



# Feet to the fire

## LP delivers challenge to GOP

**T**he Libertarian Party has issued a public "Challenge to the Republicans"—urging the GOP to live up to its 1994 campaign promises, and "drastically reduce the size of the federal government."

In the document, LP National Chair Steve Dasbach challenged the Republican Party to immediately eliminate 21 specific federal programs, agencies, and policies.

"The ball is in the court of the Republican Party. The next six months will determine if Republicans can be trusted to actually abolish the many federal government programs and agencies that have no place in a free society," said Dasbach.

The "Challenge" was hand-delivered to the Capitol Hill offices of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, House Majority Leader Richard Arme, and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole on Jan. 6 by LP Director of Communications Bill Winter and National Committee member Don Ernsberger.

"In November, American voters handed the Republican Party an historic opportunity. They gave Republicans a mandate to drastically reduce the size of the federal government—and to decrease its power over the personal and economic lives of our citizens," said Dasbach. "We Libertarians want to know: Are they up to the task?"

On the LP's 21-item "hit list" were Amtrak, the Corpora-



LP Director of Communications Bill Winter hand-delivers the Libertarian Party's "Challenge to the Republicans" to a staff member in the office of House Majority Leader Richard Arme (R-TX).

tion for Public Broadcasting, the Civilian Marksman Program, Steamtown USA, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Selective Service, the Economic Development Administration, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Fossil Energy Research, the Davis Bacon Act, the Inter-

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## Congress: Ratings and outlook

The November elections resulted in sweeping changes in the political party alignments of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. However, Don Ernsberger, LP National Committee member and the author of the yearly "Libertarian Index of the U.S. Congress," cautioned, "Even though there may have been a doubling of 'libertarian' oriented members of the U.S. Congress, don't expect any real changes in the size of the federal government."

"Most serious attempts to abolish government agencies and programs that do injustice to personal liberty have always lost by 60 to 100 votes in the House and by 20 to 30 votes in the Senate," explained Ernsberger. "There may be some trimming of pork barrel here and there and the elimination of a few programs, but the number of congressmen who truly believe in the elimination of agencies that attack economic and personal liberty is still small. Libertarians will have to keep the pressure on Republicans elected on libertarian themes to seriously start repealing laws and abolishing programs."

This year's index, which is based on the 10 most important votes on economic freedom and the 10 most important votes on personal liberty issues, shows a small number of consistent libertarian voting members. This year a pork barrel index has been added to show which members attack special spending projects and programs. This third index helps separate established politicians who trade their votes for local district pork barrel spending.

The "Libertarian Index" provides data and perspective that cannot be obtained from such indexes as the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) Index—which focuses only on spending of dollars in budget allocations—or the Republican Liberty Caucus (RLC) Rating—which uses a curve to push more members into the personal liberty/economic liberty axis.

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## Murray Rothbard

### 1926 - 1995

**M**urray Newton Rothbard, eminent economist, historian, philosopher, and former Libertarian Party official, died in New York City of cardiac arrest on Jan. 7, 1995.

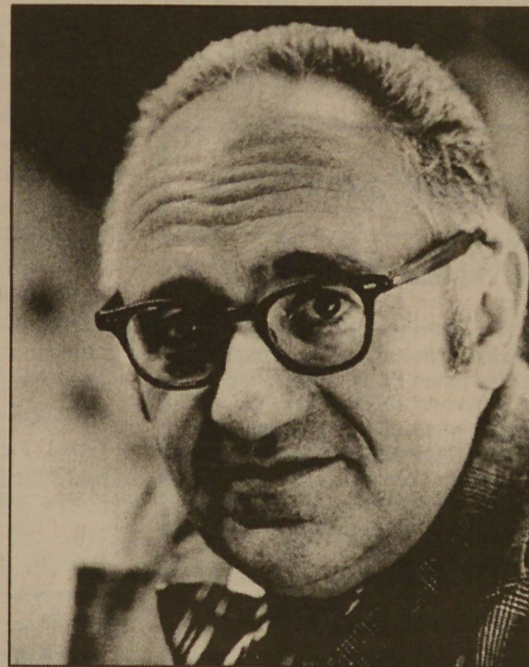
The S. J. Hall distinguished professor of economics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and vice president for academic affairs at the Ludwig von Mises Institute at Auburn University, Rothbard was author of 25 books and thousands of articles, both popular and academic. He also edited the Review of Austrian Economics and the Journal of Libertarian Studies. Born in New York in 1926, he received his Ph.D in economics from Columbia University in 1956, and from 1963 to 1985 taught at New York Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn.

"The world lost a great champion for liberty with the passing of Professor Murray Rothbard," said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party national chair. "His many works, particularly his classic book 'For a New Liberty,' have had a profound influence on the development of the modern libertarian movement."

Rothbard joined the Libertarian Party around 1974 and was active until 1989. He served several terms on the Libertarian National Committee and helped write sections of the Party's platform.

"Less than two weeks before his death, he wrote an outstanding essay for *The Washington Post*," said Dasbach, "taking exception to E. J. Dionne's recent characterization of Republican elites as being part of the libertarian revolution. He went on to clearly demonstrate that, while the forces that brought the Republicans to power have a strong libertarian undercurrent, the Republican leadership is clearly not libertarian." [Excerpts from Rothbard's essay appear on page 2.]

Dasbach also noted that "while Dr. Rothbard has passed



from this world, his influence has not. As the libertarian revolution builds in the coming decade, his works are likely to grow in influence as well. Dr. Rothbard lived long enough to see libertarian ideas begin to take hold in society. The Libertarian Party remains committed to achieving his dream of a society that truly respects individual liberty."

Rothbard received the Ingersoll Foundation's Richard M. Weaver Prize for Scholarly Letters in 1994. The Foundation said Rothbard "almost defines the term intellectual maverick. A brilliant economic historian and philosopher, he has almost single-handedly revived the idealism of the old American Republic. He's an individualist to the core, but he has never for a moment lost sight of the social and moral dimensions of the marketplace." "Man, Economy, and Liberty" (1986) edited by Walter Block and Llewellyn H. Rockwell Jr., evaluated and celebrated his voluminous

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# Rothbard

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contributions to the theory and history of liberty.

As an economist, he was the leading contemporary exponent of the Austrian School, which emphasizes the role of human action in economic phenomena, and a student of Ludwig von Mises (1881-1973), the Austrian emigre who taught the Austrian School and free-market policies in post-war America. The first two volumes of Rothbard's history of economic thought, published by Edward Elgar, appeared in January 1995, and a two-volume compilation of his economic articles, totaling more than 1,000 pages, will appear this spring in Elgar's "Pioneers in Economics" series (Mark Blaug, ed.)

Rothbard was the author of *Man, Economy, and State* (1962), a treatise elucidating the full range of economics using logical methods he thought appropriate to the social sciences. *Power and Market* (1970), a policy-oriented elaboration, presented a taxonomy of political interventionism and a critique of all forms of regulation and taxation. Rothbard's *America's Great Depression* (1963), an empirical application of monetary theory to the business cycle, was also the first scholarly work to argue a non-market cause of the stock market crash and subsequent depression, as well as to reinterpret the presidency of Herbert Hoover as a proto-New Deal. Rothbard's thesis was adopted by Paul Johnson for the depression chapter in *Modern Times*.

The *Panic of 1819* (1962), his Ph.D dissertation written under Joseph Dorfman and Arthur Burns, was the first full-scale economic and monetary study of this period. *The Mystery of Banking* (1983) argued for 100-percent reserve banking and a restoration of the gold standard, and his *The Case Against the Fed* (1995) favors the abolition of central banking.

Rothbard's methodological studies, which center on separating economics from positivism, and advancing praxeology, or the science of human action, as the foundation of social science, include "The Mantle of Science" in *Scientism and Values* (Schoeck, ed., 1960), "In Defense of Extreme Apriorism" in the *Southern Economic Journal* (1957), "Value Implications of Economic Theory" in *The American Economist* (1973), "Praxeology as the Method of Economics," in *Phenomenology and the Social Sciences* (1973), and the 1983 introduction to a reprint of Ludwig von Mises's "Theory and History."

In addition, Rothbard published notes, articles, and reviews in the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Economic Literature*, the *American Political Science Review*, the *Journal of History of Ideas*, and many others. His economic studies concentrated on capital and interest, money and banking, utility and welfare science, economic history, comparative economic systems, the theory of law and externalities, and the history of economic thought.

As a historian, Rothbard reinterpreted events in American history in light of libertarian ideals and the struggle between the state and the individual. He was the author of "Conceived in Liberty" (1974-1979), a four-volume history of colonial America bringing to light episodes of resistance to government, tax revolts, and private militias, and celebrating the anti-federalist opponents of consolidated government. His essays "War Collectivism and World War I" and "Herbert Hoover and the Myth of Laissez Faire" appeared in "A New History of Leviathan" (Radosh, ed., 1972), and his "The Great Society: A Libertarian Critique" appeared in "The Great Society Reader" (Gettleman and Mermelstein, eds. 1967).

"What Has Government Done to Our Money?" (1964), which appeared in five editions and in several foreign languages, traced the history of inflation and the American experience of monetary depreciation from the founding to the modern era. "The New Deal and the International Monetary System" appeared in "Watershed of Empire: Essays on New Deal Foreign Policy" (Liggio and Martin, eds. 1976) and "The Foreign Policy of the Old Right" appeared in the *Journal of Libertarian Studies*.

As a political philosopher, Rothbard es-

poused natural law and natural rights in the Thomist tradition, private property in the Lockean tradition, and decentralized, libertarian legal institutions. His "Ethics of Liberty" (1982) was his systematic case for libertarian political institutions, and "For a New Liberty" (1973) applied this philosophy to contemporary problems in policy. He wrote the lengthy introduction to and exposition of "The Politics of Obedience" by 16th-century libertarian theorist Etienne de la Boetie. "Punishment and Proportionality" (1977) appeared in "Assessing the Criminal" (Barnett and Hagel, eds.) and "Education, Free and Compulsory" (1972) traced the history of public schools from the Protestant Reformation, and proposed complete privatization. "Freedom, Inequality, Primitivism, and the Division of Labor" (1971) in *Modern Age* rejected all forms of egalitarian ideology as inconsistent with the rule of law. Often called the founder of modern "anarcho-capitalism," Rothbard was advisory editor to "The Right-Wing Individualist Tradition in America" (1972), a 38-volume reprint series from Arno Press.

