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Libertarians Protest Debate Exclusion As Interest and Support for LP Grow



NEWS photo by Ken Bush

Robert Stockhausen, while taking photos for the NEWS at the Marrou rally in St. Louis on Oct. 11, 1992, was beaten and arrested by police. This photo comes from a videotape of the attack filmed by LP activist Ken Bush.

Libertarians across the country sprang into action last month in an attempt to get Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord included in the national presidential and vice-presidential debates.

The Commission on Presidential Debates struggled with the method of including independent candidate Ross Perot but excluding Marrou. One news report in *USA Today* quoted Bob Neuman, a commission spokesman, as saying, "It's a judgment call."

In the end, the commission simply barred Marrou and Lord from the debates, and attempts by the NEWS to get an explanation from commission officials were unsuccessful. In a call to the debate commission office, the NEWS was told all officials were unavailable for comment until after the debates were completed.

"The voters deserve to hear someone else in the debates, the serious and active candidate of America's third-largest party—not a failed Republican who cannot be trusted, a fence-straddling Democrat who says different things at different

times, or a quitter who offers lame jokes instead of specific solutions to our nation's ills," said Mary Gingell, LP national chair.

"If Andre Marrou had been invited, the American people would have heard specific proposals for real change to improve this country, proposals that they haven't had a chance to hear," Gingell said.

In St. Louis, over 200 Marrou supporters demonstrated outside the first debate site, protesting Marrou's exclusion from the proceedings. The rally was called "The Mother of All Protests" and "Operation Debate Storm" by local activists.

Robert Stockhausen, LP candidate for U.S. House in district 3 in Missouri, was arrested and beaten while taking pictures of Marrou supporters. [See separate story on this page.]

Earlier in the day, Marrou was barred by St. Louis County police from entering the studio of C-SPAN for an afternoon interview call-in program. The studio was located in the same building where the debate was held. As Marrou and C-SPAN employee Geoffrey Baum approached the C-SPAN interview studio, they were blocked by the police officers. According to Dave Carr, who was one of the local rally coordinators and was with Marrou, the police officer said, "I don't care if he's Jesus himself, I'm not going to let him through." In spite of Baum's verification of the scheduled interview, and in spite of statements by a debate commission member that Marrou could be permitted inside of the police lines, the officers still refused admission.

"It's just amazing they won't even let us through this little barricade they've set up," Marrou said. "What we are dealing with here is a state of paranoia, bordering on hysteria. And what we also have is an imperialistic, czaristic president who is no man of the people."

Marrou had to conduct the C-SPAN interview from a mobile telephone outside the debate hall, and the interview was limited to only a few minutes.

To add insult to injury, not only was Marrou locked out of the debates, he was also locked out of his hotel room. St. Louis was on the Marrou itinerary long before the debate site was announced, and Marrou had confirmed hotel reservations.

"Approximately three days before Marrou was coming in, we got a call that his room had been canceled," said Carr. The hotel informed Marrou that his room was needed by President Bush's entourage.

"After haggling with the hotel and calling all the press about it and faxing releases to the press telling them that we

Beating, Arrest at MO Rally

By Randy Langhenry

Robert Stockhausen, LP candidate for U.S. House in the third district of Missouri, was beaten and arrested by St. Louis County police during the rally for Andre Marrou at the first presidential debate.

Stockhausen was standing in a group of photographers and media representatives when the arrest occurred. He was taking photographs for this edition of the Libertarian Party NEWS.

"I think I've failed in that a little bit, at least my anticipation of full coverage was truncated somewhat," Stockhausen said.

Stockhausen was taking photos when a police officer approached him and said, "I know what you are about, and something about 'I'm going to get you,'" just before he went after Stockhausen, according to witnesses.

Stockhausen backed away from the police officer, but then two or more police officers grabbed him and he began to yell for help, according to the NEWS source.

"The incident completely dumbfounded others nearby, according to a source. There seemed to be no reason for the police action."

"Then all hell broke loose," the source said. Police then converged on Stockhausen and were heard to say, "I'm going to break your arm" to Stockhausen, and another said, "Yea, break his arm, break his arm."

According to eyewitness accounts, "there were at least a minimum of six, maybe as many as 12, officers hitting him repeatedly and kicking him while he was on the ground." The police "handcuffed him, dragged him, maced him in the face," a source said.

At no time did Stockhausen even inadvertently make contact with police, according to the NEWS source.

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A hearing was set for Oct. 20, and a fund was started to help with Stockhausen's legal fees. To support the fund or for more information, call the St. Louis LP hotline at 314-567-8880.

The arrest was recorded on videotape by local LP activist Ken Bush.

The day after the incident, Stockhausen said that "a lot of things hurt that didn't hurt 24 hours ago."

According to sources, Stockhausen was charged with "promoting civil disobedience," a felony.

"Bear in mind this is a guy who considers himself a pacifist," said Dave Carr, one of the LP coordinators of the rally. "Needless to say it was not a pretty picture."

Stockhausen, 43, is married and has five children.

"It was another typical example of fascism in action here in the good old United States," Carr said.

No other participant in the rally was involved in the police action. The rally broke up earlier than planned, after police moved demonstrators to a more isolated area of the campus.

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Thanks for a Very Successful Year

You're probably reading this issue right around Nov. 3. But in order to meet the paper's deadline, I have to write this column much earlier.

So I don't know how the election turned out. But I do know one thing: 1992 has been the most exciting and successful election season ever for the Libertarian Party.

The reason for our success is the myriad of wonderful, dedicated, energetic people involved in the party and in LP campaigns around the country, and I'd like to congratulate and thank those people, right now, for a job well done.

Let's start with our presidential ticket: Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord. Thank you, Nancy and Andre, for tireless full-time campaigning since your nominations last September. Thanks for doing numerous radio talk shows, for answering the same questions time after time, for inspiring listeners to call for information, for repeating that 800 number again and again, for spending days, even weeks, away from home and loved ones, on the road, stomping for liberty. You represented us well, and advanced the cause.

Andre and Nancy had help from their campaign staff. Perry Willis, Jim Lewis, and Marti Stoner got the campaign off to a good start from the Las Vegas office. After the campaign moved to Washington, DC, Bruce Baechler and Ilesh Abhir held down the fort, while Me-Me King continued handling media and travel scheduling from Tucson.

The MLC Operating Committee—"the Steves"—Dasbach, Givot, and Alexander, set campaign policy and direction and spent

✓ From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

hours every day implementing these plans and dealing with the crises that inevitably arise during a national campaign.

Adam Dick and Alec Franklor accompanied Andre and Nancy on driving tours around the country during the summer. Adam has continued with the campaign, assisting with scheduling in Tucson. Joseph Knight was able to take some time away from campus organizing to do advance work for Andre during the early part of the summer.

Nancy Lord's husband, Michael Tanner, got into the act as well, advising the campaign, and organizing demonstrations against our exclusion from the debates, along with Don Ernsberger and local LPers in each of the four debate cities.

One "hero of the revolution" deserves special mention: Robert Stockhausen, an LP congressional candidate in St. Louis, was arrested while trying to take pictures of our demonstration from behind police lines. Stockhausen, a pacifist and father of five, was threatened with having his arm and thumb broken, wrestled down, dragged, and brutalized by St. Louis police, and arrested on "suspicion of promoting civil disorder." Bob was scheduled to appear before a judge, who could formalize charges, on Oct. 20. Jim Morrison, chair of the St. Louis city LP, was raising money for Bob's legal defense—to find out if help is still needed, call the St. Louis city LP 24-

hour hotline: 314-567-8880.

Too numerous to name here are the hundreds of local volunteers who arranged local visits for the candidates and drove Andre and Nancy from rallies to interviews to fund-raising dinners at each of their many campaign stops around the country. Thanks to all of you for making our flagship campaign such a powerful one.

Our 50-state campaign would not have been possible without the extraordinary work of Ballot Access Coordinator Bill Redpath, who was backed up by hundreds of paid and volunteer petitioners and managers around the country. I don't know the names of all of them, and I apologize to any of you I've inadvertently left off the following list. But here are some of the people that come to my mind as I look back over a turbulent rollercoaster year, a year when we did what many thought could not be done: put Andre's and Nancy's names on the ballot in all 50 states, plus DC and Guam!

