploit the situation and advance their agenda," said Burke. "Though there were a few good things in the bill, it required background checks of persons buying guns at gun shows."

After passing the House, the bill failed in the Senate when John Lim (R-Gresham) cast the crucial 'no' vote, said Burke.

"According to Lim, the five-to-one ratio of voter contacts in opposition to HB2535 was one of the factors that made him decide to vote 'no.' Libertarians sent mailings to voters, paid visits to legislators and contacted legislative offices with phone calls, faxes and e-mails [so] LPO members can take pride in having been a part," he said.

■ **SB1149** — a bill that "allows industrial businesses to choose their electric power provider" — passed after a "dicey" start, said Burke.

"At the beginning, the vote seemed dicey — but support piled on quickly," he said. "Many thanks go out to all LPO members who [sent] e-mails and [made] phone calls."

Looking back on the 1999 legislative session, Burke said, "I am proud to say we took full advantage of [our opportunities] and succeeded on all targeted bills. LPO members should give themselves a pat on the back."

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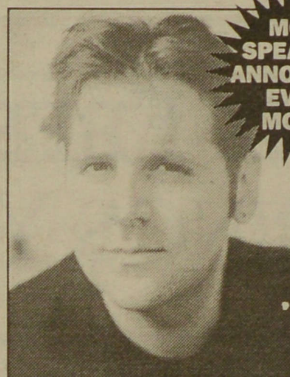
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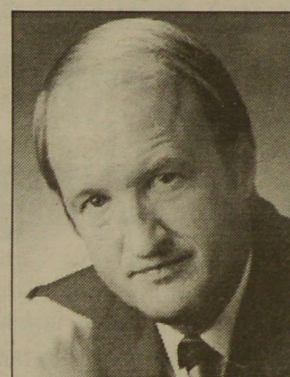
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■ Barbara Goushaw.

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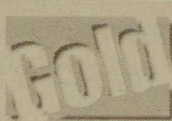
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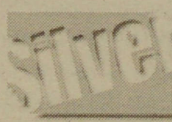
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"SpeakOutMichigan.org will also let a user send a referral letter to a list of friends' and family's e-mail addresses, encouraging them to participate in the project," said Heil. "This type of referral system will allow support for this project to mushroom throughout the state — resulting in thousands of messages being sent to all of the state legislators!"

To launch the project, state

Libertarians have been encouraged to send an introductory e-mail message to friends, in order to drive more traffic to the website.

SpeakOutMichigan.org urges people to protect the right of self-defense by passing a law to "bring Michigan in line with most of the rest of the country by adopting what is called the 'Shall Issue' standard for obtaining a concealed carry permit."

This would mean, explained LP state Executive Director Tim O'Brien, "that we will return to the traditional standard of 'innocent until proven guilty' when someone applies for a carry permit. This puts the burden of proof back on the government to show why an applicant ought to be denied, rather than treating all law-abiding citizens like some kind of children who have to beg for permission."

The Libertarian Party supports the concealed carry law, he said, because "objective, independent research such as the recent and exhaustive Lott study out of the University of Chicago has clearly demonstrated that allowing sane, law-abiding adults to carry the means to defend themselves results in a significant drop in violent crime with no corresponding increase in armed confrontations between average people."

"The myth that otherwise peaceful folks will get into shoot-outs over traffic accidents and

such simply because they are armed is just that — a myth."

Michigan Libertarians have long been recognized as unyielding champions of gun rights, noted O'Brien — with Jon Coon, the party's 1994 candidate for U.S. Senate, garnering nearly 5% of the vote by making the issue a centerpiece of his campaign.

The lobbying campaign will continue, said O'Brien, until the "Shall Issue" bill is signed into law by the governor.

"The campaign to restore our rights will go on until we win!" he said.

Gov. Johnson: Still saying no

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find Johnson appealing for numerous reasons.

"The drug thing is just the icing on the cake," he said. "[Johnson has] pretty well established his Libertarian credentials." During his two terms in office, Knight said, Johnson has also been very good on issues such as cutting taxes, reducing the size of government, and increasing property rights.

If Johnson decided to join the Libertarian Party and run for president, it would give him a national forum for his ideas, said Knight.

"What's in it for him is traveling this great land of ours talking about the issues he wants to talk about," he said.

Popular

Mike Marshall Weber, who runs the Draft Johnson website, said he thinks the New Mexico governor would be a popular presidential candidate.

"I believe he could draw 3 or 4 million votes," said Weber. "That's 3% or 4%, and that's enough to get Washington's attention."

Weber also said 10 LP State Chairs have contacted him with "very keen interest" about the Draft Johnson campaign.

But that interest will be moot unless Johnson changes his mind.

"The thing about these draft movements is the person has to decide they'll actually run for office," noted Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party's national director.

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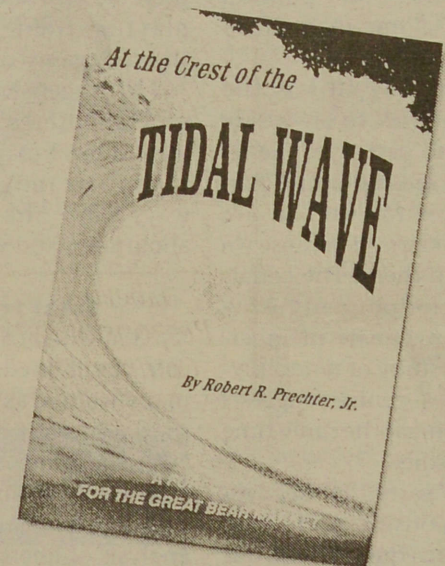
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Making the LP more appealing to women

Even though the Libertarian Party has a generous array of women candidates across the nation, displaying the party's support of women, we seem to be failing to reach the woman voter. The reason? Amid the platform of sole dominion over our own lives and the cries for policies that wean us from government programs, it is obvious to many women that our party doesn't address women's issues very well.

