

Tax Protest Day

Libertarians rally across the U.S.

Hundreds of Libertarian Party members across the country participated in events aimed at highlighting Tax Protest Day on April 15.

Broward County (FL) Libertarians wore costumes of the American Revolution as they protested at the main post office in Ft. Lauderdale. Some LP members were in full Revolutionary costume, while others wore three-cornered hats. Fife and drum players, as well as American flags and a "Don't Tread on Me" flag, were on hand.

The Broward Libertarians carried signs proclaiming the LP's stand against the income tax and handed out 1,000

copies of a special "Tax Day Edition" of the Broward Libertarian newsletter.

"There were so many late filers who had come to get their returns postmarked before the deadline that the traffic was backed up for about a mile," said Tom Regnier, affiliate secretary.

The protest was covered by the *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper, circulation 300,000. In describing the scene at the post office, the newspaper reporter wrote, "It was not all rush and dour faces. The Libertarian Party, accompanied by a band of merrymaking Minutemen, took advantage of a captive audience to spread their message of less government and no taxes."

In St. Louis, although picketers marched with signs and handed out Libertarian anti-IRS literature, widespread media coverage focused on the group's ritual burning of 1040 income tax forms at 10:40 a.m.

This event, sponsored by four local Libertarian organizations, marked the 15th year that Libertarian activist Ken Bush organized such a protest.

Bush held an acetylene torch decorated with a Statue of Liberty and labeled "Torch of Liberty." As the tax forms burst into flames, Bush declared, "Now I'm making the short form even shorter."

The St. Louis event was co-organized by Steve Schaper, chair of the St. Louis City LP.

In Connecticut, the Stamford Libertarian Town Committee had its most successful tax protest day ever. Three hundred bogus million dollar bills were passed out and the event received local newspaper, television, and radio coverage. Participants included Arron Freeman, Katie and Samim Ghrewati, Courtenay Hough, Lorraine James, and Carl Lupinacci.

Signs at the protest featured slogans such as "Born Free, Taxed To Death," "Taxation is Theft," "Abolish the IRS," and the most popular, "Honk If You Hate Taxes"—

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ABOLISH THE INCOME TAX - Members of the Broward County (FL) LP turned out in Revolutionary garb to protest the income tax on April 15. Pictured above, from left, are Mike Shubert, Tom Regnier, young Libertarian Victor Eisenman, fifer Andrew Reid, and drummer Gary Jackson.

Convention opens with free breakfast, keynote speaker

FEE Enterprises LTD, the sponsors of the 1996 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention in Washington, DC, has announced that prior to the opening session at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 4, all attendees and DC area libertarians are invited to a free continental breakfast in the Columbia Room from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. The breakfast, which will feature coffee, bagels, croissants, Danish, and juices, will serve as a "Meet and Greet" opportunity for the sponsors, candidates, delegates, and DC area libertarians.

FEE has offered this event as a way of saying "thank you" for the overwhelming response to the 1996 convention by Libertarians from all over the nation. Hotel rooms at the Hyatt Capitol Hill have been sold out for several

weeks, and the contractual room night minimum with the Hyatt was reached back in January. In addition, convention registration is setting new records in every category.

After the evening music program at the Jefferson Memorial on July 3, delegates and convention attendees will begin the formal business session at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 4. Early activity will feature a welcome to the convention by Don Ernsberger, the keynote speech by Jacob Hornberger, and the electronic voting on the party platform by the delegates.

The breakfast and the keynote speech are open, without charge, to the public, and all libertarians who live in the DC area are urged to attend Thursday morning, July 4. Feel free to bring friends and families.

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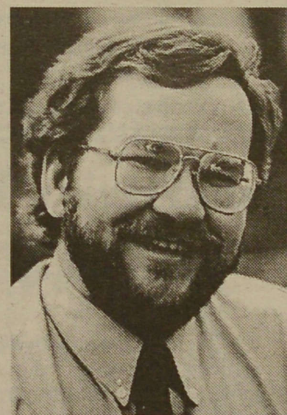
Zimmermann to get special award in DC

Philip Zimmermann, who successfully fought a three-year battle with the federal government over the issue of computer privacy rights, will be one of the special guests at the Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention banquet on Saturday, July 6.

Zimmermann will receive the "Champions of Liberty Award" at the LP banquet. He also will participate in a two-hour seminar on computer privacy on Saturday afternoon at the convention. All those interested in his struggle, computer privacy, and in obtaining the PGP software will be able to attend this seminar as part of the convention package.

Zimmermann, who became a hero to civil libertarians and computer users all over the world, was threatened by the U.S. Justice Department with indictment over his creation of Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) software. PGP encrypts electronic messages so that only the intended recipient can decode them. The federal government threatened to use old weapons

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Gallup: 50 million Libertarians in U.S.

The number of libertarians in America has remained consistent over the past two years, with more than 50 million Americans falling into that political category, according to a recent Gallup poll.

In a nationwide survey taken in mid-January 1996, Gallup found that 20 percent of the population was libertarian.

"This poll is good news," said Libertarian Party National Chair Steve Dasbach. "It confirms that libertarians are a significant political force in America—with a larger base of support than Ross Perot had in 1992."

"It also confirms that Gallup understands that the traditional liberal versus conservative view of politics is no longer adequate. You can't discuss politics in America in 1996 without acknowledging the libertarian factor," he said.

"Now the challenge for the Libertarian Party is to reach out to those libertarian Americans and explain why they should vote for our candidates, and become contributing members of our party," said Dasbach. "After all, the Libertarian Party is the only political party that really represents the views of those 50 million individuals."

The Gallup poll also found that 13 percent of Americans

are liberal, 35 percent conservative, and 20 percent populist.

The number of libertarians has remained relatively steady for the past two years. A January 1994 survey from Gallup reported that 22 percent of the population was Libertarian, while a March 1993 survey pegged the percentage of libertarians at 19 percent.

"The Libertarian Party favors dramatically shrinking the size and cost of government, and eliminating laws that stifle the economy and control people's personal choices—exactly what those 50 million libertarian Americans want," Dasbach said.

LP Platform Committee to meet July 2-3 in DC

The Platform Committee for the 1996 LP Presidential Nominating Convention will meet at the the Hyatt Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, for two days immediately preceding the convention.

The committee will convene at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, to establish procedures, review the existing platform, and sort out proposed changes and additions. On Wednesday, July 3, the PlatCom will discuss and vote on specific planks.

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export laws to stop his creation and distribution of a code system that could protect the privacy of computer e-mail transmissions. The government claimed that it could not crack his system.

The Zimmermann case became a rallying point for defenders of privacy rights and opponents of the growing government interference in computer transmissions. The Clinton Administration meanwhile pressed forward with the "clipper chip" and censorship of the e-mail systems.

After three years of legal intimidation, in January 1996 the Justice Department dropped its case and decided to not indict Zimmermann.

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Notice to LP Presidential Candidates

According to Article 5 of the By-laws of the Libertarian Party adopted September 1993 in Convention at Salt Lake City, UT: "Each candidate seeking the presidential nomination of the Party shall provide the delegates with a copy of a proposed National Campaign Platform at least 48 hours prior to the delegates selecting the nominee."

The secretary has determined that at least 750 copies of each candidate's proposed National Campaign Platform must be delivered to the secretary no later than 9 a.m. Thursday, July 4, 1996. The secretary will record the order in which the candidates have met the bylaw requirements, and will provide this information to the chairman at the opening of the convention.

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New rules, procedures at national convention

Delegates attending the national LP convention in Washington, DC, will be greeted by several changes in the rules concerning both the platform and the nominations for presidential candidate.

Based on actions taken by the 1993 convention in Salt Lake City, the first day of convention business will see two dramatic new changes in business procedure. All candidates for the LP nomination for president of the United States must submit to the national secretary, at least 48 hours prior to the opening of nominations (by 9:30 a.m. Thursday), 750 printed copies of their Presidential Campaign Platform for distribution to all delegates. This requirement has the same binding status as the requirement

of LP party membership and the constitutional age and residency requirements of the office. No candidate can be nominated who fails to submit these copies.

At the start of the business session, all delegates then registered will be entitled to cast a ballot indicating their approval or disapproval of the planks of the LP national party platform. Delegates have three hours to complete this ballot and return it to the secretary. At about 1 p.m. the secretary will announce which platform planks have been disapproved by a majority of those voting. These planks must be considered and amended by the body during the convention or a second ballot approval will occur on Saturday.

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which produced a steady stream of honkers.

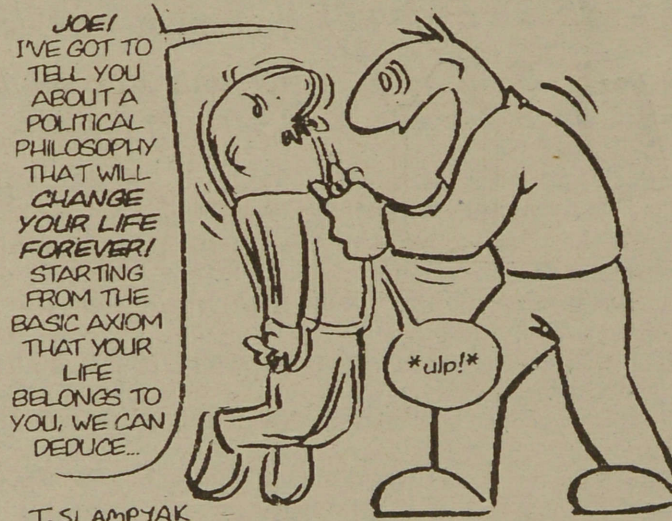
But not all local Libertarian Party protests turned out to be as much fun. In New Jersey, LP members John Paff and Tim Konek were arrested for trespassing when they refused to leave East Brunswick post office property after the postmaster requested they do so.

