

ROBERTS ALMOST WINS

News by Lee Nason

Warren Roberts lost his bid for town meeting member by a bare 20 votes. This makes Mr. Roberts first in line to serve in this government post if another town meeting member from his precinct drops out of office for any reason (a very likely event). We'll be getting in the back door, but it appears that Mr. Roberts will be running as an incumbent in the next election.

Some details: Mr. Roberts received 6.1% of the vote. This is the highest percentage received by any libertarian candidate in this state. We spent \$27.00 and about 2½ full man-days in time. This worked out to about 11¢ per vote. We ran on economic issues exclusively. I'm not sure that we can draw any deep conclusions from this race but one thing seems clear: lots of time and money are **not** prerequisites for a campaign.

"KING FOR GOVERNOR AN INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD F. KING"

Interview and Opinion by Stephen A. Fulchino

The Libertarian Party of Massachusetts will face a difficult decision next year: whether to run a candidate for governor or to concentrate on local races. One important factor in that decision will have to be who the traditional parties put up.

Thus, I was sent by our conscientious editor to see Edward F. King, Director of Citizens for limited Taxation - and the potential candidate (Republican) with the most libertarian ties. Many of you will hear him speak at the state convention, but **there** he'll hardly be likely to emphasize the points on which he disagrees with us. In order to give you a better idea of his philosophy, I found myself in downtown Boston at 8:30 a.m. on March 18th with a cassette recorder and Ed King.

First, however, let's look at practical matters. Is King a candidate for governor? "As far as the gubernatorial race is concerned, to be very frank with you, I'm interested." He's interested enough, in fact, to set up a committee to look into the possibilities of raising money and getting delegates to the state convention which all Republicans are planning to have. He's also speaking all across the state.

By early 1978, he and the committee will come to a decision, "depending on the reaction we get on these speaking tours, depending on how much money we think we can raise, depending on the other candidates. For instance, if Elliot Richardson should come bouncing back to Massachusetts, I think we would have to reconsider the equation."

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE CHOSEN

News by Nathan Gurland

The National Convention of the Libertarian Party will be held in San Francisco July 14-17. Delegates and Alternatives from Massachusetts will be elected at the L.P. convention, April 30. In addition one delegate to the National Platform Committee (who must be in San Francisco by July 12) will be elected. All interested members should submit their names to Nathan Curland c/o L.P.M.

Current roundtrip airfare to the West Coast is under \$300 if 60 days notice is given. We are planning to form a charter if enough delegates and other members are interested. Contact Nathan Curland, (617) 332-3184.

liberdates



Liberdates is a regular column appearing in each issue of LIBERTY. If you know of any events of interest to libertarians, contact Lee Nason, 929 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts (864-6497) to have them included in our calendar. Please try to give as much lead time as possible.

21 April - W. MASS. CHAPTER MEETING, meeting will be held at the Y.W.C.A. on Howard Street in Springfield, time 8 p.m. Important meeting, don't miss it. Call Chuck Gilmet at 568-8239 for details.

30 April - MASSCON '77. Fun and games and fights as usual. See advertisement in this issue.

17 May - Ernesto Blanco, a Cuban refugee and a follower of Bastiat, will be speaking at the Newton Community Center. For details contact Warren Roberts at 862-9516.

14-17 July - National Convention '77. Some work and some play. See article in this issue.

PUBLICATION NOTES

The deadline for the next issue is June 1, 1977.

Staff for this issue were: Frances Cobey, Nathan Curland, Stephen Fulchino, Ann Kotell, Stephen Trinward, Guest Editor Chuck Gilmet, and your Managing Editor Lee Nason.

GUEST EDITOR'S NOTE: As all material submitted to me was in rough form and not set, I took the liberty as editor and layout artist to change the type size and format of this issue. I did this to get the 16 pages of type into 8 pages.

If you like the job I did **PLEASE** let me know.

Thank you,
Chuck Gilmet

**"KING FOR GOVERNOR
AN INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD F. KING"**

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good a first step as any libertarian could hope for. As for further steps, Kings seems to me willing to de-regulate the economy thoroughly.

On civil issues, matters get more complicated. King is careful with words. Notice, therefore, that he doesn't want to regulate "private behavior." Here is King himself at length in this area.