"But the Libertarian Party is the most gender-blind political party there is," one male member pointed out to me.

And basically this is the point. It's idealistic to say we are a gender-blind party, yet the residual effects mean that the glaring inequities for women are simply not addressed because we are "blind" to them. The collateral damage for our party is reflected in low female membership (a quick study of randomly-selected database entries suggests one in five) and at the same time is easily remedied.

We are a party that believes in being responsible and living with the consequences of our choices. Unfortunately, we women find ourselves living with consequences of others'

choices all too often, a naturally occurring phenomenon of being the one who bears the children. We cannot, as a viable party, espouse extraordinarily rigid policies where only the strong win,

there are zero safety nets, and the playing field is inherently stacked against a class of people.

Jo Jorgensen wrote, "Most special interest groups don't want a level playing field. They want to fix the game so they always win." She wasn't talking about men and women.

"Total freedom"

Yet, when Libertarians advocate "total freedom" it looks to many women as if the guy is the special interest group, trying to "fix" the game of marriage and family responsibility so he can do what he wants. This surface analysis of libertarianism is, unfortunately, going to cause contempt prior to investigation from women voters.



By Shelly Marshall Bowman

As a party we have to drop the gender-blinds and clarify what we mean by freedom. Namely, that "the right to do whatever I choose" does not mean the right to desert families, does not apply to children not yet mature enough to "make and learn from their own decisions," and that the legitimate use of power by the government to secure "life, liberty, and property against aggression by force or fraud" means that we will ensure a level playing field.

Clarifying the women's perspective in our platform is easy:

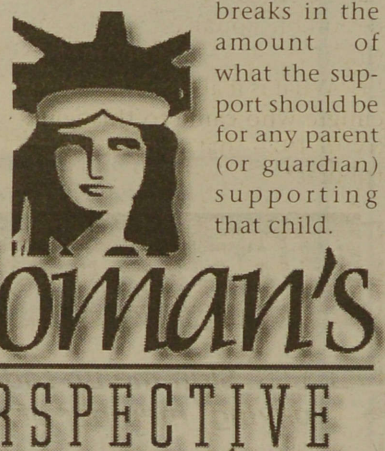
1. Under Individual Rights and Civil Order: Where it says that "pornography" should not be abridged, we must clarify that pornography is not acceptable when created by force and fraud.

Without this doctrine, we would have predators trick children, pay mercenary parents, abuse animals, and fraudulently use people to supply a corrupt market. With NO restraints on pornography, it would create an unlevel playing field of enormous proportions. Our bodies are our property to do with as we want only as long

as we are mature enough and educated enough to weigh consequences.

2. Under Individual Rights and Civil Order: "Family Life" should be retitled "Marriage and Family Life." Include: We support marriage vows as contractual agreements, whether based on personal declarations, legal, or religious tenets. Once accepted by parties they become enforceable as with any other contract.

And having sex is an assumption of equal responsibility for children produced unless otherwise agreed upon, making sure the rights of the child are not compromised. Should a parent abdicate their obligations, we advocate dollar for dollar tax breaks in the amount of what the support should be for any parent (or guardian) supporting that child.



Currently marriage vows are pooh poohed by the courts in "no-fault" breakups where absurd interpretations of the law make men pay child support for kids that aren't theirs and women support men who have sexually abused their children. Recognizing commitments as enforceable contracts will settle many disputes before they arise.

Parsimonious parents

3. Under Domestic Concerns: Rather than uniformly condemning government education laws, we could ensure the level playing field (from parsimonious parents who through neglect or affliction would not insure literate children) by redirecting this tenet to: We support only compulsory education regarding the basics of reading, writing, and math for which parents will decide who will give instruction, and what additional instruction is necessary.

Only in the event that parents and guardians cannot or will not provide for this basic education will the government place children in private schools.

History has taught us that the illiterate cannot participate adequately in a democracy nor learn from their own mistakes when they don't even understand the mistakes. Compulsory basic education is necessary for a level playing field.

4. Solicit and include more women writers: With a cursory glance through the *LP News* (October 1999), I searched for a catchy phrase that would appeal to women. In The Pulse section explaining Libertarianism in one sentence or less, a sentence resonated for me: "The libertarian society will best reflect the Golden Rule carried to its logical conclusion." I laughed upon noting it was written by a woman, Susan Callaway!

Men are "blind"

Women can reach women where men are "blind" and vice versa. Case in point: this same issue showed overwhelmingly male pictures (33 to 8) and male bylines (41 to 7).

If we want to reach women we have to convince them that the right to "do whatever I choose" is not a way for men to abdicate their obligations. We have to coin phrases that appeal to women.

We have to include women's concerns in our platform and voice from a women's perception and stop being so gender-blind, because it's blinding us.

■ **About the author:** Shelly Marshall Bowman, an LP member in Virginia, describes herself as a "Libertarian woman, a columnist, and a professional."

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There's a reason for that, and it is very simple: The more you



By Bea Jones

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invest in yourself. You can start that business you always dreamed of. You can compete in a free market system.

If there is a "glass ceiling" at your present job, you have the freedom to change jobs — or strike out on your own, start your own company, without the governmental restrictions and costs that inhibit so many new businesses, or destroy them in their first year.

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Ayn Rand: Woman of the century

The controversial author of Atlas Shrugged influenced politics, philosophy, and economics

In 1991, the Library of Congress commissioned a nationwide survey seeking books that changed the lives of their readers. The book most often named was the Bible. The second book, to the surprise of many, was *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand.

Like the hero of that 1957 novel, Ayn (pronounced *eye-en*) Rand became a legend in her own lifetime. And since her death in 1982, the legend has grown.