As a journalist, he was editor of *Left and Right* (1965-1968), the *Libertarian Forum* (1969-1985), and the Rothbard-Rockwell

Report (1990-1995), as well as a contributor to *Chronicles*, *National Review*, *Reason*, *The Free Market*, and *Human Events*, among many others. He wrote on economics and politics for the *New York Times*, the *Journal of Commerce*, *The Washington Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Many other articles, popular and scholarly, are scheduled for publication in 1995 and 1996.

On military and foreign policy, Rothbard regarded himself as a member of the pre-1950s Old Right in the tradition of Robert Taft, and as such was a fierce opponent of the national security state. He actively opposed the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War, and led the non-interventionist split from what he regarded as the pro-war conservatism of many of his contemporaries.

He was co-founder of the John Randolph Club, the Center for Libertarian Studies, and the Cato Institute. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, JoAnn, of New York City.

**Contributions in his memory may be made to the Murray N. Rothbard Scholarship Fund, Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn, AL 36849-5301.**

## Gingrich is no libertarian

*The following excerpts are from the last published article by Murray Rothbard. They appeared in The Washington Post on Dec. 29, 1994, and relate to a column by E. J. Dionne that the NEWS excerpted last month.*

BY MURRAY N. ROTHBARD

E. J. Dionne is wrong in identifying the Republican elites, in particular the Gingrich faction, with the libertarian revolution [opened, Dec. 6]. The truth is that since we have been stuck with a two-party system, any electoral revolution against big government had to be expressed through a Republican victory. So it is certainly true that Newt Gingrich and his faction, as well as Robert Dole, have ridden to power on the libertarian wave.

But to speak, as Mr. Dionne does, of "the rise of libertarians as a key party constituency and the centrality of libertarian ideas to many of the party's new leaders" is going a bit too far. . .

Anti-interventionism (smeared as "isolationism") is at the heart of the Old Right, as Dionne mentions, and it is also the source of the libertarian split from the conservative mainstream during the Cold War. Yet, now that the Soviet Union and the Cold War are happily dead and gone, the Republican and Democratic elites continue in lockstep to favor pushing other countries around for their own alleged good, while imposing vast burdens on the American taxpayer. Gingrich and Dole, in fact, criticize Mr. Clinton's foreign policy for not being interventionist enough.

What could be a clearer example of the rift between the Gingrich-Dole-Armye Republican elites and the mass of the American public? The American people couldn't care less about Bosnia or Somalia or Haiti; they resist government-made multinational trade cartels, and they oppose foreign aid. Yet the Republican "conservatives" are at least as enthusiastic as Democratic liberals about these programs.

The same is true on the domestic front. The libertarian Old Right was born in opposition to Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal. Yet Gingrich has repeatedly emphasized his devotion to FDR ("the greatest figure of the 20th century"), to his statist political program ("the truth is we would have voted for much of it"), and to his legacy ("He did bring us out of the Depression"). Accepting as truth the most damaging anti-capitalist cliché of the century, Gingrich reveals his ignorance of history as well as of economics.

Gingrich's support of the libertarian revolution is, so far, only lip service. His concrete proposals would likely expand the welfare state's burden on the taxpayers, for example, by forcing states to create and operate a vast array of government orphanages and group homes. Instead of being rearranged, spending should be slashed and the money returned to its original owners.

The Gingrichians had petty reservations about the Clinton crime bill, but they enthusiastically supported the dangerous nationalization of crime-fighting functions, which, according to both libertarian precepts and the Constitution, are supposed to dwell exclusively in the states and local communities. And we should never forget that Gingrich advocated a compromise with the president on health care.

Dick Armye, who in his early years in Congress was indeed, as Dionne says, influenced by the libertarian Ludwig von Mises, has also succumbed. In addition to his vote for the WTO, Mr. Armye has emphasized his strong support for the "untouchable" Social Security.

Social Security, now the largest government program, was also the biggest single tragedy of the New Deal. It plunders income and savings, wastes them in government spending, and then taxes people again to pay for the "insurance" benefits. No libertarian could pronounce this bankrupt and disastrous racket to be sacrosanct.

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# "Behind Your Back: What Do Other People Really Say About You And Your Libertarian Ideas?"

"Dear Michael,

"Behind Your Back: What do the people you talk to really say about you and your Libertarian ideas? After I leave a conversation and walk out of the room, what do they really say about me and my Libertarian ideas?"

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"Then we did the same thing with me using your *Essence of Political Persuasion* and one of my friends standing quietly by during my comments and discussion. I'd excuse myself. Then, after I left, my friend would innocently ask what the non-libertarian listeners thought of my ideas and how they felt toward me.

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"Michael, you saved my life."

M.B., Miami, FL

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C.N., San Antonio, TX

## 1-900 Libertarian Phone Sex?

"Dear Michael,

"The libertarian movement is like 1-900 phone sex. We spend hours talking with people about all the amazing things we're going to do, what it's going to be like and how good it'll feel. We spend hours Liber-teasing each other until we get our fantasy release.

"I'm married. My wife and I have a young daughter. Being a good husband and a good daddy to our little girl takes commitment and work. But I wouldn't trade one minute of my marriage or my family life for any amount of phone fantasy talk.

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people into the libertarian movement and get them active.

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C.M., Portland, OR

## Captain Convinces Commander

"Dear Michael,

"The other night, at a social event, I got into a conversation with fellow officers over foreign policy. My Commanding Officer overheard our discussion and joined in.

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Captain stationed in Germany

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state Commerce Commission, and the National Service Program.

Also included were FCC controls on 900 lines and cable TV, subsidized grazing fees, the space station, the DC Domestic Partners regulation, shipping quotas and subsidies, the Overseas Marketing Board, the semi-automatic weapons ban, several "War On Drugs" civil liberties violations, and unnecessary NATO and U.N. military expenses.

"This list will serve as a litmus test of how serious the GOP is," said Dasbach. "Do they have the guts to actually abolish whole agencies? Are they willing to defend civil liberties? Are they willing to cut pet programs for their own special interest groups?"

Dasbach stressed that it is politically

feasible for the GOP to act on every item on the LP list.

"Within the past three years, legislation has been introduced in the House or Senate to abolish or defund most of the items on this list," he said. "Unfortunately, those efforts were defeated. Often, many Republicans failed to support these attempts to abolish these useless government programs. Now is the time for them to act!"

A few of the items on the LP list were just recently passed into law. "In those cases, the Republicans had an opportunity to block these bad laws, but didn't," said Dasbach. "Now they can correct that mistake, and repeal these laws."

If fully implemented, the "Challenge to the Republicans" would produce immediate tax savings of at least \$4.5 billion, and would ultimately reduce the federal budget

by hundreds of billions of dollars.

Some of the items won't save any money, but will roll back restrictions on Americans' personal freedom, said Dasbach.

"Repealing the semi-automatic weapons ban would show the GOP is prepared to defend the Second Amendment. Getting the FCC to stop regulating cable TV would show support for the First Amendment. Repealing "Drug War" inspired civil liberties violations would be proof that the Republicans believe in the Fourth Amendment," he said.

Dasbach said that most Democrats will be working to defend the status quo, so only the Libertarian Party is in a position to challenge the GOP to live up to its promises.

"For 23 years, the Libertarian Party has fielded candidates dedicated to reducing

the size, cost, and scope of government," said Dasbach. "This past November, in many congressional races, Libertarians faced Republican candidates who promoted the same 'libertarian' themes of reducing government, deregulating business, reforming welfare, and expanding personal liberty. In state after state, the voters enthusiastically embraced these themes, and elected the Republican candidates to the House and Senate who had run on these 'libertarian' ideals of government."

"The time for talk is over. The time to deliver on their promises has arrived. Will the GOP carry out the mandate given to you by the American voter last November? All over the country, Libertarian Party members—and potential candidates—will be watching," he vowed.

## CHALLENGE to the REPUBLICANS

Here is the Libertarian Party's 21-item Challenge to the Republicans "hit list."

"The LP challenges the Republican Party to live up to its promises, and immediately abolish or defund every one of the programs, agencies, and policies," said national LP Chair Steve Dasbach.

1) Amtrak: Railroad subsidies. \$505 million.

2) Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Subsidy "for collectivist value broadcasting at the taxpayers' expense," said Dasbach. \$273 million.

3) Civilian Marksman Program: Subsidy of bullets to shooting groups and gun sportsman. "The Second Amendment does not guarantee free bullets any more than First Amendment guarantees free newspapers," noted Dasbach. \$2.5 million.

4) Steamtown USA: For the operation of Steamtown USA museum in Pennsylvania. \$3.1 million.

5) National Endowment for the Arts: Subsidies to museums, artists, and exhibits. \$171 million.

6) Selective Service: Draft registration

of 18-year-old males. \$28 million.

7) Economic Development Administration: Grants to local governments and non-profit organizations. "A creature of Congressional Pork Barrel barons who distribute money to their own districts," said Dasbach. \$350 million.

8) The Appalachian Regional Commission: Funds Appalachian Mountain projects. \$249 million.

9) Fossil Energy Research: Funds the Fossil Energy Research Advanced Computational Technology Initiative. \$428.5 million.

10) The Davis-Bacon Act: Requires federal contracts to use the "prevailing union wage rates" for federal construction projects. Estimated yearly cost: \$700 million.

11) The Interstate Commerce Commission: Regulates trucking, airfreight and rail shipping rates. "The ICC has historically served the interests of the established railroad and trucking firms by keeping prices high and competition down," said Dasbach. \$45 million.

12) The National Service Program: Gives education grants to young people for community service programs. "Typically, it spends more on administration than in direct educational awards to participants," said Dasbach. \$389 million.

13) FCC controls on 900 lines and cable TV: FCC power to regulate the 900-number industry (with expanded powers of censorship) and cable TV rates.

14) Subsidized grazing fees: Below market-priced "subsidies" for Western farmers on government land.

15) The space station: "A \$16.5 billion gift to the space industry," said Dasbach. \$2.2 billion (in 1995).

