

# Libertarian Party

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## Ballot access improves in two states

**I**n the past few months, the number of petition signatures needed for ballot access was significantly reduced in Missouri and Nevada by legislative action.

On June 30, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, a Democrat, signed SB 31 into law, culminating a fight to improve state ballot access that began in 1989. The bill lowers the number of signatures for statewide third party and independent candidates from 1 percent of the last gubernatorial vote (almost 25,000) to a flat 10,000. It lowers the number of signatures for a district independent candidate from 5 percent to 2 percent of the last vote cast. It eliminates the requirement that statewide petitions must carry over 5,000 signatures from five different congressional districts in the state. The bill also lets a new party circulate a petition before it has chosen its nominees. A similar bill had passed the legislature in 1991 and 1992, but had been vetoed by former Gov. John Ashcroft.

On July 12, Nevada Gov. Bob Miller signed SB 250 into law. It lowers the number of signatures for a new party from 3 percent to 1 percent of the last congressional vote and lowers the vote requirement for a party to remain on from 3 percent to 1 percent of the total congressional vote in the state. On July 13, he signed SB 552 into law, which similarly lowers the number of signatures needed for independent candidates and changes the petition deadline for third parties and independents from early June to early July.

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# Private charity

## LP affiliate issues first Crockett/Bunce award

**T**he Libertarian Party of San Mateo County (CA) announced that the first presentation of its Davy Crockett/Horatio Bunce award for civic leadership was made to Atherton Mayor William Conwell on Aug. 4.

The award was made in recognition of Mayor Conwell's role in raising \$4,900 in private funding for the Family Housing and Homeless Trust Fund after he cast the deciding vote against spending Atherton city money on the project.

The award, which included a contribution of \$100 to the trust fund and a coonskin cap for Conwell, was named in honor of famous frontiersman and later Congressman Colonel Davy Crockett and his constituent Horatio Bunce whom Crockett credited with teaching him an important lesson about government and charity.

Rich Acuff, chair of the Libertarian Party of San Mateo, said, "This award recognizes people who are committed to helping their fellow citizens in need, but who also realize that government programs, funded by taxes, are rarely the best way to achieve that goal. Personal action on the part of individual citizens will solve the problems of this country, not more nameless, unaccountable bureaucracy."

Crockett had voted to spend \$20,000 of tax money for the relief of Georgetown fire victims. Back home, Crockett encountered Bunce who told him that while he



**PRESENTATION** - Rich Acuff, left, chair of the San Mateo Libertarian Party, presents the first Crockett/Bunce Award to Atherton (CA) Mayor William Conwell.

respected Crockett's honesty and integrity, he would not vote for Crockett again because in voting for the relief of Georgetown he had voted for that which was "not yours to give."

Much taken aback by the harsh condemnation, Crockett asked Bunce to explain himself further. "It is not the amount, Colonel, that I complain of," said Bunce. "It is the principle . . . The power of collecting and dis-

see **Crockett** on page 15

# Maine event

## Libertarians applying the brakes

**T**he Libertarian Party of Maine is trying to build morale, and membership, through a referendum drive they are calling the "Tax Brake."

After a poor showing in the state in the last election, then-state chair Jim Glover and activist William Stuart made some observations. "We marveled at how voter outrage against government won in referenda at all levels," said Stuart. So they decided rather than trying to win legislative races, the state party should "grab a portion of our philosophy and work to enact it through referendum," he explained.

Glover and Stuart felt that if they could "energize people around the right topic, we could create an impressive victory that would boost the stature of the party and offer us an opportunity to position the Maine LP as a more mainstream, legitimate party that could be trusted with public policy issues," Stuart said.

What the party came up with was an effort that is gathering momentum, as well as attention, for the state party.

The Tax Brake petition "says that any new spending initiative [taxes, fees, mandates] that any unit of government in the state concocts must be approved by voters before it is enacted. It also gives voters the opportunity to vote the provisions of the initiative down in their particular jurisdiction, thus extending the libertarian notion of allowing people to govern themselves," explained Stuart.

A non-partisan political action committee, Maine Citizens for the Tax Brake (MCTB), has been formed with a board of directors made up entirely of Libertarians at the present time. Heading up the effort is the newly-elected state chair Richard Eaton.

"We are working on getting 53,000 validated signa-

tures," said Eaton. "It's quite a daunting task, when you think about it. But I anticipate success."

"I'm taking time off from my work for the next three months" to make sure the project is a success, Eaton said.

The reception from the public already has been excellent, Eaton said. With only a few letters to the editor in several state newspapers, more than 25 callers have offered help, and Eaton said he already has more than 150 members in MCTB, only about 10 percent of whom are Libertarians.

The signatures have to be collected by Jan. 31, 1994, for the initiative to be placed on the ballot in November 1994. "We are really going to start pushing it after summer vacation," Eaton said.

"Our legislators just keep pounding us with taxes," he said, and something needed to be done. "Maine is one of the highest tax states in the country, and it doesn't seem to want to stop," he said.

"The way I look at it is we are a political party, and we are supposed to do political things. We wanted to find something that was within our capabilities of doing as a political party, and this is one thing we can do," Eaton explained.

Eaton hopes to not only see the important referendum succeed, but also revitalize the state party in the process.

"Other people will see our efforts and say, 'Gee, maybe these Libertarians do have a pretty good idea, and might build up support in the future,'" he explained.

According to Stuart, "Those who support the referendum in Maine believe not only that this referendum will help the citizens of Maine, but that it will boost the party and allow the Libertarian Party of Maine to become a real fighter in the corner of the average Maine citizen."

*For more information, write Maine Citizens for the Tax Brake, P.O. Box 1040, Portland, ME 04841, or call 1-800-639-2148.*



# The Great Explosion\*

By L. NEIL SMITH

In spite of millions of man-hours and billions of dollars spent every year to keep the American productive class voiceless, deprived of an effective franchise, the era of its exploitation by corrupt politicians and even more corrupt mass media is coming to an end.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) that they stagger under taxes five times greater than those endured by a medieval European serf. What they do understand is that the harder they work the less they have left—and the less they have to look forward to.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) why their grandparents enjoyed spacious, comfortable homes and they don't. What they do understand is that, increasingly, they're forced to live in tiny suburban cardboard boxes or wheeled tin cans so that their senator or congressman can have his mistress—and a limousine.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) why every year a red-tape noose pulls tighter around their necks. What they do understand is that life seems bleaker every day—and offers fewer options.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) what the media gain from their collusive partnership with government. What they do understand is that there's never really any good news, that the newspapers and TV tell them they're incompetent and their neighbors are criminally insane—and that somehow life never seems to get any better.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) how their rights have been systematically gnawed away by politicians elected to protect them. What they do understand is that more and more their rights are treated as trivial—and everything seems

to be against the law.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) how the Federal Election Commission and a phantom national reporting service rig elections as effectively as any banana republic. What they do understand is that their ballot never seems to count—and that if voting could really change things, it, too, would be illegal.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) the ancient evil inherent in the doctrine of Sovereign Immunity. What they do understand is that the government always wins—and that they're always in the wrong.

Few productive class Americans understand (yet) how the Bill of Rights has wound up being a one-sided bargain interpreted and enforced by a single entity pretending to be divided powers. What they do understand is that their country is overrun by lawyers—and that somehow their rights never turn out to be quite what they thought they were.

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Some productive class Americans blame it all on poor minorities, forgetting that we're a nation of minorities, most of whom arrived here without a penny. Sooner or later they'll learn not to blame the welfare mother with her pitiable child support check, but the \$60,000-a-year official whose non-productive ways keep everybody destitute.

Some productive class Americans blame it all on immigrants, forgetting that we're a nation of immigrants—and immigrants' children—many of whom fled the same tyranny and corruption we face today. Sooner or later they'll learn not to blame people with funny names, funny clothes, or funny customs, but to look upon their own "representatives" as the foreign despots they've really become.

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**Productive class Americans are sick of being menaced by laws their parents naively thought were being created to protect them. They're sick of being looted by officials with five- and six-digit salaries.**

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Some productive class Americans blame it all on labor unions, forgetting that for every gangster lounging at the top, a million workers want only an honest day's wages for an honest day's labor. Sooner or later they'll learn not to blame the worker, but the crooked leaders and tangled regulations which make productive labor all but impossible in America today—and almost always unrewarding.

Some productive class Americans blame it all on the rich, forgetting the vital difference between making money and stealing it, and how the system always lets a few individuals get ahead for exactly the same reason Las Vegas allows the occasional big winner. Sooner or later they'll learn not to blame individual achievement, but a system which more consistently rewards failure and punishes success—and loves to rub their noses in what they can never hope to have.

Some productive class Americans blame it all on the lunatic fringe, forgetting that the mass media told them everything they think they know about such people and that everybody is somebody else's lunatic. Sooner or later they'll learn not to blame the unconventional individual, but TV's well-groomed talking heads—and the officials

they themselves elected.

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A Great Explosion is coming. Productive class Americans are sick of being menaced by laws their parents naively thought were being created to protect them. They're sick of being looted by officials with five- and six-digit salaries. Sick of being decimated by one senseless war after another, arranged, conveniently, for almost every generation. Sick of being wooed and cast aside in two- and four- and six-year cycles by public figures they wouldn't trust alone with their children. Doubtless the American productive class have made foolish choices in the past. Doubtless they'll make them again in the future. But in the end, the American productive class will triumph, precisely because they ARE productive, while their enemies are not.

A Great Explosion is coming—and as usual, the politicians aren't listening. But by this time in the 21st century, with the welfare/warfare state all but forgotten, history will want to know what kind of idiots in the major parties tried to sell out the American productive class at the very moment they began coming into their own.

Then again, history may not care.

*L. Neil Smith is the author of "The Probability Broach," "The Crystal Empire," and, soon to be released, "Pallas."*

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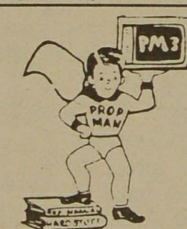
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## LP founder David Nolan to launch 'Fourth Revolution'

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The program's name, he explains, is intended to pique potential listeners' curiosity. "Everyone has heard of the original American Revolution," he notes, "but they don't necessarily think of the Civil War and the New Deal as periods of equivalent change—the Second and Third American Revolutions—which they were.