Thank you all—ballot access expert Richard Winger; Ed Clark, Lee Nason, Craig Franklin, and Walter Ziobro of Ballot Access New England; Sue Walton and Steve Givot of LIFBAC in Illinois; National Voter Outreach in Florida, headed by long-time California Libertarian Rick Arnold; Sevier White in Oklahoma and elsewhere; Robert Goodman in New York; Bob Schmedeke in Missouri; Nick Dunbar, Bruce Baechler, and Ron Crickenberger in West Virginia; Larry Phillips in Vermont; Marc Montoni in Virginia; Stuart Reges in DC; Rich Loomis in Connecticut; Richard Schwarz in Pennsylvania; Terry Spath in North Dakota; traveling petitioners Bobby Ellis,

Len Weisberg, Gary Fincher, Bob Lynch, Craig Thompson, Kay Johnson, Al Anders, Lucien Bruno, Mary Lou Graham, David Argall, John Robertson, Scott Kohlhaas, Darryl Bonner, and others, who "saved our bacon" in many places around the country; and everyone else I forgot to mention or didn't even know about—you all helped make a dream into reality for Libertarians this year!

But the presidential campaign was only

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An open letter to the membership of the Libertarian Party:

As the person in charge of our fund-raising and membership efforts since the beginning of the year, I would like to thank you for responding so generously to our appeals. We achieved 50-state ballot status this year, the first time since 1980. What an achievement! But that's not all. Membership is at an all-time high and fund raising has exceeded expectations. None of this would have been possible without your commitment to the Libertarian Party and its fight for freedom. So, THANK YOU! And let's keep fighting the good fight until we win!

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"College students are the future of the Libertarian Party," Waldrop said. "If we don't invest in our young people, there won't be any future for the LP. This will be a great opportunity for a national conference of college Libertarians. Besides, no college Libertarian will want to miss the first-ever rock 'n' roll concert at a national LP convention."

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In conjunction with the 1993 LP national convention, Bob Waldrop recently announced "Anti-Federalist Two," a libertarian writing contest. Cash prizes will be awarded and essay winners will be published in conjunction with the convention program.

Essay categories include: 1) Race and Liberty; 2) Earth-Wind-Fire-Water-Planet (environmental issues); 3) Children's story teaching a Libertarian value; 4) Social Security Bankruptcy; 5) Laissez-Faire Health Care; 6) The Libertarian Party; and 7) Strategies for Liberty.

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LP Sticks to Principles

Despite what they consider unfair treatment of their candidate in this year's presidential campaign, the Libertarian Party will stick to its principles and not use government to coerce private organizations, the party's national chair said just prior to the first presidential debate.

Reacting angrily to a report that a Perot supporter in California had called in to San Francisco radio station KGO with the "scoop" that the Libertarian Party would be filing for a court order to force LP candidate Andre Marrou to be included in the presidential debates, LP national chair Mary Gingell said: "People in this country have private property. Even if they get together and are unfair to us, we still aren't going to go out and put a gun to their heads to force them to do what they don't want to do."

Support for the right of private property is a central feature of the LP's platform, which outlines policies intended to maximize individual choice and minimize government control over the lives of its citizens. Libertarians consider all government action to be "at the point of a gun," because it is ultimately backed up by the threat of violence against individuals who don't cooperate.

"We want to be included in the debates. We want the media to cover us. We think it is unfair when we are left out. But using government to force people to be fair is not the way to achieve freedom in our time," said Gingell.

"We are trying to walk a fine line, doing what we can to persuade people to treat us fairly, but still keeping true to our principles. Sometimes we make mistakes, but it doesn't help when we are doing the right thing and people falsely claim that we aren't," she concluded.

Disputes about whether use of government force can be justified as part of a political campaign have arisen from time

to time within the LP. As a result of a question which arose during the 1980 presidential campaign regarding attempts to get television exposure for candidate Ed Clark, the party took an official position on the question of use of the FCC as an instrument of coercion, consistent with the LP's platform position on the FCC itself—which is that it should be abolished and replaced by private ownership of the airwaves.

The party's current policy, adopted by the Libertarian National Committee, is as follows:

The National [Libertarian] Party, its elected and appointed officials acting in its behalf, and candidates nominated by it, shall refrain from invoking or threatening to invoke "the equal time" rule, "reasonable access rule", or any other Federal Communication Commission rule or any coercive instrument to obtain broadcast air time for any party candidate or spokesperson on any privately owned and financed (i.e. non-government) broadcast facility.

Earlier in this election season, some LP members called for party candidates to make use of the federal matching funds program to obtain campaign funds. Some minor parties, such as the New Alliance Party, have made use of these tax dollars to fund their ballot access efforts, but Libertarians view taxes as an example of the coercive use of force—something to be minimized and certainly not to be used to support private or partisan interests.

Although the LP has never issued a formal policy against its candidates' applying for matching funds, no candidate for the Libertarian nomination has ever done so, and the LP this year achieved nationwide (50 states plus DC and Guam) ballot status for the Marrou/Lord ticket entirely with volunteer workers and private donations.

These friends and colleagues, along with legal counsel Bill Hall, were the backbone of my support group for 1992. I've also consulted from time to time with my predecessor, Dave Walter, and I appreciate his helpful advice.

Sharon had the especially hard job of Development Area Manager, responsible for raising the funds necessary for the LP to function well and to increase membership. She was assisted by many fine managers—Karen Allard, Dan Karlan, Ken Prazak, Thea McLean, Sue Walton, and Steve Givot—as well as numerous volunteers who helped with letter writing, editing, developing phone pitches, designing materials, and providing advice based on their fund-raising knowledge and expertise.

Some of those who took on key jobs in the Education Area, headed by Joe Dehn, or in the Organizing Area, led by Steve Dasbach: Gary Johnson, Bill Evers, George O'Brien, Marla Bottemiller, Don Ernsberger, Ron Crickenberger, Toni Black.

Thank you all so much for supporting my key managers and helping them get things done.

National Director Nick Dunbar headed up a great staff at HQ, which provided administrative support to all of us and served as a command post during many crises. LPHQ staff this year included Marc Montoni, Steve Feldman, Stuart Reges,

Election Night Scorecard

The following information is provided by the LP congressional campaign committee:

Presidential Vote Totals:

1980	Ed Clark	920,238
1984	David Bergland	228,314
1988	Ron Paul	431,616

Congressional races where Libertarian candidates could control the outcome:

AL d 2	Glynn Reeves (L)	Terry Everett (R)	George Wallace (D)
AL d 6	Mark Bodenshausen (L)	Spencer Bachus (R)	Ben Erdreich (D)
CA Sen.	Richard Boddie (L)	John Seymour (R)	Dianne Feinstein (D)
CA Sen.	June Genis (L)	B. Herschensohn (R)	Barbara Boxer (D)
CA d 1	Matt Howard (L)	Frank Riggs (R)	Dan Hamburg (D)
CA d 11	Christine Roberts (L)	Richard Pombo (R)	Pat Garamendi (D)
CA d 14	Chuck Olson (L)	Tom Huening (R)	Anna Eshoo (D)
CA d 36	Marc Denny (L)	Joan Flores (R)	Jane Harman (D)
CA d 38	Blake Ashley (L)	Steve Horn (R)	Evan Braude (D)
CA d 49	John Wallner (L)	Judy Jarvis (R)	Lynn Schenk (D)
IL Sen.	Andrew Spiegel (L)	Rick Williamson (R)	Carol Braun (D)
KS d 4	Seth Warren (L)	Dan Glickman (R)	Dick Nichols (D)
MO d 2	Jim Higgins (L)	James Talent (R)	Joan Horn (D)
MO d 6	Dick Reynolds (L)	Tom Coleman (R)	Pat Danner (D)
NY Sen.	Norma Segal (L)	Alfonse D'Amato (R)	Bob Abrams (D)
NC d 11	Ken Day (L)	Charles Taylor (R)	John Stevens (D)
UT Sen.	Maury Modine (L)	Robert Bennett (R)	Wayne Owens (D)
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Gingell Thanks Activists for Incredible Year

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the tip of the iceberg. We fielded over 750 candidates around the country, running for every office from Justice of the Peace to U.S. Senate. Many thanks go to all these fine candidates, as well as their campaign staffers, the volunteers who walked precincts, stuffed envelopes, and contributed the money to make it all possible, and the families of all these people, who probably had less time with their mom, dad, or spouse because of that person's work in the LP.

