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Luce appointed by NH governor

Miriam Luce, two-time New Hampshire Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate, has been named to the state's three-person Liquor Commission.

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Bids reopened

The Libertarian Party National Committee (NatCom) has announced that the bidding for the 1996 Presidential Nomination Convention has been reopened.

No acceptable bids were available for the new NatCom's first meeting on Sept. 5. According to Geoffrey Neale, Convention Oversight Committee (COC) chair, "We're looking for a site in a major media market. We would also like to see the bidder demonstrate an ability to follow the very specific Request for Proposal (RFP) that we have available."

Neale continued, "Other considerations are transportation and lodging costs for delegates, creative vision, speaker/program ideas, focus on details, and local LP support and enthusiasm. A past track record of successful convention or meeting planning will also enter into our recommendations and decisions."

Anyone interested in submitting a bid should contact COC member Dan Karlan at 201-444-2846 or CompuServe: 71214,1747 for the current RFP. Proposals must be received by the COC no later than Nov. 1, 1993, with the final decision to be made no later than the December 1993 NatCom meeting.

Those with questions may also contact Neale at 512-280-6540, or COC member Ruth E. Bennett at 206-328-3539.

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Delegates keep membership certification

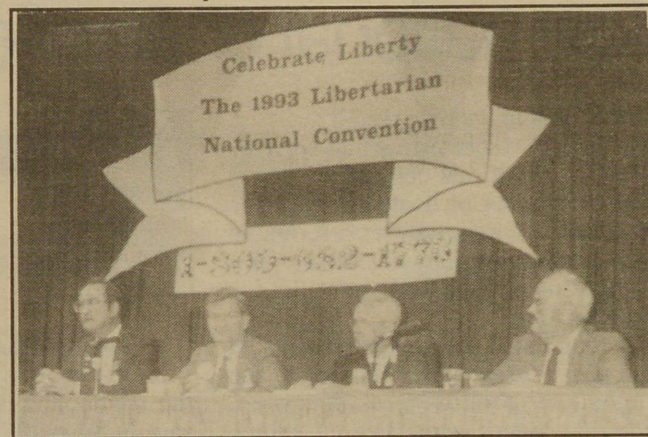
By RANDY LANGHENRY

Delegates to the 1993 Libertarian Party national convention in Salt Lake City voted to retain the national membership certification requirement. In the months leading up to the convention, this issue had surfaced as the most controversial question to be faced by the delegates.

The confrontation between factions in favor of retaining the certification and those who supported its elimination came on the first day of the convention during the bylaws committee report. The debate, however, proved to be less contentious than expected, and, in fact, delegates from both camps leaned over backwards not only to be civil to one another, but also to work together during the rest of the convention.

The bylaws committee had met for two days before the convention and hammered out proposed amendments to the current bylaws. "The Committee has sought to address major issues that the Party membership has been debating for the past several months," the report stated.

The bylaws committee consisted of committee chair



NEWS photo by Randy Langhenry

DISTINGUISHED PANEL - LP founder David Nolan, former LP presidential candidates Ed Clark and David Bergland, and Steve Dasbach, from left to right, discussed the future of the Libertarian Party at the national convention.

David Bergland, the LP's 1984 presidential candidate, and members Karen Allard, Sharon Ayres, Joe Barnett, Ruth Bennett, Tamara Clark, Steve Dasbach, Don Ernsberger, Steve Givot, and Henry Haller.

The proposal that came out of the committee included both majority and minority reports concerning the membership requirement. The majority report recom-

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New NatCom

Dasbach selected to lead national party

Steve Dasbach, immediate past vice chair of the party, was easily elected on the first ballot to the position of Libertarian Party national chair.

Additionally, Karen Allard was elected national vice chair, John Famularo was elected national secretary, and Hugh Butler was elected national treasurer.

Dasbach's campaign focused on the issue that it is "time to professionalize the Libertarian Party."

In a published statement to the convention delegates, Dasbach wrote, "Making the national party a fully professional organization is an essential first step in building strong state and local parties, able to elect Libertarians to public office."

Dasbach's only opposition in the race for chair developed at the last minute at the convention.

Natalie Lloyd, a 14-year-old from Bowling Green, Ohio, was nominated by delegate James Parker. Lloyd spoke at several convention functions and quickly gained the respect of many delegates. Lloyd has attended five Ohio state LP conventions, and also attended the last national convention where she volunteered on the campaign of Richard Boddie for the presidential nomination. Lloyd, who is home-schooled, spoke briefly to the convention just prior to the election and said, "I ask for your vote, not as a 14-year-old girl, but as a young woman dedicated to the principles of freedom. Freedom for everyone is my ultimate goal." Lloyd received about 25 percent of the vote for national chair.

An additional candidate for chair, Jeffrey Shaprio, who had previously announced his candidacy, failed to appear at the convention.

Dasbach said that there would be a number of changes in policy at the national office. He wrote, "The headquarters, including its budget, will be placed under the Director's control." Dasbach also noted that he hopes to add a "full-time Political Director to the staff in 1994, who would be responsible for ballot access, lobbying, campaign support, and field organizing." Dasbach also

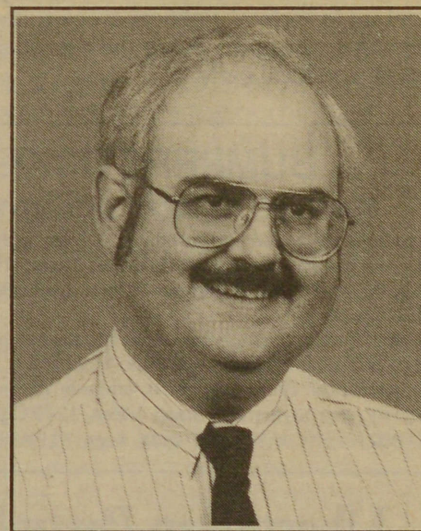
hopes to add an administrative assistant to the national headquarters staff, thereby allowing the national director to "assume full responsibility for our development program."

Karen Allard was elected the new national vice chair without opposition on a voice vote. Allard has been a party member since 1979. She is a three-term state chair of Washington, a three-time candidate for the Washington state legislature, and a former NatCom member.

"We need strong affiliate parties, and we need good local candidates who can take our message to the people in our communities and get elected," Allard wrote in a published hand-out to delegates. "I believe my skills as an organizer and manager can help facilitate better communication between the national LP and local affiliate parties."

John Famularo defeated Gary Johnson for the office of national secretary. Famularo is a former state chair of Pennsylvania and has maintained the national party's computer system since 1989. Famularo, a commercial information systems consultant, distributed a hand-out that stated, "The professional experience gained over years of design, development, and operation of customer-service systems for a wide variety of businesses will be a

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NEW CHAIR - Steve Dasbach was elected national chair of the Libertarian Party at the national convention.

Professionalize!

New national chair offers vision for a Libertarian future

I have seldom been so proud!

For months, Libertarians had been apprehensive about this convention. There had been months of heated debate, the potential for a divisive convention. And in the past, such conventions had led to splits, walkouts, and lurches backward.

Not this time.

For four days, the delegates debated issues passionately. They listened to the arguments, weighed them, cast their votes, decided the issues—and then moved on. Nobody stomped out in anger, nobody abandoned the LP because they didn't get their way.

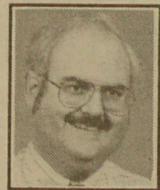
We behaved like a mature political party. We demonstrated that we can tolerate disagreement and heated debate without splintering. We demonstrated that we are not a monolith, that we can encompass the diversity of views that exist within the broad libertarian movement. We demonstrated that we have the potential to become a major political party.

Now, it's time to make it happen!

In a recent letter to our membership, former New Hampshire state chair and current national communications director Bill Winter shared the secrets of New Hampshire's success, what it's going to take to develop the LP into a major political party:

- 1) Professionalize everything we do.
- 2) Make relentless outreach a top priority.
- 3) Get active in the political process.

Not some "magic bullet" new idea. Not some grandiose scheme that will suddenly propel us to victory. Political success depends on consistently doing the essential work of a political party:



From the Chair

Steve Dasbach
National Chair

- Getting on the ballot, and staying there.
- Developing a positive relationship with the media, and communicating our message to the public.
- Responding promptly to inquiries, then following through.
- Building a strong base of supporters, and involving them in the political process.
- Providing our affiliates and candidates with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed.

After all, it is our state and local parties that give us the edge over every other alternative to the Democrats and Republicans.

Ross Perot spent over \$12 million to put his name on every ballot. Our grassroots organization, together with our ballot access experience, allowed us to achieve the same result for less than half a million.

By building a strong network of state and local parties, we can elect Libertarians to public office and begin to reverse the failed policies of the incumbent parties. We can apply our principles to practical problems and implement libertarian solutions.

Opportunities lie before us as never before. But to seize them, we need to become more professional. We need to hire skilled people, then trust them to do their jobs. We must decide what we expect from the national party, then give the national director the staff, the budget, and the authority to

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meet those expectations.

The LP owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to our outgoing national director, Stuart Reges. His real-world management experience enabled him to identify problems inherent in our current national structure and policies, and he possessed the courage needed to call for change. He has shown us what we need to do if we want to become a professional political party with an effective national office. Now, it's up to us to do it!

Nominating our presidential ticket in 1996 offers us new opportunities. Candidates vying for the Libertarian nomination will square off in the New Hampshire primary and demonstrate their ability to gain the support of the voters. However, it also makes it harder to get on every ballot. If we want to nominate in 1996 and be on every ballot, we need to professionalize.