"The presidencies of Washington, Lincoln, and FDR really define the three eras of U.S. history to date, and we're now in the closing years of the Roosevelt Epoch. The Fourth American Revolution is in its infancy, and my goal is to help steer it in a libertarian direction."

Nolan plans to launch the program before year-end. He hopes to distribute it by satellite to interested stations around the country, and he is seeking support from libertarian activists to help make it happen.

"Basically, we need three things," he explains. "We need national sponsors, to underwrite the basic costs of producing the show and getting it uplinked to a satel-

lite. We need local stations to carry the show. And we need local sponsors. The latter two go hand-in-hand; it will be a lot easier to get a local station to carry the show if there are commitments from local sponsors to support it with advertising."

And what will the thrust of the program

be? "Basically, I'd call it libertarian with a futurist slant," says Nolan. "I don't see this as an LP vehicle per se, but as more of a forum to spread pro-freedom thinking in the broadest sense. As we move into this period of massive change, I think it's incredibly important for us to seize the high

ground; to get people thinking in terms of the 21st century as the century of liberty."

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## Baseball, house parties, guest speakers keep activists busy

### Colorado

The state party has teamed up with several other non-profit groups to operate a concession stand at eight Colorado Rockies home games in Denver. The Rockies are drawing huge crowds, and this project is a great way to raise money and have fun at the same time. The project is being coordinated by **Larry Hoffenberg** and **Richard Combs**.

### Hawaii

One hour of excerpts from the state party convention aired several times on local cable television.

### Illinois

The **Northwest Libertarian Club** had U.S. Rep. **Henry Hyde** (R-IL) as a guest speaker at its regular monthly meeting in August. Hyde spoke on Clinton's economic package.

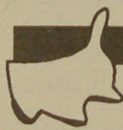
The state party once again participated in the Rose Parade in Roselle. A float, featuring the Statue of Liberty, was constructed under the direction of **Wayne Nosel**. **Helen Heyden** and **Milan Vydareny**, as well as many other LP activists, helped make the parade and outreach activities a success.

### Indiana

The LP of Northern Indiana held an old-fashioned cook-out and gun competition last month at **Stan Stephenson's** farm.

### Massachusetts

LP candidate for Cambridge City Council, **Galit Dukach**, has taken a stand against rent control. "I will fight to remove regulations whenever I see them as clearly harm-



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ful," she said. The election is this November. For more information write Dukach for City Council, 31 Chilton St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

### Minnesota

The state party outreach committee is developing working relationships with single-issue and like-minded organizations. Groups contacted so far include the Gun Owners' Action League, the NRA, the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association, United We Stand America, a physicians' organization working to change a just-passed, state-run health insurance program, and an African-American think tank that is forming in the Twin Cities. LP activists who are on these projects include: **Jack Stecher**, **Tom Warlick**, **Bill Lloyd**, **Peter Kauffner**, **Brad Eichstadt**, **Charles Test**, and **Brian Stacey**.

Two LP members have filed as candidates for offices in Minneapolis. **Eric Nelson** is running for mayor, and **Peter Kauffner** is running for the Board of Estimate. In addition, an independent candidate for the city council, **Barb Lickness**, is working closely with the state LP.

### New Hampshire

New Hampshire Gov. **Steve Merrill** (R) will be the guest speaker at the state party's monthly meeting this month. For more information call 800-559-LPNH.

In an effort to build community support for 1994 Libertarian campaigns, and to find more candidates, the state

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**PROCLAIM LIBERTY** - LP member John VanDenover, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, handed out copies of the Declaration of Independence (with LP information on the back) while marching in the Freedom Week Parade in his hometown in late June. He estimated he handed out approximately 850 declarations. The state party passed out more than 8,000 copies of the declaration throughout Iowa during the Fourth of July weekend.

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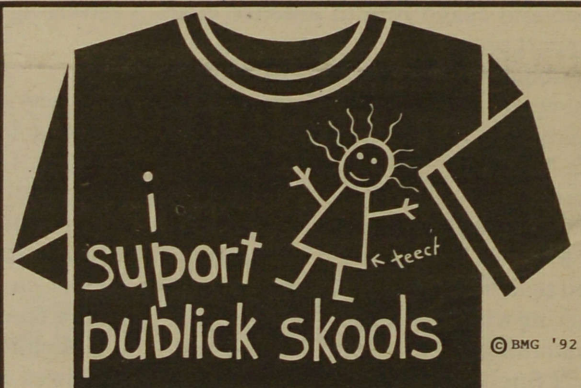
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party has started a new "house party" project. Libertarians in each town or ward will be invited to attend the party sponsored by a local state party member.

Libertarian legislator **Calvin Warburton** is a big believer in the concept. "I'll try to be at every one of these parties," he said. "We need to put local Libertarians in touch with each other all over the state so we can be ready to accomplish big things next year."

## New Mexico

Longtime LP activist **Frank Clinard** was recently elected to the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of NM for a three-year term.

Clinard served as chair of the state LP from 1986-1988 and was a candidate for the state senate last November. In his successful race for the ACLU board he made a point of his LP connections, saying he "didn't want the voters to be buying a pig in a poke." Clinard's special interests within the ACLU include illegal seizures of property in drug cases, censorship, unconstitutional road blocks, and Second Amendment rights.

## Oklahoma

The state party elected the following new officers: **Matt Sweet**, chair; **Mike Todd**, vice chair; **Paul Woodard**, treasurer; **Phil Denney**, secretary.

The state party has started petitioning to become a recognized political party for the

1994 state and local elections. Heading up the ballot drive effort is **Phil Denney**. The goal is 100,000 signatures to meet the requirement of 69,000 valid signatures. When the signatures are certified, the state party candidate for governor (as yet unnamed) must receive 10 percent of the vote in order for the state party to retain recognized status for the 1996 presidential race.

## Oregon

LP member **Mike Wilson** is serving on the steering committee of the South Tabor Neighborhood Association in Portland. He has been helping to create a 20-year plan for the city, and has had two proposed objectives included in a "Policies and Objectives" report. One objective challenges Portland to "review housing regulations . . . to eliminate or reduce unnecessary stipulations and requirements." Wilson noted that he is strongly opposed to building codes and zoning laws that interfere with housing. His second proposal urges "changes in the City Code to permit development of transportation services such as jitneys."

## Texas

After a Dallas, TX, radio station, KGBS-1190 AM, hired **Ron Engelman** as a talk show host, Ron's talk show became the focal point for information about the federal holocaust in Waco.

The Libertarian Party of Tarrant County invited Ron to speak to its supper club in

May and completely overflowed the restaurant with 250 people in the audience.

In June, The Libertarian Party of Dallas County rented a room for Ron Engelman to speak and answer questions. The room had 250 chairs and it was packed to standing room only.

Within two weeks of the Dallas event, Engelman was fired for being too controversial. His show was replaced by a na-

tional talk show hosted by G. Gordon Liddy (remember Watergate?).

These two Libertarian outreach events in north Texas generated hundreds of new prospect names and addresses.

The event in Dallas was professionally videotaped and edited, and is available for \$15 from the Libertarian Party of Dallas County, P.O. Box 831764, Richardson, TX 75083-1764.

# MO meeting focuses on flood

The August meeting of the St. Louis Area Libertarians featured the first public forum on the great Midwest flood.

The meeting, titled "The '93 Flood Debate: Who's to Blame, Who's to Pay, and Where Do We Go from Here," featured world-renowned hydrologist Dr. Jay Lehr, FEMA official Ron McCabe, and environmentalist R. Roger Pryor.

Lehr, who is a self-described free market environmentalist, claimed that the federal government, especially the Army Corps of Engineers, made the flood problem worse.

Lehr explained that many "politically-correct" environmentalists believe the government should mandate that flood plains be converted to wetlands and parks with few levees and dams. But the Corps of Engineers, the business community, and urban planners often feel that the flood

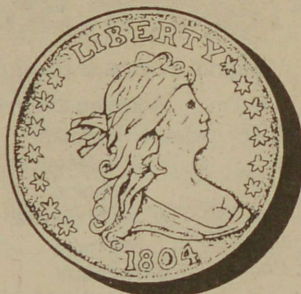
plain should be developed.

Lehr said that neither group has the proper solution. "The solution is to minimize the state's role. Let the free market work to naturally achieve a proper balance that benefits both the environmental and business interests."

Lehr generally agrees with the environmental movement that the flood plains are best left to wetlands, parks, and some farms, but he disagrees that the government should mandate it. The free market, he noted, will naturally do what is best for the community, the environment, and the taxpayers.

If the state hadn't been involved, Lehr said, many, but not all, flood plains would now be parks, wetlands, and some farms. "This would naturally absorb flood water and greatly minimize property loss, human trauma, and tax money," he said.

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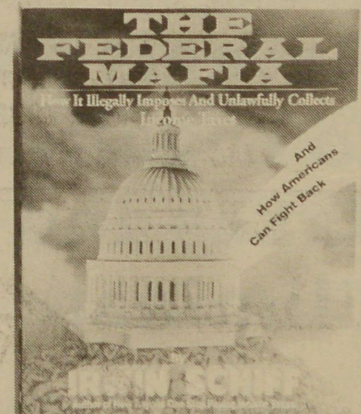
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# The Declaration of Salt Lake

*The following is a draft of a resolution that will be introduced at the Libertarian Party national convention in Salt Lake City this month. The resolution will be offered by Bob Waldrop on behalf of the Ballot Access/Democracy Project.*

We share a common vision of a future of hope and abundance, opportunity and freedom, responsibility and justice; a day of peace, open borders and common friendship among all people. We support a free and democratic political system where parties compete on a fair and level playing field. The rights to organize political parties and nominate candidates are protected by the U.S. Constitution and are encompassed by the spirit and letter of the Declaration of Independence.

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tions practice such discrimination. The Libertarian 1992 presidential candidate, Andre Marrou, was banned from the debates, even though he was one of four candidates on the ballot in all 50 states.

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of political choice to the people of these United States, we pledge our continued efforts, on this the Fifth day of September, in the 217th year of American Independence, in the City and County of Salt Lake, Utah.