"I have a very strong feeling that we spend an awful lot of our time and our money pursuing and prosecuting what I call 'victimless crimes.' And as long as there are people being murdered - as long as there are people being raped, beaten, robbed, etc. - I think that victimless crimes ought, at least, to be put on the back burner. That's the first step. Then, we ought to be taking a long and hard look at whether or not the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ought to be regulating what are known as 'victimless crimes' - many of which are between two consenting adults or more. I do believe that the Commonwealth (and indeed the various cities and towns) has the right to regulate what is public. I'm talking about marquees that hang over the streets on school routes. I'm not terribly concerned with what goes on inside of a movie theater."

King is, however, an absolutist about the First Amendment of the no-law-means-no-law school. For people who are upset with a book or a TV show, he favors boycotting the publisher or sponsor.

In order to try to pin down on civil issues, I asked about marijuana. He replied: "I'm not really the world's greatest expert on marijuana. My instincts tell me that the government should not be regulating behavior that does no harm... anyone else. On the other hand, I have four small children. And I have competing instincts which tell me that my children are young, they are vulnerable, and that if it were legalized and readily available, and if there wasn't the threat of illegality hanging over it, that I might have a difficult time convincing my children to stay away from an older kid who was passing it out... I'm just not ready to come down with both feet on either side."

"For the present time I would be satisfied to leave the law the way it is. However, I certainly don't think people ought to be thrown into jail... Fines, similar to traffic tickets - that kind of nuisance thing - is probably more appropriate than throwing people into jail."

In other words, Ed King certainly isn't a pure libertarian in regards to civil liberties. Still, he isn't a traditionalist conservative either. I doubt that things would get worse through his efforts.

What does this mean? It would be unwise for me to tell you how to think. Instead, I'll sketch a couple of alternatives - all based upon the assumption that King runs.

All libertarians believe in civil and economic liberties, but there are many different opinions on how important each is. If you think that we're close to economic collapse, King's ambiguous stand on civil liberties may not bother you too much. Certainly, neither the Republicans nor the Democrats are going to put up a better candidate from an economic point of view. Moreover, his civil liberty positions aren't bad; they simply could be better.

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Democrats are going to put up a better candidate from an economic point of view. Moreover, his civil liberty positions aren't bad; they simply could be better.

If, of course, you prefer to emphasize civil liberties, "not being bad" isn't good enough. King wants to be the conservative candidate, and he won't get conservative votes by appealing to ACLU members. If you fall into this category, you'll best pass him by.

Finally, if you're half-and-half, a King candidacy could be quite a problem. On the one hand, you might feel that civil and economic liberties are too intertwined to support someone who's only fair on one of them. On the other hand, you might say that three-quarters of a loaf is better than none (or more reasonably, than one-quarter).

I fall in the first group. The economic situation in Massachusetts is so bad that someone who won't make the civil liberties situation worse is acceptable. For active support, however, I would demand one concession which is important to us and of little concern to King. I would want him to pledge to work for easier signature requirements for minor parties and independents. It's not too much to ask.

**"LETTERS AT THE
EDITOR"**

Ann Kotell

I dislike biased news reporting, even when it's slanted toward my point of view. I'm not very surprised when I notice the *New York Times* or *American Opinion* presenting the news in such a way as to attempt to further their own political and philosophical positions. But I was very surprised and dismayed to see this tactic used in *LP News*.

In an unsigned article on the front page of the November-December 1976 issue of *LP News* entitled "National Convention Hears Scholarly Talks" LPN described the Libertarian National Convention which took place in Washington, D.C. last September. The article was presented in what is conventionally taken to be a "news" format, not an "opinion" format. Some examples of the bias I saw in that article are as follows:

Murray Rothbard was referred to as "Mr. Libertarian". There are a large number of libertarians who believe someone else or perhaps no one at all should have that title.

Roy Childs, who has been going around pushing Murray Rothbard for leader of the libertarian movement (I heard him myself at the Taanstaffl Dinner Series last year), was referred to as a "leading libertarian theorist". His talk at the convention, in my opinion, amount to - Let's avoid nuclear war because people will get hurt. He's right of course, but it doesn't take a "leading libertarian theorist" to figure that out.

Panels which consisted primarily of Murray Rothbard and people of his persuasion and/or group got much lengthier write-ups compared to other panels. The Austrian Economics panel was one of these (Rothbard, Egger, Grinder) and was described as "excellent". The other panel which comes to mind in this regard is the middle east panel (Liggio, Halbrook, Hagel, panel members; Rothbard, panel moderator) which was 100% pro-Arab and infuriated a sizeable number of libertarians who are pro-Israeli or neutral on the subject.