The voters are increasingly frustrated with the failed policies of the Democrats and Republicans, and they are more willing than ever to consider alternatives. If we

want to be that alternative, we need to professionalize.

Our state and local affiliates need to be able to count on the national party to do the basics. They need professional service, professional tools, and professional knowledge. If we want our state and local parties to grow and succeed, we need to professionalize.

In Salt Lake City, I outlined six goals that I believe we must achieve if we are to become an effective political force in America. They are to:

- 1) Implement annual strategic planning by December 1993;
- 2) Fully professionalize the operations of the national party by July 1994;
- 3) Ensure that there is a healthy affiliate party in every state, including D.C., by December 1994;
- 4) Double our contributor base by July 1995;
- 5) Double the number of elected Libertarians by December 1995;
- 6) Ensure that we start the next national convention (July 1996) on schedule to place our presidential ticket on every ballot.

Making the national party a fully professional organization is an essential first step in building strong state and local parties, able to elect Libertarians to public office. Let's work together to make it happen.

Our vision of a future of individual freedom and personal responsibility deserves nothing less than the best. As the Founding Fathers (and Mothers) of this country pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in defense of liberty, we in this last decade of the 20th century must resolve within ourselves that nothing will stand between us and victory.

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Bylaws changes

Convention adds campaign platform and new procedures

Delegates to the 1993 Libertarian Party national convention passed important changes to the national bylaws that will create a new national campaign platform and affect the method of retaining planks to the current national platform.

With the recommendation of the national bylaws and rules committee, which had met for two days prior to the official convention opening, delegates approved on a voice vote the establishment of "The National Campaign Platform."

The creation of this new campaign platform in no way affects the current national platform, it simply requires the development of a brand new additional document.

The new campaign platform grew out of the desire of many party members to have a "platform" document that is shorter, more pragmatic, and more up-to-date than the current national platform.

The campaign platform requirement was created to serve as the "campaign document of the Party during presidential campaigns."

The new article in the national bylaws puts the requirement of producing a na-

tional campaign platform on those Libertarians who seek the party's presidential nomination. "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," according to the new bylaws article. It is hoped that candi-

dates seeking the LP presidential nomination will have their campaign platform available well in advance of the nominating convention, however, so delegates and members can read and digest its contents.

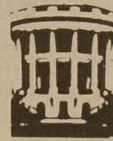
Wording of the article also states that every candidate's platform shall be consistent with the Libertarian Party's Statement of Principles and shall focus on issues that

are important to the public.

With this new requirement, delegates at future nominating conventions will have an opportunity not only to evaluate the candidate, but also to discover those issues that the candidate feels are the most important and that he or she plans to base his or her campaign on.

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A Woman's Place



Rex Denver Borough

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And when she is asked to run for president on the upstart American Coalition Party ticket she takes on the job against all the odds.

The trouble is: Katy's convictions on freedom and liberty are on a collision course with the liberal-leaning major political parties, most of the media, and an electorate engrossed in government dependency.

On top of this, her campaign will be haunted by a college love affair 28 years ago with John Van Dorn, who left her pregnant and devastated. He comes back into her life, offering to share his wealth and influence to help her campaign, which could be crucial to her chances. She trusted him, body and soul once; will she do it again? Their love story courses through the book with a passion which is tested by deep tragedy.

Katy's secret is found out, of course, the media moves in for the kill. But that isn't the only disaster plaguing the campaign. Democrats, Republicans, the nationally prominent Reverend Atwood, and big labor operative Joe Domino, all want Katy

destroyed by whatever means.

The author, Rex Denver Borough, long-time observer of state and national politics, is a westerner, a native of eastern New Mexico about where fictional Caprock County would be.

In the review of *A WOMAN'S PLACE* in the creative *Woman* magazine, Helen E. Hughes quotes Shirley Frucht, reader of the book, late of Silver Spring, Maryland, and now Santa Fe:

"It's incredible that a man could have such a womanly insight into factors of romance and love. And, for the first time, reading this book, I felt on the inside of what goes on just to get the nomination from the party. It is a good book, well-written, suspenseful, a plot that sustains itself to the very end, a very good fast read. I found myself captivated by this engrossing tale."

Mae Woods Bell, columnist for the *Rocky Mount, NC Telegram*, reviews the book in another light:

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NH appointment

Luce becomes first Libertarian appointed to statewide office

In what has been heralded by state Libertarian leaders as the biggest single breakthrough for the party thus far, two-time Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Miriam Luce of Windham has been picked by New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill to replace a scandal-tainted member of the state's three-person Liquor Commission. If confirmed, Luce's nomination would mark the first appointment of a Libertarian to a statewide office in the United States.

"I'm choosing a woman of talent and ability," Merrill said at an Aug. 24 state house news conference, one day before officially nominating Luce. The official nomination took place at the Aug. 25 meeting of the state executive council, which approves or rejects all gubernatorial nominations. Merrill called attention to Luce's interest and expertise in marketing, her managerial skills, her M.B.A. from Dartmouth's Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, and her "outstanding integrity and outstanding competence." Merrill said he got to know Luce during last year's gubernatorial campaign, when he had "debated her, and on occasion been whupped by her."

"One of the hardest calls I ever made was the call to Miriam Luce to ask if she would accept this nomination." Merrill said he realized that Luce was "not necessarily the greatest spokesman" for state bureaucracy. "And I have an idea that Miriam Luce's high school yearbook has no caption under her picture which says 'hopes to grow up to be a liquor commissioner'."

Luce said she "was genuinely surprised" nearly two weeks earlier when she got a call from Merrill. "After due consideration and consultation I decided to accept the Governor's nomination." Luce said she would enter the position, if confirmed, "with no preconceived notions," and would apply herself to learning the job. She said her nomination "endorses the notion that we have brought to the marketplace of ideas some concepts that have merit, and are worth examining and possibly implementing." She called New Hampshire "arguably the most Libertarian state in the country."

Luce, who ran against Merrill and Democrat Deborah "Arnie" Arneson in 1992, first won major party status for New Hampshire Libertarians with her 5 percent vote showing in the 1990 race for governor. The fact that during her two campaigns for governor Luce said repeatedly that the state should get out of the liquor business—calling state government, with its liquor and gambling monopolies "the biggest vice-lord in the state"—led some in the media and in state government to suppose that her nomination is intended as a first step toward privatizing state liquor stores. But state Libertarian Party chair Doug Harrigan said people must realize that Libertarians have no illusion that their philosophy can be implemented at

once. "Pragmatically, you have to have consensus before you can effect change," he said.

Luce, 44, is a former International Paper Company manager and commissioned securities dealer. If confirmed, Luce could begin serving her six-year term as commissioner soon after out-going Roger Boisvert's planned Sept. 17 departure from office. The full-time, business-heavy workload of the \$45,088 - \$57,824/year post might leave Luce no time for either of her two current weekly radio talk shows. Reporters suggested the commission job might also serve to conveniently keep Luce from mounting another campaign against Merrill for governor next year. But in spite of her growing and politically valuable radio listenership, Luce had previously said she would not run again for governor.

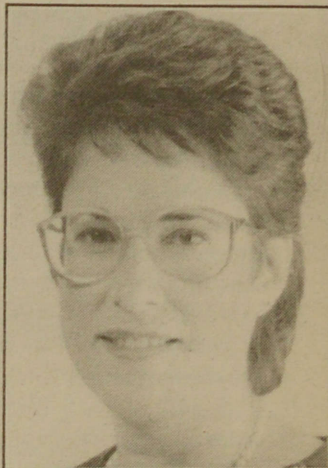
Although Luce's nomination to a previously Democrat-held office might understandably have disappointed them, leading House Democrats gave a ringing endorsement of Merrill's choice. Assistant Democratic whip Peter Burling called Luce "extraordinarily competent, intelligent and introspective—a really good appointee. She would fit well into our look at downsizing the commission." House Democratic Leader Rick Trombly called on Merrill to "retain Ms. Luce as the sole liquor commissioner once [Democratic] legislation becomes law. We firmly believe that he should have his appointee in office when the streamlined liquor commission comes into being." Trombly also said he "would like to welcome the Libertarian Party into their new active role in the administration of state government. They have proven themselves as legislators. We look forward to their success in the administration."

Not all had good things to say about the Luce appointment, however. Chris Henchey, chief negotiator for the NH State Employees Association, said that while Luce is certainly qualified, "our concern is one of privatization. We need to get a real close look at this nominee, given the Libertarian foundations—their tendency to want to dismantle government. There's some real question about

balance—the Tuck M.B.A. versus the strong campaign stands she took."

State Libertarian Party spokesmen were clearly elated by Luce's nomination. "I think the Governor made an absolutely brilliant move in appointing Miriam," said House Libertarian Leader Don Gorman (L-Deerfield). "This action is sending out more damned messages than you can believe. The fact that the Governor recognizes the usefulness of a Libertarian in this role demonstrates not only his political savvy, but the fact that we have advanced in stature to the point where a governor would feel comfortable associating with us in this fashion. Miriam's appointment should certainly be the death-knell for the word 'bi-partisan' in this state, and we can thank Steve Merrill for recognizing that New Hampshire is truly 'tri-partisan!'"

Harrigan said Merrill had "simultaneously shaken up the political establishment, helped legitimize the Libertarian Party, and put legislators on notice that he thinks the Libertarian small-government philosophy has a place in state government. It's a big day for us—at least as big as placing an official Libertarian delegation in the House in last year's election."