## LP gets city council member in Maryland

In early August, Joseph Harrington Jr. was elected to the Brunswick, Maryland, City Council. The election was a non-partisan special election to fill a vacancy on the six-seat council when a councilmember resigned in mid-term. Harrington was unopposed in the election.

Harrington is the first registered Libertarian to be elected to public office in Maryland.

Harrington has been very active in local civic organizations and has served for two years as chairman of the Brunswick Recreation Committee. He plans to focus his energies to implement a curbside collection of recyclables and volume-based billing for trash collection in order to reduce property taxes and make the system equitable for those who generate small amounts of waste.

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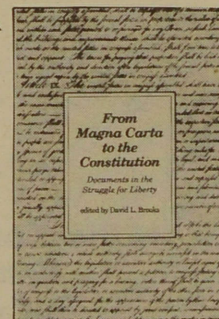
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Rustad announced that he is running for the seat recently vacated by Donald Stitt which evenly divided the state senate between 16 Democrats and 16 Republicans.

Rustad said that his campaign will focus on lowering taxes, increasing school choice,

bringing more competition to health care to lower costs, and fighting violent crime. He called the untimely resignation of Stitt "an incredible waste of taxpayer money to run a special election just to give a seat to a sitting state representative." Rustad also said Gov. Tommy Thompson's quick scheduling of the election was "Thompson at his

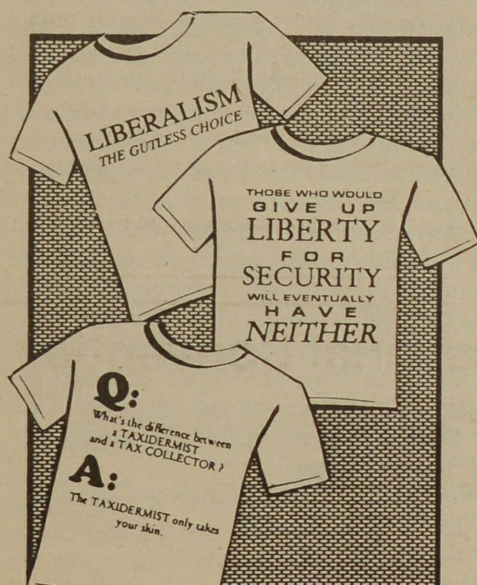
best—a street-wise partisan gangster." The election will take place on Sept. 21.

Rustad, 35, and his wife Jacqueline live in Jackson. He is employed as a laboratory technician with Allen Bradley. Rustad is a life member of the NRA and a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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### Issue: Free trade

The U.S. government pays lip service to free trade, while using protectionism, and the threat of retaliation, to initiate trade wars. Just days after taking office, the Clinton administration used tariffs to double the price of European steel. "Dumping" is a protectionist buzz-word the mere mention of which is supposed to justify a trade war. But a leading British authority on trade, Dr. Forrest Capie, professor of economic history at the City University Business School in London, says trade discrimination is best met with something other than retaliation.

"You have to go back to the basics. To impose protection reduces economic performance. By imposing protection the French damage themselves (in subsidizing oil seed producers). (But) it is perfectly silly for the U.S. to say, 'Well, you're banging your head against the wall, so we're going to bang our head against the wall.' You just have to be big enough to accept the disparities. Milton Friedman wrote a neat piece about 10 years ago. He said, 'What is this problem of dumping? Foreigners want to send us goods here at ridiculously low prices? Send them. We'll take all we can get.' It is alleged that foreigners are sinisterly waiting to wipe out the domestic industry so they can then charge high prices. But today the world is too big, with too many producers, for anybody to corner the market. And higher prices will give the domestic industry an opportunity to come back."

*Capie interviewed by Richard C. Morais, Forbes, March 1, 1993.*

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Passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) would be welcome by most free traders, even though libertarians would argue it has flaws. Many uninformed Americans oppose it, led by the likes of Ross Perot, Jesse Jackson, Ralph Nader, and organized labor. Perot's "great sucking sound" as jobs head south is a red herring, according to Dr. Rudi Dornbusch, professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology:

"The hysteria over NAFTA and its alleged threat to U.S. jobs is absurd. Compared with our \$6 trillion gross domestic product, Mexico's \$300 billion GNP is very small. If Mexico had 1 percent of the success in taking away U.S. jobs that NAFTA's opponents predict, it would explode in growth and burst at the seams with prosperity. Fat chance! All the hype notwithstanding, NAFTA merely applies the finishing touches to trade relations between the U.S. and Mexico that are already basically open. The U.S. has been open to competition from abroad for decades. There is nothing new in having to compete with the rest of the world, low-wage or otherwise.

"After a decade of rapid growth of (the maquila) industry, Mexican value added in these plants amounts to a mere \$4 billion. It's hard to see how Mexico is doing us in. In fact, if the assembly work were not done in Mexico



### Activist Notebook

Dave Walter  
Editor

(under the favorable customs regime of maquilas) where would it be done? It is entirely plausible that in many industries, jobs in the north would disappear because the entire production process would move offshore.

"NAFTA opponents have conjured up an image of dramatic U.S. losses and lowered wages as Mexican competitiveness is enhanced by exports to the U.S., plant relocations, and massive investment across the border by U.S. companies. But the past few years, following the opening of the Mexican economy and a semblance of prosperity there, suggest a very different picture. In the past seven years, our trade balance with Mexico has improved by \$10 billion (which) implies a net gain of around 350,000 U.S. jobs. This is just the beginning. Mexico has not even started investing and growing. NAFTA is good economically for both U.S. labor and business. It is also good foreign policy. Prosperity in Mexico will help assure that modernization and increased political access will take place. Moreover, a prosperous Mexico will help stem migration and spread some growth to Central America, where the U.S. economic and foreign policy record has been very poor."

*Dr. Dornbusch, Business Week, April 26, 1993.*

### Issue: Drug decriminalization

Drug warriors have been forced to concede that clean needle exchanges have shown promise and should be instituted in more cities. Not only are new HIV infections dropping, but the programs apparently don't increase the spread of drugs. Dorian Friedman, reporting in U.S. News & World Report, says that Yale researchers have determined that HIV infections have dropped by 33 percent since New Haven launched a clean needle exchange, and in "New York City, where AIDS activists had operated street-corner distributions since 1990, the programs were legalized last year after Mayor David Dinkins dropped his previous resistance. Early indications are positive: Needle sharing is down, referrals to treatment are up, and there are no signs that the program has attracted new drug users." While many cities still resist, and President Bush ignored the recommendation of his National Commission on AIDS last year, Prof. Edward Kaplan, head of the Yale research team, says, "All the evidence strongly suggests that these programs can work well. So the idea that they shouldn't even be considered strikes me as very bad public policy."

*U.S. News & World Report, March 29, 1993.*

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For many years, the Netherlands has not made the use of "soft drugs"—marijuana, hashish—a crime. Coffee-houses freely sell soft drugs and the experiment has worked so well that the United Nations sent a team in last year to observe the policy. Some fret that decriminalization creates a new demand for drugs. Yet the Dutch claim otherwise, according to a report filed by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reporter Dick Polman.

"(Dutch) figures, compiled independently by the University of Amsterdam, reveal that the climate of tolerance has not created more demand. In 1987, 5.5 percent of Dutch citizens had smoked hashish or marijuana within the previous month; in 1990, 6 percent. In 1987, only .2 percent were regular users of heroin; in 1990, .1 percent. More than half the heroin addicts hold jobs. As for the distribution of clean needles, the Dutch note that in 1990, only 8 percent of their AIDS patients were heroin addicts; the U.S. figure was 26 percent. The Dutch link about

18,000 annual deaths to cigarettes, 2,000 to alcohol, and 50 to drugs. Three years ago in Amsterdam, a city of 700,000 people, just 13 deaths were attributed to drugs."

*The Philadelphia Inquirer, March 21, 1993.*

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"President Clinton is failing just as Presidents Bush and Reagan failed. He thinks, as they did, that we want him to play Eliot Ness, exerting the strong arm of the law to interdict drug supplies and put drug offenders in prison. That was an emotionally satisfying response for a time, but it has proven futile. Despite \$100 billion spent since 1981, drugs are just as easy to get from an unending supply of dealers who can make up to \$5,000 a week, and they are often cheaper than they were a decade ago. Drug addiction and drug crime are at epidemic levels. Doubling the arrests of drug users and dealers, and mandatory sentencing, fill prisons—past legal limits, in many cases, forcing the release of perpetrators of violent crimes. With 40 states under court order to reduce prison overcrowding, sending a drug offender to prison for one year is the equivalent of freeing a violent criminal to commit 40 robberies, seven assaults and dozens of burglaries and auto thefts. Almost all experts now agree that the best hope for success is to turn from interdiction to prevention and treatment. Dr. Kildare, rather than Eliot Ness, is the role model for banishing our deepest sickness."

*Editorial by Mortimer Zuckerman, Editor-in-Chief, U.S. News & World Report, April 26, 1993.*

### Issue: Social Security

Richard Russell, editor of "Dow Theory Letters," notes that the original Social Security law allowed Congress to change the rules at any time ("and they've done it 18 times already"). If you are counting on Social Security for your retirement, or think it is a breach of trust to have benefits cut after years of paying huge Social Security taxes, then this wording from the official 1936 poster announcing the Social Security program should wake you up: "There is no guarantee that the fund thus collected will ever be returned to you. What happens to the money is up to each congress. No benefits of any kind before 1942. This is NOT a voluntary plan. Your employer MUST make this deduction." And you thought you were buying an insurance plan?

*Dow Theory Letters, April 14, 1993. Submitted by Melissa Ryan, Chicago.*

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According to Dr. Gary S. Becker, a professor at the University of Chicago and the 1992 winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics, "Social security systems in the U.S., Germany, and most other rich countries are in deep financial trouble—not necessarily this year or the next, but surely by early in the next century. One problem is a sharp decline in the number of workers, whose taxes support a growing number of retired persons. Another is politicians who have saddled these systems with expensive benefits unrelated to the accumulated compulsory savings of the recipients."

Becker recommends, "The original aim of social security—to compel families to save out of earnings to provide for their old age—should be combined with the modern movement toward privatization of state activities. This combination would be insulated in large part from politics, low birth rates, and funding crises."