And congratulations, welcome, and good luck to our newest Libertarian legislator, who joined us in September: Donald Roulston from New Hampshire. He joins Cal Warburton and Finlay Rothhaus as the third Libertarian member of the New Hampshire state house.

I also want to thank those people whose hard work made my job as Chair of the party easier, and even enjoyable, over the past year. First and foremost, the Executive Committee, Area Managers, and National Director, who met with me by phone every two weeks as a group, and each spoke separately with me every day or so, to discuss budget problems and other crises, to report on work going on in their management areas, to help plan upcoming projects, to advise me and help me make decisions: Steve Dasbach, Joe Dehn, Bill Redpath, Steve Givot, and Sharon Ayres.

Scott McKenney, John Wilburn, and numerous regular or occasional office volunteers, along with computer consultant John Famularo. Thank you all for being there, through thick and thin, to handle an ever-increasing workload in less-than-optimal surroundings, as campaign season got ever more hectic.

We are lucky, also, to have Joseph Knight as our primary Field Organizer, along with Tim Starr in the early part of the year, and Brad Klopfenstein this fall. Marti Stoner has begun doing telephone advance work for Joe's and Brad's college campus visits.

And it is a pleasure to be able to work with outside contractors who are also Libertarians, and who understand what we are all about, such as Alexis Thompson (telephone fundraising), Dean Ahmad (800 number transcription services), Dan and Andy Endsley (telephone renewal solicitation), and, of course, Randy Langhenry, editor of the NEWS.

I don't want to leave out our state party officers, who have concentrated on the important work of building our affiliate parties, such as: running fair booths, encouraging state and local candidates, developing local groups, securing "permanent" ballot status, contacting inquiries, building rapport with local media contacts, collecting joint national/state memberships, and recruiting and training their

own replacements—the "new blood" of party leadership.

And of course, thanks to our Liberty Pledgers. You came through, month after month, with the money we needed to continue operating. And, even in this tight recession year, many of you came through with contributions over and above your monthly pledge amounts, especially in answer to our plea for early funds with which to complete ballot drives. Thank you.

Our occasional contributors came through as well, in the early part of the year and later as well, helping us with ballot access, TV advertising, inquiry response, campus outreach and winnable races, at a much higher level than we had initially hoped for. Thank you.

Finally, I'd like to thank each of you, for writing letters to the editor, calling in to talk shows, talking with friends and neighbors, displaying LP bumperstickers, running computer bulletin boards, speaking to high school classes and service clubs, and so on. You reach thousands of people in these ways, and that builds our party.

Again, I apologize if I've left anyone out—that's easy to do at 2 in the morning on deadline day.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to work with you in 1992. It was my pleasure.

Andre Marrou Says Don't Waste Your Vote

By Andre Marrou
1992 LP Presidential Candidate

I believe that Thomas Jefferson's words still ring true in 1992: "That government is best which governs least."

Democrats and Republicans have brought us soaring budgets, tax increases, erosion of our civil liberties, an enormous bureaucracy and interference in the affairs of other nations.

Many government programs have brought counterproductive results. For example, instead of improving the lives of the poor, anti-poverty programs have created generations of welfare families and an expensive welfare bureaucracy.

It's time for a change.

I understand that the best way to create more jobs and increase personal income is to reduce taxes and eliminate burdensome regulations. I support:

- Creating a surplus by cutting government spending;
- Cutting the bureaucracy through attrition;
- Phasing out the income tax;
- Ending business and farm subsidies;
- Having Japan and Germany provide for their own defense;
- Holding polluters fully liable for the damage they cause;

• Holding violent criminals responsible for their actions;

• Letting parents choose the schools their children attend;

• Letting honest, peaceful Americans live their lives without government meddling.

George Bush pledged in 1988: "Read my lips - no new taxes." He lied. Instead, he

raised taxes and has given us the largest deficits in history.

Bill Clinton claims to be the candidate of "change". But his party has controlled Congress for decades, and is largely responsible for the financial mess our country is in.

There is an old saying: "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get

what you've always got." Don't waste your vote this November.

Vote for Libertarians Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord to demonstrate that you are fed up with the taxes, spending, deficits and bureaucracy imposed upon us by the Democrats and the Republicans.

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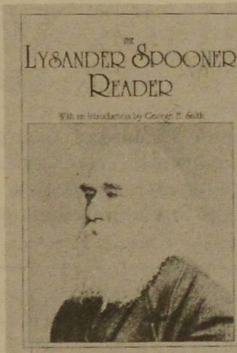
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Why I Am Not a Republican

By George L. O'Brien
Internal Education Director

I am proud to be a Libertarian.

While watching the Republican national convention, I was reminded repeatedly as to why I am a Libertarian rather than a Republican or Democrat.

Realistically, it would be impossible for me to identify with the national Democratic Party. Even its "moderate wing" favors more government spending, more regulations, more trade quotas, more controls, and higher taxes. They turn legitimate concerns about the environment as a justification for huge new bureaucracies and see nothing wrong with the current tort system or business taxes. In short, the prescriptions for the economy offered by the Clinton/Gore ticket keep looking like more of the same statist nonsense that has caused our current economic malaise.

However, the fact that I reject the big government programs of the Democrats does not mean I can accept the Republican Party. If anything, the events in Houston alienated me from the Republican Party even more than before.

As a libertarian, I could never in good conscience be associated with a party whose vice president attacks gays as being immoral and whose leadership continues to pander to all kinds of bigotry. I could never support a party which boos Gov. Weld of Massachusetts when he announces that he is "pro-choice."

I was absolutely disgusted by the speeches of Pat Buchanan, Pat Robertson, and Jerry Falwell. Buchanan in particular made it clear that he believes that the country is in the midst of religious and "cultural" war against gays and lesbians, women who feel they must choose an abortion, non-Christians, people with AIDS, immigrants (if they do not look and sound just like him), and straight couples who are not married. What is worse, the bitter intolerance of the "Religious Right" has been institutionalized in the Republican national platform.

Perhaps it is too much to ask that the Republican Party actually consider issues such as legalization of drugs and ending all attempts to censor erotic materials. But the attacks on gays, the rigid anti-abortion positions, the calls for a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, these were not "necessary," yet the Bush administration did nothing to prevent such statements from being put into the platform. I for one am not "reassured" by the claim that they "don't really mean it."

However, my dissatisfaction with Republicans does not stop there. I became increasingly annoyed by the Republican claims that the reason the Soviet Union fell was because of the Republican arms buildup in the early 1980s. What really happened was that the Soviet economy fell apart due to statist economics and its own military spending which was quite high even during the Ford and Carter administrations when U.S. spending grew less quickly. I am not convinced that the Reagan buildup had more than an incidental impact on the events in the Soviet Union.

If the military buildup of the early 1980s was not necessary or at best overdone, then the fact that the Republicans traded off accepting Democrats' domestic spending to gain support for more military spending was a major mistake. However, Republicans are not permitted to even consider that possibility.