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Affiliates

Campaigns, outreach keep affiliates busy

Florida

Mike Miller recently announced his LP candidacy for the state house in District 38 in Orlando. Miller served nine years in the U.S. Marine Corps and three years in the U.S. Army. In a three-way race for the state house in 1992, Miller received 4 percent of the vote "with a virtually non-existent campaign account."

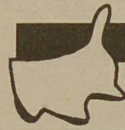
Miller's news release stated, "After defending his country from its foreign enemies, he feels that it is imperative to defeat America's domestic enemies: government lies, corruption, theft, waste, inefficiency, and the willful trampling of constitutional liberties by politicians and bureaucrats who have violated their oaths of office."

Massachusetts

MIT Libertarians held an immensely successful survey booth at MIT's "Activities Midway." In just two hours, over 248 students completed the quiz, 35 percent of whom scored in the Libertarian quadrant. Forty-two potential new members signed a contact sheet—more than quadruple the current size of the group. **Jonathan Baker, Scott Carpenter, Vernon Imrich, and David Martin** ran the booth. Part of the success was attributed to the added incentive provided by the group—each person taking the quiz got a free piece of candy. "We got some otherwise uninterested people to start doing it at first, and once a crowd formed it tended to build upon itself," Imrich said.

Michigan

One of the high-profile people at the national convention



National pulse

News from the states

was **Karen Scarborough**, former vice chair of the Michigan state party. Scarborough and her husband, **Scott**, were recently found guilty of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice after asserting to a grand jury that they had no knowledge of events regarding an incendiary device placed in a mail bin in the Royal Oak, MI, post office in 1990. Scarborough was seeking support in her effort to overturn the conviction by appeal. For more information, write Scarborough Defense Fund, c/o Charles Hahn, 26261 Evergreen Rd., Suite 120, Southfield, MI 48076.

Missouri

Dean S. Hodge, chair of the St. Louis County Libertarian central committee, was recently appointed to the special events commission for the city of Bridgeton.

The **St. Louis Area Libertarians** recently held a panel discussion on "The Perot and Third Party Phenomenon." One of the guest speakers was the local leader of the League of Women Voters, which happens to be the first League chapter in the country. The League spokesperson said that her chapter had notified their national headquarters that they were very disappointed that Andre Marrou was not included in the presidential debates last year, and that they had urged his inclusion in the debates.

Buckley gets GOA donation in VA race

John Buckley, Virginia LP state chair and candidate for the state house in the 35th District in next month's election, recently received the endorsement of Larry Pratt and the Gun Owners of America Political Action Committee (GOA-PAC).

The GOA-PAC backed up its endorsement with a check to the Buckley campaign fund for \$1,000.

"I now realize this is a very winnable race," said Buckley, who is a former Republican member of the state house. The 35th District takes in parts of Fairfax, Vienna, and Oakton.

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Wrap-up

Libertarians gather in Salt Lake City for business and fun

By RANDY LANGHENRY

Approximately 650 Libertarians gathered in Salt Lake City from Aug. 30 to Sept. 5 to celebrate liberty and determine the future of the Libertarian Party.

Although many expected a political confrontation between members aligned with The Committee for a Libertarian Majority (CLM) and those backing Principled Libertarians Endorsing Diversity, Growth & Effectiveness (PLEDGE), the convention offered victories for both sides, and unity, rather than confrontation, became the theme of the convention.

Even before the convention was called into session, Libertarians had been active for several days in Salt Lake City. About 75 Libertarians had been participating in the 1993 Stamp Act Congress, a candidate workshop led by Sal Guzzetta, a veteran of more than 200 campaigns.

Guzzetta explained that he gets involved in election campaigns for one reason only—to win. Guzzetta said the national LP needs to do two things for candidates—provide

sources of funding and sources of information, research, and pragmatic ideas so the LP candidates can win. "Unless you can convince the public that you are determined to win and that you can win," Guzzetta said, you aren't going to win over large public support. "Get the power, and then educate them," he said.

At the same time candidates were honing their skills, the LP's bylaws, platform, credentials, and national committees were meeting and finishing up details for items that would be crucial to the national convention. The Council of State Chairs also met and, among other discussions, came up with their own proposals for changes in national party bylaws that would be recommended to convention delegates.

By the time the convention was officially called to order, CLM and PLEDGE had hammered out most of the bylaws and platform committee proposals that the delegates would vote on.

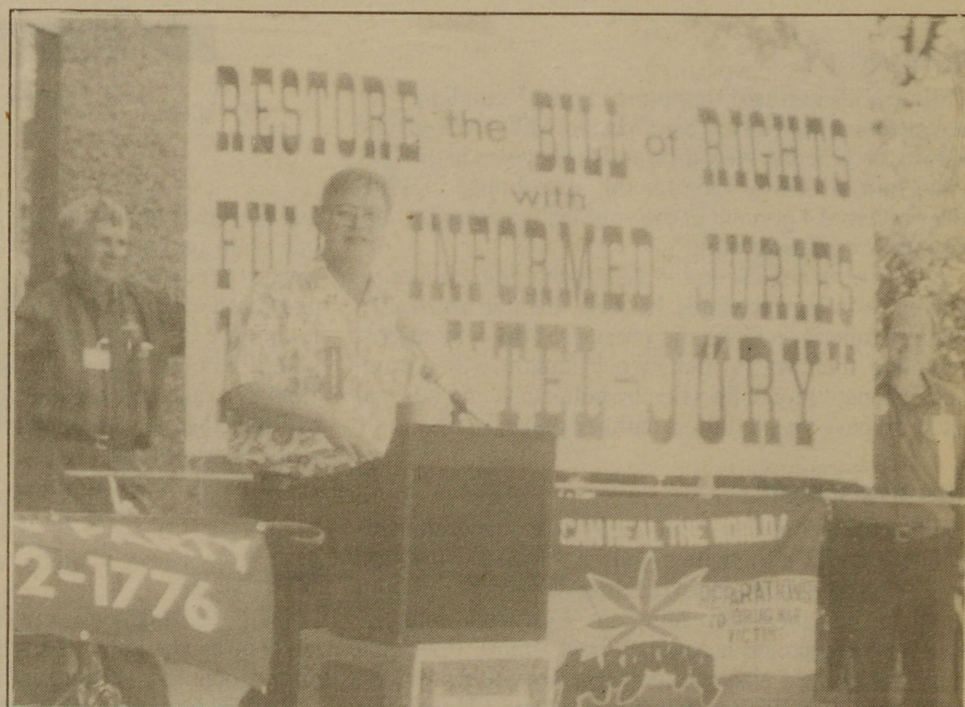
While delegates began official business on the convention floor on Thursday, Sept. 2, other convention attendees participated in the Democracy Project hearings on ballot access discrimination, and the Karl Hess Institute, workshops and speakers of interest to Libertarians.

The LP convention hall in the Salt Lake City Convention Center was decorated for the occasion. Red, white, and blue drapes were hung from ceiling to floor on the front and side walls, bunting decorated the stage, and a very large American flag hung on one wall of the hall. Overlooking the convention floor was a 14-foot replica of the bust of the Statue of Liberty.

Delegates sported buttons declaring "Reform Yes" and "Pro Pledge, Pro Platform, Pro Principle," indicating their alignment with one of the two so-called factions. Representatives for the two groups frantically worked the floor to line up delegates for their respective sides. The most popular delegates were those not already wearing buttons declaring their support.

And seemingly omnipresent was the smiling face and hearty laughter of Bob Waldrop, convention host, busy with convention details, but apparently carefree and having the time of his life.

Although the convention would end with the feeling of unity in the party, there were some tense moments at the start when during the credentials committee report, South Carolina state chair Steve Van-



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FIJA - Larry Dodge, founder and field representative for the Fully Informed Jury Association, addressed a rally for fully informed juries at the Federal Building in Salt Lake City. The rally was held in conjunction with the LP national convention.

dervelde made a motion to remove the entire Georgia delegation for violating national bylaws. Vandervelde alleged the Georgia delegation should be refused credentials because the Georgia state party had endorsed a Republican in the U.S. Senate race last fall.

Georgia Libertarians explained the state party had not endorsed a Republican, but the LP candidate, Jim Hudson, had endorsed Sen. Paul Coverdell after Hudson's showing in the campaign, 3 percent of the vote, had sent the election to a run-off. Hudson explained that his support helped Coverdell defeat then-incumbent Wyche Fowler, and that his endorsement had received favorable publicity for the Libertarian Party and been a catalyst for growth in state party membership.

Vandervelde's motion was easily defeated and the Georgia delegation was approved.

After an interesting panel discussion on the future of the Libertarian Party, featuring party luminaries David Nolan, Ed Clark, David Bergland, and Steve Dasbach, the delegates got down to business on national bylaws changes [see articles on member-

ship statement and campaign platform].

Although the convention had been in session all day, the official Gala Opening Ceremony took place early Thursday evening.