While this may seem impractical to some, Becker reports that it is working in Chile. "A privately managed, actuarially based old age system... is precisely what Chile introduced 15 years ago after people there became fed up with the state social security system. Argentina is on the brink of following Chile's example. Many private funds

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# Cabinet

## LP experts speak out on issues currently in public arena

*The following are excerpts from news releases that have recently been issued by members of the Libertarian Party Shadow Cabinet.*

### Treasury:

## Budget

With the final few hours ticking away before President Bill Clinton officially signs his "deficit reduction" bill—containing one of the largest tax increases in the history of the nation—former Congressman Ron Paul has been mulling over what he would say to the president, if he had just 10 minutes alone with him.

"I would look him straight in the eye and say, 'This isn't a political victory for you, this is an economic defeat for the American public,'" said the former Texas Congressman who earned a reputation as a frugal maverick during his four terms in the U.S. House.

"I would tell him that his plan is a dagger in the heart of our economy. It raises corporate taxes, so there's less money available to create jobs. It raises the gas tax, so every product transported on our highways will cost more. It raises taxes on the upper middle class, so more money will get squirreled away in tax shelters, instead of being productively invested," said Paul, who is now the Libertarian Party's Shadow Cabinet Secretary of the Treasury.

"I would tell him as forcefully as I could: Americans don't want this tax increase, Americans won't stand for the enormous deficits this program perpetuates, and Americans won't tolerate the deception used to sell this fatally flawed package," he said.

"In Congress, I always tried to remember the ordinary taxpayer," he said. "But Clinton seems to be forgetting that real people will suffer financially because of his actions."

In addition, said Paul, "Clinton seems to be forgetting that he isn't the first president to face the problem of an inherited national debt. I would encourage him to learn the lessons of history."

"Thomas Jefferson advocated a libertarian domestic policy, and in one term eliminated the budget deficit he inherited as president. William Jefferson Clinton advocates a typical Democratic and Republican policy, and will simply further bloat the federal debt, and pass on a crushing burden to our children."

What alternative would Paul propose to Clinton?

"It's simple: Instead of tax increases, we need tax cuts," said Paul. "Instead of phony budget cuts, we need real budget cuts. Instead of new federal programs, we need government to return to its rightful, limited role. Instead of adding \$1.7 billion to the federal debt by 1998—as Clinton's plan will do—we need to start slashing the federal debt. It's a lot to explain in 10 minutes, but it's a message Clinton must hear."

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*The following release on the budget was*

*issued prior to passage of the Clinton budget package:*

The "whopper of the century"—that's how President Bill Clinton's proposed budget plan was described by the Libertarian Party's Shadow Cabinet Secretary of the Treasury.

"All too many of President Clinton's budget cuts are really tax increases and his near-term snips in spending are counter-balanced by expanded federal programs. Most serious cutting is postponed to the Never-Neverland future of other terms and other presidents. His budget plan is the whopper of the century!" charged Ron Paul, the Secretary of the Treasury for the Libertarian Party's Shadow Cabinet.

"By 1998, Clinton will have requested \$1 trillion in new spending, and \$1.7 trillion in new debt—the largest expansion of federal spending and debt in history," said Paul.

Specifically, Paul charged:

Almost all of Clinton's cuts are not real cuts. "Almost every cut is merely a slight reduction in proposed increases in spending in future years," noted Paul. "His spending cuts are literally spending increases—they're just slightly smaller increases than have previously been proposed."

Clinton's plan contains many budget cuts that are really tax increases. "He's distorting the English language until it means nothing," scoffed Paul. "For example, the administration is calling higher taxes on Social Security a spending cut. But a tax increase is a tax increase—no matter what Clinton calls it."

Clinton's plan will not lower spending this fiscal year, and hardly at all during his term of office. "More than 60 percent of his so-called spending cuts don't come until 1997. Is this a joke? If he can't cut spending in his first term, why should voters believe he'll do it during a possible second term?" asked Paul.

"Clinton embraces higher taxes, and he loves increased government spending. He should have the courage to simply admit it," said Paul. "His budget package is a total fraud."

Mary Gingell, chair of the Libertarian Party, agreed with Paul's analysis: "Bill Clinton makes Richard Nixon look honest."

"The worst thing," said Gingell, "is that instead of correcting the disastrous fiscal policies of Republican presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, the Clinton plan compounds the problem."

"The fiscal irresponsibility, the huge tax increases, and the massive debts left by Reagan and Bush have set the stage for Clinton's taxing, spending, and borrowing frenzy," said Gingell. "Republicans don't have a shred of credibility left when they pretend to be against taxes and debt. It's almost turned into a contest between those two parties to see who can be the most irresponsible. And, either way, the American public loses."

### State:

## Somalia

As violence escalates in Somalia, and tension increases between the countries supplying U.N. peace-keeping troops to that strife-torn area, Libertarian Party

Shadow Cabinet Secretary of State Leon T. Hadar today called for the United States to withdraw its soldiers before "we find ourselves hated by everyone."

"There is no strategic, military, or national interest in our continued presence in Somalia," he charged. "These are simply tribal wars, going back hundreds or thousands of years. There is no way anyone—including the United States—can solve these problems."

His comments followed renewed criticism this weekend by the Italian government that the U.S. military command in Somalia had a penchant to "use force rather than diplomacy" in dealing with security concerns. Hadar likened the U.S. strategy in Somalia to a "policy of trying to be half pregnant."

"We don't want to invade countries and totally impose our will, so we just go around, sending in a few brigades, dropping a few bombs, then depart... leaving these places worse than when we started. We find ourselves in the end hated by everybody," he said.

In the last two months, 35 U.N. soldiers have been killed in fighting in Somalia, and more than 100, including two Americans this weekend, have been wounded.

Hadar said his chief concern is that the United States is being "pushed and pulled into these foreign engagements"—becoming the "sheriff of the world"—without any public discussion. "Will this be another Vietnam?" he asked. "Will the American public wake up and find out that thousands of U.S. troops are involved, and getting killed?"

U.S. troops are serving in U.N. operations in eight locations around the world, noted Hadar: Somalia, Macedonia, Croatia, Cambodia, the Western Sahara, the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, and Mozambique.

"We're creating precedents," warned Hadar. "If we're in Macedonia today, why not Serbia? If we're in Somalia today, why not the Golan Heights?"

Hadar dismissed the argument that America has a moral obligation to help other nations. "Morally, it should be up to individuals to help, economically or militarily," he said. "If individuals want to send aid, or even go and fight, they should be allowed to."

Hadar said this viewpoint, articulated frequently by the Libertarian Party, is not "isolationist."

"If anything, the Libertarian Party is internationalist," he argued. "Libertarians are just opposed to sending troops to bomb and kill people. They believe in free trade, open cultural exchange, free immigration, and think the United States should act as a role model for liberty."

Hadar is a Professorial Lecturer at the American University School of International Service in Washington, DC, and the author of the book "Quagmire: America in the Middle East." He was the United Nations bureau chief for *The Jerusalem Post* and the Washington, DC, bureau chief for Singapore's *Business Times*.

The Libertarian Party Platform calls for the United States government to end "entangling alliances, abstaining totally from foreign quarrels. We support the withdrawal of the United States government from, and an end to its financial support for, the United Nations."

### Housing and Urban Development:

## Housing

A new federal proposal to spend \$500 million more on public housing is "a waste of time and money" and will only speed the destruction of poor communities, said the Libertarian Party Shadow Cabinet Secretary of Housing and Urban Development today.

"Public housing has been a colossal failure," said William Tucker. "The best and only thing the federal government can do to help poor people is to sell off its stock of public housing and get out of the business of trying to micro-manage people's lives."

Tucker, the author of the influential book "The Excluded Americans: Homelessness and Housing Policies," was responding to HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros' proposal that Congress appropriate \$500 million to subsidize the rent for 29,000 units of housing, freeze rents for 18 months after a tenant finds a job, and limit rent increases.

"We must be community builders," said Cisneros of his proposal.

"The federal government cannot and will not become a community builder," countered Tucker. "Time and again, it has proved its only talent is being a community destroyer."

Cisneros's paternalistic proposals—and public housing policies in general—actually work against self-sufficiency and advancement for poor people, said Tucker.

"The idea of federal bureaucrats personally managing people's lives—jiggering rent subsidies this way and that, trying to coax people to take jobs while remaining in public housing—is antithetical to the idea of building citizenship," said the Shadow Cabinet HUD Secretary.

"One of the subtle deprivations of public housing is that it robs poor people of the chance of becoming landlords," said Tucker. "Without the possibility of becoming the owner of their own homes—which at first is likely to be multi-family housing—today's poor people are stuck at the bottom of the economic ladder. Instead, they must live with a permanently absentee landlord—the government—which is itself constantly being dogged and sued by the ACLU and other moral arsonists to allow the worst elements of the community to have their sway."

The solution, suggested Tucker, is for the government to admit that "throwing still more tax dollars at this point is simply a waste of time and money. Most housing experts have long since concluded the problems inherent in public housing are essentially unsolvable," he said. "There are only so many public housing units available. Who should get them? The working poor? But then we are giving a subsidy to people who may not need it. The poorest of the poor? But then we are concentrating poverty. A mix of the two? But the two don't mix very well, and the rules become so riddled with exemptions and exceptions that public housing becomes a form of public patronage. The federal government should simply get out of the business of building and managing housing."



# A call to pens (and phones, faxes, etc.)

By DIEDRE DENNIS

This new feature of the NEWS will keep you up to date on select legislative issues that interest Libertarians and that may be affected by our action. Check this column for letter writing and phone calling opportunities as well as updates on previous efforts.

To kick off the first column, we have a great opportunity for Libertarians to have a real and significant impact on the outcome of an important bill. HR-2491 reduces funding for Selective Service by about \$20 million to a mere \$3.8 million. Although a similar bill was defeated in the House last year, this year's version has made it past the House and now stands a good chance of being passed in the Senate. However, the subcommittee's veto, which will be held this month, will be crucial to the bill's success.