"We were not interfering with anyone entering the post office," said Paff, "but as

they left, we handed them a fake \$1 million bill." The bills, produced by the national LP, are meant to remind taxpayers that the U.S. government spends \$1 million every five seconds.

Paff and Konek, who were jailed for six hours, were required to post bail of \$5,000 each, although the bail was later dropped. A hearing is set for June 11. If found guilty, the maximum penalty is \$500 and 30 days in jail.

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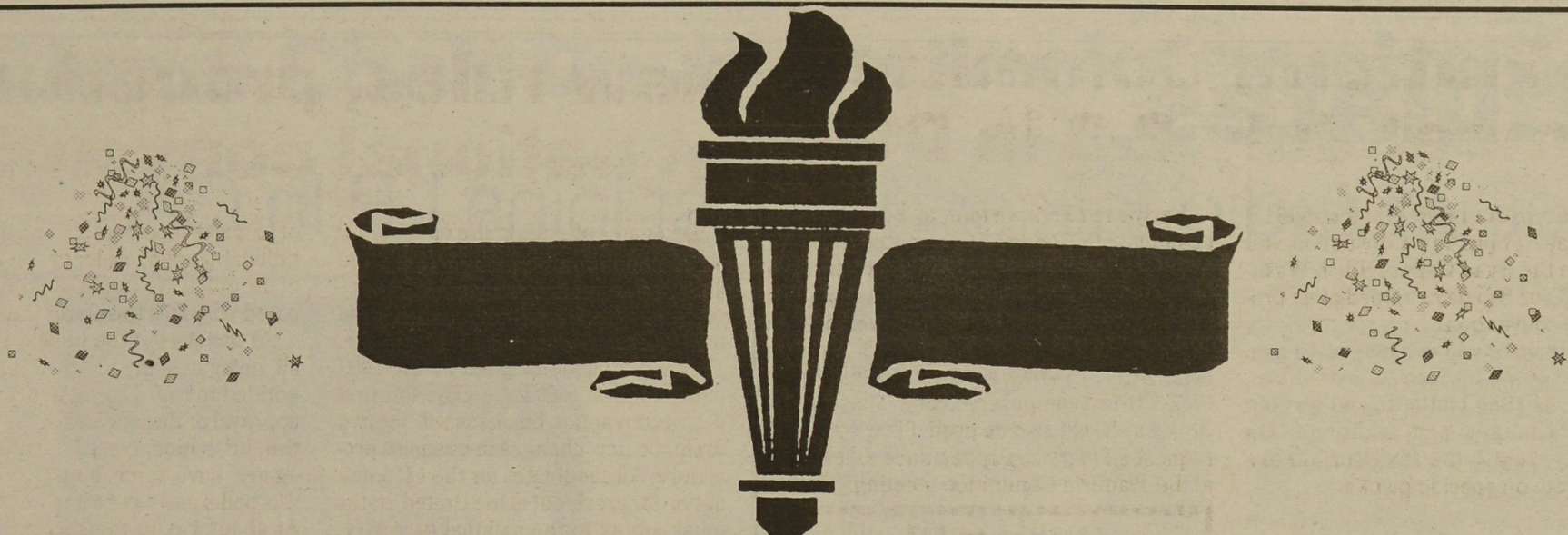
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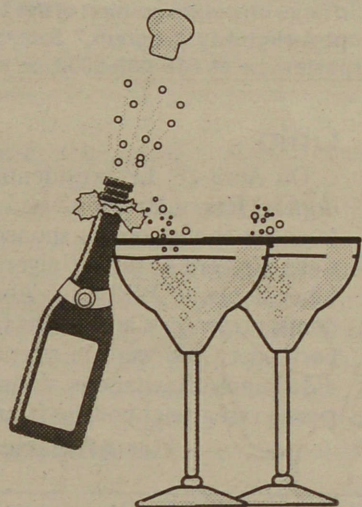


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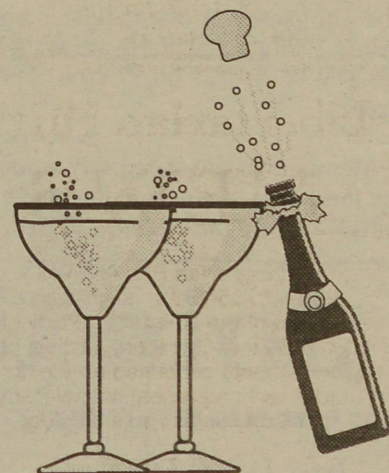
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Another radio talk show host joins LP in GA

Georgia

In Atlanta, Dr. Roger Libby of WNNX radio joined the LP in March, after speaking to an LP dinner group.

"There certainly appears to be a Libertarian virus in the Atlanta airwaves," quipped Libertarian National Committee member **Ron Crickenberger**, noting that Libby joined the LP just seven weeks after fellow Atlanta host **Neil Boortz**.

During a speech at the Gwinnett and Dekalb County LP meeting, Libby referred to himself as a "Libertarian who had been a disaffected Democrat." So Crickenberger asked, "You've called yourself a Libertarian: Are you ready to join the party?" Libby took out his pen and said, "Where do I sign?"

Libby is host of the "Pleasure Dome" on WNNX—a Dr. Ruth-type show that deals with human relationships, sex, and love in a clinical yet humorous manner. "The show also deals with various aspects of censorship and other intrusions by government into our personal lives," said Crickenberger.

Libby broadcasts on Atlanta's WNNX (99.7 FM) at 10 p.m. Sunday. He is a board-certified sexologist and has appeared as a guest expert on hundreds of radio and television talk shows, including the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Source: national headquarters

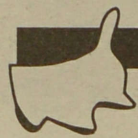
Michigan

The state party will run 76 candidates in the 1996 general election, including a complete slate of national and statewide offices.

The complete list of candidates and the party's 1996 state platform are available on the WWW site at <http://www.coast.net/~lpm/>

Source: state party

Members of the state party announced the formation of a new independent committee—**Michigan Sixteen Five**.



National pulse

News from the states

The mission of this committee is to retain the right of Michigan citizens to vote for Libertarian candidates in all future elections.

"With proposed legislation to reduce the restrictions on new parties stalled in Lansing, it is now more important than ever that those supporting political freedom in Michigan work to retain ballot access for the Libertarians. Our new committee is the vehicle to lead and support that effort," said **Emily Salvette**, LP state chair.

"We have selected Michigan Sixteen Five as the name of our committee to keep our goal of achieving 16,500 votes for the Libertarian presidential candidate, up front and in focus," said **Ben Bachrach** of Dearborn, chair of the new committee.

Michigan's restrictive ballot access laws require the presidential candidate of all political parties except the Democrats and Republicans to get at least 16,343 votes in the November 1996 election. Regardless of the vote totals of all its other candidates, any party that fails to achieve the required number of votes for its "Top of Ticket" would have to mount an expensive and time-consuming petition drive to get on future Michigan ballots.

Source: state party

Minnesota

Participants in the second annual Freedom Day Celebration held on the front lawn of the Minnesota State Capitol agreed the event was a "total blast." This two-pronged assessment refers to both the fun had by all, and the sound made by the two muzzle-loaded cannon hauled in to salute Freedom Day. The two cannon, which fired



NEWS photo by Mary Sztterpakiewicz

COMMUNITY SERVICE - The San Diego Libertarians are participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program. According to Mary Sztterpakiewicz, coordinator of the effort, "It offers 24-hour exposure to the word 'Libertarian', a priceless commodity in this election year." Each day thousands of motorists see the sign and associate "Libertarian" with "community service." In the San Diego County program, volunteers receive a two-year permit for a 2-mile stretch of road. The volunteer organization is responsible for once-a-month (about four hours) clean-up. The county provides all the equipment and supplies. "Imagine what an impact this would have on public opinion of the LP if every LP in every community had a similar Adopt-A-Highway program," Sztterpakiewicz said. For more information contact Sztterpakiewicz at 619-432-8032 or e-mail at sztterpak@mailhost1.csusm.edu.

10 rounds each during the day, are a solid bronze smooth-bore cast in 1853, and a machined-iron "replica" built in the owner's garage.

Freedom Day is the brainchild of a handful of Minnesotans who want everyone the world over to set aside May 1 as an International Holiday dedicated to celebrating and promoting liberty and justice for all.

The LP of Minnesota was the only political party to sponsor the gathering.