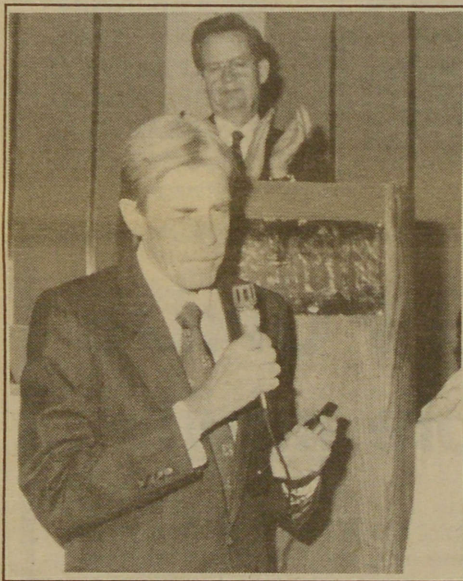
A bagpiper ushered Libertarian dignitaries, former national candidates, and current elected officials to the stage for the opening ceremonies, which included music, including a sing-along, a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Larry Dodge, who has a great voice by the way, and the keynote address by Tamara Clark of Nevada. Clark was tabbed for the keynote address at the last minute after miscommunications between Morning Glory Productions (MGP), host of the convention, and Russell Means, who had been announced as the planned speaker. Means, who ran for the LP presidential nomination in 1987 against Ron Paul, had been on location filming a movie, and MGP had been unable to contact Means until the last minute.

After the opening ceremony, many convention attendees gathered at the Green Dragon Inn, a buffet and reception that featured music and stand-up comedian Tim Slagle, whose libertarian-oriented humor had listeners not only laughing, but cheering as well.

On Friday morning, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) addressed the convention delegates concerning his Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act of 1993 [see excerpts on page 15]. Hatch was generally well received, although there were a few tense moments for Hatch when Libertarians questioned him on the drug war and Waco.

Friday evening both Libertarians and local youth gathered for the Freedom Rock-Reggae outside the Salt Lake City Convention Center. Local rock/reggae band Zion Tribe entertained the crowd, and comedian Tim Slagle reprised his Thursday night performance.

Later that evening, delegates gathered see **Wrap-up** on page 13



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AWARD - John Vernon of California, long-time Libertarian Party activist, was presented with an award by the LP's 1980 presidential candidate Ed Clark at the national convention's Saturday night banquet.

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mended no change to Article 6 of the by-laws, which includes the statement that Libertarian Party members "shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals." The minority report, supported by committee members Dasbach, Givot, and Barnett, proposed to delete Article 6 in its entirety.

The majority report suggested that to delete Article 6 would bring a loss of revenue to the national party, as well as change the basic structure of the Libertarian Party. The majority also suggested that the move would offer lots of risk but provide very little pay back. Those supporting the minority report believe that "decentralizing membership will accommodate the diverse opinions which exist between state affiliates on the issue of membership," according to a report offered to the delegates by The Committee for a Libertarian Majority (CLM).

The vote that came to the floor was to accept the substitution of the minority report for consideration. After a debate on the substitution, with Ed Clark, the LP's 1980 presidential candidate, speaking for the majority report, and Michael Tanner, treasurer for CLM, speaking for the minority report, as well as other delegate com-

ments, the question was put to the delegates as a whole. About 60 percent of the delegates, 194, voted against the substitution of the minority report, and 132 voted in favor of amendment by substitution. Acceptance of the majority report meant that the question of changes in the definition of national membership was over for the 1993 convention.

Following the vote, committee chair David Bergland thanked the delegates for their courtesy, and Steve Dasbach, who

had backed the minority report, said that the delegates' behavior and respect for one another "boded well for the rest of the convention business."

Bill Evers, who worked the floor for the majority report and later at the convention was elected to the national committee, said, "Of all the hard-fought conventions that I've been to where there were differences in strategic visions, there was more goodwill from one side to the other and more efforts to address the core concerns of the

other side than any I've ever attended."

Although there had been some concern about a split in the party, both sides of the debate worked together during the rest of the convention, and by the banquet on Saturday night, speaker Rep. Don Gorman, leader of the Libertarian delegation in the New Hampshire House, declared that the overriding theme of the convention had been one of "unity," and that actions of the delegates proved that the Libertarian Party had grown and matured.

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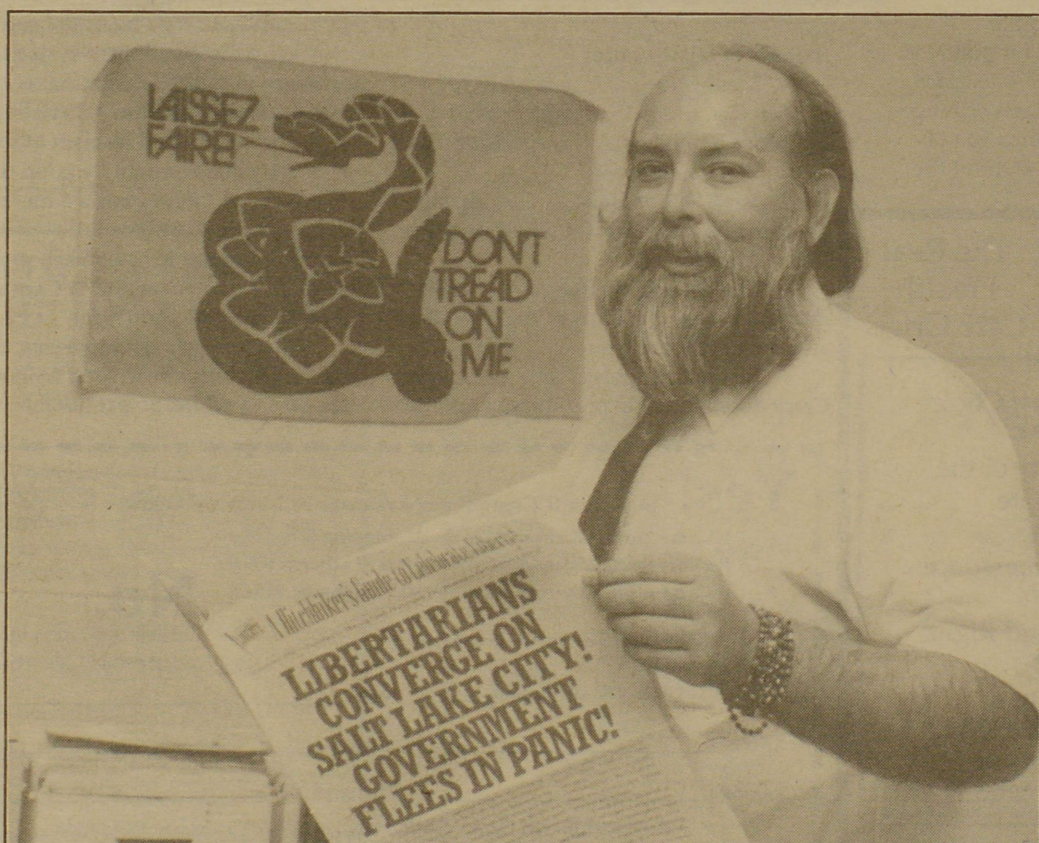
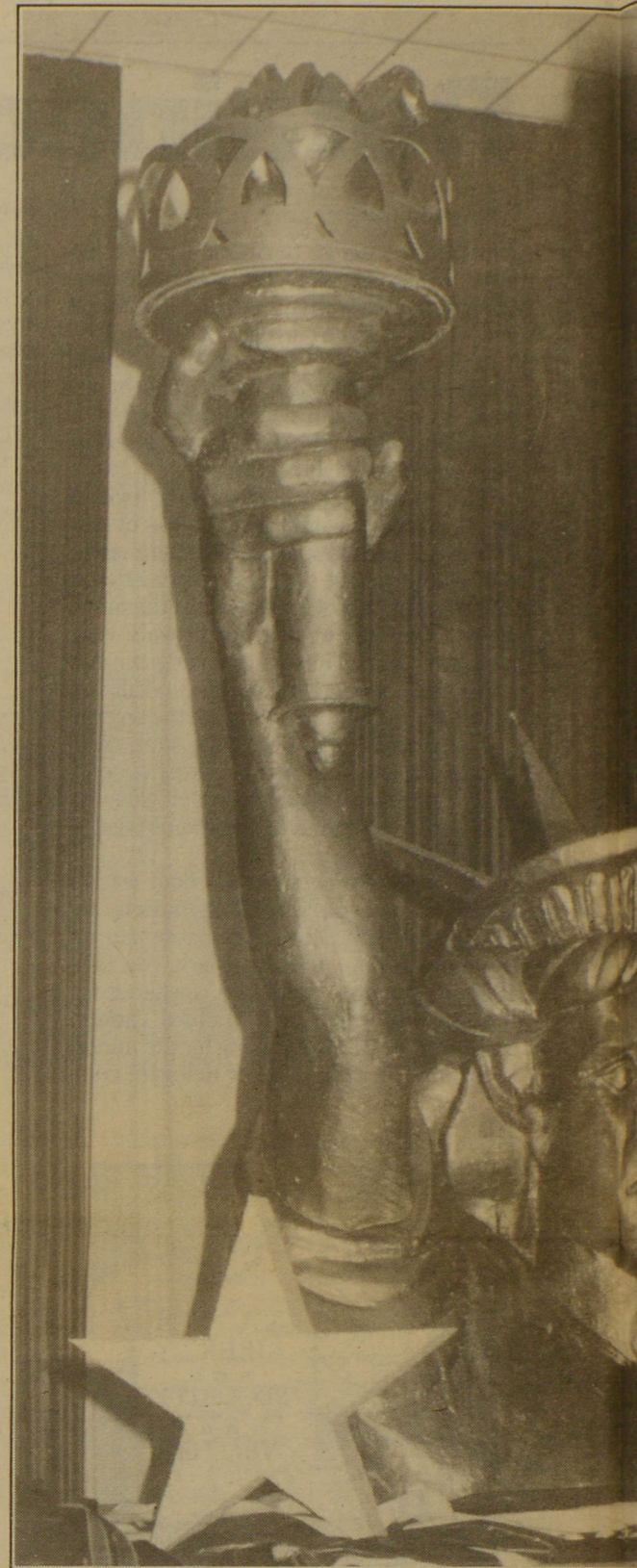
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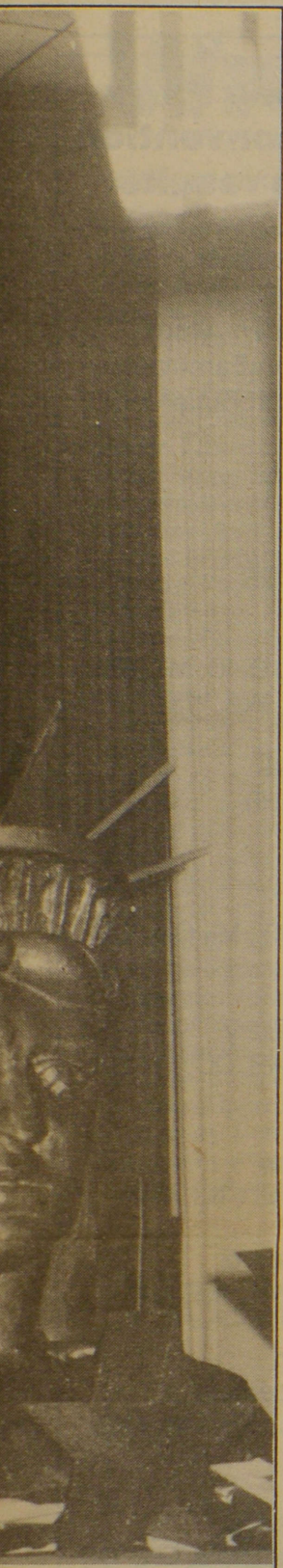
Scenes from the 1993 Libertarian Party national convention, from top left, include: 1) New Hampshire Libertarian state house delegation; 2) Statue of Liberty replica; 3) Region 1 caucus electing NatCom representative; 4) Rick Tompkins of AZ at Council of State Chairs meeting; 5) Rep. Don Gorman dressed in kilt for banquet; 6) Bagpiper piped in dignitaries to many events; 7) Newly-elected national secretary John Famularo, left, talks with outgoing national director Stuart Reges; 8) LP's 1992 vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord; 9) Convention host Bob Waldrop.