A documentary about her, *Sense of Life*, was nominated for an Oscar last year. The post office issued a commemorative stamp in April celebrating her accomplishments. And in May, Showtime aired the made-for-television biographical movie, *The Passion of Ayn Rand*.

In my mind, no one has surpassed the influence and originality of thought of this novelist/philosopher in this century. Because of her use of artistic writing to express her philosophy; the clarity, logic and originality of her nonfiction; because of the influence of her work on social

and political life, not only in this country but around the world, and especially because of her ability to define the case for an objective morality, I nominate Ayn Rand as "Woman of the Century."

The 40th anniversary of the publication of *Atlas Shrugged* was marked by a conference in Washington, D.C. In reviewing the affair, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that "Rand's views of enlightened selfishness and laissez-faire capitalism are reflected everywhere . . . They reverberate today in arenas as diverse as deregulation of the trucking, airline and telecommunications industries; in the domestic debate over welfare reform."

Moral foundation

The *Washington Times* reported that "most important, Rand established the moral foundation of capitalism for the first time."

What is it about this Russian emigre who came to this country in 1926 that generates such tributes?

Perhaps it's because her novels challenged the fundamental premises of our culture. Ayn Rand's two major books, *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*,

launched a nationwide intellectual philosophy, objectivism.

Its principles hold that man's life, the life proper to a rational being, is the standard of moral values. Objectivism regards altruism as incompatible with man's nature, with the creative requirements of his survival and with a free society.

In the political area, Rand's ideas led to the formation of the Libertarian Party, whose political philosophy has spread to 82 countries.

Today, Ayn Rand's name is synonymous with rugged individualism. Few American writers have generated more controversy, debate and influence.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan was a close friend and admirer and wrote



By **Tonie Nathan**

three essays for her classic non-fiction book, *Capitalism, the Unknown Ideal*.

Rand's birthday, Feb. 2, is celebrated across the country as Ayn Rand Day by members of the Association of Libertarian Feminists, organized 26 years ago in Eugene, Oregon.

More influence

There is no question in my mind that Ayn Rand has had more influence on ideas than any other woman author.

She has influenced art, science, economic theory, philosophy, ethics and politics. *Atlas Shrugged* has been described as the first novel of ideas written by a woman this century; her characters' actions illustrate her philosophy.

The book's influence is unmatched by any other novel. In the minds of millions of admiring readers, Ayn Rand is the woman of the century.

Editor's note: This essay was first published in *The Oregonian* (June 3, 1999)

■ **About the author:** *Tonie Nathan of Eugene, Oregon is past LP national director of media relations and was its first vice presidential candidate. In 1972, she received the first Electoral College vote ever awarded to a woman.*

How liberty empowers all women

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your first responsibility is to your family. You want to stay home with the children, you want to raise them in the values that you hold dear.

You are terrified of the guns and drugs in public schools, and you know that your children deserve a better education than they are getting there. But your family doesn't have the money for private school. Your choice is to stay home and do without, while trying to educate your children in your ideals — or to work to have enough income to put them in private school, which limits your time with your family. While everyone else talks about "family values," you are struggling to keep your family together.

Or, if you have religious, social, or familial beliefs that are unlike the accepted "norm," your children could be taken from you by Social Services. And if what's "normal" today becomes unacceptable tomorrow, what can you do?

You can belong to a party that believes in two simple precepts: Personal rights and personal responsibility. This means that *you* are responsible for your children, not the State. It means that you have the right to your religious or social beliefs. It means that you have the freedom to educate your children in any manner available to you.

Real schools

It also means that your family will have *more* income, because Libertarians will cut your taxes and put more money in your pocket. They will eliminate the State and Federal bureaucracies of education, so that your community or your church has the freedom to operate *real* schools that educate. The freedom to choose will be yours.

You can stay at home and homeschool, or you can afford to send your children to the best school for them. You decide what disciplines are best for your children. You pay for it. And you can afford to.

It's personal freedom and personal responsibility in its most basic term: You decide what is really best for your children.

Can the Republicans or Democrats give you that?

■ **About the author:** *Bea Jones is a weekly columnist for the Carolina Morning News.*

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From THE DIRECTOR

How will the LP do in the 2000 elections?

When I'm asked, "How will the LP do in 2000?" my answer is: "Better than we ever have before." No, I don't have a crystal ball. However, I have the next best thing — 20 years of experience in the Libertarian Party, including five Presidential elections. And I'm absolutely convinced that campaign 2000 will be the *best* yet.

Why? We are starting from a *stronger position* than ever.

Four years ago, our ranks contained less than 15,000 LP members and contributors. With such a small base of support, we were able to raise just over \$1 million in 1995, our first million-dollar budget in a non-presidential year. And, in 1996, we were only able to field 750 candidates.

Today, we are approaching 40,000 members and contributors. With a support base almost two and a half times greater than in 1995, we will raise over \$2.7 million in 1999. And, we expect to field over 2,000 candidates in 2000... almost two and a half times as many as we ran in 1996.

Think about what that means for 2000. We're starting from a base of support that is two and a half times larger than four years ago and we expect to run two and a half times as many candidates.

Shouldn't we be able to raise two and a half times as much money in 2000 as we did in 1996? If so, what will that mean?

In 1996, we raised just under \$2.2 million. After all our other expenses, including a massive effort to get our candidates on the ballot, we were only able to purchase a quarter-million dollars worth of TV advertising. Which is a drop in the bucket in American politics.

However, if we raise two and a half times as much as we did in 1996, that would be about \$6 million. And, since our expenses haven't increased as much, we have the potential to run a multi-million dollar ad campaign in 2000.

I've watched news coverage of various ad campaigns by political organizations, and I've noticed that \$1 million seems to be the minimum required to be taken seriously by the media. And that is a level that we can reach and exceed in 2000 — thanks to our expanded base of Libertarian support.