Source: event participant

Ohio

On April 28, LP presidential nominee hopeful **Harry Browne** was in Cleveland to speak at a reception sponsored by the Case Western Reserve University College Libertarians (CWRUCL). About 65 students, professors, and guests from around northeast Ohio were in attendance. "We did a bunch of invitations, signs on campus, signs in area neighborhoods, and a campus

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National Chair Dasbach seeks re-election

Steve Dasbach has announced that he is seeking re-election as Libertarian Party chair, and promises to devote his second term to building on the LP's remarkable accomplishments over the past three years.

"In 1996, we have the opportunity to firmly establish the Libertarian Party as America's third major party—but only if we continue on an uninterrupted path of growth and professionalism," Dasbach said.

"That's what I'll offer again as national chair: A continuation of the strategic plan that has caused the greatest explosion of membership and media attention in the party's history."

National LP Treasurer Hugh Butler, president and CEO of Computer Consultants Corporation in Salt Lake City, UT, has agreed to serve as the chair of Dasbach's re-election campaign.

"Steve Dasbach deserves re-election," Butler said. "His administration has been a model of stability, planning, growth, and success. And none of this occurred by chance. We have shattered every previous Libertarian growth record by focusing on the basics: professionalism, membership growth, and political action. Steve knows that there aren't any magic bullets, no shortcuts to success."

Dasbach's re-election bid was immediately endorsed by LP Vice Chair Karen Allard, 1984 LP presidential candidate David Bergland, State Chair Barbara Bourland, and Libertarian ballot access expert Richard Winger.

Dasbach said his re-election campaign will be based on the "concrete accomplishments" of his first term. Specifically, he noted that since he was elected as LP chair in 1993:

- LP membership has increased by 51 percent, to a record 14,400 members.

"This is my proudest accomplishment, since all our progress has been based on a growing membership base," Dasbach said. "When I was elected chair, membership was declining. Since then, we've brought in over 5,970 new LP members—the greatest number of new members in the party's history."

- The party moved its headquarters from a run-down town house in a Washington, DC, slum to the prestigious Watergate Office Building.

"Back in 1993, the party headquarters was located in a ghetto—an area that reporters wouldn't visit, an area that had two murders the very week that we moved out," Dasbach said. "Now, we operate out of one of the most famous buildings in our nation's capital—an office we've been proud to invite CBS Evening News and CNN to visit."

- The party is racing toward 50-state ballot status in 1996, and is poised to become the first third-party in American history to get on the ballot in all 50 states two presidential elections in a row.

"By our convention in July, we'll be on the ballot in 40 states—well ahead of Ross Perot," Dasbach said.

- The number of Libertarians in office has increased by 130 percent, to a record 174.

"We exist as a political party to get Libertarians into public office, and we're accomplishing that at a record pace," Dasbach said. "When I was elected, we had only 75 Libertarians in office, and we've added more than 100 since then."

This steady growth prompted the Dec. 22, 1995, issue of the Congressional Quarterly's *Researcher* magazine to report: "[These] Libertarian officeholders give the party a status that no third party has enjoyed in decades."

- The number of Libertarian candidates has also jumped, from about 330 in 1992 to more than 650 in 1994, to an estimated 1,000 in 1996.

"More members equals more candidates, which will result in even more elected Libertarians," Dasbach said. "Every part of our growth contributes to every other area."

- Media attention has skyrocketed.

"Back in 1993, we received an average of only seven media calls a month," Dasbach said. "Since then, that has soared to more than 60 calls a month—a constant barrage from newspapers, television stations, and magazines. This explosion of media attention is allowing us to present our message our way to more and more Americans."

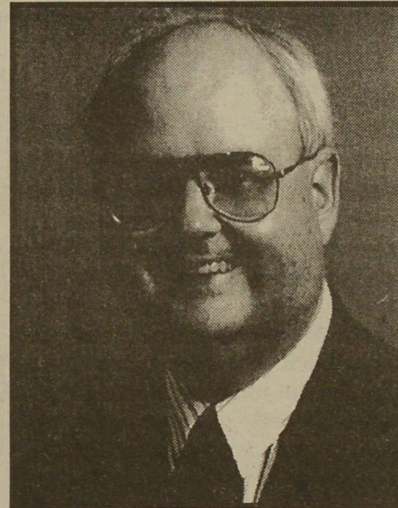
- The party has also won unprecedented praise from the media.

"In the past two years, Rush Limbaugh, Congressional Quarterly, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Rolling Stone* have acknowledged us as America's real third party, or paid tribute to the growing power of libertarian ideas," Dasbach said. "And that's just a partial list. Thanks to our growth and professionalism, we've earned unprecedented credibility as a legitimate political force."

- The party has produced a series of acclaimed public policy statements, including Project Healthy Choice, Operation Safe Streets, and Ending the Welfare State.

"We're producing top-notch Libertarian material that rivals the Cato Institute," Dasbach said. "We're also producing more and better LP outreach material—professionally designed, attractive brochures, booklets, and flyers. We're making sure our hard-working state parties and activists have the materials they need to succeed."

- LP fund raising has jumped dramatically, and is expected to reach a record \$1.5



million this year.

"I'm proud of this, too, because it represents a financial vote of support from party members," Dasbach said. "They like what we're doing, and they're voting with their dollars, which will allow us to accomplish even more in the future."

Hugh Butler, the head of Dasbach's re-election campaign, stressed that none of these accomplishments has come about by accident.

"The Dasbach administration engaged in serious strategic planning in 1993, which laid the foundation for success in 1994, 1995, and 1996," Butler explained. "Business success is made one dollar at a time. . . Libertarian political success is coming one member at a time. A vote to re-elect Steve as national chair will be a vote for more of this kind of success."

The election for national chair will take place at the party's national convention in

Washington, DC, July 3-7.

Dasbach was elected chair at the party's Salt Lake City convention in 1993. Previously, he was a member of the Libertarian National Committee since 1985, and he served two terms as chair of the LP of Indiana.

A popular public speaker, Dasbach has given speeches at Libertarian events in California, Ohio, Indiana, Arizona, Illinois, Missouri, the District of Columbia, and New Hampshire. He also has represented the party on C-SPAN and on dozens of radio talk shows around the country.

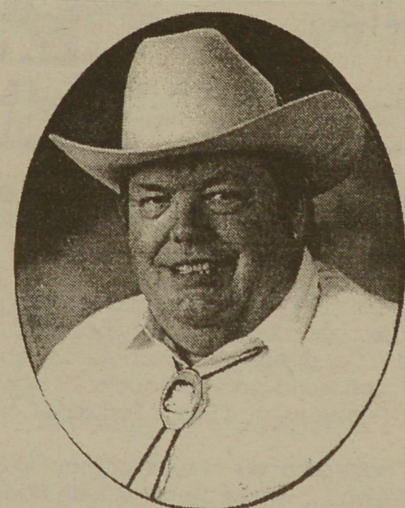
In his professional capacity, Dasbach recently joined the faculty of a private college. Previously, he taught for 21 years in a public high school, including two terms as president of the local teachers' union. He also served as president of the Three Rivers Montessori School Board of Directors.

Dasbach is listed as one of the original signers of the "Proclamation for the Separation of School and State," developed by Marshall Fritz's Separation of School and State Alliance. As a "School Sakharov," Dasbach helped launch the movement for the separation of school and state last fall in Washington, DC.

Dasbach, his wife Libby, and their four school-age children live in Ft. Wayne, IN.

Libertarians who want to help re-elect Steve Dasbach national chair may contact the campaign by writing to: Steve Dasbach, Libertarian National Chair, 4523 Morning Wind Place, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; or call 219-432-7145 or e-mail 76060.3222 @compuserve.com; or WWW: <http://www.lpin.org/dasbach-for-chair>.

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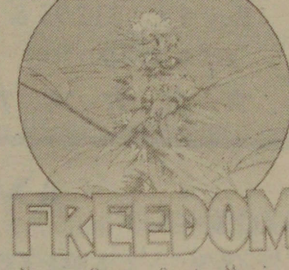
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Gorman to run for NH speaker

Libertarian state legislator Don Gorman has announced that he is running for speaker of the New Hampshire House—bucking long odds as the only third-party member of the state's House of Representatives.

"There are many things that a Libertarian could do as speaker that would be difficult—if not impossible—for candidates of other parties," said Gorman, who also promised that, if elected, "all members [of the House] would have more involvement, more participation, and more say in the process."

Gorman, 58, made his announcement in Concord, NH, on May 1 at a meeting of the Legislators for Limited Spending, a tri-partisan caucus in the NH House that works for lower government spending and taxes.

Since his announcement, Gorman said, "I've been getting support from areas we never even dreamed of."

The election of the new speaker won't happen until after the November 1996 election, when the new House is convened in mid-December. Gorman said he plans to spend the summer campaigning and will personally contact every member of the state's 400-member House to ask for support.

Gorman said his election strategy will be to assemble a coalition of Democrats, who don't have the votes to elect one of their own as speaker, disaffected Republicans, and any new Libertarian legislators elected in November.

The odds against his election are long, Gorman admitted, noting that no third-party member has been speaker of the

House "maybe [since] the Colonial era—certainly not since 1900. But the conditions have never been this ripe."

Gorman said his campaign will appeal to the "strong Libertarian bent" of many members of the NH House.