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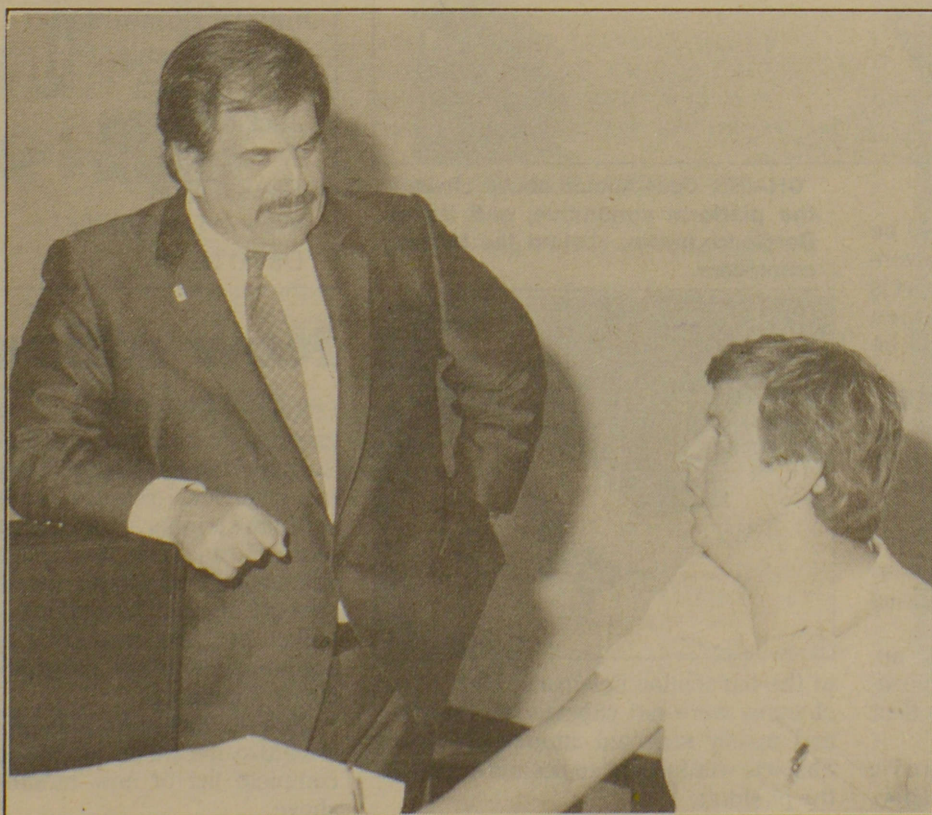


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NEW NATCOM - The newly elected Libertarian national committee posed for a photo after its first meeting following the national convention.

Bylaws

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Wording was also included in the new article that allows future delegates to approve some, but not all, of a candidate's campaign platform. "Immediately following the nomination of the presidential candidate," the new article states, "the delegates shall, by majority vote, ratify each plank of the National Campaign Platform, without amendment. If the convention fails to ratify any plank of the National Campaign Platform, that plank will not be used."

With this proviso, future delegates ensure their ability to accept a candidate and most of his or her proposals, but not necessarily all of the proposals. The creation of this platform, however, will not ban a candidate from addressing issues not included in the official document during the campaign.

The usefulness of the new platform, "depends upon the people involved and what they are willing to do," said David Bergland, the 1984 LP presidential candidate and chair of this year's convention bylaws committee. "I think the process is important because it gives the potential candidates the opportunity to say beforehand what they are going to run on, and gives the delegates to the convention the opportunity to evaluate the candidates based on that, and also to control, somewhat, the course of the campaign by giving their approval or disapproval to the platform."

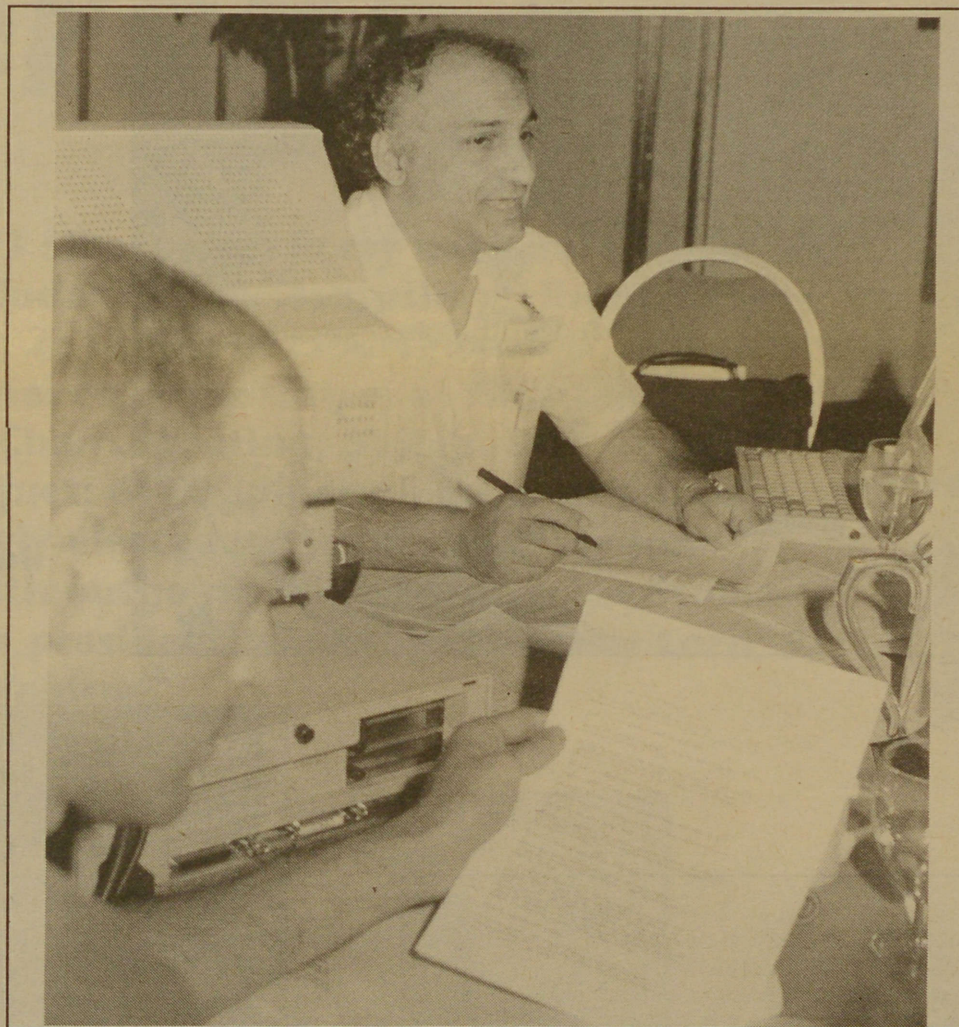
Bergland added that the way the proposal came out of the bylaws committee "was the result of a lot of very good work in the committee to try to produce something that would work."

Delegates also added new language to the bylaws that affects the method of retaining planks in the "regular" national platform.