The following senators are members of the VA/HUD—Independent Agencies Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations that will be reviewing this bill and are good candidates for our letter and phone campaign:

- Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) is probably already on our side, but the chair is so crucial that we need to offer her some support and let her know that her good actions are not going unnoticed by her constituents.

- Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) needs to be pressured by New Jersey residents. He is up for re-election and will be affected by the knowledge that his actions on this bill are being watched by those who want the Selective Service budget reduced.

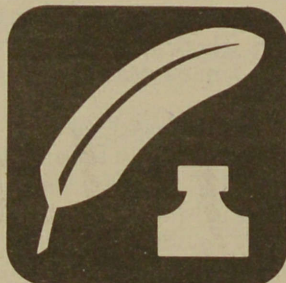
- Robert Kerrey (D-NE), although a Democrat, is tied closely to veterans' groups that are against decreasing Selective Service funding. We need ALL Nebraska Libertarians to call or write and let him know that Nebraska wants this agency cut.

- Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) is probably on our side, but like Mikulski, she may need a little push to cast her vote for the appropriations reduction.

- Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) is somewhat unpredictable so we really need New Yorkers to let him know that this issue matters and that his vote will be watched.

- Don Nickles (R-OK) is right in the middle of the Republican road. He is probably going to be very uneasy about a choice here, and some encouragement for cutting could go a long way.

- Christopher Bond (R-MO) is a great target for this campaign. He could



go either way, but Missouri Libertarians are famed for their effective actions—please call or write.

Constituents of the above senators are liberty's key advocates on this issue. If you live in one of the above areas, please make a decision to get active and call or write. Libertarians in other parts of the country can make a difference by asking their own senators to call the subcommittee members and urge a vote in favor of the budget reduction. Each Libertarian's action is crucial because there are not a lot of special interests involved in this bill and we can actually make a difference if only we make ourselves heard!

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For those who share my passion for the free market, this next bill is a great opportunity. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and will come up for a vote sometime near the end of this month. Canada and Mexico have already signed, but Ross Perot supporters are threatening the U.S.'s participation in this economic boon. Republicans are threatened by the Perot followers who are vehemently opposed to this Agreement. Please call or write and urge your representatives to support NAFTA. If you live in a Democratic district, your representative is probably already supporting the bill because it's President Clinton's handiwork. But if you live in a Republican district, it is imperative that you voice your support for NAFTA now so that your representatives are not overwhelmed by Perot supporters into a "no" vote.

Thank you for your time in reading this and please take just a few moments to make an impact in the ongoing struggle for freedom.

Next time: New bills, updates on the above issues, and some publications which need to be reminded that their readers are not all socialists. If your favorite magazine or newsletter has been editorializing in favor of increased government, please let me know and I will try to include it in a future NEWS.

You can send comments or suggestions to: Diedre Dennis, c/o Libertarian Party NEWS, P.O. Box 780, Winchester, VA 22604.

# Save Our Liberties

A growing number of Americans are taking a new approach to ending the War on Drugs through a resolution (called the Hoover Resolution and printed below) requesting that the president and Congress immediately empower a commission to recommend revisions of the current drug laws.

One copy already signed by many prominent citizens, including Milton Friedman, George Schultz, former San Jose, CA, police chief Joseph McNamara, and Orange County, CA, Judge James P. Gray, has recently been presented to Lee Brown, the new national drug czar.

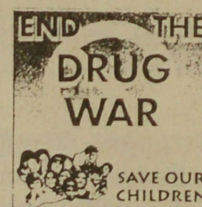
Eric Harlow, activities chair of the LP of Santa Clara County, CA, and founder and chair of Save Our Liberties (SOL), envisions "important outreach potential for the LP in uniting with our friends, relatives, and neighbors to call for the requested commission."

According to Harlow, "the objective is to have friends, relatives, and neighbors sign and send the resolution once a month to the president, their senators, and congressperson. This will create wave after wave of resolutions flowing into the Capitol and give the needed courage to call the requested commission."

A similar commission was called and convened in 1929 to study alcohol prohibition laws, according to Harlow.

What can Libertarians do to help end the drug war?

According to Harlow, "As a party, each county and state committee can endorse and sign the 'Resolution for Peace' and send copies to SOL. They will be forwarded to Joseph McNamara."



"End The Drug War" stamps, modeled after alcohol repeal stamps of the 1930s, are available from SOL.

Libertarians also can become "part of a chain resolution for peace effort in your office, at home, at your club, or on your street. Hold parties for peace on your block, raise funds, awareness, and enlist ideas and efforts. It is time to stop the talk and do the walk. We must pick up our drive, infect others with it, and be the example that can lead us out of hell, one block at a time," Harlow said.

"Here is where we make out like bandits in sprinkling Libertarian 'dust' on our fellow Republicans and Democrats alike. This is a multi-partisan issue where we all will need to work together raising the courage of those spineless ones in Washington," he explained.

SOL is also making efforts to reach students on college and university campuses. If you would like to work on this effort in your state, contact SOL.

Harlow will be attending the LP national convention in Salt Lake City in an effort to organize this movement. For those who want more information but will not be in Salt Lake City, you can write or call Save Our Liberties, 187 Acalanes Dr., #14, Sunnyvale, CA 94086; 415-964-3655.

## Resolution "For Peace"

by the

### Coalition for National Drug Policy Change

(signed at the Hoover Institute)

WHEREAS, the overall situation regarding the use of drugs in our society and the crime and misery that accompanies it has continued to deteriorate for several decades; and

WHEREAS, our society continues to attempt, at enormous financial cost and loss of civil liberties, to resolve drug problems through the criminal justice system, with the accompanying increases of prisons and numbers of inmates; and

WHEREAS, the huge untaxed revenues generated by the illicit drug trade are undermining legitimate governments world-wide; and

WHEREAS, the present system has spawned a cycle of hostility by the incarceration of disproportionate numbers of African-Americans, Hispanics, and other minority groups; and

WHEREAS, the number of people who have contracted AIDS, hepatitis, and other diseases from contaminated hypodermic needles is epidemic under our present system; and

WHEREAS, in our society's zeal to pursue our criminal approach, legitimate medical uses for the relief of pain and suffering of patients have been suppressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that our society must recognize drug use and abuse as the medical and social problems that they are and that they must be treated with medical and social solutions; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that an objective commission be immediately empowered by the President and by Congress to recommend revisions of the drug laws of these United States in order to reduce the harm our present policies are causing.

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# Cato study calls for end to international drug war

The Clinton administration should declare an immediate armistice in the international phase of the war on drugs, recommends a new study from the Cato Institute.

Ted Galen Carpenter, Cato's director of foreign policy studies, contends that the "supply-side" campaign waged throughout Latin America during the Reagan and Bush years was an exercise in destructive futility. Washington's "Ugly American" tactics

caused severe social and economic problems in the drug-source countries, undermined their fragile democratic systems, and created needless diplomatic tensions.

Carpenter warns that the Clinton administration should avoid the temptation to continue the hemispheric drug war in a more "humane" guise by emphasizing crop-substitution programs instead of eradication and interdiction. Crop substitution has proven to be as ineffective as the other two tactics.

## Public Policy Study

Moreover, unless administration officials recognize that Washington's domestic prohibitionist strategy creates the black-market premium that has enabled the illegal

drug trade to become a powerful political and economic force in Latin America countries, there will be little chance for lasting improvement. Carpenter urges the United States to end the demeaning practice of alternately bribing and threatening its neighbors to wage a futile war against drugs.

*"Declaring an Armistice in the International Drug War" is number 26 in the Foreign Policy Briefing series published by the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-842-0200.*

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actively compete in Chile for the right to manage the savings that workers are required to put aside for their old age. During a recent visit to Chile, I didn't meet anyone who wanted to return to the old system, which taxed over 25 percent of earnings (note: U.S. is at 12.4 percent on first \$57,600, excluding Medicare portion) yet provided insufficient and somewhat arbitrary retirement incomes."

The Chilean system "offered its workers the option of either remaining in a government system or transferring to the competitive one along with a government bond that was valued in proportion to their accumulated contributions. Chile's transition went smoothly, and practically all older workers opted out of the traditional system—voting with their feet against state management."

But, hey, our politicians aren't going to adopt an idea from some ignorant, culturally-impaired peasant government, right? They'd rather look to Germany for social welfare advice, where the past political culture has been—shall we say?—more colorful.

*Dr. Becker, Business Week, July 12, 1993.*

### Issue: Voting rights

Clint Bolick, of the libertarian-leaning Institute for Justice, was responsible for labeling Lani Guinier "the quota queen" for some of her more bizarre minority voting rights ideas. Even President Clinton was, eventually, horrified. One of her ideas, however, may have held promise in helping Libertarians to win representation in governmental bodies. Let's let Guinier describe her "cumulative voting" idea: "(L)et's look at one place that has tried it; Chilton County, AL. (T)he county adopted a cumulative voting system in which each voter can cast seven votes to fill the seven commission seats. What makes cumulative voting work so well is that a voter who feels very strongly about a candidate can give that candidate more than one vote. So if Voter A really wants Candidate Z to win, she can throw all seven of her votes behind him. On the other hand, if Voter B feels strongly about more than one candidate, he can spread out his votes. It's up to each voter to choose for himself or herself the strategy that best serves his or her interests." Guinier notes that this procedure resulted in the first black commissioner, as well as Republicans, being elected for the first time ever.

*Guinier, The Washington Post, June 13, 1993. Submitted by Lloyd Andrew, Arnold, MD.*

# State-of-the-Art:

**Liberty**, the provocative magazine that celebrates the diversity of individualist thought, publishes the state-of-the-art in libertarian thinking and analysis:

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# How to:

## Nolan booth advice from an experienced activist

By TOM ISENBERG

*Lots of people have requested information on running successful Nolan booths (similar to Operation Politically Homeless through the Advocates for Self-Government) on campuses. I hope that this encourages all of you (students and non-students) to spend a nice afternoon at your local campus introducing students to libertarianism. In my seven years of activism, I haven't found anything more FUN, more rewarding, or more important!*

### Purpose of Nolan booths

I've run many Nolan booths on campus and I encourage you to do the same. The following tips are the results of lots of mistakes and successes, so learn from my experiences! I think campus Nolan booths are the single most important activity a libertarian organization can undertake for a few reasons:

1. Discovering young libertarians for recruitment. Get 'em when they're young and they're yours forever!
2. Helping other students find out what a libertarian is (and isn't).
3. Providing a libertarian presence on campus.
4. It's a fun activity for libertarians to do. You find 'em, and then put 'em to work finding others!