David Freedman, who in my opinion gave one of the most interesting, original talks of the convention, wasn't described with any glowing adjectives and got a one sentence mention in the article.

Nathaniel Branden, who is probably the most well-known libertarian in the country delivered a lecture on some psychological aspects of reaching other people with your point of view. To many delegates, his appearance was the highlight of the convention. As far as *LP News* is concerned, though, Branden didn't even attend the convention, much less address it. Not a single mention was made of him in the article.

Admittedly, it is difficult to totally keep from reflecting your bias in news articles. But some attempt must be made. Glowing adjectives for some individuals and no adjectives for others; far greater length and depth of report of some speakers compared to others; neglecting to mention a featured speaker at all; these are very obvious misreportings that can be pointed to, quantified, and eliminated with just a little effort.

I'm anti-authoritarian enough to enjoy hearing all sorts of different views. I agree with many of Murray Rothbard's political and philosophical positions. But I'll be damned if I'll have people try to play games with my head and attempt to persuade me to their views by pushing people and opinions at me under the guise of unbiased news reporting. When news is published, let's label it "news"; when opinions are published, let's label it "opinion".

FROM THE CHAIR

Every year, at the L.P.M. State Convention, the state platform is discussed, amended, and added to. By now it has grown into quite a respectable looking document. As chairman, I have had opportunities to talk to individuals and groups about our goals and principles. Invariably, I (and others within the party) get the same comments when we present outsiders with our platform: this is very interesting, but how do you propose to implement these long-range goals? The point is that our platform is not a listing of what we would do now if our candidates were elected, but what they are striving for many years from now.

Our Taxation Plank is a case in point. It states, quite simply, that taxation is legalized theft and should be abolished. Beautifully simple and unambiguous. But it is a reasonable platform plank for 1977? Does anyone in the party really believe that if libertarians dominated the State House, taxes would immediately be abolished? Of course not. The suffering, rioting, and property damage that would result from the instantaneous collapse of government-supplied services would be unconscionable. What libertarian legislators would attempt to do would be to effect gradual reductions of government services with corresponding tax reductions. That is what our state platform should itemize: what state spending reductions are we going to aim for over the next four years? what agencies are we going to abolish now and whose powers will be curtailed?

A second point on our state platform. In most cases our planks are rehashes of the National Platform. And quite honestly, in most of these cases, the National Platform says it better than we do. Why do we bother with these general long-term issues? Could we not simply make a statement at the beginning of our platform that says that we support the National Platform except where

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The 1976

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A Libertarian View of the American Revolution: William Marina. The fundamental issues behind the American Revolution are analyzed by William Marina. Currently the Liberty Fund Research Scholar at the Institute for Humane Studies, William Marina is author of the forthcoming book *The American Revolution as a People's War*. **Tape 748 (48 min.) \$9.95**

Benediction: Murray Rothbard. Dr. Rothbard closes the Convention on an optimistic note. He tells why he believes that the Libertarian Party is the party of the future. It is, says Dr. Rothbard, the means by which the power of the state will eventually be rolled back. **Tape 749 (33 min.) \$9.95**

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FROM THE CHAIR

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noted, and then concentrate our energies on specific proposals for Massachusetts?

These are the kinds of questions the Platform Committee is currently grappling with and which will be discussed by the Party at this year's convention. If you wish to make inputs to the committee before convention time, contact me, Steve Trinward, or Walter Ziobro, Jr.

In liberty,
Nathan Curland

AND NOW THE MAN WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION... SARCASTIC STEVE

Lotsa juicy bits this time, sludge fans - some from surprising directions. Where to begin? How about a retrospective on Roger MacBride's campaigning?

Since I haven't zapped the Round One in it seems ages. A column by David Broder (ex-Globe, now Wash. Post) dealing with a just-released report on the relationship of media hype to vote totals, points out that the New Hampshire primary received about one-third of the total air time the networks devoted to presidential politics between late November and early April last year. This, despite the relatively-small number of delegates chosen in the Granite State (ten non-primary states started delegate-selection proceedings before N.H.; although they picked 12 times as many delegates, they received less air time as a group than did New Hampshire!) All of which is to suggest that the last-second pull-out by MacBride forces from the Democratic primary last winter may have cost the L.P. far more than we thought; it is quite likely that, had we polled 500 (or even 200) votes in that contest (not an easy task, but perhaps within our means), the L.P.'s cause would have been noticed by the story-happy pressfold much sooner, and with greater effect. If I recall correctly, they were interviewing every other cow and plow-horse on prime-time at that point; anything to get a different angle on what was then still a dull issue (Remember, Jimmah's March Through the North did not begin until the N.H. results were tallied; before the balloting, it was a matter of Scoop-or-Big-Ed -maybe-still-Teddy). Moral: perhaps the 1979 nominee should be booked into the Concord Inn as soon as we finish balloting!!