Near the beginning of each national convention, immediately following the adoption of the convention agenda, "the convention will vote, without debate, whether to retain each of the planks in the existing platform." The delegates will cast a separate vote on each plank, and those approved by a majority of the delegates will be retained in the new, updated platform.

If available, computer readable ballots will be used for this procedure. If not, a roll call vote will be used.

It is hoped that this new procedure will eliminate planks that have become obsolete or that no longer receive the majority



backing of the party membership.

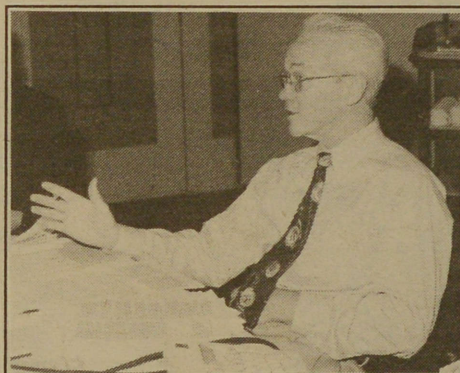
All planks that are not retained will be voted on a second time at the same convention after the platform committee report is concluded. At that point, if a plank then receives majority approval, it too will be retained in the platform.

One other change to the bylaws that affected the 1993 and future conventions was the deletion of a line in the previous bylaws that stated, "At non-Presidential nominating conventions only deletions [to the platform] may be considered." This sentence was struck from the bylaws, so delegates were able to consider additions to the platform as well as deletions.

Additional bylaws changes were approved in Salt Lake City, mostly house-keeping details and new wording to reflect the changes described above.

The platform committee also offered a number of proposed changes in its report

CHAIRS - Dean Ahmad, above, chaired the platform committee, and David Bergland, below, chaired the bylaws committee.



to the convention delegates. Most of the changes were not substantive, however, and mainly reflected attempts to delete obsolete wording and topics and to shorten the platform.

Libertarian Party national convention election results

National Committee

Chair: Steve Dasbach

Vice Chair: Karen Allard

Secretary: John Famularo

Treasurer: Hugh Butler

At-Large:

Sharon Ayres

Tamara Clark

Ron Crickenberger

Don Emsberger

Gary Johnson

Region 1: (AK, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY)

James Dan

Alt: Gus Hercules

Region 2: (CA, HI)

(2 reps.)

Thea McLean

Bill Evers

Region 3: (IN, KY, MI, OH, VA, WV)

Joe Hauptmann

Alt: Steve Linnabary

Region 4: (AL, AR, DC, FL, GA, NC, TN)

Gary Ilardi

Alt: Scott Benson

Region 5: (DE, MD, NJ, PA)

Dan Karlan

Alt: Jesse Markowitz

Region 6: (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT)

Joseph Brennan

Alt: Pamela Haberkorn

Region 7: (IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, WI)

Bob Franke

Alt: Jeanne Bojarski

Region 8: (AZ, LA, MS, OK, TX)

Joe Barnett

Alt: Tom Paswater

Not in a region: SC

Judicial Committee

Bruce Baechler

Ruth Bennett

Jackie Bradbury

Alicia Clark

Steve Dillon

Wayne Dougherty

David Nolan

New officers

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useful addition to the NatCom."

Hugh Butler defeated Steve Givot in the race for national treasurer. Butler is a former NatCom member, former Utah state chair, past LP candidate for various state and national offices, and is currently the president of Computer Consultants Corp., a \$2.5 million per year consulting firm creating accounting software and services for over 600 credit unions.

New national and judicial committees were also elected during the convention. A complete list of new members appears above.

Wrap-up

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in various hospitality suites to discuss LP matters and interview candidates for the national committee, elections that would take place Sunday morning.

On Saturday, most of the delegates' time was taken up with proposed platform changes. By evening, attendees were ready for some relaxation and fun at the Celebrate Liberty! Banquet. Good food and drink, string quartet music, and friendly conversation made the evening a pleasant departure from the convention business.

Don Ernsberger, a national committee member, hosted a slide show highlighting party history, and then conducted what many said was the best fundraiser the party has ever seen. Posters with various federal agencies listed on them were arranged on two walls in the shape of pyramids. Diners were offered opportunities to bid on the right to go up and tear down a poster, and then take a moment to relate a personal story of their own run-in with that agency. The most popular agencies in the bidding included the IRS, of course, the FDA, DEA, and BATF. The fundraiser garnered well over \$25,000 for the national party, and all of the participants clearly had a great time.

Banquet speaker Rep. Don Gorman, leader of the New Hampshire state house LP delegation, said he was thrilled at the outcome of the convention, even with the membership certification and platform confrontations. Gorman said the way the debates were settled showed the LP had matured, and he predicted growth and suc-

cess for the LP in the near future.

Following the banquet, many delegates participated in more late-night gatherings in hospitality suites, with more campaigning taking place for national committee positions.

Sunday morning came early for many of the late-night partiers, but there was still more serious business to attend to. Prior to the election of the national officers and national committee, delegates were treated to a Joyful Noise. Three historic guests, Patrick Henry, portrayed by Maury Modine, Brigham Young, portrayed by Dr. Ken Larsen, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., portrayed by Richard Boddie, addressed the convention with excerpts from some of their most stirring orations.

The rest of the day was taken up with elections, with Steve Dasbach elected national chair, Karen Allard, vice chair, Hugh Butler, treasurer, and John Famularo, secretary [see article on page 1].

After the convention was adjourned and delegates were heading home, the newly-elected national committee gathered to continue business as usual for the Libertarian Party.

Delegates seemed to be pleased with the convention as a whole, and while many had arrived expecting confrontation, and maybe even a little bloodshed, most left feeling great about the future of the party and promising to continue their work for liberty.

Steve Alexander, leader of PLEDGE,



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ON THE FLOOR - Don Ernsberger, left, Tamara Clark, and Mel Clark converse on the convention floor.

said, "I'm pleased with the outcome of the convention. I believe we have protected two of our most important institutions and elected a great team for the future. Now we need to start doing the things that will

bring us rapid growth and electoral success. I also want to thank all the people who helped out in this, actually all the people from both sides. It showed they care about the future of the party."

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By DIEDRE DENNIS

Why is it that some of the most popular bills, such as term limits and balanced budget legislation, never even come up for a vote in Congress? This occurs even when politicians can be seen posing in favor of the legislation left and right. One answer can be found in the rules surrounding the discharge petition.

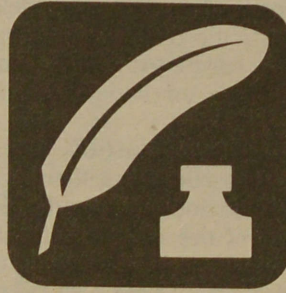
The life of a bill that Congress doesn't like is short. It is introduced, assigned to committee, and never heard from again. Committees simply bury bills that are unpopular on the Hill, avoiding an embarrassing vote. Discharge petitions are designed to allow supporters to force a vote on legislation, even when it has been shelved in committee, by having a majority of the House membership (218) sign the petition. Since these petitions were made secret in 1934, representatives have been able to claim that they are working to pass a bill while supporting the committee's shelving of that bill and refusing to sign the discharge petition that would help it become law.

It's tempting to say that any obstacle to lawmaking on Capitol Hill is a good one, but that's not the case here. It is only the bills Congress doesn't like that get killed. A discharge petition would never be required for a congressional pay raise or for Hillary Clinton's new health plan. The bills endan-

gered by this secrecy include term limits, balanced budget legislation, and legislation that would make Congress subject to the same rules as everyone else. In fact, right now, the three pending discharge petitions are a line item veto, term limits, and a bill to make these petitions public. As long as they remain secret, however, these petitions have little chance of success. Since 1934, only 44 of the 490 discharge petitions filed have been successful.

Rep. Jim Inhofe's (R-OK) new bill, HR 134, would remove the veil of secrecy from discharge petitions. If it is passed, the names of signers will be made public and politicians will no longer be able to say one thing and do another (at least with regard to discharge petitions). Of course, Inhofe's bill was shelved in the Rules Committee and, without a discharge petition, would never have seen the light of day. Fortunately, however, the discharge petition has been successful despite efforts by House leadership, which always has access to the petitions in order to pressure signers into removing their names.

This bill takes a step to return politicians to the position of servants, not rulers, of the people. Those who oppose it, like Rep. Bill Sarpalius (D-TX), say the bill "goes around the committee process," so a horror like Rep. Christopher Cox's (R-CA) bill to kill the federal helium program might have passed before Sarpalius could explain its



merits. (Three hundred Texans are employed in the helium program.)

After Inhofe broke ranks and published in the *Wall Street Journal* (Aug. 17, 1993) a list of those who did not sign, things went decidedly his way. The limit was reached on Sept. 8, and now the bill will be voted on. This crucial vote could take place as soon as late September or early October, so please write, fax, or call your representative as soon as possible and urge him or her to vote yes on HR 134.

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Also on the Libertarian agenda for this month is the Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act of 1993. [See related story on page 14.] Introduced in the House as HR 1709 by Rep. Bill Richardson (D-NM) and in the Senate as S784 by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), this legislation will allow manufacturers of vitamins, minerals, herbs, amino acids, etc., to make health claims based on scientific evidence and will prevent the FDA from further restricting the sale and use of such products.

You can imagine what the FDA's position on this bill will be. In a report published this May, the FDA described its goal with respect to these products: "To ensure that the existence of dietary supplements on the market does not act as an disincentive for drug development." The FDA is clearly interested in protecting its turf and does

not want its power limited by any competing products. With the full force of this agency against these bills, it will take a lot of grassroots support to make them laws.