### Location and timing

Pick the best high-traffic (pedestrian, of course) area you can on campus. You probably don't need permission to set up a booth outside, but you may need permission to set up inside campus buildings. The best time to do this is early in the term before people get too busy and when they are still open to joining campus groups. If you can do these booths regularly (once a month?), that's awesome; if you can only do it a couple of times, focus on the beginning of the term.

### Materials needed for Nolan booths

I recommend that you own these materials yourself. If it's owned in common, it gets lost or trashed. He who pays for it (or works for it) gets to own it. When you graduate, donate it to the next activist. If you are low on funds, hit up the local or state LP and explain the importance of campus outreach. If that fails, hit up the good folks at the national LP.

1. At least one, at best three, volunteers for each two-hour shift. Friendly, outgoing people are the best! They don't need to be gifted orators because the point is to process surveys, not debate libertarianism. In fact, you should NOT debate or explain, it

wastes time and creates a hostile atmosphere. Just refer people to the free literature. Be really friendly and pleasant. No arguing! If someone acts like a jerk, ignore them!

2. Clipboards with Nolan surveys. You'll go through about 20 an hour per clipboard.

3. Free, pre-assembled literature packets people can grab for more information. All of your printed materials (including the survey) should have your group's name and phone number.

4. A card table to hold free literature (don't forget paperweights!)

5. A Nolan chart poster attached to foamcore or cardboard, laminated. (optional)

6. Self-stick post-it dots for scoring people on the poster. (optional)

7. An easel to hold the Nolan poster. (optional)

### How to run the booth

1. Ask passersby, "Do you have a minute for our political opinion poll?"

2. Ask them the survey questions and circle their answers. Plot them on the sheet. By doing it for them, you speed up the process and passersby hear what's going on.

3. Plot dots on the big poster, if you have one. This is a real attention getter, and soon people will be stopping at the booth waiting in line for the survey! No kidding!

4. When you've scored the person, identify yourself as a member of the campus libertarian group and:

- a. give them their survey back and encourage them to try it on their friends later,
- b. if they score libertarian (about 30 percent will) ask to put them on your sign-up sheet for more information.

- c. invite them to grab some free literature if they're interested (do this after you get their personal information).

5. Keep a sign-up sheet at the bottom of each clipboard and write down their name/address/phone/year. If you write it down, at least you'll be able to read it, and it goes much quicker. Getting names is the single most important reason you're doing this! These people will be your future members and activists!

6. When you're done for the day, go grab a pizza with your volunteers to celebrate and talk about what worked and what can be improved. (This builds esprit de corps that's crucial to any group.)

7. EXTRA CREDIT: Submit one of these surveys to the campus newspaper along with a press release showing the statistics over a couple of months. This would be an interesting news item, wouldn't it? That's



NEWS photo by Jeff Chase

**IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST** - Every Saturday a group of Libertarians, including Geoff Weil, left, and Warren Stevens, conducts an outreach booth in the world famous socialist stronghold of Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA, using a specially designed quiz. Others who volunteer their time at the tables are Galit Dukach, Tanya Grimes, Lee Nason, and Jeff Chase.

an easy way to get publicity for your campus group, libertarianism, and the booth itself. If you want to get fancy, break down the information by year or by sex or by major, etc.

### What's next?

Call the folks on the sign-up sheet about a week later and ask what they think about libertarianism, if they're interested in staying on the mailing list, and if they'd like to help with the next Nolan booth. By getting them involved, even before they're 100 percent sure, you speed them along the educational curve. This is more than enough for any campus group to do, but if you're ambitious, you can bring speakers to campus, hold discussion groups, etc.

### More information?

If your student group would like to get copies of the Nolan booth literature we're using (survey and other handouts), send me two 29-cent stamps and I'll rush a kit to you. Then, if you like, I can make customized masters for you (with your student group address and information) all for the same low price (just the postage.) **This offer is only good for student groups!** Contact: Tom Isenberg, 2526 - 175th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052.

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# SC case to high court

Tom King, chair of the Aiken County (SC) Libertarian Party, recently announced that James L. Leslie Jr., attorney for Douglas Greene, Libertarian candidate for Aiken County Council, has filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the South Carolina Supreme Court.

The appeal stems from a protest of the April 27, 1993, special election in which the Democratic incumbent, Lawana McKenzie, was declared the winner by five votes over Greene. Greene appealed the election to the county and state boards of canvassers, which voted to uphold the election, although there was a strong dissenting opinion at the state level (see July and August NEWS).

The petition presents five issues to the SC Supreme Court revolving around the misuse of the challenged ballot law to illegally disenfranchise qualified voters. The petition asks for the election to be reversed or voided, and also asks that poll managers be required to give instructions to challenged voters in the future, similar to "Miranda rights."

"The right of electors to be informed of voting rights is at least as important as the right criminal suspects have to be informed of their most basic constitutional rights," said Leslie. "It is our position that Aiken County election officials erroneously applied the challenged ballot law, with the result that qualified voters, in sufficient number to affect the election, were disenfranchised, and unqualified voters were allowed to vote. This resulted in constitutional and statutory violations sufficient to overturn or void the election."

Greene said, "It's obvious the politically appointed election officials would rather not see a Libertarian win, but if they get away with denying certain voters their rights as they did with us, they can do it to anyone in future elections in South Carolina."

The respondents in the case (McKenzie and the state and county election commissions) have 30 days to answer the petition, after which the Supreme Court will decide whether to hear the case.

"Although up against McKenzie's 'big gun' attorney and the state, we cannot let this blatant injustice go unanswered. If the Supreme Court does not grant certiorari, we will consider federal action if funds can be raised," said Steve Vandervelde, state LP chair.

"We reached the Supreme Court legal brief limit of 50 pages on the challenge ballot issue alone. Leslie then had to make room for one page of constitutional points to the brief at the last minute when we learned the South Carolina ACLU promise of filing an amicus brief on our constitutional issues was not going to be kept. If needed, other steps can be taken to address other voting rights violations by officials and sheriff deputies," said King.

King added that LP member and attorney Robbin Stewart of Columbia, MO, who assisted on case research, may file an amicus brief on the case's constitutional issues.

For more information contact ACLP, Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816.

# Crockett Awards

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bursing money at pleasure is the most dangerous power that can be trusted to a man... While you are contributing to relieve one, you are drawing it from thousands who are worse off than he... You will easily perceive what a wide door this would open for fraud and corruption and favoritism on the one hand and for robbing the people on the other. No, Colonel, Congress has no right to give to charity."

Crockett realized that he had indeed been in error and pledged to remedy his mistake. Soon after, a bill was introduced to appropriate money for the widow of a distinguished naval officer. It had been expected to pass with little opposition until Crockett rose to speak against it. After explaining, as Bunce had, why Congress should not make such an appropriation, he further pledged that he would "give one week's pay to the object" of the bill and pointed out that if every member of Congress were to do the same it would come to more than was asked for in the bill.

Unfortunately, despite the failure of the bill, Crockett was to be disappointed by his fellow legislators for "while those same men made beautiful speeches upon the great debt of gratitude which the country owed the deceased... not one of them responded to my proposi-

tion. Money with them is nothing but trash when it is to come out of the people. But it is the one great thing for which most of them are striving, and many of them sacrifice honor, integrity, and justice to obtain it."\*

Future awards will be made at any time appropriate candidates are found. Members of the public are encouraged to send their nominations to: The Libertarian Party of San Mateo County, 792 Laurel Street, San Carlos, CA 94070. Criteria are that the nominee recognize and reject an inappropriate use of government to solve a social problem and then go on to help create a private alternative. Acuff said that the SMLP hopes to increase the amount of the award stipend as additional funds are raised. Funding for the initial award came primarily from the members of the San Mateo Central Committee of the Libertarian Party.

\* The full story of Davy Crockett and Horatio Bunce can be found in "The Life of Colonel David Crockett," compiled by Edward S. Ellis (Philadelphia: Porter & Coates, 1884). It has also appeared in Freeman magazine. Reprints of the "Not Yours to Give" story are also available from the LP of San Mateo County at the address above.

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# Letters

## Candidacy announced, comments on the cabinet, and more

### Chair candidate

I am the national leader of Students for a Libertarian Society, and I am announcing my candidacy for national chair of the Libertarian Party. I would not have to do this except that I feel Stephen Dasbach is not the charismatic leader that this movement needs to reign successfully over tyranny. The current national committee are not leaders but simply organizers. Revolutions were never won by organizers, but by leaders who had the strength to inspire others to join the fight to be liberated. I have received the official endorsement of Richard Boddie, former candidate for the LP presidential nomination.

The Libertarian Party is just short of its demise because the social trends in this movement are intellectual not inspirational, arrogant but not devoted, and criminally weak. The movement today has rejected Ayn Rand's philosophical gift of Objectivism, Murray Rothbard's revolutionary charisma, and Nathaniel Branden's teachings of love and passion. Instead we have "want to be philosophers" who waste endless hours on "libernet," talking with other libertarians, or arguing with people who already have their minds made up to not be libertarians. The obvious move to make should be to try to recruit regular apolitical people and try to educate them. Instead of people who are actually willing to die for their cause in a revolution, we have fools who play "role playing games" to act out their stupid fantasies. Instead of challenging real life scandals like the "Iran Contra," we find paranoid nationalists talk about the mythical "Tri-lateral Commission, and Illuminati." And you're wondering why we don't attract the majority's attention?

The idea the LP has not accomplished anything in 20 years is not because of our platform, but because we never presented it maturely to the public. I am only 20 years old, and even I feel the adults in this party need to grow up and start acting responsible.

I assure you that under a change of attitude that I feel can be inspired under real leadership, this movement could be victorious and an inspiration to the people. The key is attitude, not philosophical discrepancies. You "want to be intellectuals" waste so much time debating on what you want to represent, you never get around to representing anything at all.