Like Libertarians, Gorman said, many Republican and Democratic legislators "want to stop federal mandates; they want to balance the budget; they want to create real wealth, real jobs, and real prosperity for our state. They came here with a message from their constituents—get the government out of our schools, our wallets, our bedrooms, and our lives."

If elected speaker, Gorman said he will:

- Give the State and Federal Relations Committee "the new charge of ending unconstitutional federal mandates."

- "Create a Sunset Committee to reduce and streamline our cluttered and cumbersome RSAs [state laws]."

- "Strengthen the involvement and participation of every member."

But even if he isn't elected speaker, Gorman said his campaign will have positive benefits for the Libertarian Party, both at the state and national levels.

His bid will generate media attention in New Hampshire, he said, and, "I have a feeling that will result in [more] votes" for all Libertarian candidates. At the national level, he said, his campaign will help send the message that "the party is on the move."

Gorman is up for re-election in November, but said he doesn't expect any serious opposition in his Deerfield-area district.

Gorman has spent eight years as a member of the NH House; 1993 to 1996 as a

Libertarian, and 1973 to 1976 as a Republican.

The Libertarian delegation in the NH House has fluctuated between one and four members since 1991, when GOP State Rep. Calvin Warburton defected to the LP.

During their years in the House, Libertarian legislators proposed or co-sponsored legislation to:

- Allow towns to grant property tax abatements to citizens who sent their children to private schools.

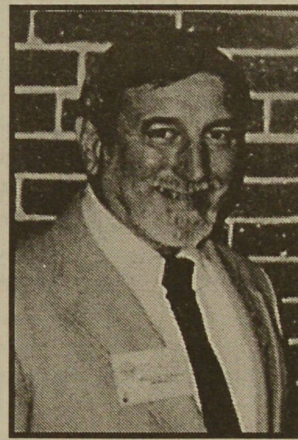
- Restrict the power of police to seize personal property in drug-related cases.

- Allow the recall of public officials by disgruntled voters.

- End warrantless drunk-driving roadblocks.

Despite the overwhelming odds against them, Gorman always said the plucky Libertarian delegation, no matter its size, had a unique mission in the NH House.

"The Republicans and Democrats—they're the pre-Libertarians," he said. "They need to be educated. We are here to teach. We say, 'Look, this country was founded on these principles, and this is what went wrong.'"



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➤ <http://www.election.ca.gov/>

Election return servers run by Digital Equipment Corp. for California elections, providing vote totals directly to the public on election night. Shows kind of information that may be available soon in other states as election officials go on-line.

➤ <http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/top.html>

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➤ <http://www.politicsusa.com/>

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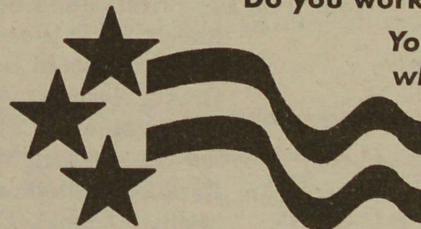
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1996 Libertarian Party Convention Agenda

Tuesday, July 2, 1996

Council of State Chairs Meeting
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Congressional Rooms*
Candidate Training
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Conference Theater*
Platform Committee Meeting
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3, 1996

Platform Committee Meeting
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Credentials Committee Meeting
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Candidate Training
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Conference Theater*
Convention Registration Opens
2 p.m. *Columbia C*
National Committee Meeting
2 p.m. *Capitol Room*
Exhibit Hall - "The Agora" (set up)
3 p.m.
"Liberty in Words and Music"
9 p.m. - 11 p.m. *Jefferson Memorial*
(buses from convention hotel to Memorial)

Thursday, July 4, 1996

Convention Registration Opens
7 a.m. *Columbia C*
Platform Committee Meeting
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Credentials Committee Meeting
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Free Continental Breakfast
Columbia Rooms
"The Agora" opens
9:30 a.m. *Convention Exhibit area*
Convention Opening
9:30 a.m. *Regency Ballroom*
"Welcome to Washington, DC" - Don Ernsberger
"George Washington's Farewell Address"
Keynote Speaker - Jacob Hornberger
10 a.m. *Regency Ballroom*
Opening of Business Session
10:30 a.m.
Reports/Agenda/The LP Platform Vote
Major Speakers
"The State of Liberty in America 1996"
James Bovard and Richard Boddie
Noon *Regency Ballroom*

Business Session

Platform Committee Report
1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
The LP Program
Platform Committee Recommendations
Floor Debate on the 1996 Platform
College Workshop
1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. *Conference Theater*
The Fourth of July Fireworks
An evening of music and fireworks only blocks
from the Hyatt Hotel
The Midnight Symposium
The Foundations of a Free Society
Conference Theater

Friday, July 5, 1996

Breakfast with Perry Willis
LP national director
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Credentials Committee
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
"The Agora" opens
9 a.m.
Convention Business Session
Platform Committee Reports
Debate on the LP Platform 1996
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Regency Ballroom*
Panels and Speakers
1. Has the Republican Revolt Failed?
Doug Bandow
(Cato Institute and former Reagan adviser)
2. Toward a Sensible Libertarian
Environmental Policy
Dr. Karl Hess Jr. (libertarian environmentalist)
3. Reforming Welfare
Dr. Richard Vedder (Ohio University)
Dr. Thomas DiLorenzo (Loyola College)
4. The War Against Drugs is War
Against the American People
Nancy Lord and Jim Ostrowski
(practicing attorneys)
5. Has Privatization Been Successful?
Robert Poole (Reason Foundation)
6. The Best Ways to Lower Taxes in America
Grover Norquist (Americans for Tax Reform)
Steven Moore (Cato Institute)
7. How Government Meddling
Caused the Medical Crisis
Michael Tanner (Cato Institute)
Drs. Grayson and Murphy (physicians)

8. Public Education in Crisis
Sheldon Richman (Cato Institute)
9. Monetary and Banking Reform
Dr. Richard Timberlake (University of Georgia)
Special Speaker - Nadine Strossen
President of the ACLU
Noon *Main Convention Hall*
Liberty Pledge Luncheon
1 p.m.
Presidential Candidates Debate
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Regency Ballroom*
Happy Birthday LP Party
8 p.m. - 11 p.m. *Columbia Ballroom*
Candidates' Receptions and Suite Parties
The Midnight Symposium
The Tough Issues
Conference Theater

Saturday, July 6, 1996

Breakfast with Jon Coon
1994 LP senatorial candidate
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Credentials Committee
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
"The Agora" opens
9 a.m.
Convention Business Session
9:30 a.m. *Regency Ballroom*
The Platforms of the Candidates
Nomination of Presidential Candidate
Nomination of Vice Presidential Candidate
Speakers and Workshops
Hall of Battles
1. Our Gift of Liberty
Michael Sherwood
2. The Assault on Gun Ownership and other
Constitutional Rights
Jarret Wollstein
3. Libertarianism and the Rule of Law
John Buttrick
4. The Worldwide Libertarian Movement
Vince Miller
5. Ending the Social Security Crisis
Michael Tanner
6. Listen Up Generation X
Alan Perlman
7. Natural Rights and the
Non-Aggression Principle
Dick Fuerle

Special Workshop on Computer Privacy
Special Guest Philip Zimmermann
5 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Presidential Banquet
Reception at 6 p.m.
Banquet from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Grand Ballroom
The Midnight Symposium
Politics and Philosophy
Conference Theater

Sunday, July 7, 1996

Breakfast with Steve Dasbach
and Gene Cisewski
Candidates for LP national chair
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
"The Agora" opens
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Convention Business Session
Election of National Officers
Election of Regional Representatives
Election of Judicial Committee
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Regency Ballroom*
National Committee Meeting

Note: All items subject to change

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CAMPAIGN TRAILS CROSS - Republican presidential contender Pat Buchanan, right, greets Libertarian presidential contender Irwin Schiff outside radio station KJSL in St. Louis, MO, on April 12. Buchanan was leaving his radio interview while Schiff was arriving for his. Schiff joked with Buchanan by asking why he (Schiff) wasn't getting Secret Service protection, too. Buchanan was flanked by Secret Service agents.

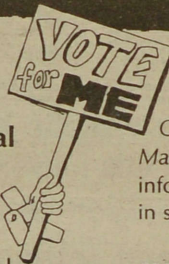
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Browne campaign raises funds for LP

The Harry Browne for President Committee has raised more than \$110,000 in contributions that have gone directly to the Libertarian Party, according to campaign director Sharon Ayres.

"Primary goal of the Browne campaign is helping the Libertarian Party grow in size and effectiveness," said Ayres, "and that takes money."

During April and early May, Browne personally raised \$60,000 from key campaign donors to help hire new staff for the national headquarters.

"The party needs to begin gearing up immediately for the presidential campaign, instead of waiting until after the nominating convention in early July," Browne stated.

"Whether or not I am the presidential nominee, the Libertarian Party will be just as important the day after the convention

as it was before," he stressed. "I want to make sure my campaign secures the future of the party. I want the LP to be the third major party in America, not the largest minor party."

This \$60,000 boost to the LP is on top of over \$50,000 the Browne campaign had already raised for party projects. Earlier this year it invested \$6,000 to get on the ballot in Maine and contributed \$2,000 toward permanent ballot status in Arizona. In addition, it has raised more than \$45,000 in undesignated donations to the party to date.