My next story comes from the unlikely direction of the **Alternative** (Yes, I confess that until recently, when my subscription ran out, I endured Tyrrell's ravings; what disgusted me was the number of renewal letters they sent me). In the latest issue there is one major item of note: an article by John Chamberlain on Hillsdale College, that last bastion of private education in the hinterlands of Michigan. It seems that H.E.W.'s Affirmative Action people in DeeCee, unsatisfied with screwing up the rest of the country with their triplicate forms and O.S.H.A.-type regulations, have launched an assault on Hillsdale. The reason? Hillsdale has refused to file the proper forms to show that they are complying with H.E.W. guidelines. Lest you believe that Hillsdale stands for racism, sexism, and the Bigotican Way, consider:

the school already employs 122 women, over half of their 225 employees. Moreover, of a faculty of 68, 25% are women; considering the low percentage of women with PhD's in our present society, this is an astronomical figure, and definitely well above H.E.W.'s standards! The issue at hand is that of public vs. private. Hillsdale claims it is exempt from H.E.W. jurisdiction; as a private school, accepting no government loans or subsidy, it has no obligation to comply. H.E.W., on the other hand, is using a devious and legally-uncertain link to make their case that Hillsdale is part of the public sector: some of the college's thousand students have taken out Federally-assisted loans to pay for their education; others are going to school on the G.I. bill; a few even receive outright government grants to continue their education. H.E.W. claims that this makes Hillsdale itself a recipient of State largesse, and is trying desperately to extend its grasp; Hillsdale president George Roche is steadfast in his determination not to knuckle under. It's not that he doesn't approve of equal opportunity; he just won't accept inclusion in the great Personhood of Our Beloved State! Keep tuned for further details.

While we're on the subject of publications, a personal not to anyone reading this who is connected with what is euphemistically-called the Society for Individual Liberty: last July, I renewed my S.I.L. membership, as well as taking out a subscription to **Freedom Today** under your delightful discount plan. As yet, I have received no (read ZERO) issues of that publication! This, despite several phone calls (at my expense) to your home office (I did get one rather obnoxious taped message the only time I got through at all!), giving details and phone number to call. I now find that I am not alone; Avenue Victor Hugo has also had trouble dealing with S.I.L.; seems that nobody is in when you call, and letters merely beget form letters, with no results forthcoming. If S.I.L. doesn't get its act together soon, it's rather doubtful it will have **any** members to insult with its L.P.-baiting and Cosmic Crockery! Beware, the Hands of Justice are upon you, and the Light grows dimmer every day!!!

One more periodical note, again from strange corners: the **Real Paper** just released its list of the "Seven Worst Slumlords in Boston." Guess who made slots #1 and #3? Our beloved Government! Topping the list was the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, better known as "HUD". The **Real Paper** found HUD listed as the owner-of-record at 782 street addresses in Boston; of those 782, over 400 had been cited for serious violations of the state sanitary code (altogether there were almost 3,000 violations involved on the "Properties" - if such a term can be used for public housing). Second-place was held by an individual, or rather a corporate head, Maurice Simon; according to R.P.'s sources, he heads a singularly unscrupulous band of cut-throats, prominently mentioned in the Watergate tapes. All of Simon's partners and investors hold high positions in corporate America, from I.T.T.'s Harold Geneen to several Ford Motor Co. vice-presidents. In the show-position is our own Boston Housing Authority, with Columbia Point heading the list of B.H.A. infractions. No one remotely familiar with Hub politics will be the least surprised to know this, and further detail would be superfluous. It is significant, and rather typical, that the **Real Paper's** crackerjack investigation team has chosen to publish the list without analytical commentary. It would have been a perfect time to make constructive criticism of the situation, beginning with the fact that the only two public-housing efforts available to Boston are more a part of the problem than of the solution. But of course the **Real Paper**, which claims to represent the "radical" view, refuses to do this. After all, with David Rockefeller as chief owner, ex-Fin. Comm. Chairman Ralph Fine as publisher, and political hack and ex-Congressional also-ran Martin Linsky editing the rag, how could they?