16) DC Domestic Partners regulation: Prohibits the District of Columbia from offering domestic partners (gay or straight) group health insurance, even at higher premium rates. "The government should not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," said Dasbach.

17) Shipping quotas and subsidies: Law requiring U.S. flag-flying ships for the shipment of any goods subsidized by the U.S.

taxpayer. "The result is inflated transportation costs," said Dasbach. Also, a \$1.2 billion program to subsidize U.S.-flag cargo vessels.

18) Overseas Marketing Board: Gives money to large U.S. corporations to advertise agricultural products overseas. \$75 million.

19) The semi-automatic weapons ban: Outlaws the manufacture and sale of 19 specific semi-automatic weapons, plus other similar weapons.

20) "War On Drugs" civil liberties violations: Laws treating non-violent drug dealers like violent criminals in mandatory minimum sentencing. Also, a law codifying the "good faith" exemption to the exclusionary rule. "This is used almost completely in Drug War enforcement and represents an erosion of Fourth Amendment rights," said Dasbach.

21) NATO and U.N. military expenses: U.S. payments for the defense of NATO countries and Japan. Estimated yearly cost: \$90 billion. Also, the \$1.2 billion fund for U.N. "peacekeeping" operations.

## CHALLENGE to the REPUBLICANS

# The 21-point hit list

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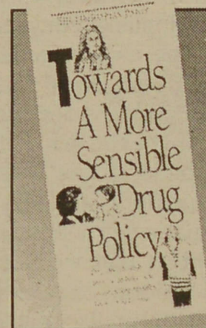
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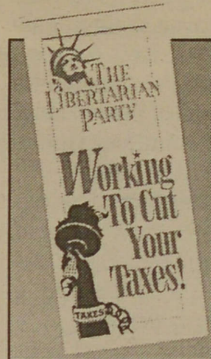
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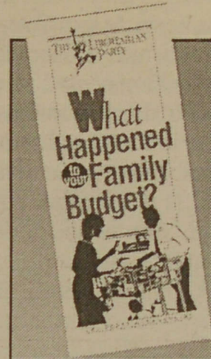
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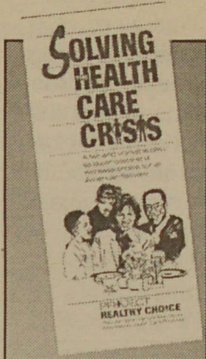
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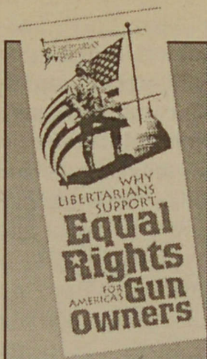
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# Campaign retrospective

## How an LP candidate in MD won last election

*Libertarian Party member Steve Ziegler won a seat on the Charles County Board of Education in Maryland in the November election. Longtime LP activist and Ziegler's campaign manager I. Dean Ahmad explains how the victory was achieved in this non-partisan race. Future LP candidates may get some helpful hints from this report.*

**BY I. DEAN AHMAD, PH.D**  
**ZIEGLER CAMPAIGN MANAGER**

I agreed to be campaign manager for Steve Ziegler's campaign for a seat on the Charles County Board of Education because he was well-placed for a victory. He was already the chair of the Budget Advisory Committee to the school board, was well-known in his community, and had the support of local church members. The race offered an excellent opportunity to apply the strategies and tactics I acquired in Sal Guzzetta's campaign workshops last year. Steve needed only to place in the top four to win, and he missed placing fourth in the primary by only 467 votes, despite a relative paucity of coverage at the polls and a complete absence of yard signs.

My only hesitation was that we were starting extremely late. I wished to waste neither my efforts nor those of volunteers

and contributors. Steve understood, and he promised that if he did not win this time he would immediately begin campaigning for election in two years. With the opportunity to use any effort expended on the present campaign as a base for winning next time, I felt we had a no-lose situation.

Steve had been running a self-managed campaign. The shortcomings of this strategy were apparent in his seventh-place position in the primary. How to get into at least fourth place? Steve provided me with most of the data I needed to map out a strategy: Results from a previous primary and general election and some information on his opponents, maps of the district and a list of polling places. With no time to raise proper funding, Steve agreed to lend the campaign money to proceed. I would write a fundraiser that we hoped would raise enough to repay most of the loan.

The first four places in the primary were held by two incumbents and two newcomers. Having started so late, I did not think we could beat the incumbents, so my plan was to try to move Steve into a tie for third place. Steve had worked hard on candidate forums and the like, but had done nothing for general name recognition. The third-place candidate in the primaries was Collins Bailey, a libertarian-leaning conservative with a platform similar to Steve's. Collins had plenty of name recognition from two

previous runs for the position. With only weeks to go and only \$2,000 in the budget, what could we do to push Steve's name recognition into the same bracket? We went for yard signs, one newspaper ad, and lots of people at the polls on election day.

Our target was to get more votes than fourth-place winner in the primary Sandra Garner-Kennedy. She helped us do this by not campaigning. Perhaps our late start lulled her into a false sense of security. We put up signs all over the place including the rural parts of the county. A "warm and fuzzy" newspaper ad appeared the Friday before the election proclaiming "Our Kids Deserve Better!" with a picture of Steve with his wife and three children. On election day we had people at more precincts—17—than any other candidate (Carol Watkins held second place with four).

On top of all this we had some help from God. First, a Republican club distributed a sample ballot with three recommendations for school board (incumbent Sharon Caniglia, Collins Bailey, and Steve) influencing the huge turnout of Republicans supporting gubernatorial candidate Ellen Sauerbrey. The Democrats, on the other hand, made no recommendations in the non-partisan race.

Here is my best guess of where the votes came from. Steve and Collins were non-incumbent with similar positions, similar bases of support, and the same Republican club recommendation. Collins had an advantage over Steve in overall name recognition, while Steve had an advantage in people at the polls. All factors but the last suggest that Steve should have gotten a percentage of Collins' vote total. In Steve's home precincts and in precincts where he had literature distributors and Collins didn't, Steve's percentage should have increased. This is in fact what happened. At those polls where Steve did not have litera-

ture distributed at least through the rush hours he got an average of 86 percent of Collins' vote. In his home precincts he got an average of 124 percent, and in other precincts where literature was distributed most of the day he got an average of 97 percent of Collins' vote.

As it turned out, Collins did even better than expected, coming in first rather than third, and so Steve did better as well coming in third instead of fourth, beating even one of the incumbents. In fact, Steve was less than 100 votes out of second place. Just a few more people at the polls and Steve could have beaten both incumbents!

I have been asked if we would have won without the Republican club endorsement. My guess is that the endorsement gave us about 750 votes. If so, loss of those votes would have put Steve about tied with the fourth-place winner Judy Clark, still gaining the seat.

Obviously, we owe this victory to the people who contributed to the campaign and who volunteered. Among those in the latter category are: Dan Anderson, Terry Atwood, Collins Boxall, Wayne Dougherty, Wayne Eilertson, Barry Falherty, Lorenzo Gaztanaga, Susan Gaztanaga, Linton Floyd, Doris Gordon, Diane Jarvis, Jack Jones, Jim McLaughlin, Carolyn Mitchell, John O'Hara, Francis O'Rourke, Kevin Schaefer, Jim Voris, Mary Wade, Aaron Walker, Pastor Warren, Allison Ziegler, Beth Ziegler, Cathy Ziegler, and Scott Ziegler. Our thanks to all of them as well as to all of the financial contributors, and to any volunteer whose name has been inadvertently omitted.

It is not too late to contribute. I would really like to see Steve get back some of what he loaned to this campaign. Steve has delivered an actual VICTORY, something most other libertarians only promise.

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## Brown running in CA

Libertarian Ted Brown has announced his candidacy for the Pasadena, CA City Council in the March 7 election. Brown, 34, is a former California LP state chair and NatCom member, and is currently Los Angeles county chair. He ran for state insurance commissioner in 1990 and 1994, winning 433,000 and 315,000 votes respectively.

Pasadena has 130,000 residents and is known world-wide as home of the Rose Bowl and Rose Parade. It's also one of the most left-wing cities in Los Angeles County, with an outrageous \$298 million budget and many departments that deserve to be either privatized or eliminated completely. Brown is calling himself "The Taxpayer's Friend" in the campaign.

The council is elected by district, and the incumbent is leaving office after 12 years. There are only 9,200 registered voters, with under 2,000 expected to vote. Brown will be concentrating on the high frequency voters and expects that he and his volunteers will visit each of them during the campaign. Aaron Starr, who ad-



vised the successful council campaigns of Sandi Webb in Simi Valley and Bonnie Flickinger in Moreno Valley, is also advising the Brown campaign.

The race is expected to cost \$20,000 or more. For more information or to offer support write to: Ted Brown for City Council, 125 N. Allen Ave. #107, Pasadena, CA 91106. Volunteers are also needed for precinct walking, telephone calls, envelope stuffing, and getting out the vote. Contact Ted Brown at 818-568-8404 or e-mail: Ted4LiberT@aol.com.

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## AMERICA: LAND OF ECONOMIC RAPE

In 1988 I moved to America — “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” To my horror I soon discovered that America and Americans were being economically raped. I researched the specific mechanisms of the economic rape and identified the key economic rapists. I wrote the book *The Economic Rape of America: What You Can Do About It*.

After more extensive research, I concluded that Personal Power was an important ingredient of the solution, so I wrote a second book *Wake Up America! The Dynamics of Human Power*.

## TERRA LIBRA

In 1993 I developed the means to communicate the practice of Freedom Technology to others so they in turn can apply it to effectively secede from the illegitimate aspects of coercive political systems — cease to be victims of terrocrats. Not only can you secede personally, you can also secede your company or business. And you can do so at great profit. I further developed the means whereby any freedom-activist can make good money by sharing Freedom Technology with others..

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**Terra Libra is the real or true free-enterprise sector of the world.** In Terra Libra slavery has been abolished. Free Sovereign Citizens own their lives, minds, bodies, and the fruit of their labor. They practice voluntary exchange. They can do anything which doesn't harm others or their property. These principles are formulated in the Code of Terra Libra.