I think this is reason enough for optimism about 2000. But it's not the only reason.

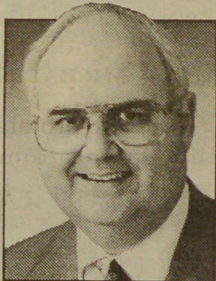
Our increased base of support isn't just financial — it extends to the grassroots. Our state and local parties are stronger and better organized than ever before. For example, several states now have full-time directors.

More of our candidates are getting started earlier, and more are doing the work required to run a winning campaign. That should translate into some significant victories in 2000.

Finally, we are in a better position to start getting the media coverage we deserve. At the national level, we have far more extensive contacts than we did four years ago. We're getting more than three and a half times as many calls from the media, and about five times as many interviews. That includes some TV coverage, nearly unheard of four years ago.

In 1996, our press secretary, George Getz, was brand new to the job, hired just a month before our national convention. Today, he approaches the 2000 election with three and a half years of experience and hundreds of media contacts. And that's another advantage we intend to capitalize on.

More members... more money... more candidates and more media. That's what it will take to effectively deliver our message to the American people, and that's why I'm so optimistic about our prospects for 2000.



By Steve Dasbach

LP National Director

Why a Libertarian society would help the poor achieve prosperity

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

LIBERTARIAN Solutions

By Mary Ruwart

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

In last month's Libertarian Solutions, we learned how a libertarian society would provide more help to the needy than they have today. Private charities would weed out the large number of people who choose welfare as a way of life. Overhead would be cut in half. Finally, the high cost of collecting taxes would be avoided. With these savings, contributions could be one-tenth of current welfare funding and the poor would still come out ahead!

Providing help more efficiently to those who can't help themselves is only the beginning, however. Studies show that free markets, on average, create about 10 times as much wealth as unfree ones. Not surprisingly, the needy in a wealthy society (e.g., the United States) are always better off than the needy in a poor country (e.g., India).

Thus, deregulation, which stimulates wealth creation, helps the poor even more! A libertarian society would minimize the regulations which strangle the economy, thereby raising the standard of living for those on the bottom rungs of the ladder.

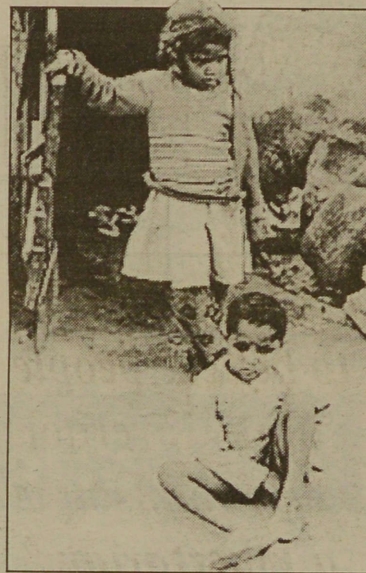
Best opportunities

Ironically, free societies have a more even distribution of wealth than those which try to redistribute wealth forcibly! The reason is simple: Free societies provide the best opportunities for the poor to work and grow rich. Conversely, a highly-regulated society creates poverty by destroying jobs, especially those of the disadvantaged.

During the 1980s, I gained first-hand experience of how government destroys opportunities for the poor to earn while they learn. For example, while rehabilitating a dilapidated apartment building, a young man who wanted to better himself came by hoping for employment. He had some disabilities

that made him less than an ideal worker, but suggested that I hire him for about half of the current minimum wage. With experience, he hoped that I would pay him more or recommend him to others.

Fearful that our arrangement would come to the attention of the ever-present building inspectors, I declined. I not only lost a potentially good worker, but the



QUESTION:

Could the poor make a better life for themselves in a Libertarian country?

young man lost a chance to earn while he learned — thanks to the aggression of minimum wage laws.

The very laws that were supposed to protect this young man from exploitation actually im-

paired his ability to get ahead. While well-to-do youths simply pay educators to train them, the disadvantaged are shut out of the work force, sometimes permanently.

Some of my low-income tenants made their living by providing child care in their apartments or taking in mending. One ambitious woman was able to get work sewing curtains for stores and offices. The city regulators started calling me to complain that these women hadn't paid expensive fees to register their businesses. The regulators threatened to serve me with zoning violations if I didn't evict these unfortunates and destroy their livelihood.

This time I refused to be intimidated and assured my tenants that they had my support. Unfortunately, most of them buckled under the pressure. They couldn't afford the hassle and the registration fees, so most went on welfare instead.

Destroy jobs

Licensing laws destroy jobs, especially jobs for the disadvantaged and the minorities. Recently, Afro-American women in several states have started boutiques that braid hair exclusively. Cosmetology licensing boards have forced many out of work by demanding that these ladies attend a year-long program — costing an average of \$5,000 — that doesn't even teach braiding!

In many cities, would-be taxi and van drivers can't conduct business without paying exorbitant fees (over \$200,000 in New York City) for the medallions (licenses). In some cases, the city or county won't grant new licenses at any price.

Such government intervention creates a great deal of poverty by putting people out of work! Thankfully, the Institute of Justice, a libertarian law foundation, is fighting City Hall and winning — on behalf of the braid brigade and the would-be drivers. The Institute's pro bono service helps the poor help themselves. While big government caters to the special interests who benefit from high hurdles to self-employment, libertarians are defending the rights of the working poor. Such cases demonstrate that liberty, not government, is the true friend of the disadvantaged.