Another note on these times comes from the pages of the

"Bulletin of Committee Work, General Court of 1977...." of our own Beloved Legislators. Several points leap to mind, as I pore over that document as Platform Chairman (such miscasting, but wait till you see what we've come up with!). (1) On page 169, col. one, Senate Bill 619 would "repeal the crime of blasphemy." Holy Jesus, I didn't even know the Goddam rule was on the books! (2) On page 203, col. one, House Bill 3388 would set up a special commission to study "the institution of public humiliation as an alternative to prison sentences for certain...crimes". **Prithee, Mistress, wouldst rather spend three days in the stocks (with arms in bonds) than pay yon parking ticket. One more cute bit from the Legislative Bulletin. On page 96,** there is a section on the Senate Ethics Committee. Beneath the list of members, is space for bills being considered; IT IS BLANK!!!(This, in the state where, in the Greater Boston area alone, two senators, a judge, a mayor, a sheriff and a school committeeman have been convicted of "wrong-doing"...and all during the past three years!)

And finally, a hopeful note on the local media. On March 21, Avi Nelson broke a long history of mere lip-service to Libertarian ideals when he hosted a pair of our own, Chairman Nate Curland and Hizzoner Long. Since I generally sleep mornings, I missed the 7-9 program, but I understand from reliable sources that Mr. Nelson was quite receptive, to the point where his comments during the last hour of the show (when Nate and David had gone) were as blatantly-Liberty-oriented as one would hope. Either our Dynamic Duo had a lasting effect, or Avi is finally beginning to see the light!

Since Fearsome Editor will undoubtedly cut this column to shreds in her efforts to get it to fit on one page, I see no advantage in rambling on any longer. Besides, I've got to make a living, too, and deadlines for paying things await. Au revoir, and good night, House Bill 1779, wherever you are!

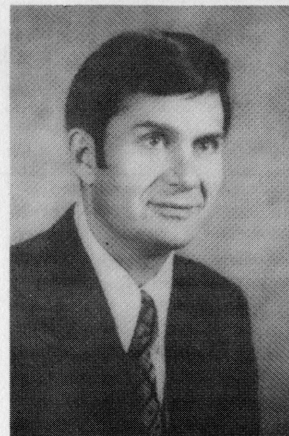
Gossip by Lee Nason

WEBB FIRED: We have it on good authority that Ms. Linda Webb, National L.P. Headquarters "go-fer" and "gal-friday" has been fired. Ms. Webb supercilious attitude has been a source of aggravation to numerous party regulars (this editor included), but apparently her mis-handling of several difficult situations at the National Convention was the last straw. Not only did she mismanage the infamous Adam Reed (reported 2 issues ago) affair, but she also misarranged the Association of Libertarian Feminists' session at the National Convention much to the consternation of the verbal Ms. Presley. Ms. Presley is our Keynoter at the upcoming MassCon '77, so if you want the real dirt, get her talking.

L.P. MEMBER BEATS TAX RAP: ms. Lynn Johnston of the L.P. Michigan used the "Fifth Amendment Protest Form" (reporting name, address and social security number only and claiming fifth amendment for the other information) and has apparently "gotten away with it." Details of her arguments appear in the February, 1977 issue of **Michigan Libertarian**, the state newsletter of our Michigan affiliate. The issue is on file with David Long if you're interested in this route of tax resistance.

THE DRAFT RESURRECTED: Are we hearing the first mumerings compulsory national service? Carter has admitted he doesn't mind the draft in principle. He appears that our new draftees will be given a choice between military service and social service. We will

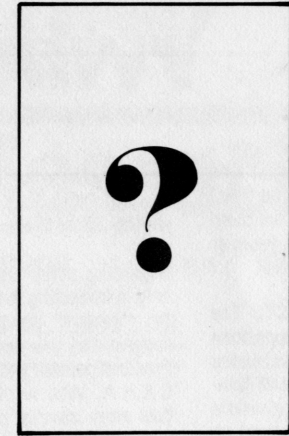
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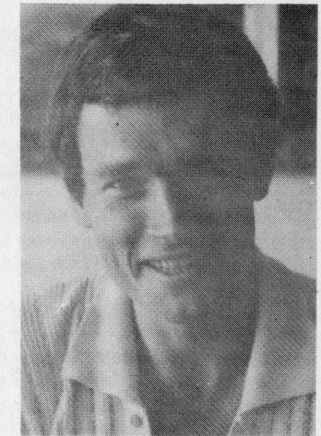
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BITS AND PIECES

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lose many of our leftist allies if we fight this battle - only libertarians object to the draft on principle. Let's do something to insure that this issue remains buried. Write your Congressman and Senator today and tell them that they have no right to steal your life - even 2 years of it.