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## THE HARRY PLOTT SAGA

Just over a year ago I made contact with Harry. He risked \$49.00 to order the first batch of Terra Libra materials. As a former “Federal Employee,” he was amazed to discover (from *The Economic Rape of America: What You Can Do About It*) the extent to which Americans were being economically raped. He was even more amazed to find out (from *Wake Up America! The Dynamics of Human Power*) that there were practical things he could do immediately to increase his personal power, freedom, and wealth. The people from Terra Libra said it was possible to actually live as a Free Sovereign Individual. It sounded almost too good to be true!

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business as a “Sovereign Business” free from practically all taxes and government regulations. They said his business could become vastly more profitable if he implemented Terra Libra principles. Well, during the past year he's been implementing Terra Libra principles in both his personal life and his business. His freedom and personal power have indeed increased phenomenally. And so have his profits! During the past year the assets of his business have increased by several million dollars. Over a million dollars of that increase is directly due to implementing Terra Libra principles and the support from other Terra Librans.

In '91 some terrocrats started “investigating” Harry's business. He successfully handled their “questions” over a two-year period. Here's the rest of the story in Harry's own words (extracted with permission from his Dec., 1994 “Confidential Report”):

**“Preparation.** I hope you can understand that even though for a number of years, I had been developing my basic concepts of freedom, individual rights, the true nature of government, and so on, putting these concepts into practice, while confronting the enemy “face to face” is extremely difficult. The basic intimidation and fear created by years of brainwashing creates an almost overwhelming urge to acquiesce and take the easy way out. All of these little skirmishes helped me prepare for what was about to come. The seeds of my discontent had already begun to sprout.

**Freedom Technology.** In the Fall of '93, I ordered everything available from an outfit in Arizona called “**Terra Libra**.” Their material confirmed, explained and expanded on my basic belief system. Their “**Terra Libra Trust**” package was the exact structure needed for my idea for a business co-op. With little delay, I got a few of my friends together, completed and recorded the Trust documents. **WNH** [World Network Holdings] was born — a **Sovereign Entity**.

**The “System” Attacks.** In May, '94, I got a phone call from a reporter for the Harrisburg “Patriot News.” (A misnomer if I ever heard one.) He wanted my comments on the “Cease & Desist Order” issued against me and **WNH** by the PA [Pennsylvania] Securities Commission. I had no such Order! The reporter had a copy of this Order even before I did! The next day I received the Order. This was just the start of similar attacks by the so-called free press...

The so-called article was a public indictment of my activities and beliefs. Wait a minute! Wasn't WNH outside of the STATES's jurisdiction? Wasn't a Pure Contract Trust a “Legal Entity?” Not according to “them.”

What am I going to do? I've got everything “on the line.” I'm not going down without a fight! I called **Terra Libra** and got Frederick Mann on the phone. I explained what was happening. He told me he would make a few calls and get back to me. Within a few minutes he called me back. This is the person you want to talk to, he told me.

In a matter of minutes, I was in contact with one of the best legal minds in the country. Of course, I didn't know this at the time. I discovered his distinguished qualifications later.

Within a few weeks, I was completing a series of documents that would change my life. We then prepared our legal ammunition and fired our first shot. We returned the PA [Securities Commission]'s Cease and Desist Order with a “Refusal for Cause.” We demanded a “Judicial Notice of Foreign Law.” Yes that's right, common law is foreign to the STATE's legislative law.

This was in Aug., but we are still in business. I was served with a subpoena for our records, and I refused. I was subpoenaed for my appearance and I refused. In Sept. I was told that a warrant would be issued for my arrest for criminal and contempt charges. I said, do it! And we are still in business.

Could the STATE be in error? In Nov., after [our] “Due Process of Law” [motion], our Default Judgment against any further action by these people became final. [Because the PA Securities Commission did not respond to the “Due Process of Law” motion, they automatically subjected themselves to a Default Judgment that prohibits them from taking further action.]

I hate to do this to you, but I am out of space. I will continue this saga with our Jan. end of year report. **HWP.**

**Conclusion.** If you have all your ducks in a row and you know what you're doing, you can mostly stop the terrocrats dead in their tracks. However, not all of us are as brave as Harry Plott. Fortunately, we can operate in ways that are pretty well invisible to the terrocrats. This is an essential aspect of Freedom Technology. Keep tuned for the rest of the Harry Plott saga!

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# Ratings

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This year's Libertarian Index is based upon a careful balance of economic and personal issues. The economic issues in the House include a blend of topics such as budget cuts, abolition of both domestic and foreign welfare programs, and two key votes on the principle of personal property rights. Personal liberty issues in the House included the drug war, selective service, gun controls, civil liberties, and education.

In the Senate, economic issues included budget control, economic impact requirements, and trade and economic regulation. Personal issues covered criminal law, selective service, liability law, and drug control.

The addition of the "pork barrel index" provides libertarians with a unique approach to evaluating the major players in this year's 104th Congress.

Republicans such as Dick Armey (TX), Howard Coble (NC), and even Newt Gingrich (GA) rank very high on NTU or even RLC indexes, but their constant opposition to individual rights in issues such as the Selective Service System, drug laws, and U.S. overseas intervention remove them from "libertarian" ratings.

The bleak prospects for any real abolitionist surge by the new 104th Congress can be seen by examining the voting records on repeal issues of the representatives and senators who have returned to the new Congress. "Republicans can almost always be expected to fight against each new government encroachment to economic freedom, but once the ink has dried on the law, half of the Republicans will fail to support abolition or repeal of the programs they

once fought," said Ernsberger.

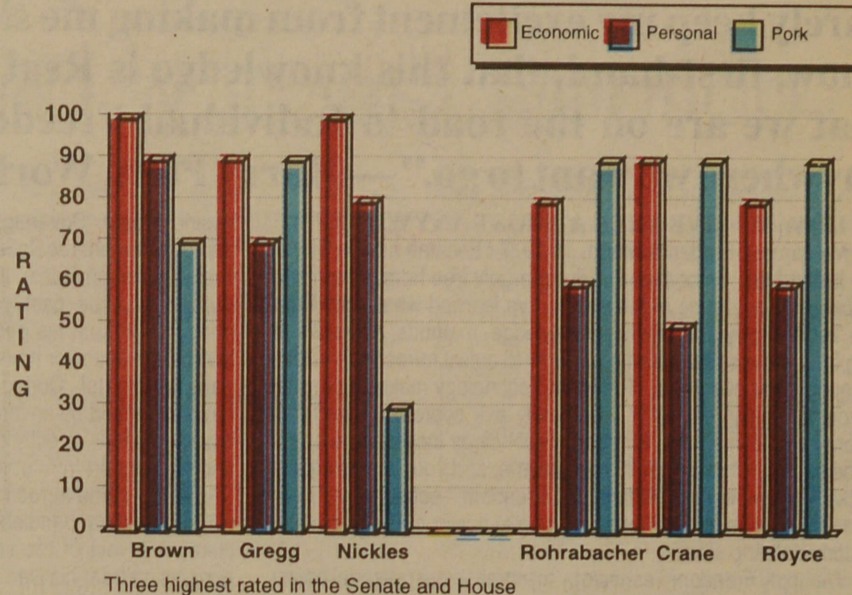
In addition, while the number of Republicans who talk the talk about elimination of pork barrel and economic regulation programs grows, many of the returning Republicans fought repeal efforts last session. Programs such as the NEA, Amtrak, Davis-Bacon, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the Economic Development Administration maintained large numbers of Republican supporters in the battles for repeal last year. Other issues such as the space station elimination, selective service repeal, and the elimination of controls on homosexual rights had support mainly from Democrats, many of whom are not returning to the 104th Congress.

The individual members of Congress who did support the libertarian perspective are headed by Sen. Hank Brown (CO) and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (CA).

Sen. Brown supported the libertarian view in every single economic vote and in nine of 10 personal liberty votes (voting wrong only on federal restrictions on homosexuality education issues). He also rated 70 percent on pork barrel elimination. Brown has been among the top scorers for the past five years.

Rep. Rohrabacher, who was a libertarian activist in California in his younger days, rated 80 percent on both economic freedom and personal liberty issues, with a 90 percent pork barrel abolition index score. As usual, Rohrabacher broke with traditional Republicans on many issues in the areas of foreign intervention and personal rights. "He is one of the few Republicans who is a leader in downsizing U.S. overseas military base commitments and in urging

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the federal government to stay out of local personal morality issues," said Ernsberger.

Other members of Congress who voted libertarian last session on most key bills included Sens. Judd Gregg (NH), 90/70/90, Don Nickles (OK), 100/80/30, Malcolm Wallop (WY), 90/60/70, and Paul Coverdell (GA), 60/70/80.

Other notable House members included Phil Crane (IL), 90/50/90, Ed Royce (CA), 80/60/90, James Sensenbrenner (WI), 90/50/90, Chris Cox (CA), 66/70/80, Martin Hoke (OH), 60/70/60, and Steve Schiff (NM), 50/60/30.

"The 104th session of Congress will be exciting," said Ernsberger. "We expect to see several new freshman House members

join the ranks of 'libertarian' members. Among the new members to watch will be Shadegg and Hayworth (AZ), Jack Metcalf and Rick White (WA), Robert Ehrlich (MD), Charles Bass (NH), and Brian Bilbray (CA). There very well may be more based on the number of freshman Republicans who have been positively impressed by the work of the Cato Institute."

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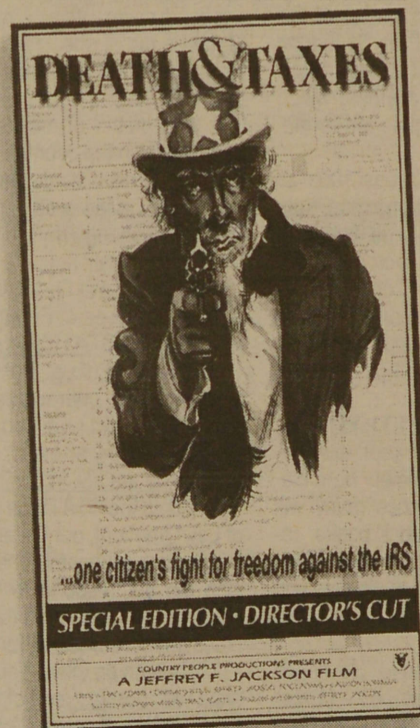
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# LP enters media markets

## 'California Liberty' hitting the streets

After less than a year in existence, *California Liberty*, the monthly tabloid publication with strong ties to the Libertarian Party of California, has begun distribution through public news racks. Until now, its primary distribution was to members of the California LP and as a handout at coffee shops, gun shows, and LP outreach functions.