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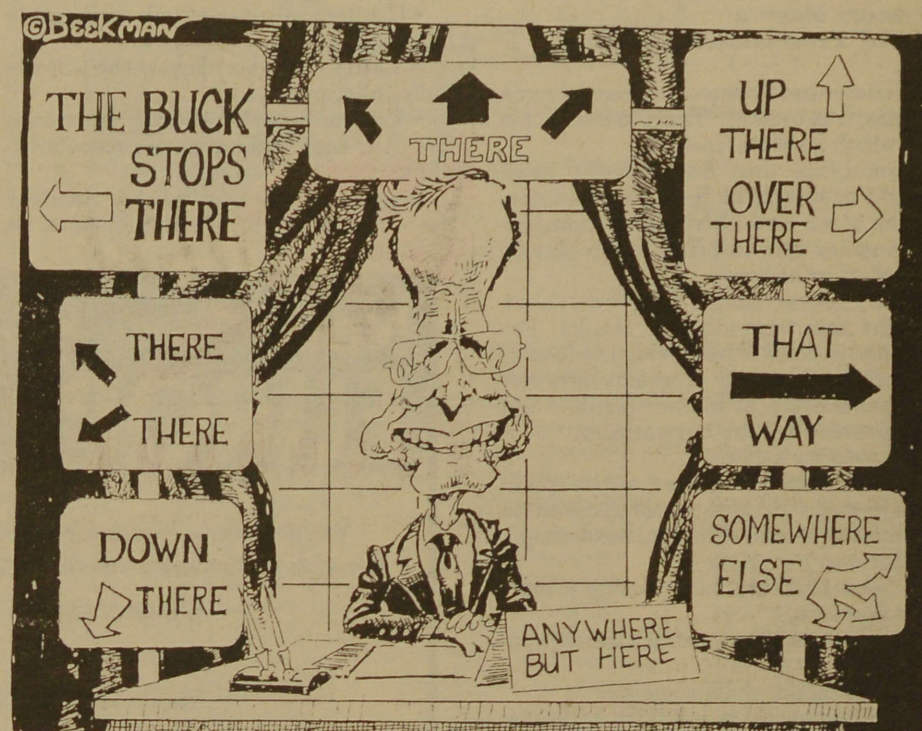
The Republicans consider the last four years to be an unqualified foreign policy success. I am not so sure. Panama now has more drugs running through it than before and has an extremely corrupt administration where the police are all former members of the Noriega national guard. Iraq was being sold military hardware right up to the invasion, the retaliation left Saddam still in power so he could attack his minorities, and U.S. policy prevents Iraq from selling oil which was supposedly the whole point of the invasion. The U.S. was slow in supporting Yeltsin, was slow in supporting the secession of the Baltic states, and has continued to give foreign aid to governments rather than focus investment of private individuals. The U.S. resistance to the partition of Yugoslavia served as a prop to the Serbian thugs for many months.

All of this would be enough for me to refuse to associate with the Republican Party. What is especially disconcerting is the discovery that the Bush administration is not really interested in promoting free market economics. Instead of articulating a program of serious deregulation, privatization, and a removal of major areas of government spending, Bush has spent the last four years sending to Congress trivial proposals and then making only halfhearted attempts to get them passed. He then uses this failure as an excuse to blame the Democratic Congress rather than admit that he really ignored domestic policy and the economy for four years.

Except for the capital gains tax, it is unlikely that most Americans have any idea what Bush really wants to do, if anything. However, even with this proposal, he has failed to explain what difference it would make.

In his acceptance speech, Bush apologized for the "budget deal" which led to a massive increase in taxes. What he did not explain was what led him to imagine that Congress would do anything other than spend even more. Furthermore, Bush never explained why he continued to defend the budget deal for the next two years.

Bush never apologized for the fact that new regulations expanded dramatically under his watch (the Federal Register has averaged 650,000 pages per year). Bush never apologized for the misregulation of the banks and S&Ls, for the increasingly predatory tactics of the IRS, or for his failure to even once offer Congress a pro-



posed balanced budget.

Bush never apologized for not telling the American people that federal spending has increased by 40 percent since 1988. Bush never apologized for failing to veto more of the spending bills or for passing what he called at the time a "quota bill." Bush says that he wants a line item veto. While this might be helpful, he never once described what he intends to use it on. In Bush's entire acceptance speech, he never once mentioned a single program he actually intended to cut, let alone eliminate.

Bush never discussed the role of special interest contributions to incumbents as why Congress always wants to expand government so as to have more favors to hand out. Bush never described the role of his own appointed agency heads lobbying and testifying before Congress as to why their department budgets need to be increased. Bush never once explained why he gutted the Office of Management and Budget whose job it is to provide balance to the endless witnesses at hearings favoring

more government.

Bush talked about changing his Cabinet, yet has never once discussed firing Darman and Brady whose compliance with Congress makes them virtual accessories to the fiscal disaster of the last four years. In fact, Bush fired the few free market oriented people who had remained from the Reagan administration and completely isolated Jack Kemp from any general policy role.

Whining about Congress is not a substitute for a truly free market economic policy. Capitulating to virtually everything the Democrats pushed for is not really reassuring for a candidate whose defenders' main argument is "well, he is better than the other guy."

While I would never dream of voting for slick Willie Clinton, I am really glad I do not have to defend George Bush, Dan Quayle, and the Republican platform.

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Marrou/Lord Campaign 10-Point Plan

- Repeal the Personal Income Tax and abolish the IRS.
- Expand free enterprise: more jobs, greater economic growth.
- Restore gun ownership rights: trust people, beware government.
- Limit congressional terms: citizen statesmen, not professional politicians.
- Bring our troops back home to defend the U.S.
- Enact the Fully Informed Jury Amendment: try laws and defendants.
- End all tax-financed subsidies, including those for harmful drugs.
- Stop hiring federal employees: let attrition cut bureaucracy.
- Cease foreign aid: stop penalizing our workers.
- Privatize education, charitize welfare, allow choice in all matters.

Welfare, Education, Health Care, and More

Edited by Dave Walter

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty). Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

ISSUE: EFFICACY OF GOVERNMENT

Voters need to learn that government, as a planner of the future, is not very good. Libertarians have tried to tell them that for years. Here's a non-libertarian voice who agrees.

"American government is failing at such fundamental tasks as providing streets free of gunfire and schools with high standards, and yet at this moment, when government's reputation is deservedly rotten, Clinton's platform says that it is competent to plan the future. National planning, an exercise that is part prophecy and part nanny-knows-best, illustrates this law of institutional behavior: Government's goals become more grandiose as government becomes less able to master mundane tasks. Count on it: When government promises, say, a Great Society, roads and bridges and schools are going to get worse.

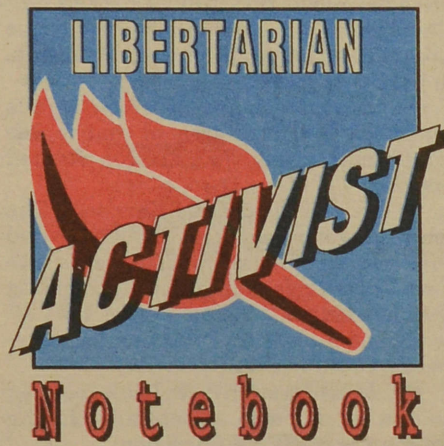
George Will, columnist, in Newsweek.
Submitted by reader Gordon Hancock, Texas.

ISSUE: FAIR TRADE

Big business is happy to run to the Commerce Department and try to get higher import duties on imported goods that compete with American-produced goods. When Commerce imposes the duties, as it does in almost every case, all consumers suffer while some employers and employees win protection of obsolete or inefficient practices. While some claim that "anti-dumping" laws ensure a "level playing field," the methods used actually discriminate against foreigners who satisfy American consumers.

Business writer, David Hage, says that "the Commerce Department can find a foreign company guilty of dumping if its prices in the United States are so low that it fails to earn an eight percent profit. And yet the average American manufacturer earns just four or five percent profits. Last May, Commerce ruled that Toyota and Mazda were dumping minivans in America—even though their vehicles cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 more than comparable American minivans. If Commerce's calculations are to be believed, Mazda lost money on 90 percent of minivans it sold at home and on every van it sold in America for almost four years."

Concludes Hage, "Meanwhile, Bush and his Beltway colleagues keep spouting free trade rhetoric to the public while quietly



whispering protectionist assurances to U.S. business."

Hage's article in U.S. News & World Report, Aug. 17, 1992.

Submitted by reader Janet Bivins, New York.

ISSUE: THE WAR ON DRUGS

"The social costs of the War on Drugs extend far beyond the injuries drug addicts inflict on themselves. The costs also are borne by millions of people caught in the web of the criminal justice system and victimized by the rising neighborhood violence. Progress in the War on Drugs can be attained only if the nation's efforts shift away from a law enforcement, trafficking-oriented strategy toward a demand-oriented strategy. An important step toward this goal would be comprehensive decriminalization of drugs on the federal level..."

Sam Staley, president of the Urban Policy Research Institute and university economics professor.

Submitted by Diane Carol Bast, Heartland Institute, Illinois.