"Harry is committed to doing everything possible to building the party," said Ayres. "That's why he's already started sharing his 5,000-name campaign donor list with the national LP—something no presidential campaign has ever done at this point in the election cycle."

LP warns anti-terrorism bill a danger to U.S.

President Clinton should veto the so-called "Anti-Terrorism Bill" out of respect for the innocent Americans who died in the Oklahoma City bombing, the Libertarian Party said recently.

"You don't honor the memory of the dead by depriving the living of their basic freedoms," LP National Chair Steve Dasbach said. "And you don't protect Americans from hypothetical foreign terrorists by giving more power to government agencies with a history of running roughshod over our civil liberties."

Dasbach's comments came as Clinton prepared to sign the "Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995" on April 19—the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

"The fact that Clinton and Congress are trying to link this bill to the Oklahoma City tragedy is political ghoulishness at its worst," said Dasbach. "It shows that there is no tragedy that politicians won't try to capitalize on to further increase the power of government."

Dasbach said Libertarians objected to several provisions in the bill:

- It provides an additional \$1 billion to federal and state governments, allegedly to fight terrorism.

"The country is \$5 trillion in debt—but the knee-jerk response of Democrats and Republicans is to toss another billion dollars at every perceived problem," Dasbach said. "Included in the cost of this bill is another \$100 million for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF), the agency largely responsible for the government terrorism at Waco."

- It gives the government the power to arbitrarily designate foreign organizations as "terrorist," and make it a crime to contribute money to them.

- It limits habeas corpus—the right of inmates to appeal their convictions.

"Any government with the power to kill its own citizens through the criminal justice system has an obligation to make sure that no innocent person is ever executed. This provision stacks the deck against justice," Dasbach said.

"The best defense against domestic terrorism is a vibrant, open political system, where no American feels excluded or voiceless. The best defense against international terrorism is an American foreign policy that does not meddle in the affairs of other nations," he said. "Those are genuine anti-terrorism policies that would protect Americans... and the Bill of Rights."

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LP chair candidate

Dr. Calvin Ruskaup of Hawaii, a candidate for the LP presidential nomination, has announced that he also is a candidate for LP national chair. For more information, write P.O. Box 10800, Hilo, HI 96721-5800.

Notice

Anyone who has registered for the national convention should have received written confirmation. If you have not, contact FEE, 1420 Locust St., 36-D, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or call 215-545-6994.

Time to 'can the cult'?

Ever since the Libertarian Party adopted the Statement of Principles written by John Hospers in 1972, there have been periodic calls to eliminate the phrase "cult of the omnipotent state" in the first sentence. Proposals to do this have been introduced at several past conventions but have never succeeded because a seven-eighths majority is required to amend the Statement of Principles.

This year the issue will be brought up again. Also proposed is the addition of two words—"and liberties"—after the word "rights" in the first sentence.

If the proposed changes are made, the opening sentence of the Statement of Principles would read as follows: "We, the members of the Libertarian Party, defend the

rights and liberties of the individual." The rest of the Statement would stay unchanged.

Dave Nolan, interim chair of the Platform Committee, explained the rationale for the proposed changes:

"The 'cult' language is off-putting to the average voter, and sounds somewhat 'cultish' itself. It immediately raises unnecessary questions in people's minds: What does this mean? What cult? What are they talking about? It is stronger to start off with a positive statement—"We defend"—and makes sense to add the word 'liberties' as this ties directly to the word 'Libertarian'."

Any party member with comments on the proposed changes should send them to: Platform Committee, P.O. Box 1149, El Toro, CA 92630.

Correction

A photo caption in the April 1996 NEWS stated that the Maine LP "had contacted each of the candidates seeking the LP presidential nomination asking for financial help in achieving ballot status." Actually, the state party only advised candidates on how they could go about getting on the ballot. The Harry Browne campaign hired an independent contractor, Gary Fincher, to conduct the ballot drive.

Dr. Calvin Ruskaup, an LP presidential nominee hopeful, contacted the NEWS and said he had not been asked to fund the drive.

The deadline for petitioning in Maine is June 3, one month before the LP national convention.

Allard seeks re-election as national vice chair

Karen Allard, LP national vice chair and former chair of the LP of Washington State, announced that she will seek re-election to the office of LP national vice chair.

"As area manager of ballot access, I'm committed to our presidential candidate being on the ballot in all 50 states, DC, and Guam," Allard said.

"I'm also committed to seeing candidate victories and seeing legislative changes to give the Libertarian Party permanent ballot status," she said.

Allard has been a Libertarian since 1979. She served three terms as Washington State chair, and one term on the LP national committee as Region 1 representative.

Allard was a candidate for the Washington State legislature in 1984, 1986, and 1992, and a candidate for the Tacoma school board in 1985.

Allard, a Tacoma resident, home-schools her 10-year-old son, Gregg.

She has a bachelor of science degree in nursing and works as a visiting nurse, hospice nurse, and nurse consultant.

Libertarians who want to help re-elect Karen Allard national vice chair may contact the campaign by writing to: Karen Allard, 4020 North 32nd St., Tacoma, WA



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Celebrity candidate?

This summer the LP will choose its nominee for president. Then, that person will select a running mate. The Young Libertarians Club has an idea. We suggest that whoever gets the Libertarian nomination should try to get a well-known person to run with him or her. There are several people out there with close to libertarian views whom we could completely convert and might want to run with us. This way we would have a purebred Libertarian running for president and someone famous on the ticket to draw attention to the campaign, *our* campaign.

We have listed people we think are both qualified and recognizable and who are worthy of consideration: Steve Forbes, Walter Williams, Milton Friedman, Paul Tsongas.

None of these candidates may want to be our vice-presidential nominee. These four are just suggestions. There may be other influential people we could get. Our purpose is to put forth this idea for the consideration of the party and its presidential nominee. Even if it does not work, there is no harm in trying.

**Mark Goodman, Tom Carolan
Matt Riordan, Brock Goodman**
Young Libertarians Club

Saratoga High School, Saratoga, CA

The Oath

I support the oath. It clearly comports to Libertarian and Constitutional principles, and it is an anchor to our approach that we should try to change things at the ballot box first. It separates us, in a positive light, from the other two major parties. Clearly, if we had to fight a revolution, as our Founding Fathers did, it would *not* hamper us. The key is the word "initiation." Remember the shot heard around the world attributed mainly to the British? "Initiate" is a very broad term which would allow for a less than lethal amount of force to enable a legitimate, forceable reaction from Libertarians. In other words, we don't have to wait to be rounded up because of this oath.

We *do not* need to formally swear folks in. It is enough for new members to simply sign the oath when they join.

This is not a big issue.

Andrew L. Howard
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WWW

Libertarians across the country should know how effective the World Wide Web is in recruiting Libertarian prospects. During the past four months, I have sent out 60 membership packets to prospects from the automatic WWW inquiry system. The LP websites are a perfect avenue that allow prospects to come to us, all we need to do is follow-up their requests with a letter and membership information.

Any secretary or membership chair who is not taking advantage of e-mail and the World Wide Web is ignoring a valuable tool for communicating with new Libertarian prospects.

Donald Gallick
Secretary, LP of Ohio
Athens, Ohio

No joke

In the March 1996 NEWS, we are



Staying in touch

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blasted with the word "schizophrenia" as if it described the two-party system. If the LP has a sudden growth spurt, would you say we are cancerous? No, you wouldn't have the nerve. It's easy to pick on the mentally ill and treat them like jokes. Physical ailments are sacred. Try making one of your cute jokes about cancer or AIDS and see how much esteem that gets you.

Anne Bilinski Thomas
Chicago, IL

Use Special Report

The national LP recently put out an excellent 20-page "Special Report" promotional booklet and according to a recent member survey has mailed out nearly 100,000 copies to prospective Libertarians. The survey very cleverly asked us to vote with our dollars on where the next ones should go. Clever enough to get me to vote 50 times.

I would like to suggest a coordinated one-at-a-time use of this booklet by individual members. The prospects would be the private citizens and business people that we hear and read about almost daily who have gotten screwed by government in some way. It's hard to read a newspaper without seeing at least one story about a prospective new member. We should individually send these people a copy of that booklet along with a personalized cover letter.

Letter writing is pretty easy for me and I am going to do this on my own as soon as my order of booklets arrives, but a good marketing or sales letter is not easy to write without training and experience. I would like to see the marketing experts at HQ put together several sample cover letters addressing, in general terms, specific common situations such as "screwed by the tax man," "screwed by the environmental police," etc. The LP should include these letters in a kit of 15 booklets and 15 mailing envelopes. Then when you read about some poor bloke getting shafted by "his" government, you just rewrite the most appropriate sample letter. Refer to his particular situation and point out that under a libertarian society, "whatever" wouldn't have happened to him. Then look up his address and mail it to him.

A personal letter from a local citizen, addressing someone's specific situation and showing sincere concern just might get some good responses.

Doug Hoiles
Acampo, CA

Minimum wage laws

The minimum wage debate took on a libertarian meaning for me after I became both an employer and self-employed. I quickly appreciated the silliness in the idea that a wage is a right. A person's right to job is as specious as his boss' right to success in business. There is no right to a minimum wage, just as there is no right to success in self-employment.