The addition of the news racks catapults *California Liberty* into a new, more aggressive marketing plan. Editor-in-chief David Nolan, one of the founders of the national Libertarian Party, sees the racks as an important step in raising the profile of the paper: "First and foremost, it makes our ideas and views of current events available to the general public who otherwise might never be exposed."

Each issue contains the famous "Nolan" or "diamond" chart that Libertarians have used for years to identify Libertarians. Each issue also contains the complete Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. "It is important to provide a constant reminder about the purpose—and the restrictions—of government powers as provided by the Constitution," said Joe Miranda, *California Liberty* managing editor. "We wanted to compensate for the failure of government



schools to adequately teach the Bill of Rights."

The response from Libertarians and non-libertarians has been extremely positive. "One particular issue was in such great demand that we distributed the entire run, and yet more requests kept coming," said Michael Everling, distribution manager. "We could have distributed another few thousand at least."

Using news racks developed from a desire to create outreach that also raised money. As initially conceived, interested Libertarian Party regions would have purchased racks for placement in their counties. The money received by the racks would

pay *California Liberty* for its cost of printing, and the remainder would go to the region that performed the distribution.

The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (LPLAC), composed of the seven regions that make up LA County, borrowed the funds to purchase 100 used news racks from the recently defunct *Sacramento Union*.

"We figured we could ultimately purchase about 70 of the racks and sell the rest to other regions around the state," said Ted Brown, LPLAC chair. But a major hitch in the plan developed.

"Between the time of the purchase and delivery, most cities in LA had adopted regulations that mandated what style of rack could be used to sell newspapers," said Brown. "While the racks can be used anywhere else in the state, our racks did not fit the criteria for Los Angeles. We were victims of the Style Police!"

It was finally discovered that the City of Long Beach, just south of LA, had no such mandates, nor were any planned. As one city worker said, "We in Long Beach feel that such restrictions would be a violation of the First Amendment." Although a welcome development, it still derailed the plans of various Los Angeles regions to place the

racks in their local areas.

"We had to make a choice—bog ourselves down in a battle with bureaucrats or just get the racks out and working," said Brown. So, after languishing in a warehouse for months, the racks were refurbished beginning in the fall of 1994.

"There were lots of problems," said Kit Moira, who volunteered his workshop for the refurbishment. "We had to remove decals, clean off grease and dirt, knock out dents in the metal, sand the edges, prime, and paint. Then replace the Lexan fronts, make sure the coin box mechanisms were working, and repair them if they didn't. We had to purchase locking bars and locks. Then we had to apply the *California Liberty* logos. It's one hell of a process."

When the first few racks were completed, four were promptly purchased, at \$55 per box, by the Sacramento LP. They will be placed in downtown Sacramento this month, not far from the State Capitol.

"We are really excited about this project," said Joseph Farina, newly elected chair of the Sacramento region.

"The more distribution we get, the better for our advertisers," said Marge Tendler, advertising manager. "Since we want *California Liberty* to become completely self-funded, advertising revenue is crucial to its success. Increased circulation means increased advertising."

"We are not out of the woods yet," said Lawrence Goldberg, *California Liberty* executive consultant. "We will get all the racks operational, but having to concentrate most of them in one area makes it harder to find sponsors for the racks."

"What we need to make this project a true success," said Goldberg, "are more sponsors for racks and another 10 to 15 advertisers. If we can achieve this, we will have the muscle to sustain *California Liberty* and make it an important and unique media voice in the state."

Early this month, dozens of LPLAC volunteers are working weekends to complete the refurbishment. It is hoped that all racks will be placed before the California LP convention, Feb. 17-20.

To sponsor a rack, call Lawrence Goldberg at 818-557-0901; to subscribe to *California Liberty* call Marge Tendler at 310-376-3068; and for advertising information, call Jim Bryan at 310-490-3840.

## AZLP hitting talk radio airwaves

In 1992, during a panel discussion at the Arizona Libertarian Party state convention, former Congressman Sam Steiger was asked what he thought would be the most powerful and effective action the state Libertarian Party could take in getting its message out and building the party. Succinct as usual, Steiger said, "Buy a newspaper!"

"Of course, owning a media outlet had long been a fond dream," said Rick Tompkins, LP state chair. "But not knowing where to get the kind of money that would take, the party decided to do the next best thing by expanding its newsletter, going to tabloid format, printing 10,000 copies at a time, and building a distribution network."

At the same time, talk radio being all the rage, there were dreams of someday having a Libertarian radio show, or at least getting some talk hosts to become Libertarian.

Fast forward to 1994. Maryann Watkins and her employers of 11 years parted company. Watkins, a top award-winning newswoman and talk show host in the Phoenix area, had won first place for talk show, first place for newswriting and general news, and shared several other awards given out by the Arizona Associated Press in 1994. And there's more.

Watkins is a registered Libertarian. She is also a good friend of Tompkins, who would love to have his own talk show. Are you beginning to get the picture?

To shorten the tale, here's the deal: Watkins and Tompkins have formed the WT Broadcast Network and contracted with a local talk radio station for two hours of air time per day, 7-9 p.m., Monday through Friday, with an option to expand to three

hours when ready. The show began airing Jan. 16, 1995.

Watkins is a professional, obviously, with many valuable contacts and a good following. The show peripherals—intro music, voiceovers, drop-ins, rejoinders, etc.—are equally professional. Guests and topics are already scheduled for weeks to come, and Watkins and Tompkins are really excited about future prospects.

The show format is audience interactive, issue-driven, and hard-hitting, with a good sprinkling of fun thrown in. Watkins hosts nine hours each week, and Tompkins has one hour a week for a special feature called "Discover Liberty." The show will cover a wide variety of topics, of course, and since it is owned and operated by Libertarians, the flavor of libertarian perspective will usually show through. On the "Discover Liberty" hour each week, there will be forthright discussion/teaching of the philosophy of freedom and a concerted effort to convince people to join the Libertarian Party.

"Some financial assistance is still needed, however," said Tompkins. "Once the show has been on the air for a few months, the advertising should build up more than enough to sustain operations. Until then, some help from friends of liberty is being solicited. This opportunity came up suddenly, and enough money has been raised to cover the first couple of months, but more is desperately needed to assure success."

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# Talking points

## 'Corporate welfare,' taxes, and SS explored

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### Issue: "Corporate welfare"

In November 1994, Labor Secretary Robert Reich suggested that the various proposals for welfare reform currently being debated should include the elimination of what he calls "corporate welfare." Reich apparently was not, however, referring simply to the welfare-like practice of taking money from the taxpayers and giving it, in one form or another, as a subsidy to politically well-connected businesses. As Reich sees it, because any absence of taxation constitutes a government expenditure, corporate welfare also includes the practice of giving businesses tax breaks and thereby merely allowing them to keep that which they have earned in the first place. Many

### Libertarian talking points

Charles D. Poe  
Editor

commentators were quick to point out the folly of this long-discredited notion that the government can put money to better use than can the private sector:

"Nice try on the part of Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich to counter the debate on proposed welfare reform with his own proposal to choke off more than \$100 billion in what he terms 'corporate welfare.'"

But to remove the discussion from the realm of pure economic theory, one need only look at the dismal record of decades-long government job training programs compared to the private sector's record of job creation when it is reasonably free of government constraints and excessive taxation.

And at the heart of the debate is the question of whether the private sector can best use its legitimately earned profits to fuel the nation's economic engine, or whether the government, through confiscatory taxation, is the better judge of how and on what to spend that money."

*Houston Chronicle, Nov. 25, 1994.*

### Issue: Taxing the rich

Those who propose new or increased taxes often attempt to win over the voters

by insisting that this additional tax burden will be imposed only on the rich. Placing particularly high tax burdens on the wealthiest Americans will, however, generally do more harm than good because such taxes tend to promote economic disruptions that are felt throughout the entire economy. Soak-the-rich schemes are likely to inflict more economic deprivation on poor and middle class people than on the wealthy at which they are aimed.

"Tax-the-rich schemes won't fix the deficit problem. The top 1 percent are now soaked pretty heavily: They pay 25 percent of all individual income taxes. When taxes were higher in 1981, the rich paid less—18 percent of all taxes. And the world outside the beltway knows that higher tax rates merely force capital to seek tax shelters.

Soaking the rich presumes that government will put the monies to better purposes. However, the rich can do only a few things with money: spend it (and create jobs); save it (and provide funds for banks to lend); invest it (and create new jobs); give it to charities (which will put it to better use than government); or leave it to their heirs (about half is taken in taxes).

"Tax fairness" is just a euphemism for redistribution of wealth. A society that is more concerned about redistribution of wealth than about creation of wealth will only produce an equality of poverty."

*George Marotta, research fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, in USA Today, Nov. 28, 1994.*

### Issue: Social Security

The increasingly obvious shortcomings of the welfare state over the last several decades, combined with the recent political upheaval in which the Republicans unexpectedly captured control of both houses of Congress, has brought even the most sacred cows under more intense and widespread scrutiny than usual. Social Security, for example, is frankly described as an out-of-control juggernaut wreaking havoc on the finances of young Americans:

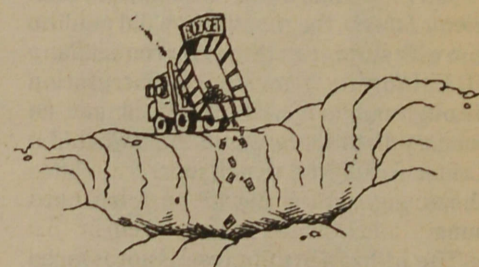
"Plus ça change, indeed!

For the 40 years the Democrats ruled the Congress, they constantly upped the ante in redistributing money from young to old. The mythology may be otherwise, but the cornerstone reality of today's 'big government' is the huge growth in elder entitlements over that era of Democratic rule.