ISSUE: EDUCATION AND WELFARE

The views of black Americans don't differ all that much from those of other Americans despite what the media's "black leaders" claim. A liberal study group, the Joint Center for Political Studies, recently released a poll which attracted the attention of Clint Bolick, litigation director at the Institute for Justice. Bolick writes, "Education is the number one election issue for black Americans, the survey found, and 75 percent support a 'back to basics' direction. In sharp contrast to politicians and establishment civil rights leaders, an amazing 88 percent support a 'voucher' system that would allow parents to choose the schools their children attend. Like many other Americans, most blacks are skeptical about current welfare policies. Some 57 percent believe government should not increase aid when single mothers have more children, and 75 percent think such a policy change would encourage single women to have fewer children."

Clint Bolick's op-ed article in the Wall Street Journal, Aug. 5, 1992.

"Rep. Darryl Reaves, a 31-year-old Democrat who represents a poor, inner-city section of Miami, offers some compel-

ling support (for a school choice bill). In an interview, he says: 'For so long I've been locked into this thinking process—that because I'm an African-American, and a Democrat, I'm supposed to think a certain way, be committed to purely public schools, and not look at other avenues. The cry has been 'more money, more money, more money,' but after more dollars were spent, test scores did not improve. Suddenly, when I discovered the 'choice' concept, I knew I had to support it.' Mr. Reaves says that 'the rank-and-file schoolteachers in my district—actual teachers as opposed to the union structure—agree with my support of school choice. A good number of them send their children to private schools.'"

Melanie S. Tammen, Florida journalist and adjunct scholar of Cato Institute, op-ed article in the Wall Street Journal, Aug. 6, 1992.

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"The recessionary economic climate last year didn't dampen American's philanthropic instincts. According to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, donations to non-profit organizations jumped by 6.21 percent, to \$124.77 billion. That's the biggest percent of gross domestic product (2.2 percent) since the AAFRC began keeping tabs on total giving in 1959."

"Economics Trends" page in Business Week, July 6, 1992.

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The recent annual report of the Census Bureau claimed that some 30 million Americans are living in poverty. This is shocking, but the Census report is flawed, and far overstates the problem. Robert Rector, a policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation, has itemized some of the flaws:

"For example, in 1989, 40 percent of all households identified as poor by the Census Bureau owned their own homes. The average home owned by a 'poor' person is a three bedroom house with a garage and a porch or a patio. According to figures released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Census Bureau, one million 'poor' people own homes valued at more than \$80,000 and 75,000 of the 'poor' own homes valued at more than \$300,000. The average American poor person has twice as much living space as the average Japanese citizen and four times as much as the average Russian. The overwhelming majority of homes and apartments of the poor are in good condition. Most 'poor' Americans today are better housed, better fed, and own more personal property than average Americans throughout most of the 20th century. Adjusting for inflation, per-capita expenditures of the lowest-income one-fifth of the U.S. households in 1990 exceeded the per-capita income of the median American household in 1960."

Rector's op-ed article in the Wall Street Journal, Sept. 3, 1992.

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In a letter to the editor of Business Week, commenting on the new Americans with Disabilities Act, Michael J. Dugan, president and CEO of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, said, "People with disabilities don't want a handout; they want respect."

Business Week, Oct. 5, 1992.

ISSUE: SELF-HELP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Every time we hear calls (demands, actually) for government to help groups to improve their situations in life, we recall how millions of immigrants did it without government help in the 19th century. Many a doctor and lawyer today had great-grandparents who picked rags in Hell's Kitchen or broke sod on the prairie. But we are told that "things are different today." Are they? In the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots, it came out how penniless Korean refugees managed to end up owning a substantial number of businesses.

According to Insight magazine, "... in the early 1970s when the first mass influx of Koreans to the U.S. occurred, many Koreans started businesses without the help of banks. They operated an informal system of rotating credit called the kye (pronounced 'keh') system. Typically, early immigrants worked in manual labor jobs to earn enough money to join a kye club. Once in the club, they would pool their resources and give their proceeds to one member of the group to start a business. The process was repeated until each member of the club had a business. Such a system is not exclusive to Koreans, says Ivan Light, a professor of sociology at UCLA. ... Rotating credit is a Third World savings and credit technique, widely found throughout the world, including Africa. I believe it is a significant factor in Korean success, and I see no reason why the black community couldn't do something similar."

Unfortunately, some black leaders would rather perpetuate the myth that blacks can't cut the mustard like other immigrants. Rev. Leonard Jackson, influential pastor of L.A.'s First A.M.E. Church, would rather whine: "We can't do that because first of all, African-Americans did not come to this country voluntarily. We're talking about over 200 years of depression. We don't have savings in South Central."

Insight, Sept. 7, 1992.

ISSUE: NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

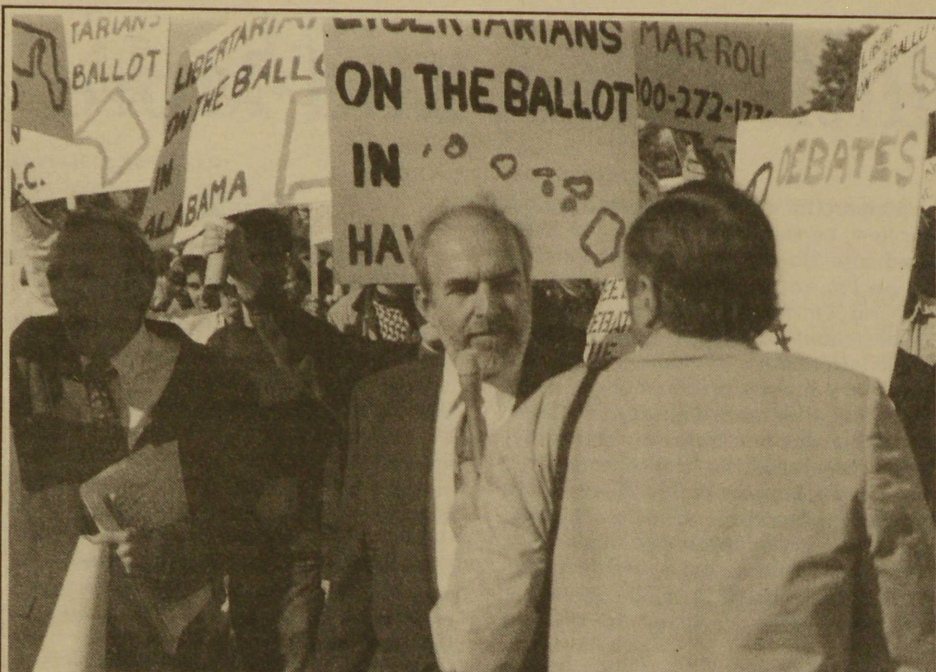
Some would have us believe the answer to ever-rising health care costs is to impose national health care, based on the Canadian model.

"But perhaps the best spokesperson for the virtues of Canadian medicine is Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa. As reported in Maclean's, Mr. Bourassa learned in August 1990 that he had a potentially fatal skin cancer. Did he thereupon dutifully join the queue for treatment in Canada's universal health care system? Did he take advantage of the technological promises of this medical Miracle of the North? No, he chartered a plane and flew to the United States, where his cancer was promptly cured."

Kevin Hopkins, senior fellow and former director of health care research at Hudson Institute, in Business Week.

Submitted by Dr. M. V. Simpson, Massachusetts.

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Andre Marrou, center, LP presidential candidate, speaks to a media representative at a rally in St. Louis on Oct. 11, 1992. Over 200 Libertarians and other concerned citizens demonstrated against the exclusion of Marrou from the presidential debates. Demonstrations were also held at the other debate sites.

Libertarians in Action

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were going to be down there demanding his hotel room, they finally backed off," Carr said. The incident received front page coverage, including a color photo of Marrou, in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

On television, a spokesperson for the Bush/Quayle campaign said that it was totally outrageous that Marrou wanted his room.

"It was almost surreal," Carr said. The television report said one Republican had been put out of his room. "They blow into town three days beforehand demanding that he [Marrou], being a man that already had a hotel confirmation for many weeks, be thrown out."

The demonstration in St. Louis received quite a bit of media attention, including coverage on C-SPAN television.