Government regulations not only put the poor out of work;

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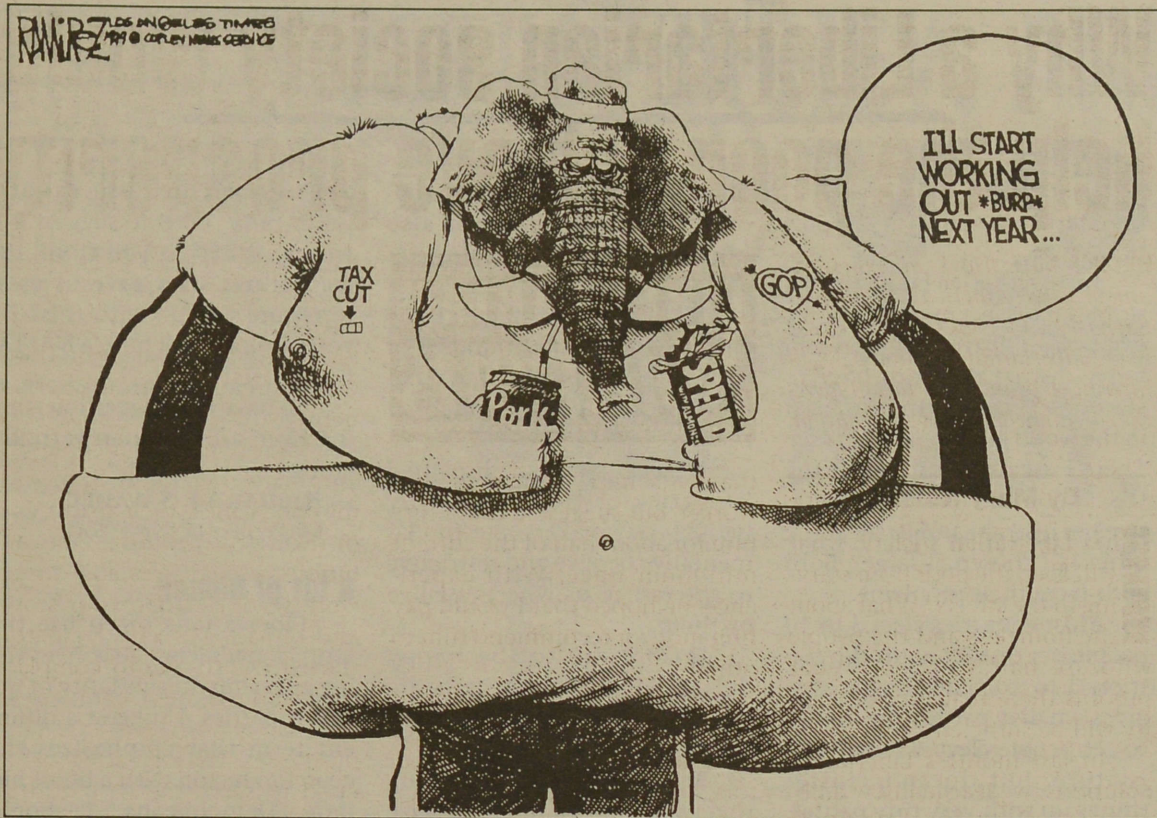
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THE MAILBOX

Should know better

As a resident of New Mexico and a long-time Libertarian, I find it hard to believe that people think that Governor Gary Johnson is a Libertarian [*LP News*, November 1999]. Sure, he criticizes the "war on drugs" and supports school vouchers. But it takes a little more than that to demonstrate a philosophical commitment to Libertarianism. I have not seen such a commitment in my Governor.

Also in the November issue, comes a letter from Mr. Patrick Groff telling us that we should beg of the government to put the books we want in the public library. The last time I looked, public libraries were government entities. The Libertarian answer would be to join the local "Friends of the Library" and raise the necessary private monies to put the desirable books on the shelf.

One of the problems with being a Libertarian is that it is not a simplistic proposition. It is hard intellectual work. We ought to be very careful that the image we project is one of thoughtful analysis and not of an emotional knee-jerk.

— **W.R. (BOB) MCGRATH**
Columbus, New Mexico

Man of integrity

As a founding member of the state and national Libertarian parties in 1972, and as a former candidate for office of NM Commissioner of Public Lands in 1998, I seek the support of Lib-

**"IT IS HARD
to believe people
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a Libertarian."**

ertarians throughout the state and country to draft New Mexico's Governor Gary E. Johnson as a presidential candidate for 2000 for the following reasons:

1. Like one of our former Presidential nominees, Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), he is a man of integrity and extraordinary common sense, with the courage of his convictions.

2. He has the good judgment to seek alternatives to failed public policies with solutions that are consistent with a free and civil society.

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— **MAURICE R. McDONALD**
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Unitarians unite

In response to Amanda Swafford's letter [*LP News*, November 1999], there is an organization which politically libertarian members of Unitarian-Universalist fellowships should consider: The Conservative Forum for Unitarian-Universalists. (They embrace libertarians as well as conservatives; don't be misled by the name.)

Their address is P.O. Box 488; Fenton, MI 48430-0488, and their website URL is <http://www.cfuu.org>.

— **DANIEL WALKER**
Tallahassee, Florida

Misconceptions

I was disappointed that Ken Bryant's letter [*LP News*, November 1999] had so many misconceptions and downright mistakes about alternative voting systems such as choice voting (a.k.a. proportional representation). Choice voting is certainly consistent with Libertarian ideals, and, once adopted, would make it much easier for us to elect our candidates to office.

There are multiple kinds of elections, and there are multiple kinds of choice voting. For example, in an election to a one-person office, Instant Runoff Voting lets us simulate a runoff by ranking our choices. If our first choice is weeded out, our vote goes to our second choice. The "wasted vote" excuse for not voting Libertarian is eliminated! I find it hard to imagine why a

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THE PULSE

How to improve the LP Platform

When it comes to politics, abortion is the ultimate "hot-button" issue — and that's as true for Libertarians as it is with any other party. Want proof? Abortion was the single most-mentioned response to this month's unscientific Pulse question, where we asked: If you could change (or add) one Libertarian Party platform plank, what would it be? And why?