The Republicans risk missing out on a golden opportunity. The Democrats have allowed Social Security and Medicare to become giant pyramid schemes, siphoning tax money away from young people at ever-rising rates—even though today's younger generations stand no chance of getting anywhere near the deal dished out to today's seniors.

Young workers are paying 30 times more in taxes (in inflation-adjusted dollars) than they did in Congress' pre-Democratic era. Today's maximum FICA [Social Security] tax for a two-income 25-year-old couple is \$18,544. When today's 75-year-olds were that age, that maximum was \$120. (Adjust for inflation, and it was still only \$611 in today's dollars.)"

*Bill Strauss and Neil Howe, co-authors of*



"Generations" and "13th Gen.," in USA Today, Dec. 6, 1994.

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Even with the momentum and political capital of a huge electoral triumph behind them, the Republicans apparently lack the boldness to do, or to even propose doing, what needs to be done in order to avert an impending crisis of the ever-shakier Social Security system:

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Privatization will be financially challenging. Large amounts of general revenue would have to be used to support those in retirement and near-retirement while younger workers are moved into Individual Retirement Accounts and similar plans.

These revenues can be made available only by curtailing functions of government that are inconsistent with a self-reliant people.

As Western Europe has discovered, a welfare-dependent population is a disadvantage in global competition. Only disciplined people with high saving rates to cushion themselves against uncertainties will successfully make the adjustment to the new world order.

The economic cost of a government-supplied safety net is exorbitant, and its perverse incentives are socially debilitating.

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*Paul Craig Roberts, economist and syndicated columnist, in the Houston Chronicle, Dec. 6, 1994.*

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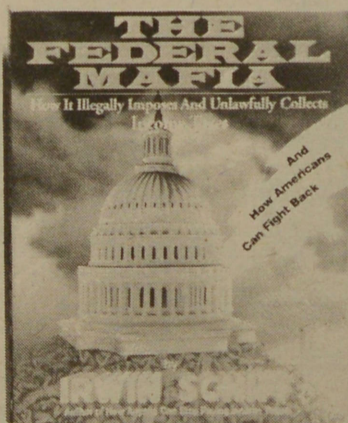
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# A call to pens (and phones, faxes, etc.)

After many months, libertarian reforms, including some mentioned here, are finally reaching congressional votes, and passing. Victories won in the first few days of the new Congress include a requirement for a three-fifths majority to pass tax increases; a ban on retroactive tax increases; and an application to Congress of the laws that it has passed for the rest of us.

Coming soon is debate on a balanced budget amendment, which, even in this fiscally libertarian Congress, is not assured of passage. Nor is the best version of it assured. Unless the BBA includes limitations on new taxes, federal courts may order tax increases whenever the legislature overspends. With a limit on taxes, Congress would be forced to make spending cuts. That leaves only one loophole by which statists might increase the scope and size of government interference—unfunded mandates.

Fortunately, the proposed ban on unfunded mandates, which libertarians have been seeking for months, is also likely to reach a vote soon. These mandates, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, allow the federal government to foist the costs of its grand schemes onto state and local governments who must pay for them with new taxes.

Also receiving support in the House is a proposal to put congressional proceedings and legislation on the Internet as part of a package to increase citizen access to the Congress.

Many agencies will be coming under scrutiny in the next few months. The Food and Drug Administration in particular may be in for some big changes. Newt Gingrich has repeatedly railed against the agency since the election, calling it Stalinistic, and the number-one job killer. Its tortuously slow approval process is under heavy fire, and Republicans are likely to take action against the FDA soon.

Gingrich has announced a project to design a replacement for the FDA. Unfortunately its expected to take four years to complete. The recent attacks by Republicans against the agency have, however, prompted think-tanks and trade groups to propose their own solutions.

In the meantime, other Republicans are scrutinizing David Kessler, the head of the FDA and the prime opposition to the re-

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Editor

cently enacted Dietary Supplement Act. The *Wall Street Journal* has called for his removal, citing his hostility to lifesaving new uses of approved drugs. When pharmaceutical companies discover these off-label uses, they like to inform doctors about them. The FDA has proposed regulations disallowing pharmaceutical companies

from telling doctors about these uses and has threatened to enforce the ban with seizures. Even textbook manufacturers are reluctant to include the latest research because they fear retaliatory restriction of their distribution.

Proposals for reform include restriction to safety issues of the FDA's approval authority. Effectiveness tests would no longer hold up availability but could be performed after release of the product. The Cato Institute has suggested allowing companies to opt out of the federal program, having their products approved by private organizations

and labeled non-federally approved.

Although some have even discussed dismantling the agency entirely, that's unlikely to happen. Rather, Libertarians can look forward to at least beneficial tinkering with the agency's power and processes, and perhaps much more. Because the agency supposedly protects the consumer, the new Congress will be sensitive to public opinion about the proposed changes. Let your representatives know that you welcome a world without the FDA and encourage them to support any restriction of the agency's power.

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# Letters

## Schiff responds to criticism, and lots more this month

### Schiff responds

The August 1994 NEWS contained a letter from Richard E. Gardiner branding my letter that appeared in your March issue as "errant nonsense." He accused me of "misstating Supreme Court decisions" and admonished the NEWS for misleading its readers, since my letter might cause them to believe "that the (income) taxes imposed upon them are not only immoral but unconstitutional." It is instructive to note that while my letter made specific claims with respect to four court decisions, Mr. Gardiner did not attempt to challenge those claims in any way. He merely characterized my letter as "errant nonsense" and claimed that I "misstated" Supreme Court decisions, without explaining how I did so.

First of all, my letter was sent to correct misconceptions that appeared in another letter you printed which asked, "Mr. Schiff seems to argue . . . that there are no laws that empower the government to levy taxes, especially on income" when "the Sixteenth Amendment gave that power to the government." To clarify those misconceptions, I pointed out:

1. I never suggested that there are laws preventing the government from levying taxes—"even income taxes."

2. The Constitution limits the government's taxing powers to two classes



### Staying in touch

#### Letters to the editor

of taxes: a) direct taxes, which must be apportioned among the states, and b) indirect taxes, which need not be apportioned, but must be imposed on the basis of geographic uniformity.

3. The 16th Amendment was passed to "circumvent the Supreme Court's 1895 *Pollock* decision which held the Income Tax of 1894 unconstitutional for want of apportionment."

4. The Supreme Court in its 1915 *Brushaber* decision essentially held that: a) the 16th Amendment *did not amend* the Constitution, but merely provided b) that since an income tax was inherently an *indirect*, excise tax, it could be imposed in that manner *without apportionment*, as provided for by the 16th Amendment.

5. Since the income tax is neither apportioned nor imposed as the excise tax it was held to be, it falls into none of the taxing clauses in the Constitution, and for this reason alone, its payment cannot be made mandatory.

6. The word "income" (an abstract accounting term) is not even defined in the

Internal Revenue Code (See *U.S. v. Ballard*, 535 F2d 400) and in its 1921 *Smietanka* decision, the Supreme Court finally defined it to be the equivalent of a corporate profit.

7. The government is able to collect the tax by force only because "a totally corrupt federal judiciary" allows it to do so by ignoring the laws as written and by making up laws and penalties that do not exist.

Now, of course, anyone can hurl unsupported epithets which is what Mr. Gardiner has done by calling all of the above "errant nonsense." Therefore, I challenge him to refute any of those points by addressing them specifically. It is also instructive to note that Mr. Gardiner's letter is based upon my alleged claim that our income tax laws are unconstitutional—when my letter never said or inferred any such thing. My letter claimed that there are no laws requiring the payment of income taxes, so why would I claim that non-existent laws are unconstitutional? However, if Mr. Gardiner believes that there are laws requiring the payment of income taxes, I challenge him to produce them. I will even make it profitable for him to do so. I will make out a check to Mr. Gardiner for \$1,000 if he merely identifies for NEWS readers any provision of the Internal Revenue Code that establishes an income tax "liability" and "requires" Americans "to pay" such a tax. For example, Code Sections 4401, 5005, and 5703 establish statutory "liabilities" for wagering, alcohol, and tobacco taxes; while Code Sections 4374, 4401(c), and 5061(a), and 5703(b) specifically provide that certain excise taxes have to "be paid on the basis of a return." I challenge Mr. Gardiner to produce similar provisions with respect to income taxes.

So I expect to see his reply letter, with those Code sections cited, in a future issue of the NEWS. Unless he makes an effort to win that \$1,000, it will be obvious to NEWS readers just whose letter contained "errant nonsense."

Irwin Schiff  
Las Vegas, NV

### Need activists

It's hard to disagree with Christopher Faille (Jan. 1995 NEWS), who writes to admonish us to be very careful with our facts and figures when publicizing liberty; but if you'll allow it, I'm going to try.

His letter suggests that the LP is "marginal" because sometimes our published works are inaccurate. No, I don't agree.

To the extent that we are still marginal, the reason is not that John Q. Citizen has been mistakenly told that the Supreme Court had 11 justices in the 1930s instead of nine, but that he has not been told often enough that however many of them there were, they wickedly conspired to deprive him of his fortune by foisting on him a fraudulent retirement scheme called Social "Security."

That is, the libertarian movement is not short of scholars like Mr. Faille, but of popularizers like those he criticizes. I don't wish to encourage carelessness with facts; but I'd sooner see 10 slightly inaccurate Letters to Editors commending liberty, than just one that's perfect in every detail.

I've only admiration for the splendid

body of work Libertarian scholars have produced for us to use. But I hope that they will be more tolerant of the shortcomings of the rest of us than this one appears to be.

A. J. Davies  
New London, NH

### Cato

NPR's "All Things Considered" on Dec. 5, 1994, ran an editorial on the new Republican house in which it twice referred to the new trend in politics to be "libertarian." However, while this remains to be seen, the same editorial also named the Cato Institute as the most influential think tank on Capitol Hill. It stands to reason that if Cato has the Republicans' ear, and if libertarians have Cato's ear, then we would be in a position of influence.

The 1980s rift between Cato and certain elements in the LP is well known. It is now time to mend fences. Mr. Tanner's work on PHC and OSS is a step in the right direction. If LP members joined Cato it would both help entrench Cato's libertarian stand and increase our clout within that organization. It would also strengthen the common cause for liberty.