I am a revolutionary who loves life. I am not a pacifist, and I am not an intellectual. I am a leader of the people. If you are sick of endless intellectual discussion and are finally ready to stand up with charisma and life, then I am your candidate for national leader of the Libertarian Party. If you are weak, afraid, and stoic, I don't want your support. For years, this movement has waited for a young strong "John Galt" to come and lead the people to victory. Well, here I am!

**Jeffrey Shapiro**

### Shadows

The Shadow Cabinet is a great collection of experts and may prove to be the best source for national publicity outside the presidential campaigns. Dan Karlan is to be commended for pushing the idea at NatCom and Bill Evers for lining up the top-notch talent.



### Staying in touch

#### Letters to the editor

Let's take the idea a step further, on the local level. The LP's congressional candidates should become "shadow congressmen" for the two years of the incumbent's term. Who better to critique the winner's votes, etc., than one of those who presented a contrasting platform. A good opportunity for "I told you so!" and to get local publicity to build the LP. Having an active shadow congressman also provides the ammo on the incumbent's voting record that the LP will need for the next campaign.

**Dave Walter**  
West Chester, PA

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There can be no doubt that the "Shadow Cabinet" mentioned in the August NEWS would do much better than the ones chosen by the current president. But we can't spend a lot of time day-dreaming; and to think that they're going to have any influence with the current administration can be little more than that.

A question has occurred to me. The answer probably is obvious; but for the record, here it is: Can a department secretary abolish the department he heads? And if not, can he have input into having it abolished? In his book "A Time For Truth," William E. Simon referred to the Department of Energy, which he headed, as a monster.

Most of the departments headed by our "shadow secretaries" are agencies which I—and I trust most Libertarians—think should not exist.

If these people held the positions in fact instead of "in shadow," how would a Libertarian function there? Would he be trying to get Congress to drop the department?

**William B. Williford**  
Houston, TX

### Schiff

Thanks for printing the interview with Irwin Schiff (August 1993 NEWS). In the fight for Human Rights (and the right to the fruits of your own labor is one of those), Schiff is a forerunner. Fighting for what is right, he lays his life, liberty, and property on the line. This is surely different from the timid folk who write in to warn that we are too radical, and that we must not speak of doing away with taxation, but only of tax cuts.

Men like Schiff, Beckman, Benson, and others are like the early patriots, who with a motto of "give me liberty or give me death" ought to be an example to those who want to turn the Libertarian Party into a Party of Compromise.

**Helmut Fritz Prochnow**  
Hernando Beach, FL

### No titles, please

One of the reasons I left socialistic, bureaucratic, class-conscious Germany 30 years ago was her people's obsequious use of titles. I had enough of Herr Dr. X, Herr Dr. Y, Herr Dr. Z . . .

Now, of all places, it's the NEWS refer-

ring to convention speakers as Dr. L., Dr. H., Dr. A., Dr. H. Jr., and Dr. S.

And how about Dr. Larry Dodge? Why list him, as he should be, like a real person by his name Larry Dodge?

You guys are unbelievable!

**Geb Sommer**  
Lexington, SC

### Republican speaker?

I can't believe Morning Glory Productions and Bob Waldrop are having a Republican senator speak at a Libertarian convention! And amazingly they seem proud of it, according to the cover story in the July NEWS.

This just epitomizes the small-visioned and loser mind-set that dominates this party. Mr. hatch is a Republican senator who we are trying to unseat. He is the "enemy," if you will. Yet we are honoring him with an invitation to our convention. We should be picketing him and unseating him, not honoring him.

How many Republican conventions in history have ever had a Democrat come speak? None. Because to do so would be to concede defeat. Because to do so would be asinine. Because to do so would be a loser thing to do.

**Jeff Jared**  
San Francisco, CA

### Elected Libertarians

I would like to compliment you on the feature you have been running in the last couple of issues titled "An Elected Libertarian Writes." I enjoy reading comments from elected Libertarians who are actually in office and dealing with the reality of politics. Please keep this as a monthly feature—it gives all Libertarians hope that maybe in our own local governments the LP will be elected one day in the very near future. Keep up the good work.

**Melissa Ryan**  
Chicago, IL

### Discrimination plank

The Libertarian Party's present plank on discrimination ends with the ringing statement that "the right to trade includes the right not to trade—for any reasons whatsoever." This suggests that the LP is not at all concerned about the victims of discrimination, but only with the freedom of the discriminators.

Our platform must show that it will help the victims overcome discrimination. This can be done with a plank that puts the blame for discrimination on government. Economics tends to reduce discrimination, because a businessman cannot afford to turn away customers, renters, and good workers just because they are not his favorite color. Therefore, if discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations persists, it is because threats are being made, by the more violent racists, against those businesses that fail to discriminate, and government is failing in its job, which is to protect us all against makers of threats. Let a Libertarian government do its proper job of defending our rights, and let the job of destroying the myth of Black inferiority be undertaken by all of us, but especially by those groups formed for the purpose outside of government.

Let us have something in the platform for the victim, rather than for the racist.

**Fred Cookinham**  
Brooklyn, NY

### More meat

"More matter, with less art," as the Queen instructed Polonius. Please devote at least as much space to Libertarian issues, backgrounders, and roundtable discussions as you do to bold-faced "people" items and state party news. Out here in Hawaii, we'd like meat as well as hors d'oeuvres!

**Marc Beauchamp**  
Honolulu, HI

### Wildmon

This is regarding Marshall Fritz's letter to the editor (July 1993 NEWS) in which he indicated that Donald Wildmon of the American Family Association (AFA) opposes morals legislation and asked for proof that the AFA endorses state censorship. He also objected to L. Neil Smith's equating of Wildmon with Ayatollah Khomeini.

Fritz had quoted AFA's Allen Wildmon as saying, "We have never asked for a government ban on any book or magazine," but it appears that they did ask for such a ban on broadcast material. Columnist James R. Peterson (in "Donald Wildmon: The Tupelo Ayatollah," Playboy, Aug. 1989) said, "[Wildmon's] complaints to the Federal Communications Commission culminated in regulations that would ultimately result in the prosecution of anyone who read unexpurgated passages from Rushdie's novel [The Satanic Verses] on radio or television." He then cited a radio station official who decided not to broadcast material from the book because of the law. I hope this is sufficient proof of AFA censorship.

Notwithstanding the Playboy article, if the AFA really does oppose state censorship, they would be the first vigilance committee I have heard of who doesn't want government help in enforcement of their "morals." Fritz indicated that Allen Wildmon said, "No one has the right to tell anyone how to spend their money." Understood literally, this would mean, among other things, that he agrees with me that commercial sex should be re-legalized immediately. I hope he is true to his word, and that he will fight as hard to decriminalize "prostitution" as he does to get companies to pull their ads from adult magazines.

**Denise Ehrlichman**  
Tucson, AZ

### Protection

I laughed until the tears rolled when I considered the repercussions of falling from a bicycle to the pavement while wearing a full suit of armor (Notebook, July 1993). But not to worry. By the end of the Clinton administration the armor will have to be made of fig leaves, unless, of course, someone decides we need to protect the spotted fig.

**Illa Gene Bolton**  
Gallup, NM

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# Letters

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## Norway

I am a new member of the LP. Currently, I reside in Norway where I have come face-to-face with real socialism. It's been, and continues to be, a shocking, eye-opening, and frightening experience.

My intent is to dispel what I consider myths about Scandinavian "progressive democracies"—don't let anyone fool you, they're not progressive and they're not democracies. What they are are moral (in the realm of mind) and economic (in the realm of matter) authoritarian states, where the individual is subject to the tyranny of almost unconstrained majority rule, and where individual rights have been (proudly) replaced with "social rights."

Political parties are nothing more than special-interest groups fighting for more "public" money and power to "shape society" after their own desires. And people in general, whether politicians or not, seem most concerned to have as many as possible "on their side"—the worst fear here is to go against the majority, which is the real decider of "truth," "morality," and all other matters of the individual that have been taken over by the State.

When Norwegians elect politicians, they are electing someone to represent their life, surrogate thinkers, so they can turn their minds off to "politics." This became apparent to me after I realized how fragmented the thoughts of these people are—how they can't (won't?) make the basic connection between politics, philosophy, and their own lives. Political discussions are limited to the concrete; theory is discounted as not being "applicable to reality."

The one political party, Fremskrittspartiet (Progress Party), which in Norwegian reality is the equivalent of the LP, but in objective reality is more a left-oriented Democratic Party, is literally ridiculed for "not being serious," i.e., for daring to question the system itself as being the source of the problems that dominate the other parties' dialogue. This is the status of the current Norwegian Welfare State: A society where everything individual is socialized and institutionalized, and where people out of habit have "voluntarily" narrowed their lives to the immediately perceptible, and laid their futures in the hands of the "oligarchy."

Perhaps Libertarians are well aware of what I've written, but I doubt that the "average" American is. Don't let them continue in ignorance; inform them of what the president that they elected believes to be a worthy role model for America! Refer

them to me—I'll write them personally! And I'll support it with as much documentation from the media as anyone could stand!

**Peter K. Gasteiger**  
Manevn.30  
1300 Sandivka  
Norway

*Editor's note: Gasteiger asked his complete address be included so members could contact him directly.*

## Support the Second

I am urging other Libertarians to write their U.S. representatives and ask them to become co-sponsors of H. Con. Res. 3, the Second Amendment individual right to keep and bear arms measure introduced by Rep. Phillip M. Crane of Illinois. I am a member of the Libertarian Party and a member of the National Rifle Association. I might not agree with the political philosophy of some NRA members, but

the NRA is our best device for preserving our Second Amendment rights.

I don't always agree with Libertarian philosophy and I don't always agree with NRA philosophy, but I will continue to back both organizations 100 percent, because I believe that both organizations are working at protecting and expanding the rights and freedoms of the individual.

**Bill C. Healy**  
Seattle, WA

## Right strategy, wrong race

*The following letter is in response to the "Hit 'em Where They Ain't" ad campaign that has appeared recently in the NEWS. The letter was written by Miriam F. Luce, secretary of the LP of New Hampshire, but it incorporates comments from many LP leaders and activists in the state. Luce was the LP candidate for governor in 1990 and 1992.*

Our thanks and admiration go to Jim Burns and his collaborators on the thought-provoking ads that have been running for many months in the NEWS. Most of us here, from our own experience, recognize that **this** debate is much more productive than the pledge/platform debate. After all, the product design phase of libertarianism is over. It's time for all LP members to focus attention on building the party and selling the best product in this marketplace of ideas we call politics. We do that by gaining party members, winning elections, and changing legislation.