"Overall, it went very well," Carr said. "We had 52 signs representing the 50 states and DC and Guam where Marrou is on the ballot."

Along with Carr, Jim Morrison, St. Louis LP city chair, and Dave Holden were the two main coordinators of the St. Louis rally.

On the day after the first presidential debate, and after the demonstration in St. Louis, Marrou was a guest on "The Larry King Show" on CNN television. During his portion of the show, Marrou was asked why he was not invited to the debates. "That's a good question," Marrou said. "We met all of the debate commission's objective criteria. I have just as much chance to win as Ross Perot."

During the television show, the LP toll-free telephone number was given out several times. By the following morning, large numbers of calls requesting more information were coming in to the LP.

The following day, Marrou appeared on the "Good Morning America" television show on ABC, and Nancy Lord was again interviewed on CNN television.

During the vice-presidential debate in Atlanta, about 200 Libertarians again staged a rally near the debate site, according to Georgia state chair Jim Hudson.

Coordinated by Michael Tanner and Ron Crickenberger, the rally drew sup-

porters not only from Georgia, but also nearby states—Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, and even Illinois and Indiana.

Lord and other candidates, including Hudson, who is running for U.S. Senate, and South Carolina U.S. House candidate Jo Jorgensen, spoke to the gathering, and *The Atlanta Constitution* carried a story the following day about the rally and Lord.

Rallies were also planned for Virginia and Michigan during the additional two presidential debates.

Libertarians also worked to get the national media to recognize the presidential campaign as a four-way race, rather than the three-way race the national television networks continued to report.

Libertarians flooded the major television networks with calls demanding that the networks quit referring to just three nationwide presidential candidates, and include a mention of Marrou. So many calls were placed that one LP activist reported that when he asked for the news department at one network, operators asked if the call was about the LP.

With all the barriers put up against the Libertarian message, Americans called in to the party's telephone information line in large numbers requesting material about the LP and the Marrou/Lord campaign. National LP television advertising was clearly successful, as a new number which was listed only on those ads received many thousands of calls. New membership forms have been arriving at the national headquarters in large numbers, and the national party membership level continues to climb to new levels daily. Since the beginning of the year, membership in the national LP has grown by over 14 percent.



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The following is a list of additions and/or corrections to the list of LP candidates that appeared in the October NEWS.

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Beckman, Ted State House d 18

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Dundas, Bill Freeholder, Sussex Co.
Zarzycki, David Freeholder, Gloucester Co.

New Mexico

Nagel, Ed U.S. House d 3
Bolton, Illa State Senate d 4
Csanyi, Attila State Senate d 11

New York

Friedman, Douglas State House d 45

Ohio

Osborn, Russ State House d 6

Pennsylvania

Clymer, James State Auditor General

South Carolina

Quillian, Richard State Senate d 33
Amendola, Drew State House d 114

Tennessee

Meredith, Christopher T. State House d 83 (write-in)

New Hampshire

Zebuhr, William State Senate d 13
Loffler, Paul State Senate d 19
Vitale, John State House d 4, Rockingham
Gorman, Don State House d 8, Rockingham
Warburton, Calvin State House d 10, Rockingham
Norris, Dana State House d 12, Rockingham
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Watts, Mary State House d 13, Rockingham
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Benson, Dave State House d 26, Rockingham
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Currie Jr., Douglas State House d 29, Rockingham
Wallack, James State House d 29, Rockingham
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Washington

Shepard, Richard State Senate d 27

Protest in IN

By Jane Bostwick

Chanting "Let Dillon Speak" and "League of Women Censors," a group of 20-25 libertarians picketed WFYI-TV, the Indianapolis Public Broadcasting affiliate, over the exclusion of U.S. Senate candidate Stephen Dillon from a senatorial debate broadcast at the station.

The debate was sponsored by the League of Women Voters, who excluded Dillon because the LP received less than 10 percent of the vote cast in the state for secretary of state in the 1990 election, said Nadine Dillon, wife of the candidate. League of Women Voters representatives were unavailable for comment.

Alvin Anders, Dillon's ballot access coordinator, said the campaign had received letters from incumbent Republican Sen. Dan Coats and his challenger, Secretary of State Joseph Hogsett, saying they did not object to Dillon's participation.

Indianapolis attorney Dillon gained ballot access as a write-in candidate in the 1990 senatorial race. In 1988, he brought suit against the state election board, citing the combination of Indiana's ban on write-in votes and its 40,000 (2 percent of the vote cast in the last election) petition signatures requirement. Federal judge Sarah Evans Bakers ruled the write-in ban unconstitutional in July 1990.

Among the protesters was Jon Padfield of Kokomo, LP candidate for state representative in district 8. Padfield is running against Democrat Earl Howard, who ran unopposed his last three terms in this heavily unionized city.

"The newspapers are starting to take us seriously," said Padfield. "We've been invited to several candidate forums—everything from the firefighters' organization to the National Association of Social Workers."

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Letters: Petitioning, Education, Lots More

Petitioning Experiences

As one of the ballot access petitioners who has been traveling the country over the past 16 months collecting signatures to put the LP on the ballot in all 50 states in 1992, I feel it is time to take a step back, reflect upon things, and express my gratitude to all those Libertarians who helped make this task an easier and more bearable one. This includes the lodging, transportation, technical assistance, meals, entertainment, and moral support of hosts in those states where petitioning was required.

A petitioner has to spend weeks and months on end away from home, apart from close relationships and any semblance of a normal life. A petitioner further has to contend with the uncertainty of finding locations, face the elements of the weather, and the arrogance of undisposed voters and the hostility of aggressive government officials.

Deep appreciation goes out to those folks in Wyoming, Nebraska, Indiana, Connecticut, Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Virginia, New York, Wisconsin, West Virginia, DC, and Florida.

But the individual to whom I'm most indebted is Howard McConnell of Miami, whose compassion and assistance towards me cannot be measured. It was in Miami last December that I faced my greatest ordeal as a petitioner: I was arrested and brutalized by the police simply for collecting signatures at a post office (where I presumably had a court-upheld right to circulate). Then, on top of that, I spent eight days in captivity, followed by a host of felony and misdemeanor charges that literally intimidated me into taking a plea

offer that involved a year of probation that has severely impaired my livelihood. Not many people would post their own money for the bond of someone they had hardly met, but Howard McConnell did, and I don't know how to begin to express my thanks. I hope this forum, however, is a meager start.

Gary L. Fincher
Lewiston, ME

(temporarily serving probation in Birmingham, AL)

Anti-Statism

Bravo to Steven A. Rosile (Sept. 1992 NEWS) who pointed out the serious public relations damage being done by those Libertarians who ignorantly portray the LP as anti-statist.

The LP will achieve much more political progress by persuading fellow citizens that the LP advocates a strong, but not large government that has the capacity to successfully protect all the individual rights of every citizen. This country needs a strong, but not expensive government that can successfully resist the political pressure of the special interest groups. We require a strong, but not intrusive government that successfully provides a credible deterrent to those who would conspire to rob us of our lives, liberty, and property.

The LP must start playing the game to win, and to do this we must use persuasive techniques to mass market the LP in positive terms of what we do want, not in negative terms of what we do not want. Anti-statism turns most people off, hurts the LP's

legitimacy, and creates even more opponents to liberty.

I do not suggest that we water down the principles of libertarianism, but I do suggest that we dispense with all the self-righteous chest beating. Instead, I propose that we all learn to improve our communication skills so that we can express the LP's solutions to the problems facing this country in the least objectionable way. Being sensitive to the feelings of our fellow citizens is the only way that the LP can attract more new members.

Martin G. April
Mystic, CT

Post Cards

How about a post card version of the World's Smallest Political Quiz to mail to as many influential people as possible (e.g., local newspaper editors and reporters, major media personalities, politicians, college professors, etc.).

We could bombard them all. Post cards are only 19 cents, and if several of us get together we can purchase a bulk mail permit that would lower the cost even more. What do you think?

I also think it would be a good idea to include a few words about Professor Ken Janda of Northwestern University, author of the most popular Political Science 101 college textbook in America, now including the diamond chart in his book. This lends credibility (at least among the academic crowd).