Garth H. Buckner  
New York, NY

### Waco demonstrations

This is a reminder that Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1995, is the second anniversary of the brutal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms attack on the Branch Davidian home and church, Mount Carmel Center, in Waco, Texas.

Members of the D.C. Committee for Waco Justice are planning a demonstration at BATF headquarters in Washington, DC, that evening. All are invited. Fifty people joined our Feb. 28, 1994, demonstration in front of the White House.

We also are encouraging libertarian, civil libertarian, gun rights, patriot, and other activists to work together and stage demonstrations memorializing this tragic event at their local BATF/FBI or Federal Buildings on the same date.

The goals of our demonstrations should be: 1) a thorough investigation of BATF and FBI crimes against the Davidians (feel free to start writing your representatives now!); 2) freedom for the Davidian prisoners who were found guilty in a rigged trial and sentenced to a total of 240 years—even though their jurors thought they should do little more than time served!

Please contact the Committee for Waco Justice for more information, and tell us if your group is planning a demonstration so we can list them all on our press release for the Feb. 28 demonstration at BATF Headquarters.

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## Term limits from one who knows

Congratulations on the many successes in the election and thank you for keeping readers of the NEWS up to date on the term limits movement and the overall initiative movement. This is the path Americans have been able to use to protect their freedom and take back control from big government.

The article "Initiative Action" (Dec. 1994 NEWS) had two inaccuracies, however. The number of states with term limits is 22, not 21. Also, the story said, "Utah voters rejected term limits this time," but in reality it wasn't term limits that they rejected. The Utah initiative exempted all current incumbents from the term limits for life, which was a major reason the voters said no thank you. Also, the Utah initiative had a run-off provision that would have cost the taxpayers. Utah already has a term limits law passed by the state legislature, so this mixed proposal was rejected—not term limits.

Diedre Dennis writes in "A call to pens" that HR 3835, the National Voice on Term Limits Act, will likely see action in the new Congress. This bill would create a non-binding national referendum on term limits, but the term limit movement is not interested in a non-binding vote that merely "advises" politicians that we want term limits. We have already enacted binding laws in 22 states, and the Republican Contract with America promises a vote on a constitutional amendment, that again, would be binding. We don't want to simply suggest politicians consider term

limits. We want to place an unequivocal demand that they limit their terms, or else.

What many people may not realize is that the Contract with America promises a vote on two very different term limits. One vote will be on the three term limit that has been enacted in California and 14 other states and that will create a citizen Congress. With this limit, people from all walks of life can once again run for Congress and have an impact without having to spend decades as part of the monstrosity in Washington, DC.

Yet, the career politicians in Washington have a watered-down phony term limit of six terms in the U.S. House that they hope to bait and switch with the American people. A six term limit is a mini-career that won't end the seniority system or citizen-ize Congress.

We need every Libertarian who supports term limits to contact their member of Congress and tell them to vote for real term limits—three terms in the House and out! Tell them you won't let them get away with a phony six term limit. Your voice can make a difference. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121 and let your congressman know. And for more information on term limits, call U.S. Term Limits at 800-733-6440.

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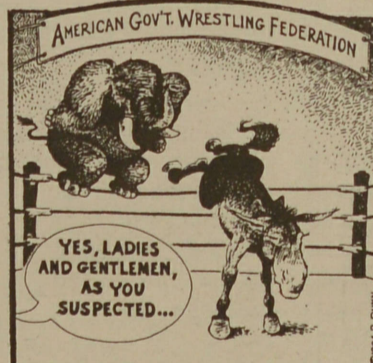


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# 1994: Dave looks back

**I**t wasn't such a bad year. Really. Some good things did happen. For example, a whole bunch of historic Mideast Peace Accords got signed. I don't have the exact numbers, but it seemed as though every time you turned on the TV news, you saw a group of formerly hostile Mideast leaders historically signing some accord and hugging each other as though they'd just won the playoffs. Granted, the next day there were always fatal riots, but still.

Another good thing about 1994 was that the Earth was not struck by a giant comet chunk, which is fortunate because, the way things were going, it almost certainly would have landed on the White House.

Also I'm pretty sure there were several foreign countries (Belgium comes to mind) to which the United States did NOT send troops in 1994. This is due in large part to the peacemaking efforts of Jimmy "I Am NOT Going Away Until I Get a Nobel Peace Prize" Carter, who spent the year jetting all over the globe with a briefcase containing the only known copy of the Clinton administration's foreign policy. (Jimmy, if you're reading this, the Clinton administration would like to get it back.)

And these are just a few of the good things that happened in 1994. The only reason why I'm not listing all the other ones is that I can't think of any. Everything else that comes to mind was bad, starting with ...

## January

It was a really big year for victims, notably the alleged Menendez brothers, Erik and Lyle, who both received mistrials in January, thereby teaching us all the heartwarming lesson that no matter what we may have done, there is at least one juror in California who believes it is not our fault. And let us not forget another famous victim, Lorena Bobbitt, who was found not guilty in January of cutting off her husband's penis, leaving historians to speculate on who actually did it. I am guessing Lee Harvey Oswald.

January also saw some shocking revelations in the Whitewater scandal, which traces its origins back to when Bill and Hillary Clinton made hundreds of thousands of dollars by operating a failed savings and loan that was using some woman named Paula to sell arms to the Contras. Also there was some kind of chicken-processing angle. I frankly do not have all of the details on this scandal, but you may rest assured that, with Sen. Al "The Subpoena" D'Amato on the case, it will continue to be a major growth industry in Washington



On the light side

Dave Barry  
Columnist

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## February

The Central Intelligence Agency was demonstrating, once again, why it is known far and wide as the "Central Intelligence Agency." This was the situation: (a) The CIA knew that somebody was leaking sensitive intelligence information to the Russians; (b) An unstable alcoholic CIA employee named Aldrich Ames, who had access to sensitive intelligence information, was in regular contact with Russian intelligence officials; (c) Ames, who made less than \$70,000 a year, was suddenly spending large amounts of cash, including \$500,000 for a house. Top CIA brains pondered these mysterious clues for several years, until finally, in February, the answer hit them: Ames was an Amway distributor.

No, seriously, they figured out that Ames was spying for the Russians, a secret that he had been able to conceal via the clever ruse of not standing up on his desk at CIA headquarters and screaming "I'M SPYING FOR THE RUSSIANS, YOU CRETINS!"

Anyway, Ames was arrested and the brains at the CIA were once again free to dig up intelligence information vital to our national security. They're working on a tip (Don't tell anyone!) that Nikita Khrushchev might be ill.

Speaking of arresting people, February was the month when the U.S. Congress established that 1994 would go down in history as The Year of Elected Officials Talking Tough About Crime Even If They Personally Happen to Be Under Indictment. Members of Congress risked physical injury in their frenzied rush to introduce ever-tougher new anti-crime measures, including "Three Strikes and You're Out," "Two Strikes and We Poke Out Your Eyeball," "One Strike and We Put You in a Small Cell With a Large Veteran Offender Known Only as 'The Ram,'" etc.

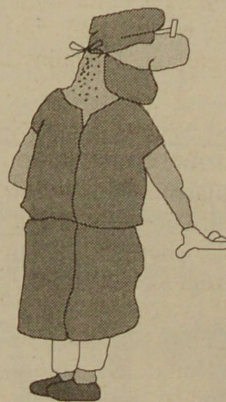
And speaking of legislation, in ...

## March

... the big news was the Clintons' decision—incredibly foolish, in retrospect—to declassify their Top Secret National Health Care Plan, which had been doing really well in the polls until people found out what was in it. The plan immediately became the year's hottest political issue, with the battle lines drawn as follows:

MAJOR PLAYERS OPPOSED TO THE CLINTON PLAN—The medical profession, the legal profession, the insurance companies, the drug companies, big business, small business, medium business, the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

MAJOR PLAYERS IN FAVOR OF THE CLINTON PLAN—The Clintons. (Although Bill had some reservations.)



In other health news, the federal government announced that it would seek to ban cigarette smoking within the solar system, a move that met with vehement opposition from the cigarette manufacturers, who continued to deny that there is any scientific evidence that they, in fact, manufacture cigarettes.

In foreign affairs, world concern focused on the fact that North Korea might be on the verge of developing nuclear weapons, thereby joining the exclusive International A-Bomb Club that currently is limited to the United States, Britain, France, China, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russia, Zrzkzkrstan, Stanstanistan, Burundi, Wales, Vermont, the Dallas Cowboys, and Bill Gates. President Clinton, determined to deal with the North Koreans at the highest level, immediately summoned Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the Oval Office to see if he knew Jimmy Carter's phone number.

This was quickly followed by another foreign-policy crisis in ...

## April

... when there was a big uproar over the decision by a Singapore court—widely supported by a U.S. public fed up with criminals getting off on technicalities—to take a stout cane and whack the naked buttocks of Oliver North.

No, tragically, Singapore decided to cane somebody else, leaving North free to campaign, on a platform of victimhood, for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat from Virginia held by Chuck "Party Time" Robb, thus paving the way for a race that would lead to the first election in American history to feature barf bags in the voting booths.

## May

A vacancy opened up on the Supreme Court when a janitor noticed that one of the justices—possibly one of the ones named "Harlan"—had apparently been retired or dead for several months. In selecting a

replacement, President Clinton followed his usual decisive strategy, spending several months accepting and then rejecting every possible candidate including, at one point, Socks, before finally deciding—in a move that continued the trend toward an all-dweeb court—to nominate Stephen Breyer, who as far as anybody can tell is also David Souter.

Elsewhere in the nation's capital, Congress, after years of stalling, finally got around to clearing the way for informal discussions that might lead to possible formal talks that could potentially produce some kind of tentative agreements on a theoretical course of action that could initiate the process required to eventually produce a very preliminary effort to at least get Congress to consider some kind of real campaign reform, but not before the polar ice cap reaches at least Atlanta.

In a related development, powerful Illinois Congressman Dan Rostenkowski was indicted on 17 counts of looking like the result of a runaway genetic experiment involving a beanbag chair and a toad.



## June

June was the month that the epidemic of Deadly Flesh-Eating Bacteria swept the nation, claiming an estimated three victims, which works out to one victim for every 17,894,398 times the Deadly Flesh-Eating Bacteria were featured on the TV news.