Currently, both the Senate and House versions of the Dietary Supplement Act are in committee, and letters are needed to get them out and onto the floor. Urge your Congresspeople to make these bills a priority. The relevant subcommittees and their membership are listed below:

For the House (HR1709), membership on the Health and the Environment Subcommittee: Bilirakis (FL), Bliley (VA), Brown (OH), Bryant (TX), Cooper (TN), Franks (CT), Greenwood (PA), Hall (TX), Hastert (IL), Klug (WI), Kreidler (WA), McMillan (NC), Pallone (NJ), Paxon (NY), Richardson (NM), Rowland (GA), Slattery (KS), Studds (MA), Synar (OK), Towns (NY), Upton (MI), Waxman, subcommittee chair (CA), Wyden (OR).

For the Senate (S784), membership on the Labor and Human Resources Committee: Bingaman (NM), Coats (IN), Dodd (CT), Durenberger (MN), Gregg (NH), Harkin (IA), Hatch (UT), Jeffords (VT), Kassebaum (KS), Kennedy (MA), Metzenbaum (OH), Mikulski (MD), Pell (RI), Simon (IL), Thurmond (SC), Wellstone (MN), Wofford (PA).

If you live in any of the above districts, please contact your congressperson right away. If you do not live in these areas, you can still make a difference by urging your own congresspeople to call committee members and express support for the bill. The addresses and phone numbers of your politicians' local offices are available in the government pages of the telephone book.

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Democracy Project meets at convention

During the national convention in Salt Lake City, the Democracy Project took testimony from a dozen people on how the federal government, and the government of many states, violates an accord signed in 1990 by the U.S. to protect political rights. The testimony is being supplemented and transcribed, and then will be sent to the governments of Russia, the Ukraine, the U.S. Congressional Commission on the Accords, and the governments of Maryland and West Virginia, all governments that have requested a copy of the transcript.

Most of the testimony focused on discriminatory and harsh ballot access restrictions by various states. However, some of it dealt with policies of the federal government, particularly the 1974 campaign finance act that provides general election funding of parties which polled at least 5 percent of the vote in the last presidential election, but which under no circumstances permits any equivalent funding for new parties during the election season, no matter how much support they may have. The Democratic and Republican parties are the only political groups that have ever received general election public funding dur-

ing a campaign (general election funds should not be confused with primary season matching funds).

The Document of the Copenhagen Meeting, signed by former President Bush for the U.S., pledges the U.S. and all other signing nations to: 1) Guarantee equal suffrage to adult citizens; 2) Ensure that votes are counted and reported honestly with the official results made public; 3) Respect the right of citizens to seek political office, individually or as representatives of political parties, without discrimination; 4) Respect the right of individuals and groups to establish, in full freedom, their own political parties and provide such parties with the necessary legal guarantees to enable them to compete with each other on a basis of equal treatment before the law and the authorities.

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Hatch acts

Sen. Orrin Hatch enlists Libertarian support for S784

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) addressed the 1993 Libertarian Party national convention on his proposed legislation, S784, The Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act. The following are excerpts from his presentation to the convention:

You may be wondering why I'm here to discuss my legislation, The Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act, S784. The truth is the goal of my legislation and the goal of the Libertarian Party are one and the same: To make sure that our system encourages all people to choose what they want from life. And in order to choose what they want from life there has to be that essential respect for the individual and for the individual's freedom and independence to direct his or her own life (Applause). This is bad, you're starting to act like conservative Republicans (Good-natured boos and laughter). I knew that would get some of you.

'My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.' Didn't we all grow up singing these words? I always thought that people throughout this great nation grew up singing those words, and I might add, believing those words. But I've come to realize that it is not true for a small band of bureaucrats housed in one tiny government agency in Maryland, where 9,824 people are trying their darnedest to stifle the right of the other 258,447,756 of us to use safe vitamins, minerals, herbs, and

amino acids to improve our health. Yes, I'm talking about the Food and Drug Administration which chips away steadily at our country's very foundations through its fundamental neglect for individual responsibility. Maybe chips away is not the right term, Scud missiles are the thing that readily come to mind.

And the FDA's missiles are directly aimed at our country's most sacred precepts. Precepts upon which your party was formed 22 years ago. How is the FDA doing this? They are trying to keep you from having free access to dietary supplements through their persistent rule makings and enforcement actions. They are talking about making high potency vitamins and minerals available only through prescription, even though a federal law expressly prohibits that. They are talking about restricting your access to herbal products and amino acids, even though the great majority of these products have been used safely for over 4,000 years. And astonishingly, they are even restricting your right to information about the beneficial properties of dietary supplements. For example, they won't even let a health food store owner distribute a government pamphlet about the benefits of folic acid, which has been shown to prevent neuro-tube childhood defects in children, because that claim has not been specifically approved by the FDA bureaucracy.

The FDA frankly believes that they know best. They know what is good for you. You



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HATCH SPEAKS - Sen. Orrin Hatch urged Libertarian Party members to support his Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act (S784).

can quit thinking for yourselves now. The FDA is going to take care of you. They will tell you what to eat and what medicines to take. They will define for you what is a worthwhile disease prevention and what is not. What the FDA has plainly forgotten is that Americans never wanted to be taken care of (Cheers). We like our freedom and our rugged self-sufficiency.

The bureaucracy has lost touch and the FDA has lost touch. They have forgotten that their purpose is to ensure that food and drugs are safe, not to micromanage our choices, restrict our freedom, or absolve us from our own responsibilities.

If we choose to take a more cynical view, we could speculate that the FDA believes see **Hatch** on page 19

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Wow! There were more Libertarian luminaries at Celebrate Liberty than at any LP convention in over a decade. This reflects the incredible growth and electoral success the LP has experienced since 1990. There was even a record number of elected Libertarians on hand!

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If Scheunemann's campaign is successful in qualifying for a grant from the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund (WECF), he will be the first Libertarian ever to take public funding for a campaign.

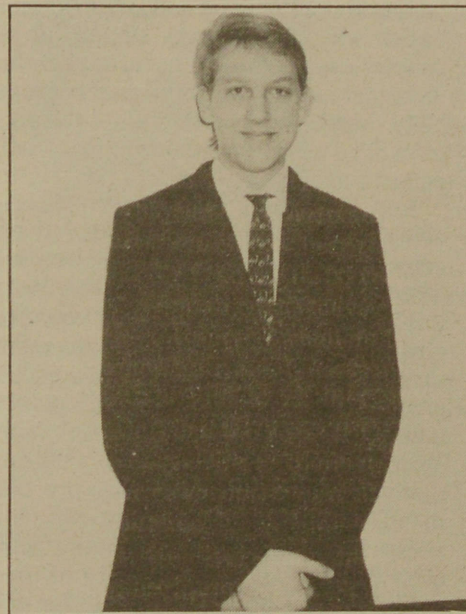
Scheunemann, chairman of the Washington County LP and a member of the NRA, said he will be running a campaign based on "strong Libertarian views. The only difference between this campaign and other Libertarian campaigns is that I will be using government money to attack government."

Scheunemann's campaign will qualify for \$7,763 in grant money if it raises \$865 in

individual donations of \$100 or less. No third-party candidate has received money from the WECF grant pool since it started in 1978, due to the requirement that a candidate receive 6 percent of the overall vote in the primary.

"People usually don't vote in the Libertarian column in primaries because the Libertarian nomination is not contested," said Scheunemann. "And even when it is, there is still not enough support to draw more than 1 or 2 percent of the voters to the Libertarian column. The Democrats and Republicans knew that when they wrote the law."

But because this is a special election, the situation is different, Scheunemann explained. In order to qualify for WECF grant money in a special election, the party's candidate at the last election had to have received 6 percent of the vote. Scheunemann ran for the same West Bend area assembly seat in 1992, winning 12 percent of the vote.



Kevin Scheunemann

"This is a miracle," said Scheunemann, explaining that he was the only Wisconsin Libertarian Party legislative candidate who won at least 6 percent in 1992. "And by chance, this assembly seat has opened up."

"I have no problem accepting the grant money," he said. "And I frankly don't care to debate the merits of taking public financing for campaigns. I want to win and repeal laws instead!"

Scheunemann, 21, is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, majoring in business administration. He is a manager of a West Bend Dairy Queen restaurant.

In spring 1992, Scheunemann ran for the position of Washington County supervisor, receiving 47 percent of the vote. He ran for West Bend alderman in spring 1993 and received 40 percent.

For more information, write "People Who Want Scheunemann Elected," 525 Tamarack Ct., West Bend, WI 53095.

Letters

Readers comment on activism, the NEWS, taxes, and more

Call to pens

I was very pleased to see your new feature in the NEWS. I think this is a sorely needed avenue of activism and I hope it is very successful. I have already written my letter to Sen. D'Amato on HR2491. It will be interesting to see what effect your column has.

Richard Moroney
Manlius, NY

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Have you looked at a synopsis of NAFTA? Free Trade? Free Market? With over 2,000 pages of regulations? Your enthusiasm for the real Free Market has blinded you. Look beyond the name. This piece of treachery is a Free Trade fraud!

Robert G. Wheaton
San Antonio, TX

More columns

As a publisher and Libertarian, I'm pleased to see the improvements in the NEWS. I like the full color on the front page and the Dave Barry column. I hope you'll make interviews such as the one with Irwin Schiff a regular feature.