The minimum wage debate is often an excuse for thoughtless criticism of capitalism, especially among people who suffer from an "employee mentality." People who suffer from the employee mentality see themselves as perpetual wage earners, never as wage payers. They hallucinate that every person is entitled to a wage from someone else, though they have never paid a wage to anyone. Most employees suffer from the employee mentality.

Such people see themselves as perpetual employees, never employers. They lobby for minimum wages, unemployment compensation, worker compensation, Social Security, health insurance, etc., when they have never provided themselves the same benefits with their own money and have never attempted to provide the same benefits in self-employment. Indeed, they have never attempted to employ other people and provide the same benefits for which they lobby.

They never comprehend the relationship between employer mandates and persistent unemployment because they have never attempted to hire anyone or contend with the mandates they support. If so, they might understand how all the benefits they "won" translated into lower wages and fewer job offers, and negotiable choices they destroyed for themselves and everyone else. People with the employee mentality outsmart themselves and create their own poverty. . .

Minimum wage laws are as nonsensical as would be minimum work laws that required employees to perform a specified level of activity for their employer. Many employees would violate a minimum work law, as many are goldbrickers. Instead of the Department of Labor's wage per hour laws there would be work per hour laws. Instead of employers being reported and fined or imprisoned for violating wage per hour laws, employees would be reported and fined or imprisoned for violating work per hour laws. . .

The minimum wage debate is a reminder of how laborers benefit from capitalism, and suffer under socialism. In free enterprise, good laborers can shop for the best employer or even start their own businesses. In controlled economies, employment opportunities are few, and entrepreneurial opportunities are fewer.

Rex Curry
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Promisekeepers

Is everyone thrilled with the way Speaker Gingrich and the GOP are standing up for our Second Amendment rights? After all, they did fulfill their promise to make a motion to repeal the Brady Bill portions of the Clinton Crime Bill. And the way Mr. Gingrich was pushing for the repeal, you really have to hand it to 'em. NOT!

When Speaker Gingrich was on the news bragging to Americans, live and in person, about how the GOP kept its promise, it really made me stop and wonder. Isn't it the Republican Party that "claims" to support Second Amendment rights? Then how can a key person in the GOP like Mr. Gingrich simply make a motion on the floor, which is nothing more

than bringing the subject up, and then walk away with the attitude that the promise was kept and the GOP is not under any obligation to do anything else?

If anyone in the LP is as proud of ole Newt as I am, please do us all a favor: Support your LP candidates before Uncle Sugar takes away all of our freedom.

Robert J. Howard
Houston, TX

Abortion plank

In 1995, the NEWS published David Nolan's July article on the Declaration of Independence and my September letter commenting on it. This touched off a correspondence between Dave and myself on abortion and the LP platform. (It can be read on the World Wide Web, <http://members.aol.com/brentjass/LFL>). This discussion is important for the 1996 LP convention. Abortion is hot news due to the current debate over "partial birth" abortions (which involve a partial delivery of the child up to her head).

In testifying to the 1993 Platform Committee, I spoke about such abortions and also about Ana Rosa Rodriguez, whose right arm was ripped off in an attempted abortion. A PlatCom majority apparently felt that the platform rightly permits such cases. Also recently in the news is Gianna Jessen, another abortion survivor with lifelong injuries. She is now old enough to vote. I asked 1993 PlatCom members why should abortion survivors vote Libertarian? They did not answer. I hope Libertarians on both sides of abortion will encourage the July convention to address the question.

Nolan made it clear that he is on the side of abortion choice but that he would prefer, as would some other Libertarian abortion choicers, that the LP drop its present support for abortion and let individual candidates voice their own positions. Some candidates are pro-life.

Doris Gordon
Libertarians for Life
Bethesda, MD

Rainbows

Libertarians seek a safe society based on personal freedom, responsibility, and respect for one another. For a few weeks each summer, such a community exists.

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My first gathering was in 1992 in Colorado. Members of our local Libertarian group subsequently attended the Kentucky, Wyoming, and New Mexico gatherings. We've been allowed to "hang out" and distribute our LP literature at Rainbow Information. Find us there.

Imagine the outreach opportunity a larger group of Libertarians would have. If enough of us attend, we can create our own distinctive encampment—a "Libertarian Party Village"—as various see **Letters** on page 14

Libertarian Party success in the stars

The Libertarian Party has the stars on its side. The astrological stars, that is.

According to the April 4-12 edition of the syndicated "No Nonsense Astrology for Love and Money" column, America's third-largest political party will achieve record vote totals and elect a president within eight years.

Specifically, the "No Nonsense" astrologer predicted:

- "In 1996 the Libertarian Party will receive a record number of votes."

- "In 2004 a Libertarian will be elected president of the USA, possibly Clint Eastwood."

"This is a first for us—getting mentioned in a newspaper astrology column," said a smiling Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party chair. "And this is the first time a horoscope has predicted such dramatic Liber-

tarian Party success in 1996 and 2004."

But, on a more serious note, Dasbach said Libertarians should enjoy such predictions—but not be diverted by them.

"It's easy to live in a political fantasy world, dreaming about what will happen in the future," he said. "But the Libertarian Party has achieved record numbers of officeholders, candidates, contributing members, and registered voters because of our

hard work, our positive message of freedom, and our solid, realistic plan for growth and success.

"To paraphrase William Shakespeare, our fate 'is not in our stars, but within ourselves. . .'. And who knows—if we keep working hard, and the American public keeps moving in our direction, we just might welcome Libertarian President Eastwood into the White House in 2004!"

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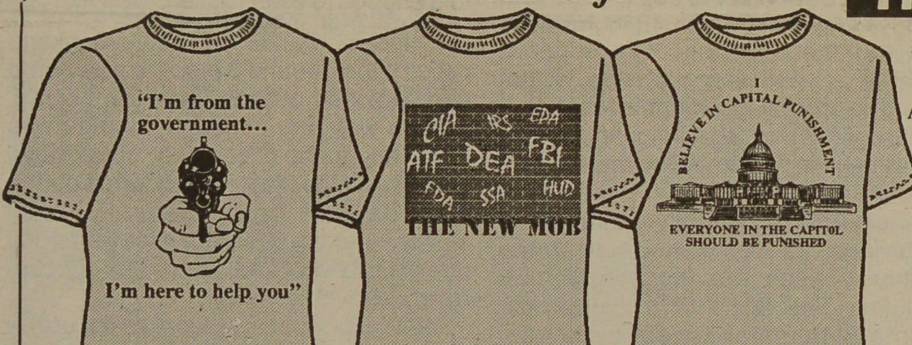
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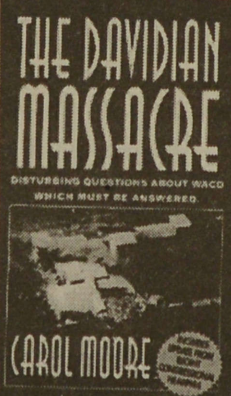


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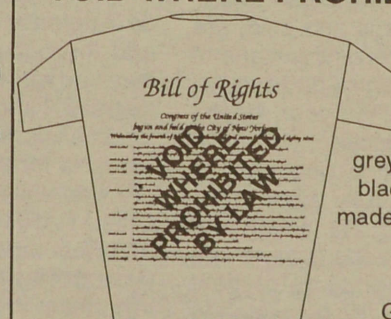
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social and religious groups do each year. But we will need to arrive several days early to set things up. Bring LP banners and literature—every brochure we brought last year was given out. . .

A copy of the "Rainbow Mini-Manual" can be found on the Web at www.WelcomeHome.org/rainbow.html or downloaded from the Rainbow newsgroup alt.gathering.rainbow. By June, those sites will also provide directions and maps to the 1996 gathering. Or for a \$2 donation to our local affiliate, we will mail you a copy. Send cash or check payable to LP of Colorado and mail to The Liberty Coalition, P.O. Box 9766, Aspen, CO 81612.

So, if you're not able to attend the LP National Convention, or you're driving through the Ozarks on your way there, have an adventure and join fellow Libertarians for a week or two at the 25th Annual National Rainbow Gathering, June 28-July 10, in the Ozark mountain range (Missouri/Arkansas). It may be the most exciting place you've ever been.

Thomas C. Peckham
The Liberty Coalition
Aspen, CO

Library outreach

With the word "Libertarian" being tossed about by the various forms of the media, we need to assist people seeking to understand who the LP is and what we stand for. One inexpensive means of educating the public is to donate certain books to the local library. A few years ago I went to my county library to find out about our party, and all they had was a few magazine articles written by a Marxist.

Recently I donated 20 copies of "Libertarianism in One Lesson", one for each branch of the library. I also intend to donate copies to the 10 town libraries in the county that do not participate in the county system. Likewise, all the county high schools are on my donation list.

Another book that I hope to donate is "The Law" by Frederic Bastiat. If anyone chooses to do this, please ask the reference librarian to list "The Law" under the subject of libertarianism.

The librarian here in Monmouth, NJ, was actually thrilled to get my donations. She commented that they had nothing on our party and entered them in the system without going through the normal review process. If others around the county will join me in this endeavor, we will reach many people.