In foreign affairs, President Clinton, confounding critics who claimed that he had no foreign policy, came up with 14 separate policies regarding Haiti alone.

## July

In international affairs, the Clinton administration, responding to escalating crises in Haiti, Cuba, North Korea, Rwanda and Bosnia, installed a Random Foreign Policy Generator, which performed admirably once technicians ironed out a few glitches that caused it to repeatedly call for air strikes against Fort Worth, Texas.

In interplanetary affairs, giant comet chunks smashed into Jupiter, forcing the administration to temporarily postpone plans to send troops there. And speaking of outer space, in...

## August

...a jury in Albuquerque, N.M., awarded \$2.9 million to a woman who sued McDonald's after she spilled a cup of hot coffee in her lap and—get ready for a totally unforeseeable development—burned herself. Legal experts were at a loss to explain why the jury, while it was at it, did not also award at least SOMETHING to the Menendez brothers.

And speaking of severe medical trauma, in...

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## September

...the Clinton Health Care Plan, a huge, confused water buffalo of an idea that had spent the summer stumbling around the jungle of Capitol Hill while fierce pygmy congresspersons riddled it with poison darts shot from blowguns made out of



rolled-up press releases, finally keeled over, crushing hundreds of lobbyists. This was a very difficult time for the Clintons, who could not feel safe even in their own residence, as the White House—in a chilling reminder of the vulnerability of American presidents—was struck by a small plane piloted by an angry, deranged semicoherent individual later identified as Newt Gingrich.

But there was also some good news for the administration: In Haiti, Jimmy Carter, continuing to rack up frequent-negotiator points, was able to work out a deal with evil, murdering, raping dictator Raoul Cedras, under which the United States got total responsibility for Haiti for approximately the next 700 years, while Cedras—boy, did we show HIM—got paid to leave the country and take up residence at the "Papa Doc" Ex-Haitian-Dictator Luxury Retirement Community and Country Club.

## October

In science news, the authors of a book called "The Bell Curve" created a storm of controversy with their claim to have scientific proof that human intelligence is inversely proportional to the individual human's level of interest in line dancing. Elsewhere in the publishing industry, the pope immediately claimed the No. 1 spot on the best-seller list when he came out with his enormously popular new book, "Crossing the Threshold of the Bridges of Madison County."

In politics, as the midterm congressional elections drew near, candidates for both parties educated the voters via informative, issue-oriented TV commercials featuring photographs that made the opposing candidate look like Jeff Goldblum in the later stages of the movie "The Fly," with a sneering announcer asking suggestive questions such as, "Why won't (NAME OF OPPONENT) tell the truth about the Kennedy Assassination?"

Meanwhile, President Clinton, riding a wave of popularity not seen since the 1972 McGovern-Eagleton juggernaut, set out on an ambitious cross-country campaign trip to boost the chances of Democratic candidates, who responded by fleeing into the forest and hiding in the underbrush until the president gave up and went off in search of somebody else to boost. (The only Democratic candidate whom the president actually succeeded in campaigning with was Ted Kennedy, who was unable to flee into the forest because he couldn't fit between the trees.) Ultimately the president was forced to take his campaign abroad, winding up in (I believe) Indone-



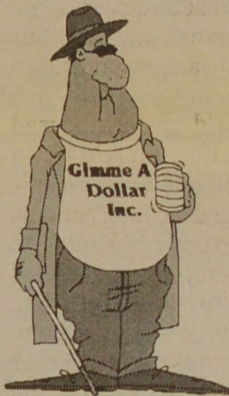
sia, where prankish local leaders somehow talked him into appearing in front of TV news cameras wearing a shirt apparently decorated by sheep with digestive problems.

And things did not improve much for the president when he returned to Washington, as the White House was struck by bullets fired by an angry, deranged semicoherent individual later identified as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-Hell. In other military action, the United States sent 30,000 troops to Kuwait as a stern reminder to Saddam Hussein that anytime he wants to, he can yank our chain. And speaking of hostility, in...

## November

...tens of millions of American voters, inspired by the intellectual give-and-take of the fall campaign, stayed home. But some of them went to the polls, where they gave the Republicans an extremely historic victory that left the GOP in control of the House, the Senate, the Cabinet and the first two floors of the White House. The voters were apparently attracted by the Republicans' "Contract with America," which was written by Newt Gingrich, and which contains the following provisions:

1. Money-wasting government programs will be eliminated, except of course for those programs that waste money on YOU.



2. Everybody has to stop making fun of the way white guys dance.

3. Newt gets to change his name to "Thor."

Angry voters in a number of states also voted overwhelmingly to impose term limits on members of Congress, apparently because there was no way to vote for putting them directly in jail.

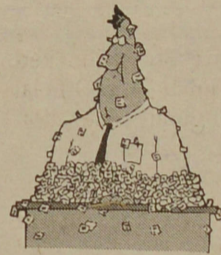
Everybody was pretty happy to see the election come to an end except for Californians, who suddenly lost their state's largest industry, namely, the producing of campaign commercials for mega-twit Michael Huffington, who had spent \$28 million trying to get himself elected to the U.S. Senate, apparently not realizing that for about half that price he could have simply purchased North Dakota outright.

Californians also approved a referendum aimed at halting illegal immigration, although they'll probably change their minds once they realize that this means they'll have to raise their own children. Speaking of children, in November Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were rumored to be having marital problems, despite the tireless mediation efforts of Jimmy Carter. In a related and widely hailed development, United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros Boutros announced that UN peacekeeping troops would use "massive force" to prevent any attempt at reconciliation between victims Roseanne and Tom Arnold.

Speaking of Family Values, in...  
**December**  
...an army of victorious Republican congresspersons-elect, led by "Thor"

Gingrich, gathered in Washington and vowed that their highest legislative priority would be to enact a constitutional amendment that would permit voluntary prayer on commuter airplanes. This proposal received the definite tentative endorsement of President For Now Clinton, who invited Thor and Bob Dole to please, if they got a chance, come visit his new office in a suite of refrigerator cartons on the White House lawn.

In other government action, The Committee for Driving Customers Away From the U.S. Postal Service, having spent the past three years trying to come up with a price for first-class stamps that would be even less convenient than 29 cents, announced that, as of Feb. 1, the price will be 32.7 Norwegian kroner, not including delivery.



Meanwhile Congress, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote, passed GATT (an acronym for "NAFTA"), a long-overdue reform of international trade under which the people responsible for importing the Power Rangers into the United States will be hunted down like dogs and shot. In a re-

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lated development, executives of several major toy-store chains announced that this holiday season they would not sell realistic-looking toy guns.

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## Terry Inman

Terry L. Inman, formerly of Florissant, MO, died unexpectedly on Dec. 6, 1994, at his home in Denver, CO, of a brain hemorrhage. He was 32.

Throughout most of the 1980s, Inman served in various positions in the Missouri LP, including state party secretary, vice chair, and newsletter editor. He was an LP candidate for Congress in Missouri in 1988.

Inman received an MS degree in economics from Auburn University in Alabama in 1991. He taught economics at Mesa State College in Colorado and Belleville Area College and Lewis and Clark College in Illinois.

"Libertarian principles stress drastically less government in one's personal and financial life," said Ken Bush, an LP spokesman and colleague of Inman. "Terry Inman devoted much of his life to that goal, and he helped build our party throughout the 1980s to its current size. He was our resident economic and monetary scholar. His untimely



death is a particular tragic loss to our movement."

Inman was a member of Mensa, various civil liberty and peace groups, as well as anti-tax and pro-business groups.

He is survived by his parents, Mike and Shirley Inman of Florissant, and two sisters and a brother.

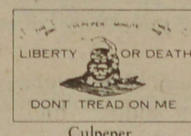
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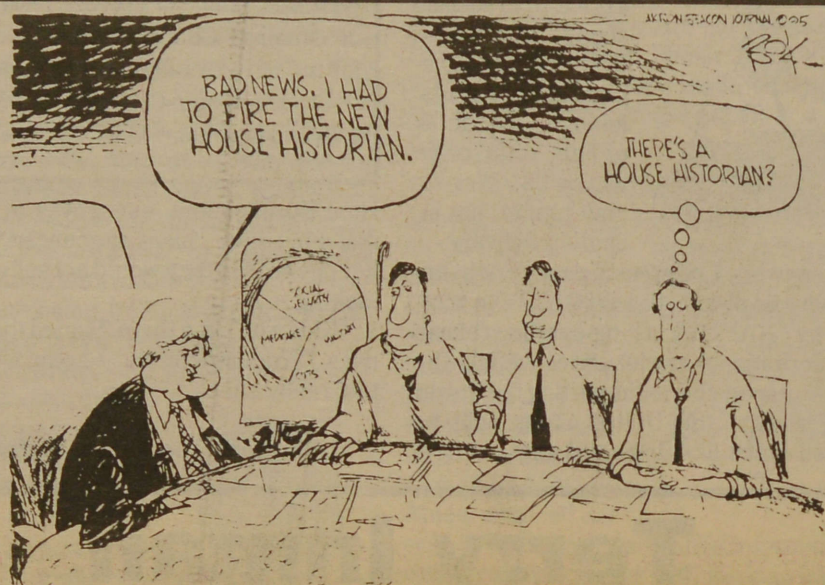
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The Future of Freedom Foundation's Vienna Coffee Club features guest speaker Doug Bandow, Marriott Hotel, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA; for information and reservations call Carl Helstrom at 703-934-6969.

### Feb. 17-20, 1995:

California LP Convention, Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel, Oakland; for information contact Liberty Convention Services, 605 S. Fair Oaks, Olivewood 107, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, or call 408-737-9744. Keynote speaker Richard Boddie. Other speakers include Harry Browne, Irwin Schiff, Mary Ruwart, Richard Cowan, Larry Dodge, and many more.

### April 7-8, 1995:

Wisconsin LP Convention, Pioneer Inn, Oshkosh; for information call Jeff Engelmann at 414-235-4587. Speakers include Robert Poole of the Reason Foundation.

### April 22, 1995:

Massachusetts LP Convention, Holiday Inn, Somerville; for information call 617-628-6889.

### May 13, 1995:

Indiana LP Convention, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis; for information call Barbara Bourland at 317-463-6601.

### May 20, 1995:

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### June 10-11, 1995:

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