Hal Dunn
Tampa, FL

Voting

A major problem Libertarian candidates face is the "horserace" mentality of voters. It must be explained to voters that their vote sends a specific message to candidates. When a vote is cast for the entrenched old parties, the message is I APPROVE! I approve of the waste and fraud in Washington. I approve of the way you are handling the economy. I approve of the tactics of the IRS, and the actions of the CIA. KEEP DOING IT. I approve of our domestic policy. Continue raising my taxes. NEVER CEASE. I am in favor of the inequities of the criminal justice system. Keep taking away my rights. I have no objection to your voting yourselves huge pay raises. YOU HAVE MY CONSENT. Keep using our own money to bribe us. I'm giving you permission. And I want the same thing for my children. I approve of the quality of education my children are getting in public schools. Give me more Watergates, more Iran/Contra affairs, more banking scandals. Continue subsidizing the tobacco industry. I approve and I'LL CONTINUE VOTING FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

That's exactly what your vote says!

Phyllis Avery
Oceanside, CA

Registered Libertarians

The Kansas secretary of state issued his county-by-county voter registration list in July.

That list indicated a Pottawatomie County registration of 8,923. This is one of five counties in the first senatorial district where I am running so I was interested in seeking out the registered Libertarians living there.

What was remarkable about the list was Pottawatomie County counted 51 Libertarians, while the other four counties (each

smaller by 20-40 percent) had only 5, 8, 9 and 0.

The Pottawatomie County clerk explained to me that last year they had canvassed the entire county by mailing out new registration forms. The project was necessitated by the installation of a 911 telephone system which required the assignment of rural addresses, hence the inquiry.

I believe this is very good news for Libertarians. I think it means that if everyone in the state had to re-register, a lot of them would do as our friends in Pottawatomie County did and come over.

They are out there, they need only be nudged to re-register correctly.

Go nudge 'em!

Douglas N. Merritt
Atchison, KS

Jobs Program?

I learned recently that "working for the government" is Los Angeles gangsta slang for "selling drugs." I was impressed at this insight into what is really the government's biggest jobs program.

What about the risk of arrest? Drug dealers know that if cops "do it by the book," i.e., observe the proper constitutional restraints, then the only way to get caught is by making a mistake.

The problem is the "dirty" cops. Not that they often arrest people who are innocent, exactly. But some individual officers will lie, entrap, and plant drugs on people just to get that arrest. They "know" that so-and-so is a dealer, so why not, they rationalize, bend the rules a little and put him away, even if they can't actually catch him at it.

Gangbangers don't seem to resent it when good cops just do their jobs. The truth is, there really are some violent crazies around that need to be taken off the street. Besides, somebody has to keep the black market price of dope from sinking to far!

Libertarians, of course, are suspicious of all government jobs schemes, even one so successful as this.

Neal Donner
Los Angeles, CA

Libertarian Republicans

In an article (Oct. 1992 NEWS) you dismissed the idea of Libertarians competing for election as Republicans on the basis of a particular Libertarian who did so and received only 16 percent of the vote in a primary. To draw a conclusion from one observation is at best casual empiricism.

Through this year's primaries, the Liberty Republican Caucus batting average has been 50 percent in races in which the Libertarian Republican is the challenger, and 100 percent in which the Libertarian Republican is the incumbent . . .

The complete list of Libertarian Republican candidates who participated in this year's primaries, many of them members or past members of the LP, is too long to list in this letter. Suffice it to say, many, including four state legislators who ran for nomination for U.S. Congress or Senate, were unsuccessful, yet a greater number won . . .

The same factors that have propelled the LP to all-time highs in membership, candidates, media coverage, and to 50-state ballot status, are at work within the Republican Party. Economic stagnation, failed leadership, and political corruption are causing more and more people to seek an alternative.

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A State Chair Writes:

I am writing to share an idea with Libertarian candidates for this and future elections.

Anyone who has tried to explain, in 50 words or less, why we are all better off without an EPA, SEC, or any other three-letter agency, will appreciate this idea. I have found that this sells well to people **across the political spectrum**, from left to right, centrist to libertarian, and is understood quickly.

The basic idea is to promote and campaign on the basis that Libertarian candidates will put forth a bill, which I call the Separation of Powers Bill. This bill would be created in order to strip the three letter agencies of two out of three of their powers, i.e., the executive, legislative, and judicial powers which **all** of these agencies possess, in direct contradiction to the U.S. Constitution.

For most people, one of the few things they can remember from their high school civics class is that our government has checks and balances, and that it is made up of three branches, the executive, the legislative, and the judicial branches. They also remember that it was set up that way deliberately by the Founders, and that this is one of the great strengths of our political system. They **already** know this!

What they have never considered is that virtually **every** bureaucracy ever created in this country violates that principle. When I tell people that I would return our government to its intended constitutional format, and rid them of two-thirds of the bureaucracy in the process, without having to eliminate even **one** agency, boy do their eyes light up! No one has ever given them a pat re-

sponse for this argument. In fact, their training tends to reinforce the belief that this is a necessary step. Instead of spending hours trying to convince someone of the necessity to rid themselves of even one bureaucratic agency (and often failing miserably), I can convince them in less than five minutes to get rid of two-thirds of the bureaucracy in one fell swoop!

Concrete examples are simple. I ask, "Should the IRS be able to make rules, execute the enforcement of the rules, and then judge the justice of the rules in their **own** tax court?" Or I ask, "Have you ever heard of anyone getting a **jury trial** in a dispute with a government agency, such as the EPA?" Arguments like these have not really been made since the 1930s, and most people have never given them any thought. The consequence is that instead of giving a programmed response, people have to actually think for themselves, and they usually do pretty well.

I'd like to see **all** of our candidates for office adopt this approach, perhaps we could even place it in our platform. It would also be helpful if someone could do the necessary research and figure out how much tax money could be saved if we were to down-size the federal bureaucracy by two-thirds!

The only flaw in this idea that anyone has yet offered is that the republic-rats would likely offer three EPAs instead of just one! Still I would welcome the comparison: we would be offering to reduce the government bureaucracy by two-thirds, could they propose to **triple it**?!

Mike Pierone
New Jersey LP State Chair

More Letters: Educational Choice, Feminism

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We know Libertarianism to be the alternative. As Don Ernsberger has put it, "Liberty works, and Liberty is right." Politically, it is increasingly the case also that "Liberty wins."

Clifford F. Thies
Baltimore, MD

Revise the Platform

The LP platform should not state basic libertarian principles but only talk about the next step. The LP platform should state goals like tuition tax credits, replace the IRS and income tax with a national sales tax, treat drugs like tobacco and alcohol—get it off the streets and behind the store counters (control them and tax them!), remove all federal laws on ownership of weaponry, etc. To talk about elimination of all government schools, no taxation, complete legalization of street drugs, elimination of all arms control laws, is just too much for the frightened, average, American voter.

But I'll tell you a secret: Once we get even close to a constitutional republic, further efforts of the LP to minimize government will only draw yawns of disinterest. We will all be having too much fun enjoying our lives, our liberties, and our pursuits of happiness!

George Meyers
Des Plaines, IL

Choice in Education

Although the public school system has had years to prove itself a worthy institution, government schools today compare poorly to non-government schools. While educational choice should be a fundamental right for all parents, the poor and the working class are trapped in physically dangerous schools and deteriorating educational programs. Past reform efforts and extra tax burdens have not helped.

Alternative schools, whether government or non-government, empower parents to walk away from bad schools, thus compelling the schools to improve or lose their support. Competition restores the notion of "consumer sovereignty." And choice enables parents to seek academic excellence for their children. Empowered parents are more active participants of the school system, protecting their children from curricula and textbooks that are not consistent with their own ethical beliefs and values. These are the family values which parents have least control of when they are forced to remain within the failing public school system because of economic limitations.

By the time my children come of age, I pray that I am empowered with educational alternatives. That's why I decided to start working for it now by supporting both Andre Marrou, the LP presidential candidate, and my husband Gordon Mobley, LP candidate for state board of education in district 13 in Texas.

If you want lower taxes and a better educational system, it's time you took a stand, too.