The ads also show a good grasp of the advantages to Libertarians of investing resources in New Hampshire. The state has a small geographic area with a small population, reached by a media market that is more complex than the analysis in the ads takes into account, but which is still a more efficient way of reaching the voters than in many areas of the country. Candidates can meet many of the voters (although not all of them), and the voters are more willing and able to listen with understanding than anywhere else.

However, since the voters in New Hampshire are relatively sophisticated, they are also less likely to change their voting pattern without compelling reasons to do so. Unless the Libertarian presidential ticket becomes a national phenomenon, there is **no way that we could get even 10 percent in New Hampshire** in 1996 in that race no matter how much money, time, and energy the candidates invested. In other words, it's the **right strategy**, but the **wrong race**.

We base this conclusion on our recent experiences with statewide races in this state. In 1990, getting media exposure in the race for governor was the major challenge for us. After gaining ballot status, the challenge in 1992 became finding enough time and money to take advantage of all the media exposure that was freely offered to our expanded slate. In the gubernatorial race, it's true that I was outspent by my opponents 100:1, but I had a dedicated campaign staff and volunteers, I met many voters, and some even remembered me from

my run in 1990. My vote total went up—but the percentage went down. The race was misperceived as a close race between the Republican and the Democrat, and I had a number of people tell me later that if they had known that the Republican would win by a landslide, they would have "taken the chance" and voted Libertarian.

No amount of money can overcome the profound skepticism of New Hampshire voters. Back in the days when we petitioned year after year for ballot access, petitioners who worked in other states as well as here told us that although gross signature requirements in New Hampshire were not difficult to satisfy, that it was the hardest state in which to get a single signature. Voters here hoard their votes as if each vote had a global impact—which sometimes it does! The voters in Dixville Notch are a breed apart from the rest of the state in their willingness to bravely vote their true beliefs and what happened there cannot necessarily be replicated throughout New Hampshire even under the best of circumstances.

Furthermore, if we have a high level of exposure here for our presidential ticket **after** the New Hampshire primary, voters will think we're stupid and the major media will further marginalize us. After all, it's taken months of training to get the picture to dedicated Libertarians using ads in our party organ. How do you think we'll do when we have to depend on the media to explain to the voters of New Hampshire why we arrived late to the biggest political game in town?

Does this mean that New Hampshire does not represent the best opportunity for Libertarians around the country to get the "best bang for their buck?" Far from it. The LPNH has elected more people to the state house than any other state and there's every reason to believe that if we stay focused, we'll have even more electoral success in the future. NH has one of the largest legislatures in the world (400 representatives and 24 senators) who are paid \$100 per session (plus mileage!) They are arguably closer to the citizenry than in any other legislature in the country. **Many spend no money and/or run unopposed.** If we can get more candidates willing to run to win office in 1994, if we can get a candidate who's willing to put their life on hold by running for governor to regain ballot status (it must be done every two years here), if we can get enough money and know-how to run professional, winning campaigns, if all of our officeholders stick to the free market, small government principles of libertarianism, if we can actually get legislation passed and the voters can see the weight of government lifting off their backs, **then**

we can think of investing to win a presidential race in New Hampshire. We can do all of those things, but **there are no shortcuts.**

We would not presume to micro-manage a presidential race, since, under ordinary circumstances, the candidate chooses the strategy and tactics and plays to their own strengths. The national party does not decide those things for them, nor should any state organizations. However, we do suggest two meaningful actions which can be done now to increase the profile of the Libertarian presidential ticket in 1996. First, come to New Hampshire **now**. We've already seen members of the two old parties trooping through the state. That started as soon as they smelled blood. Anyone hoping to win the Libertarian nomination for president in 1996 should be up here, hiring staff, introducing themselves to the press, and piggy-backing on LPNH functions. (Our state convention is Nov. 11—save that date!) The second thing we highly recommend is that there be a contest for the Libertarian nomination in New Hampshire. Media access was more difficult in 1992 because there was no one running against Andre Marrou. He was already the party's nominee. That will not be the case in 1996. I learned the wisdom of good competition from Cal Warburton, who was smart enough to overcome objections and throw his hat into the ring for the governor's nomination in 1992. We were included in many debates from which we would have been excluded if there had been no contest. Besides, we had as much fun paying each other public compliments as we did watching our Republican opponents insult one another. It won us much good will from a cynical electorate—and maybe new members and votes. These are things for potential presidential candidates to consider.

If Jim Burns had bothered to consult with any of the LP leaders in New Hampshire, we could have saved him the money he spent on the NEWS ads. Better yet, he could have invested it here in New Hampshire where political dollars pay off better than anywhere else in the country. In fact, we invite all of you to do so now. Keep generating good marketing ideas, too. All the money in the world can't change things unless we work harder and smarter—and remember who the enemy is.

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## Dave dares to explain what no man has explained before

In today's edition of The Science Nook we're going to discuss some exciting developments in the field of putting portholes in cows. But first we have a News Update concerning Space Station Freedom.

As you may recall, Space Station Freedom was one of several excellent science ideas that Ronald Reagan had back in the 1980s, when the federal government had big piles of spare money lying around. The space station's scientific purpose was to provide a place where astronauts with nicknames like "Hoot" and "Skeezzer" could float around and conduct vital experiments to determine what happens when you expose plants and animals to zero gravity.

Actually, we already know what happens to them. They throw up. Even the PLANTS throw up. But that is not the point. The point is that Space Station Freedom, through a complex scientific process that is not understood by ordinary civilians such as yourself, dumps money into districts and states of influential members of Congress, thereby enabling them to claim that they have created jobs, which is of course the fundamental purpose of the federal government.

This is why we still pay subsidies to beekeepers. This is why we still have military bases whose primary purpose is to prevent the British from capturing Pittsburgh. This is why, when we build a major weapon, rather than build it all in one place, we assemble it from tiny Chiclet-sized pieces, each one manufactured in a key



On the light side

Dave Barry  
Columnist

district or state, always including West Virginia, home of Sen. Robert "I'm Not A Large Albino Ferret, But I Play One On C-SPAN" Byrd (D-Pork).

So the members of Congress were all for building a major space station, along the lines of the one featured in the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey." (They rejected the option of simply purchasing the station used in the movie which was actually filmed in outer space on the grounds that it would not create enough jobs.)

So far we've spent around \$9 billion on Space Station Freedom, and we've made tremendous progress by every conceivable standard of measurement, except the standard of having a station that we could put up in space. To do THAT, we'd have to spend a LOT more money, something like \$20 billion, not including the outdoor space barbecue grill option.

Ordinarily, our elected congresshumans would think nothing of spending another \$20 billion, but recently they were shocked to discover, during a routine audit, that a gigantic federal budget deficit had somehow developed without anybody knowing about it or being responsible for it or any-

thing. So now they're cutting spending like crazy. They even stopped funding the \$11 billion superconducting super collider, which was going to benefit science by causing protons to whiz around in Texas until they smashed into each other, thereby setting off a subatomic reaction that physicists believe would create thousands of tiny jobs.

There was talk of cutting the space station, too. Fortunately, the project was saved when President Clinton endorsed a plan for a scaled-down version, sort of a Space Station Freedom Lite, which will cost only another \$10 billion (Take THAT, Mr. Pesky Deficit!). Of course the size reduction will require certain compromises: We'll have to use small astronauts with short nicknames and no more than two pieces of carry-on luggage, and they'll have to restrict their weightlessness experiments to very tiny organisms, such as germs.

HOUSTON MISSION CONTROL: How're they doin', Bo?

ASTRONAUT (squinting into microscope): They're throwin' up, Houston.

So Space Station Freedom has been spared for now, but it still has many critics who wish to kill it altogether. We cannot allow this to happen if we are to remain a first-rate nation, defined as "A nation that spends way more than it has." We must keep up the pressure on Congress to keep Space Station Freedom alive. Even if it turns out to be too costly to launch into

actual orbit, we should go ahead and build it, to create jobs. We could then put it in some area that could use a space station, such as West Virginia.

Meanwhile, we should all be thinking about the scientific implications of putting portholes in cows. This is going on at Washington State University, according to a *Seattle Times* article written by Bill Dietrich and sent to The Science Nook by many alert readers. The article states that an agriculture professor named Roger Calza has installed a six-inch wide tube in the side of a cow so that he can study what happens to undergraduates when they peer directly into a cow ("They're throwin' up, Houston." "Roger, Roger.>").

No, that's not the reason. Prof. Calza installed the porthole so that he can determine, for agricultural purposes, exactly what goes on in the interior of a working cow's stomach. It turns out that the scientific answer is: You don't want to know. Here at The Science Nook we are very excited about this discovery, and we think Congress should give Prof. Calza several billion dollars so that he can create jobs by installing portholes in other types of organisms, including cats, snakes, boats, etc. Maybe we could even gain important scientific insights into the legislative process by installing a porthole in the head of a member of Congress. Speaking of space.

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## Quote of the Month

In early June, *USA Today* asked high school students what they would do to make schools better. Most cited the need for more money, more special programs, etc. But one enlightened young man, **David Zeltser** of Mt. Carmel High School in San Diego, offered the following breath of fresh air:

"A state-controlled education system violates every taxpayer's fundamental property rights by forcing him to pay for something he doesn't want. Like communism, "public" education has failed because neither could accommodate the diverse and ever-changing needs of individuals.

How do we better every child's education without violating any citizen's property rights? The business of education must be made a literal business, a part of the free market. Eliminating public schools will open a vast market, which will be quickly filled by moral, successful, competing private schools.

To succeed, a risk-taking entrepreneur must cater to the educational needs of his school's community with his own stake in each student's success as every business owner has a personal stake in his customers' satisfaction.

The state-controlled public school system is based on tyranny. It inevitably breeds wide-spread failure. The American people have been fighting the evils of communism everywhere but in their own land."

**David Zeltser, San Diego**

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