Of all the answers, a full 24% involved abortion. The single most popular suggestion: Eliminate the party's current position on abortion (16%). Other *LP News* readers suggested the party should be "neutral" on the abortion issue, or advocated limits on access to abortion.

Coming in second as a general category was "children," with 20% of the suggestions concerning young people. The most common kid-related proposal: Restore the party's previous "Children's Rights Plank" (8%). Other readers had suggestions about how to protect youngsters from drugs, or how to provide access to education and health care.

Other than those two categories, however, Libertarians were all over the policy map, proposing platform changes involving animal rights, taxes, the military, and referendums. Here is a representative sampling of the responses:

■ The one position that is missing from the platform is the absolute condemnation of the death penalty. The [government] must never have the right to kill, no matter what an individual has done.

— **MICHAEL RAHAIM**, Jacksonville, Florida

■ The pro-abortion stance of the LP prevents many libertarians from officially joining the party, since a good number are pro-life. Many are merely waiting for the party platform to remain neutral instead of taking one side.

— **SEAN HICKS**, Sheridan, Indiana

■ It seems ironic that the party of individualism tries to dictate to its candidates the specifics of their positions. Therefore, we should eliminate the national platform. Instead, keep the statement of principles; individual candidates would adopt campaign platforms; and the state parties would be free to have full platforms if they choose.

— **NATHANIEL KRAUSE**, Urbana, Illinois

■ All creatures deserve protection. There is no conflict between human benefit and animal benefit. Acts which harm animals are criminal and should be treated as such.

— **MARY C. REED**, San Gabriel, California

■ Eliminate the abortion plank and replace it with nothing. Our platform should consist of things that the vast majority of us agree on, and many of us oppose the initiation of force against unborn children. Our platform is too large and complex, and needs to be reduced. It should be a *platform*, not a skyscraper.

— **TED APELT**, Tamarac, Florida

■ Restore the children's rights plank. Its recent deletion was justified on the grounds that children's rights were already implicit in libertarian principles. But the purpose of the platform is precisely to spell out the concrete implications of our principles.

— **MICHAEL ACREE**, San Francisco, California

■ Since the platform is an outline of individual liberty, it should acknowledge the right of individual Libertarians to disagree with elements of the platform that make them uncomfortable. Currently, our platform smacks of an all-or-nothing deal.

— **JAMES MADISON**, Middletown, Connecticut

■ The LP platform can be strengthened by inclusion of the following plank: The LP stands in favor of legalizing

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all forms of drug usage by adults. At the same time, the LP recommends that severe penalties be applied to adults who supply drugs to children under 18 years of age. These proscribed habit-forming drugs would include cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and nicotine.

— **PATRICK GROFF**, San Diego, California

■ We should support a Minnesota voter registration policy [allowing walk-up registration on Election Day].

— **JERRY ESKRIDGE**, Port Royal, South Carolina

■ Military: The position is currently vague, focusing on cost containment and reduction. A commitment to re-vamping the military to promote new and more effective defensive, as opposed to offensive, measures is needed.

— **JACK GARDNER**, Austin, Texas

■ Change the platform plank dealing with abortion to call for a time limit for abortions to be performed without infringing on the rights of the unborn child. The limit to be determined by debate to determine when the development of a fertilized egg legally becomes an individual.

— **PHIL UNDERWOOD**, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

■ Taxation: While we are concerned with the general level and form of taxation, we [should] call for the immediate relief from taxation imposed upon the working poor. No one earning less than \$20,000 per year should be forced to pay any federal income tax or Medicare tax.

— **STANLEY WOLF**, Lakewood, Pennsylvania

February Question: Term Limits?

Reasons to be cheerful in 2000: Bill Clinton can't run for president again. Thanks to the 22nd Amendment, Slick Willy is "term limited" out of office.

However, the Constitution doesn't address term limits for any other political offices, and neither does the LP Platform. Should it? Some Libertarians say "yes," arguing that term limits would reduce the power of long-time, incumbent politicians by booting them out. Other Libertarians say "no," suggesting that term limits would just cycle more bad Republicans and Democrats in and out of office faster. Besides, they say, voters already have the power to expel politicians: It's called an election.

■ **QUESTION:** Should the Libertarian Party endorse term limits? Why or why not? (100 word answers, please.)

■ **DEADLINE:** January 5, 2000

January Question: 21st Century Liberty?

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

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

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Libertarian would not support IRV.

In a legislative body, the basic idea is to elect multiple people from larger districts. A representative district does not have to elect one person — in fact, most in the world elect more than one. There's a continuum, with the U.S. at one end (one representative per district) and Israel at the other (all chosen at large). Both ends have their problems.

Most countries elect 3 to 10 people per district, with the districts 3 to 10 times larger. This gives smaller parties the ability to get people elected to the legislature, but doesn't clutter things up with very tiny parties. Ken's worry about having to cast 99 votes for the legislature is not going to happen.

Ken also says "candidates don't have to win to be elected." Yes, they do have to win. If there are three seats to be elected, they must be among the top three, if five seats among the top five, and so forth. It is just easier to get elected when people have five opportunities to vote for you than when they have just one.

I encourage people who are interested in choice voting, instant runoff voting, and other changes of this nature to visit the website of the Center for Voting and Democracy, at www.fairvote.org. Or subscribe to the mailing list of Libertarians who are interested by writing: LibPR-subscribe@ONelist.com.

— **BRUCE BAECHLER**

Washington, DC

The second party

Warren Beatty had it right when he responded to reporters about running for a third party. He answered: What America needs is a second party.

Since most Americans think of the Reform Party as America's third party, we need to strongly differentiate ourselves.

If we refer to the Libertarian Party as "the second party you've been looking for" in slogans, advertising, etc., we achieve two things in short order. We lump the Democrats and Republicans together and we upstage the Reform Party.