Steve Nagle
Belmar, NJ

Warming up

I find the propagation of misinformed anti-environmental myths in the NEWS socially irresponsible. The editorial cartoon in the March issue is a succinct example. It implies that because we have had record snowfalls we can dismiss global warming. The fact is that local weather extremes, including record snowfalls and cold, are the most tangible early warning signs of global warming. While central and eastern states had a tough winter this year, Alaska had an unusually mild winter. . .

As a businessman and opponent to government intrusion I fully sympathize with those who dread the costs and regulatory burden that accompanies the current policy on global warming of prudent avoidance. This needs to be weighed against the costs that are expected from global warming. Of course, if you choose

to ignore the preponderance of scientific data and remain in denial this cost is zero. Insurance companies are taking this cost very seriously. They cannot deny increased costs due to floods, droughts, hurricanes, and tornadoes they have been incurring over the past decade. . .

The free market is reactionary. Due to the decades-long time lag between cause and effect, the market cannot dampen global warming. However, a free market approach of removing subsidies and tax breaks for oil-based functions, the largest of which is transportation, would be an effective step. Instead of bashing scientists, we Libertarians should be discussing the elimination of public funding for the Department of Transportation, the Department of Energy, road construction, subsidies for the oil industry, and the regulatory costs for the oil industry. The necessary functions from this list would be most efficiently and fairly funded fully through taxes on gas and oil, not income.

Bradley Berg
Nashua, NH

LP and NAFTA

The Libertarian National Committee voted unanimously not to rescind the LP's support of NAFTA.

I am astonished that the so-called leaders of the LP could be so gullible. A young country under the Articles of Confederation, just as the individual states were beginning to see the folly of their protective ways, looked to a bigger government to solve their problems. However, differences in sales taxes (et al. devices) still create a protective atmosphere over 200 years after the creation of the bigger government. During the civil rights era, Americans looked toward a bigger government to solve their problems with smaller governments. History shows that problem solving is not a feature of government.

We commit the same error by looking toward a bigger government to check the trade transgressions of smaller governments. . .

There is another reason libertarians should oppose NAFTA. NAFTA gradually reduces tariffs at different rates. Some producers are protected initially, becoming an important source of campaign revenue. Such producers will not go down without a fight, and the ensuing litigation explosion will hamper trade for years. Lawyers will grow fat, and the power of the WTO will expand. Government doesn't work. It is not what the WTO will do for me, but rather to me, that gives cause for worry.

Barry Dean Simpson
Chattanooga, TN

ACLU at convention

[I would like to express] my concerns of inviting Nadine Strossen of the ACLU to be one of the speakers at the LP convention.

While I appreciate what the ACLU might do in defense of the First Amendment, this and the balance of the issues they get involved with have caused grave personal distress. I know of that organization on a direct basis, and in that regard I will never forget or forgive.

I was associated with an organization called PARR (Protect Americans Rights and Resources). We were involved in the protest of the rape of our natural resources in northern Wisconsin involving the federal courts awarding 50 percent of the game, fish, and gathering rights granted to the

Chippewa Indians in the name of "Treaty Rights". No such rights existed then or now. This issue stirred great emotions and was greeted with organized protests. I personally protested at the boat landings when the Indians were heading out to spear spawning fish in lakes in northern Wisconsin. You have no idea how devastating this action was and has now resulted in bringing down this resource to dangerous levels. . .

The Wisconsin ACLU saw fit to come to the aid of the Indians by bringing a lawsuit against 16 people they felt represented the protest and protesters. They, unfortunately, won in federal court with their free ACLU legal assistance, while the defendants were not only forced to pay their own legal fees, the court awarded damages totalling more than \$300,000. This, of course, put the big chill on the citizens who felt the need to protest this injustice, but our rights to peaceably protest were thwarted by the ACLU's legal intrusion. This illustrated to me that the ACLU is not interested in protecting my rights, but instead will take a stand that contravenes my right of free expression. Supporting special privilege is apparently more important than the Bill of Rights to the ACLU.

I suggest that Nadine Strossen provide a full accounting of their involvement. I want to hear her defense of their effort to stifle my right to freedom of speech and lawful protest assembly.

Donald J. Blaies
Mukwonago, WI

Legality

"DEA big guns" (March 1996 NEWS) contained the following: "We support SB573 as a necessary first step to the eventual re-legalizing of drugs in Missouri."

The concept of legalizing or, in this case, re-legalizing something has always struck me as a bit odd.

Morality and acceptability are the result of individual, group, or societal determination. These are judgments, not absolutes. The limits of morality and acceptability established by these determinations are the basis for the various doctrines, disciplines, and codes which affect our lives.

Even if a particular action is universally held as being immoral or unacceptable, this does not make the act inherently immoral or unacceptable.

To say you are taking steps to legalize or re-legalize drugs in Missouri presupposes that drugs are inherently illegal. This is not the case. At some point in the past, laws were passed by the various governing bodies that established penalties for illegal drug use. What is now taking place is the nullification of codes previously established. . .

People make things illegal. People can also revisit the issue and remove the code that previously made the action illegal. Legal is simply that which the affected group has not determined to be illegal.

Douglas Beijer
Hernando, MS

Keep the Pledge!

Luckily, this story has a happy ending, but let us hope that the Libertarian Party always retains its statement against the initiation of force, i.e., "I do not advocate nor will I practice the initiation of force or fraud to achieve political or social goals." Some Libertarians have called for the end of "the pledge" but I, for one, am glad it is there and hope it remains.

Some ask: "Why should members be

required to sign a pledge? The Democrats and Republicans don't make anyone sign a pledge to join their parties!" But we are not the Democrats or the Republicans, obviously, and with the media bias against all political thought to the right of Hillary Rodham, the statement provides Libertarians some measure of protection from attack.

Here is a recent example where we could have been in a very precarious position. The day after Washington State's Libertarian Convention, I received a phone call from the Spokane Police Department. The sergeant was calling to ask about a briefcase that a hotel employee had found. It so happened that this briefcase was in the room at the Ridpath Hotel where we had met the day before and was "suspicious" (in part, as it turned out, because of a Montana address!). I was asked if I had a list of the names of people who attended the convention and I responded in the affirmative. I was asked if "John Doe" (protecting the innocent here) had been in attendance. Again, my response was "yes". The sergeant said he would call me back. In the meantime, my concern and curiosity being aroused, I contacted "John Doe" to find out if he had forgotten his briefcase. Indeed, John Doe had left it behind and indicated that it had only some papers and pens in it. Well, when the Spokane Police Department called back, I gave them John Doe's phone number and told them the results of my conversation with him. Ultimately, they x-rayed the briefcase and found it to be harmless.

OK, so what does all this have to do with the pledge? Earlier that day—Spokane police figure around 3 a.m.—a pipe bomb had exploded outside City Hall. Luckily, no one was hurt although damage was done and people certainly could have been hurt if the blast had occurred during busy daytime hours. Naturally, hotel personnel and police authorities were edgy due to that event and, hence, the concern over a stray briefcase.

Well, a local radio station picked up the story and reported that a suspicious briefcase had been found at the Ridpath Hotel where the Libertarian Party had its convention. While many may consider Libertarian ideas radical (as were our nation's founding fathers) and may think this "anti-government" sentiment could lead to the initiation of force, this is NOT the Libertarian way. I was glad I could tell the police officer, the hotel management, and the reporter I spoke with about our "pledge," and I told them that we would be just as appalled as they by acts of violence. The police sergeant with whom I spoke seemed sympathetic and said he thought he had "even voted for a guy named Browne once."

This story has a happy ending. The briefcase was picked up and returned to its owner. There was no explosion at the Ridpath, and the media didn't have the chance to target the Libertarian Party with vitriolic attacks as often happens to groups deemed politically incorrect. So, if anyone asks you: "Why do I have to sign the pledge?" we have a very good reason. The statement against the initiation of force or fraud is more than a philosophy—it is also a vital protection in a day and age where many politically incorrect groups serve as targets of the media. Keep the pledge!

Janice Moerschel
1996 LPWS Convention Chair
and Spokane County Chair

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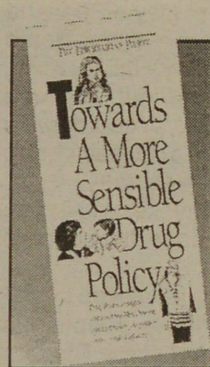
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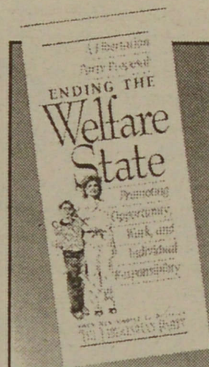
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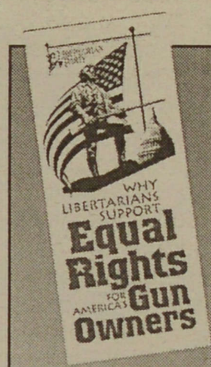
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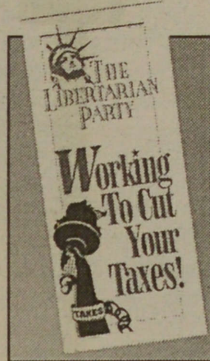
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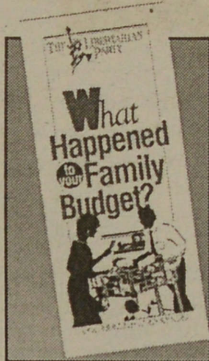
■ **Is This the New Political Party You've Been Looking For?** Brochure, 2-color (violet & black). Introductory overview of LP beliefs.