Shirley Mobley
Dallas, TX

Freedom Is Freedom

Ms. Margaret Kemner's position (Aug. 1992 NEWS) that it is a waste of money to advertise in pornographic magazines is interesting to note. Does she infer that she does not want to swell the ranks of the Libertarian Party from the readers of such "filth and dirt" because they are not philosophically pure as anti-porn feminists such as herself? Is it possible that she

misunderstands the Libertarian position on feminism? (Says she, "Pornography is not on it!") The LP does indeed have a special affinity to the feminist agenda—if the feminist agenda is as claimed—to allow women to be autonomous.

The Libertarian position is that women (and men) are free to do or be anything they want, provided they don't violate another's rights through force, the threat of force, fraud, or coercion. For me, a woman, this includes

the right to be a sex object if I choose. Pornography is no more a violator of women's rights and dignity (as many feminists claim) than most religious material (such as the Bible, which commands women to be the subservient, silent chattel of men). Perhaps adult material may be tasteless, vulgar, and offensive to some, but people who read it have the same rights as those who wish to read Ms. magazine.

If Ms. Kemner finds it offensive that the LP

pander to the readers of such "seedy tastelessness" by trying to lure them into the only political party that purports to support their right to read pornography, I can only shake my head and think perhaps she is not a libertarian after all!

Freedom is freedom, and no true Libertarian should judge who is more important to the growth of the LP.

Norma Jean Almodovar
Los Angeles, CA

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Dave, the Media, and Plenty of Poll-ution

By Dave Barry

As the nation enters the "home stretch" of the 1992 election race, it's time to address the question of whether we in the news media are doing an accurate, fair, and responsible job of covering the bozos running for president.

I would have to say, in all objectivity, that we are. Oh, I realize that there are some critics who believe that we in the media are a bunch of childish, irresponsible snots with zero attention spans and no interest in real issues. Well, let me tell you something, Mr. Media Critic: Your fly is unzipped. Ha ha! Made you look!

Seriously, I'm sick and tired of this media-bashing. I happen to be darned proud of the job that we journalists do, sometimes under very difficult circumstances. I'll give you an example from the Republican convention:

It was the night that George Bush was to give his speech accepting the nomination, and all of us in the media knew that unless he gave the Speech of His Life, his candidacy was doomed. We had learned this the same way we learn everything, namely by conducting a scientific poll of 549 people.

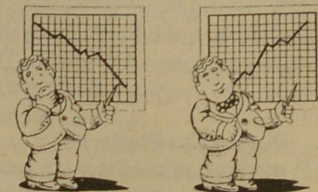
Perhaps you are saying: "Wait a minute. You can't get any kind of meaningful information by polling only 549 people."

Oh yes we can. Because this is a SCIENTIFIC poll. These are not just any old 549 people. These are, by scientific measurement, the 549 stupidest people in America who can still answer a telephone. We in the news media get all our major facts from them. That's why, as the presidential race has developed over the past two years, we've been able to inform you, with complete confidence, that: 1) George Bush was unbeatable; 2) Bill Clinton was doomed; 3) Ross Perot had a very serious chance; 4) George Bush was doomed; 5) Bill Clinton was unbeatable; and 6) Ross Perot never had a chance. You do not obtain information of this consistency without the aid of science.

So anyway, when the Republican convention was held, our polls showed that George Bush was scientifically doomed, and his only hope was to give the Speech of His Life. Everybody in the media was saying this. A gang of leading pundits roamed the convention press center, and if they found a journalist who had failed to use the words "the Speech of His Life" in a news report, they'd knock this offender down, and Jack Germond would sit on him while David Broder yanked off his press credentials in a painful manner.

I was with a group of journalists who had decided to cover the president's speech from a Houston establishment named, but rarely called, Richard Heads' Restaurant and Bar. Our idea was that we'd find ordinary voters there, and we could gauge their reaction to the speech, using a battery-powered reaction gauge.

The problem was that this particular night turned out to be Bikers' Night at Richard Heads'. And when I say "bikers," I'm not talking about the health fanatics you see pedaling furiously around on their 10-speeds, wearing what appear to be girdles from space. I'm talking about people who ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles—large, muscular, hairy people who have



individual tattoos larger than my entire body. And those are just the WOMEN.

Fortunately, the bikers were basically friendly, by which I mean they did not pick us up by our small-circumference journalistic necks and use us in a game of Human Wall Darts. But they did not seem at all interested in the president's speech. You could see the president on a ceiling-mounted TV, but you couldn't hear him, because there was a very loud jukebox playing heavy-metal songs by bands with names like Ear Discharge.

We were able, however, to follow the speech, because one of us, Craig, had a cellular phone, which he used to call a friend of his in Washington, DC, who was watching it on TV.

"WHAT'S HE SAYING NOW?" Craig would shout to his friend. Then he'd turn to us and shout: "IT'S SOMETHING ABOUT CAPITAL GAINS. OR MAYBE WAR WITH SPAIN."

Meanwhile, the rest of us, as trained observers, were sharing our observations on the speech. "HE HAS ONLY ONE STRIPE ON HIS TIE," somebody would observe. And somebody else would say: "I THINK HE'S MAKING THE HAND GESTURES OF HIS LIFE."

And thus, using gritty determination and advanced journalism techniques, we were able to overcome major obstacles to "get the story" and report it to the American people, who were unable to watch this vital speech themselves because they had rented "Revenge of the Nerds."

And so, Mr. Media Critic, don't try to tell ME that we're not doing a heck of a job. The U.S. news media corps just so happens to be the finest corps of news media in the entire nation. And that statement is not just my opinion. It's backed up by a scientific poll.

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Quote of the Month

"Perot has been invited to join the presidential debates because he is on the ballot as an official candidate. How then could Bush and Clinton not invite Libertarian Party candidate Andre Marrou who has achieved the same status?"

Alan Bernstein,
Houston Chronicle columnist

Submitted by William Williford
Houston, TX

Got a Quote of the Month?
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Legal Outrage: Use a Feather, Go to Jail

By Randall Grindle

Claire Blotter, a Bolinas artist who crafts feathers found on the beach into dramatic fans and wands, faces two years in prison and a \$2,000 fine after federal agents seized several pieces of her artwork.

The 43-year-old partner in a 10-woman artists' cooperative, who had just received a grant to help protect songbirds, says that her beachcombing for feathers with other nature lovers is done purely out of love for nature and birds.

"I'm not killing birds to get their feathers," Blotter said while anxiously awaiting word on her legal fate for violating a law which she said she did not know existed, and which makes little sense in her case.

The law, which was enacted in 1916, now lists 15 pages of species whose feathers are contraband. The only bird feathers not prohibited are those of pigeons, turkeys, chickens, quail, and the English sparrow.

Special agent Cynthia Struzik said, "you're faced with a situation of when do you prosecute and when don't you prosecute? We'll let Blotter go, and maybe the next person will have more feathers."

Howard Dillon, manager of the community center next to the crafts cooperative, said the community in Bolinas has rallied in support of Blotter. "This is insanity because we're talking about feathers picked up off the beach here. Migratory birds go through here in the millions," he said in a recent article in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Some More Outrages

Sweet Deal

At a time when most commercial property on Chicago's north side rents for \$10 to \$16 a square foot, the owner of a run-down building found someone willing to pay almost \$28 a square foot, reports the October 1992 Reader's Digest. The new tenant? The Social Security Administration. The U.S. General Services Administration says it had an appraisal—done by the GSA—showing the building, rehabbed, will be worth \$29 a square foot. The GSA says the appraisal records are confidential.

Pocket the Change

Federal campaign law allows 30 retiring U.S. House members to pocket almost \$9 million in surplus campaign contributions, as well as reap lucrative congressional pensions that will make most of them millionaires, says the October 1992 Reader's Digest. Rep. Walter B. Jones (D-NC), one of six retiring House members who responded to a survey about their plans for the excess political cash, openly acknowledged that he will pocket the \$298,537 surplus campaign cash as well as the \$71,268 yearly pension.

This is a case for the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) JETs (jury education teams), the justice crusaders who appear at political trials with a rallying cry of "not guilty, because your law sucks." The JETs distribute FIJA brochures to the jurors which encourage them to "hang" or acquit, and to stop the enforcement of such unjust laws.

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Clint Eastwood

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