— **DAGNY TAGGART**

Hampton, Virginia

Stupid laws

Kudos to Doug Krick ["LP candidate works to repeal state's silly laws," *LP News*, October, 1999] for his campaign to repeal stupid laws in Massachusetts.

Mr. Krick's initiative is not

only an enviable example of libertarian activism, but it also highlights some sobering reminders to legislators:

■ A fair percentage of the citizenry is actually mindful of the number and type of laws that are heaped upon it (imagine that!).

■ Laws, which are dispensed like trick-or-treat candy by haughty lawmakers, are fundamentally coercive and restrictive to the rest of us who must live by them.

■ Contrary to the happy dreams of politicians, laws are not necessarily immortal — they can be repealed.

■ All laws — hell, anything that can land you in jail or seize your property — should be periodically reviewed for relevance.

The general public mistakenly presumes that legislators perform the people's will when they pass law after law (after law after law after law . . .), while repealing virtually none. Left unchecked, there will come a day when the bloated mound of rules, regulations, and restrictions will reach critical mass, like legislative cholesterol in the body politic, with predictably traumatic consequences for our way of life.

Rather than pass more laws, legislators should heed Mr. Krick's example and repeal the accumulated blockage that chokes our freedom.

— **CHRISTOPHER BORRELLO**

Novi, Michigan

The horrors

LP National Director Steve Dasbach's suggestion [*The Issues*, *LP News*, October 1999] that there should be a free market in human organs is unreal: An alleged good result (saving lives) while ignoring all the horrors attending the sources of those organs — human beings.

This is not a matter of free market competition which will result in your being able to buy

a better part for your car at a lower price. Even to suggest it is wrong. What do you think the legislatures who gave us asset forfeiture will do with this? Do you think we will have a NAFTA/Body Parts?

To have this suggestion coming from a Libertarian is frightening.

— **RICHARD J. SAVADEL**

Massapequa, New York

A bit of humor

Libertarians often use the term "Republicrat" to convey the big government similarity of the major parties. I suggest a different term that emphasizes the coercion factor, with a bit of humor: "Demoblicans." It should be great fun for use with mass media!

— **MICHAEL S. BOERSTE**

N. Augusta, South Carolina

No to Ventura

Joseph F. Lido [*The Mailbox*, *LP News*, October 1999] makes a case for Jesse Ventura becoming an LP candidate for President.

We need someone with consummate respect for all people, ultimate tolerance for people's beliefs, not someone who belittles and demeans. In other words, we need a statesman/woman as president who thoroughly understands the principles of liberty.

Without such a person as president we can never establish a successful working relationship with the incumbent politicians and bureaucrats who are less enlightened. Jesse Ventura is not this person and can never hope to be.

— **MICHAEL D. ROSSETTI**

Salt Lake City, Utah

Census opportunity

We were delighted to see the Bruedigam/Gallick article on the coming Year 2000 Census in October's issue. This is an issue that Libertarians can successfully "ride" every 10 years.

As background, many LP members should be aware that opposition to the intrusive Census was the first nationwide libertarian project to garner widespread media attention.

We formed "The Committee for a Voluntary Census" as a project of the Society for Individual Liberty in 1970. SIL chapters all over America distributed protest cards that citizens could attach to their Census form.

Three protest choices were offered: a) refusal to participate at all; b) answering only the Con-

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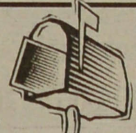
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THE MAILBOX

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stitutionally mandated head count questions; or c) answering under protest to avoid the \$100 fine. CVC/SIL raised enough stir that the *Wall Street Journal* took note of the project in a lengthy front-page article.

Many of those who subsequently founded the Libertarian Party took part in this anti-Census activity. When the next Census rolled around in 1980, the LP was a full-scale participant with its state and local chapters playing the major role urging Americans to resist. This time, an alerted Census Bureau did fine a handful of particularly vocal protesters, but CVC paid their fines.

The LP should take the lead in protesting the Year 2000 Census, because it will find the project has broad appeal to Americans: Constitutionalists, civil liberties liberals, privacy advocates, and fiscal conservatives.

— DAVE WALTER

West Chester, Pennsylvania

— DON ERNSBERGER

Warminster, Pennsylvania

Candidate shopping

I have read several letters suggesting that the Libertarian Party attempt to recruit a "celebrity" for a presidential candidate. Think about the events in the Reform Party where a ticket of Donald Trump and Oprah Winfrey is being discussed; they are shopping for candidates. The results do not appear to be good.

I would agree that if a well-known person has been a Libertarian Party member they should be considered. But I am against "candidate shopping." It is difficult to get people to vote on the issues, and it is tempting to look for a shortcut, but I do not think a shortcut will work.

— ROBERT UNDERWOOD

Springfield, Massachusetts

Social stigma

Patrick Groff [The Mailbox, LP News, October 1999] argues that gays should be prohibited from adopting children because of the "life-long social stigma of being adopted by them."

For most of the people I know, having libertarian parents is a far greater social stigma than having gay parents. By Groff's logic, libertarians should be prohibited from adopting, too.

If children had a right to conformist parents, as Groff implies, libertarianism would be doomed as surely as any other form of "deviance."

— MICHAEL ACREE

San Francisco, California

ACLU virtues

In the August 1999 Mailbox, Bob Multer suggests dropping out of the ACLU because it does nothing to defend Second Amendment rights. I've noticed that.

On the other hand, the Iowa Civil Liberties Union, an ACLU affiliate, stood up for the befuddled Amish community when the state attempted to impose draconian standards on their outhouses, won a farmer's right to criticize the governor on a highway billboard, answers legal inquiries that bureaucrats ignore, and continues to fight against curfews, warrantless school searches, etc.

Libertarian solution: Shift your ACLU contribution to the LP and continue to support your ACLU affiliate.