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■ **The Libertarian Party: Working to Cut Your Taxes.** Brochure, 2-color (green & black). Outlines how Libertarians would drastically reduce taxes and government spending.

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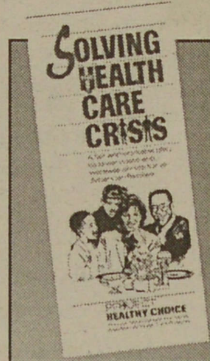
■ **What Happened To Your Family Budget?** Brochure, 2-color (blue & black). Hard-hitting look at how government impoverishes the "typical" family through taxes and inflation.

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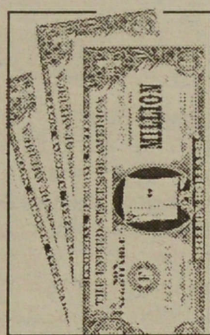
■ **Making Your Neighborhood Safe Again.** Brochure, 2-color (red & black). Explains the LP's innovative five-point Operation Safe Streets "crime-control" program.

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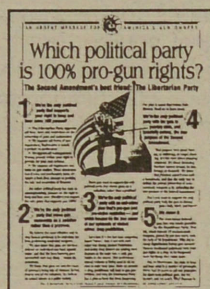
■ **Solving the Health Care Crisis.** Brochure, 2-color (maroon & black). Part of Project Healthy Choice, detailing the LP's innovative 5-point free market health care reform proposals.

Cost: Sample: 50¢
or \$5 for 300



■ **"Million Dollar Bill."** Green ink. Front: A faux \$1,000,000 bill. Reverse: Highlights excessive Federal spending — one million dollars every five seconds — and the LP's tax-cutting alternative.

Cost: Sample: 50¢
or \$5 for 100



■ **Which Political Party is 100% Pro-Gun Rights?** Flyer. New, improved 2-color version! (blue & red). Hard-hitting outreach to gun owners, listing 10 compelling reasons why the Libertarian Party deserves support.

Cost: Sample: 50¢
or \$5 for 100

Other Great LP Products

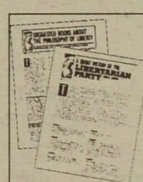
Literature

■ Libertarianism in One Lesson

by David Bergland. 126 pages, 6th edition. The classic, critically praised introductory work about Libertarianism by the party's 1984 presidential candidate. Compares and contrasts how liberals, conservatives, and Libertarians view political issues. **Cost:** \$8 each or 5 for \$25



■ **LP Fact Sheets:** 2-page LP history (political highlights from 1971 to 1995) and 2-page bibliography (over 150 books about Libertarianism, from economics to history to social issues). Sold as a set only. **Cost:** Sample: 50¢ or \$10 for 100

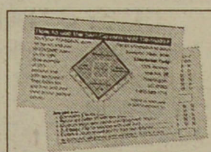


■ America's Libertarian Heritage

by David Bergland. 16-page booklet. An excellent, concise overview of Libertarian philosophy, covering politics, free markets, social issues, personal liberty, political action, and more! **Cost:** \$1 each



■ **World's Smallest Political Quiz cards.** Perfect for "politically homeless" booths, and an excellent low-cost hand-out! **Cost:** \$1 for 100



Tools for Campaigning

■ **LP Statue of Liberty Logo master.** Camera-ready sheet, ready for scanning or cutting and pasting. **Cost:** \$1 each

■ **Newsprint Ads:** "Libertarian Party—Defenders of Liberty." Camera-ready print ads. One each: general, lifestyle, drugs, guns, draft, taxes. **Cost:** \$3 for set

■ **Libertarian TV Ads:** A videotape compilation of TV ads by LP candidates, from State Representative to President. (For information only; not broadcast quality.) **Cost:** \$20.00 each

Buttons

Cost: All buttons are \$1 each or 75¢ for 5 or more.

■ **Don't Blame Me, I Voted Libertarian** 1-800-682-1776

■ **Vote Libertarian** 1-800-682-1776

■ **Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything** 1-800-682-1776

Miscellaneous Items

■ **High-quality, lined windbreaker,** blue with LP logo and party name on front. Available in M, L, XL. (Specify on order form.) **Cost:** \$25 each

■ **LP Statue of Liberty Logo on PC Disk:** 3-1/2 inch DOS-compatible computer disk, with several different sizes and versions of the LP's Statue of Liberty logo. **Cost:** \$3 each

■ **Liberty Teddy Bears** 12" high. Cute brown bear with blue shirt. "Liberty Bear" on front, LP logo on reverse. Makes a wonderful holiday gift! **Cost:** \$20 each

Bumperstickers

Cost: \$1 each; \$7.50 for 10; \$50 for 100

■ **Don't Blame Me... I Voted Libertarian** (Blue & white; LP address and phone # below.)

■ **Enough is Enough/Vote Libertarian** (Red, white, & blue.)

■ **Vote Libertarian/800-672-1776** (Blue & white.)

■ **I'm Pro-Choice on Everything!** (Red, white, & blue.)

Large & Small Banners

■ **Small Banner.** (12" x 5'). White on blue. One line: "Libertarian Party." **Cost:** \$25 each

■ **Large Banner.** (18" x 5'). White on blue. First line "Libertarian Party," second line your choice (specify on order form): ★ "800-682-1776" ★ "Defenders of Liberty." **Cost:** \$40 each

To Order:

Indicate quantity you wish to order below. There is no charge for standard shipping. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Or: Add \$5 for same-day shipping. Call (202) 333-0008 for instructions on rush deliveries. Minimum order: \$5.00. Orders shipped via UPS; please add 15% for Post Office box addresses.

■ **Reduced Price Brochure** (300 for \$5)

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Brochure: "Solving the Health Care Crisis."

■ **Ready-to-use Literature**

Booklet: "Special Report"

Brochure: "Ending the Welfare State"

Brochure: "Is This the New Political Party You've Been Looking For?"

Brochure: "Equal Rights for America's Gun Owners"

Brochure: "Making Your Neighborhood Safe Again"

Brochure: "Towards A More Sensible Drug Policy"

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Brochure: "What Happened To Your Family Budget?"

Flyer: "Which Political Party / 100% Pro-Gun Rights?"

Tax Day Flyer: \$1,000,000 Bill

1995 LP Program

1994 LP Platform

2-page LP history/2-page bibliography. (Package only.)

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LP Statue of Liberty logo on 3-1/2" PC disk

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Libertarian TV Ads

■ Large & Small Banners

Large: "LIBERTARIAN PARTY" (18" h x 5' w)

Please check preferred second line:

☐ "Defenders of Liberty"

☐ "1-800-682-1776"

Small: "LIBERTARIAN PARTY" (12" h x 5' w).

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 1, 1996:

Louisiana LP Convention, Bentley Hotel, Alexandria; for information write Richard Johnson, P.O. Box 66301, Baton Rouge, LA 70896. Speakers include Irwin Schiff and Rick Tompkins.

June 7-9, 1996:

Texas LP Convention, Best Western Lubbock Regency, Lubbock; for information call 806-495-3884 or 806-495-2816. Speakers include Roger Gary, Larry Becraft, Larry Pratt, Jacob Hornberger, Harry Browne, Irwin Schiff, Rick Tompkins, and Jo Jorgensen.

June 8, 1996:

South Dakota LP and Self-Governors of SD Convention, Barn Restaurant,

Huron; for information call 605-352-4559.

July 3-7, 1996:

1996 LP National Presidential Nominating Convention, Hyatt-Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

Aug. 19-24, 1996:

ISIL World Conference, Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, British Columbia, Canada; for information call 604-224-4628. Speakers include Leon Louw, Frances Kendall, Ken Schoolland, and Jarret Wollstein.

Sept. 8, 1996:

Brass Roots Rally, Capitol Building, Lansing, MI; for information call 810-399-

8333 or 800-555-GUNS. Speakers include Harry Browne, Jon Coon, and Samuel Francis.

Oct. 19, 1996:

Maryland LP Convention, Columbia Hilton, Columbia; for information call 410-730-7117 or e-mail: AmyRule@aol.com

Nov. 24-26, 1996:

Separation of School & State Alliance conference, Washington, DC; for information call 209-292-1776. Speakers include Peter Breggin, John Taylor Gatto, Sheldon Richman, and Joseph Sobran.

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DAVID L. FELTS — managing editor of the
Centralia (IL) Sentinel, in a lengthy opinion piece in the
April 11, 1996, edition of his newspaper:

“ To someone fed up with the tired rhetoric
and outright lies of the political establishment,
Libertarian arguments are as welcome as a cool
breeze on a hot summer day. . .

Libertarians agree with Thomas Jefferson,
who rightly said ‘that government is best which
governs least.’ It’s time people realized that
there is a party that values free thinking, respon-
sibility and, most of all, liberty.”