GOV'T PROJECT DELAYS GOV'T PROJECT: The Dickey Lincoln hydroelectric project is facing opposition on several fronts, the most amusing of which was related in the December 27, 1976 issue of **New England Construction**. It seems that the botanists have discovered a rare species of snapdragon called Furbish lousewort on the site. Formerly thought to be extinct, the plant is on the endangered species list, and hence is protected by a federal law bearing that name. It would have to be moved before construction could proceed. The rub is, botanists say it is a parasite, and they can't determine what the host is. And if they move the plant without the host, it will die. Ain't it fun watching the government harass the government for a change?

LATE RETURNS: Our ex-chairperson, Richard Kenney, who moved out to Washington State several years back, did quite respectably in his U.S. Senate race last fall by gaining four times the statewide MacBride vote. He got 19,400 votes for 1.3% of the vote. The most amazing part of his story, however, was discovered by your editor this week: his total budget for this impressive effort was under \$1000!

NATIONAL SLIGHTS L.P.M.: Dear National Leaders, The L.P.M. is a real, live affiliate of the Libertarian Party! The last issue of **L.P. News** neglected to mention our existence - at least you might have listed our chairman's address and phone number! We're beginning to feel persecuted. In liberty and peace, Lee Nason.

LAW BRIEFS: Bob Black, the owner of a private postal system called Alternate Systems, Inc., has sent us a copy of his legal brief which calls for the courts to heed the constitution. Bob is fighting a tough case to keep his company alive. If you're interested in this issue and/or if you can offer substantive help, contact me. Andrew Melechinsky has also sent us a copy of his brief against the State of Rhode Island; it bristles with constitutional claims and libertarian rhetoric. Among other things he accuses the state of "attempted kidnapping", "false witness", "assault and kidnapping", "malfeasance", "conspiracy", "robbery", "cruel and inhuman punishment", and a variety of other things that will warm the cockles of any libertarian's heart. Contact me for more information.

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD: Our illustrious, infamous, or something-or-other columnist, Steve Trinward, has just been named managing editor of **Esplanade**, a gay rights Boston journal. Congratulations Steve and let's see some good libertarian editorials.

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PLATFORM SUGGESTION

The following article is a submission sent to LIBERTY by Frances Cobey from the Connecticut L.P. and has been slightly edited to correct grammatical errors.

Regarding policy and platform: We affirm an interest only in instituting the free market not in trying to initiate the "perfect" simulation (in Lilly's language).* We suggest that you don't have to abolish the post office. Free competition will take care of it. The same goes for O.S.H.A. Who wants it (enough to Pay for it)? Just take away coercive powers and allow open competition and let whatever will be - be (laissez-faire). No need to exert muscle. If the public wants the commodity or service, they'll spend the money for it. If not, they won't. Is it our place to interfere with such trade (if it's possible)? You can't get from here to there overnight. It takes time for services to evolve, to flourish competitively. More to the point, it takes time for them even to begin. Totally abolishing the state services would create an undesirable market vacuum. Totally abolishing agencies such as the F.D.A., the Consumers' Protection Services, or the Department of Agriculture is irresponsibly wiping out overnight some necessary and possibly legitimate functions/services (such as testing and recommending food and drugs, feed, seed, and fertilizer, etc.). These can be non-coercive services provided by the only "business" left in town. What's the complaint against non-coercive agents, anyway, even if they do evolve from the state? The public may continue to play "God is Government" and decline to support its competitors - even in the face of better and/or cheaper alternative services. (What then - I don't know.) But, forcing a barren market condition upon the citizenry is worse.

Signed by unanimous affirmation of the 5 members present (1 not present) of the Platform Committee; unanimous affirmation of the 9 members present (6 not present) of the State Central Committee; and affirmation of all other members present of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut.

For some developing ideas about a platform in the above context, write: Fran Cobey, Box 304, Hartford Connecticut 06101. Include \$1.00 cost.

*See **SIMILATIONS OF GOD, The Science of Belief** John C. Lilly, M.D., Bantam, page 20, "Simulation: The word 'simulation' is... similar if not identical to its use in computer programming. ...is a set of concepts..."

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