— BOB DOSTAL

Iowa City, Iowa

Privacy problem

There is a privacy problem that Libertarians need to know about. For those who travel long distances by car, this is as important as "Know Your Customer."

I travel for weeks in the summer, and I do not make motel reservations. I stay on a walk-in basis and pay with cash or travelers' checks. Very often motels ask to see ID. This is understandable because they have the right to know who is on their property. So I will show it on request, but I will not volunteer it.

Some motels insist on photocopying drivers' licenses. I will not permit this and I believe that government is behind this. There is no reason why a profit-seeking business would alienate customers by demanding to photocopy personal papers.

I live in Las Vegas, and several months ago there was a news item that said that the police department was requiring small hotels and motels to copy customers' drivers' licenses, and would be picking up the copies on a weekly basis.

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— ALICE LILLIE

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Why liberty and prosperity are the best ways to help the poor

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they create homelessness as well. William Tucker, using statistical analysis, found that 42% of homelessness could be explained by the high median price of homes in the 50 cities studied.

The median housing price, the best single predictor of homelessness, increased as zoning regulations and stringent building or housing codes did. As a result, rents skyrocketed, pricing the poor out of the market.

Rent control

When cities tried to "protect" the poor with rent control, the plight of the poor worsened. Rent controls drive landlords out of business. The few remaining landlords can pick and choose among applicants, so naturally they rent to people who are middle-class and most likely to pay. As a result, the poor have no place to go and often end up on the streets.

Government regulations, meant to help the disadvantaged, create poverty for them

WHEN CITIES tried to "protect" the poor with rent control, the plight of the poor worsened.

instead. On the other hand, liberty promotes prosperity, especially for the needy. Liberty empowers the poor with the opportunity to work and grow rich, just as penniless immigrants did in the early days of our nation.

Of course, a few people will still be unable to create enough wealth to support themselves. A libertarian nation, with its prosperity and better employment opportunities, will be much better equipped than today's society to care for such individuals.

Government licensing,

minimum wages, and welfare harm, not help, the disadvantaged. If we truly want to help the unfortunate, we must give them the gift of liberty. Nothing else will do.

■ **About the author:** Mary J. Ruwart, Ph.D., is the author of *Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle*, a liberty primer for liberals, Christians, New Agers, and pragmatists. She also wrote *Short Answers to the Tough Questions: Sound Bites for the Libertarian Candidate* after her *Internet column* (www.self-gov.org) of the same name.

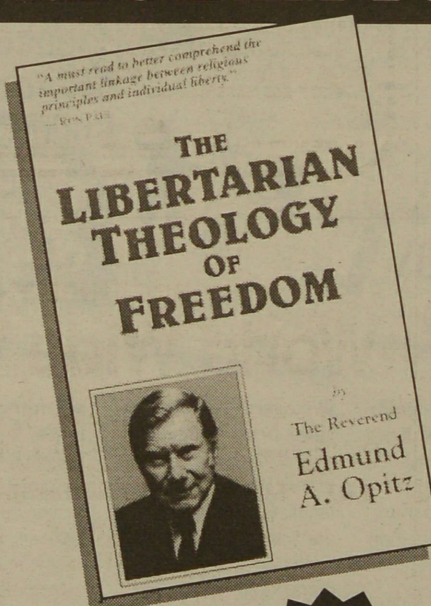
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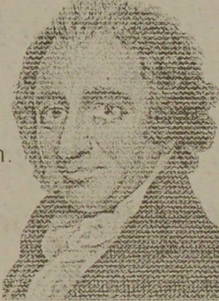
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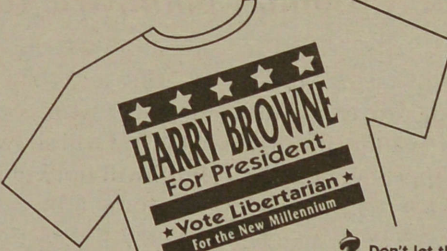
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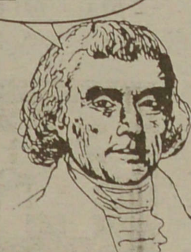
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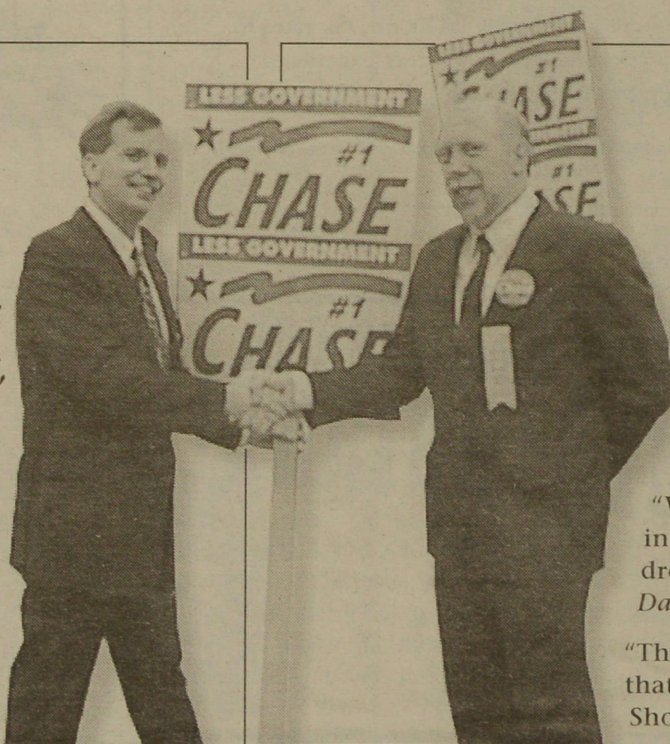
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"There is only one viable third party in America today and that is the Libertarian Party." — MICHAEL REAGAN, *Radio Talk Show Host*, October 26, 1999