One suggestion though, I hope you'll have at least one more columnist. As much as I like Dave Barry, it's odd that he's the only columnist you have. I think two more selected columns from Walter Williams, Thomas Sowell, etc. would add a lot to your readability.

Tedd Koren
Philadelphia, PA

Pragmatism

Hallelujah for the "Libertarian



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

Volunteer"—the new national newsletter with the theme that "we have the pragmatic solutions to the problems facing society today." "Instead of arguing that it is immoral for government to do what it is doing, perhaps we should stress that it is wasteful and impractical. To make government work again, we have to eliminate unnecessary regulation, get government out of people's personal lives, and stop subsidizing the few at the expense of the many," wrote Stuart Reges. "Real world news, swapping success stories, up to the minute news—that's what we are going to provide," wrote Bill Winter.

The philosophical debate over what the pledge's "initiation of force" wording means is typical of why the LP has gone nowhere, as compared to, say, Perot's United We Stand organization. Some Libertarians still take the sophomoric philosophical position that liberty is a moral issue. Wrong. "Moral" refers to particular types of conduct or behavior. Libertarianism is value neutral. It is a pragmatic form of governing which tolerates the existence of all different types of moralities to the maximum degree possible without their interfering with each other.

Enough philosophical talk already. Let's get out there in the real world and accomplish some libertarian change. If you haven't got the wherewithal to win elections, lobby your local, state, and

national representatives. Run citizen initiatives and referendums. Register voting Libertarians. Mail FIJA literature to your county or city jury pool. Work within active political groups such as United We Stand and Common Cause on libertarian projects. By all means get media coverage, but remember, we are not just here to sell ideas. Organize, organize, organize.

Randall Grindle
Lower Lake, CA

Tea party

So now our self-appointed foster parent, the U.S. government, has decided we're too ignorant to treat ourselves with vitamins and herbs. Well, excuse me "Mom," but weren't you the one who suggested practicing preventative health care to avoid high medical and pharmaceutical costs?

I used to buy acidophilus capsules through the pharmacy at an average of \$36 per fifty, until I discovered I could buy them right off the vitamin shelf, and pay \$5 per hundred. Can you imagine what our (already expensive) multi-vitamins are going to cost through a pharmacy? That's in addition to a doctor's visit because he'll have to write a prescription. So, who benefits the most from this? The medical profession!

The removal of herbal teas from store shelves just baffles me... but it did make me think. The last time the government of this country overstepped its bounds enough to cause a revolution, it was over tea. Wouldn't it be ironic if tea, once again, proved to be the last straw?

Nancy Upfold
Running Springs, CA

Schiff interview

Want to stongly thank you for your interview article with Irwin Schiff (August 1993 NEWS). It is past time for the probably many patriotic or honest-minded researchers to be given a public forum beyond small newsletters or sensationally biased major news reports. Hopefully you will keep on with such type of articles as at least a periodic series.

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Wichita, KS

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I read with interest the interviews with Irwin Schiff. My sympathies are with the man, as they are with anyone who has to pay unjust taxes. Granted, that makes me the object of self pity, which none of us view as a virtue. I feel, as he does, that laws do not give government the right to take our income. After all, laws do not determine what is right; they only determine who has power and how much power.

But Mr. Schiff seems to argue, if I'm understanding him right, that there are no laws that empower the government to levy taxes, especially on income. It seems to me that the Sixteenth Amendment clearly gave that power to the government. Immoral as that may be, it still seems to be the law.

I'm confused. Can someone straighten me out? I would like to believe that he's right, although I would never have the courage to challenge Big Brother as he has.

Bill Williford
Houston, TX

Notebook

Libertarian agreement on jobs and the environment

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

Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

Feel free to use these quotes. A copy of the original source article is kept on file and is available should you ever be challenged on the veracity of the quote.

Issue: Jobs, jobs, jobs

"So who creates these new jobs? It isn't Big Business. The largest firms in the country have never on balance been net job producers. Even during the halcyon 1983-88 years, when employment rose by 16 million, the top 500 firms reduced their employment by some 2 million jobs. Thus, most of the net job creation comes from small businesses growing into medium-sized and, eventually, big businesses. It is this source of job creation that has been snuffed out by the Bush and, so far, the Clinton Administrations.

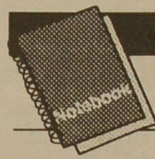
"It is not possible in a brief space to list all of the damage inflicted by successive Administrations on hapless employers, but the negatives can be grouped into three major categories: more expensive fringe benefits... being forced to hire an obviously unqualified individual... difficulty of termination.

"(T)he failure of small companies to gain a foothold now will impinge even more negatively on job growth in the future. Many (recent college graduates) will not be able to obtain jobs above a menial level, and hence will be unable to acquire the job skills, experience, and capital that many of the recently retired possess. We will be creating a permanent underclass, not only of high-school dropouts, but of college graduates as well. Such is the folly of increasing government intervention designed to level the playing field and provide equal opportunities to all. The end result turns out to be a cratering of the field, with equal opportunities for none."

Dr. Michael Evans, president, Evans Economics Inc., from *Industry Week*, June 21, 1993.

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Former Senator, and Democratic presidential candidate, George McGovern has learned many lessons since he left public life to purchase a restaurant and hotel (that went under). McGovern has largely blamed government policies for the demise of his business and recently warned President Clinton that he cannot pass the costs of health care reform on to "deep pockets" in the business community, that irresponsible financing proposals will "surely trigger the law of unintended consequences."



Activist Notebook

Dave Walter
Editor

McGovern warns: "Not one American should be denied access to health care. But in trying to collect the costs from business, we assume every employer can effectively play a national version of the street corner shell game, with the consumer paying the bill. But consumers have choices and some businesses have real limitations on what they can charge from products or services. When government is unmindful of these dynamics, it often means loss of employment for those we seek to help."

McGovern's article in *Insight*, April 26, 1993.

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"There are no dead-end jobs. There are only dead-end people. Our current social philosophy, and the welfare state apparatus based on it, are creating more dead-end people. No amount of retraining can help that. First of all, you cannot retrain people who have not been trained in the first place, who didn't bother to learn in school, and who have never developed a sense of responsibility."

Dr. Thomas Sowell, economist and senior fellow, Hoover Institution, in *Forbes*, March 1, 1993.

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President Clinton's national service idea has been pared down considerably to something "we can afford right now." One wonders what sense it made in its original form. According to two *Business Week* writers, Aaron Bernstein and Paul Magnusson, "His campaign put out a fairly detailed plan last year that would allow college students to perform up to two years work in exchange for as much as \$20,000 in aid. The program would cost up to \$8 billion a year after five years and could require some 250,000 national service slots." Whoa; that's \$32,000 per year per slot! And, while top private colleges cost \$20,000 and more per year, most students are going to be in state colleges where tuition and room and board is more like \$8-\$15,000 per year. Sounds like a bonanza for those bureaucrats who will administer the program, which will cost the taxpayer more than today's Pell grant program. Also, the program is likely to create make-work jobs or displace adult workers from existing jobs.

Business Week, Feb. 22, 1993.

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"(Labor Secretary Robert Reich's) plan to 'tilt the playing field' to the benefit of labor unions mean, in effect, that he will be making American companies less fit to fight the war against foreign competition; his efforts consequently will raise the cost of doing business, potentially decrease productivity, and negatively affect levels of employment. Companies, as a result, will lose much of their potency to lead the economy out of recession. Reich wants to

saddle corporations with a 1.5 percent payroll tax for worker retraining. That tax, along with higher corporate taxes proposed by the Clinton administration, will actually serve to keep companies from hiring new workers, while also giving companies an incentive to lay off workers whose salaries can no longer be factored into a diminished bottom line. By artificially building up the power of unions, Reich will win his own two-front war: one against Corporate America, the other against the American consumer."

Stephen J. Cabot, senior partner and chairman of Labor Relations Department, Harvey Pennington Herting & Renneisen Ltd., Philadelphia in *Philadelphia Business Journal*, May 24-30, 1993.

Issue: The environment

An environmental policy analyst, Jonathan Adler, at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, has skewered the hype (and the pork) that radon testing advocates are promoting. According to Adler, Rep. Henry Waxman, a California Democrat, has introduced legislation that would "require schools to test their ground-floor classrooms for levels of radon that exceed the EPA's 'action level' of 4 picocuries per liter. Testing alone would cost an estimated \$138 million." Waxman, apparently hyperventilating, claims "it may be more dangerous to attend school than it would be to work in a nuclear power plant." Waxman is not talking about guns and violence in government classrooms; he is talking about the alleged danger of contracting lung cancer from radon exposure.

Does this "danger" require another \$138 million government program? Says Adler, "Were the EPA's claims of widespread radon-induced lung cancer correct, radon's impact would be 'glaringly evident in the population from even a casual epidemiological survey,' according to Philip Abelson, deputy editor of *Science* magazine. Yet no such correlation has been found. In the three states with the lowest mean radon levels (Delaware, Louisiana, and California), the rate of lung cancer is more than 50 percent higher than the average rate of the three states with the highest mean radon levels (Colorado, North Dakota, and Iowa). Such evidence casts serious doubts on the EPA's claims."

Jonathan Adler, *Insight*, April 26, 1993.

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Just as giant chemical companies are about to reap billions of dollars in sales of CFC replacements comes scientific acknowledgement that the whole ozone hole crisis may have been a false alarm. *The Washington Post's* Boyce Rensberger wrote a widely reprinted article in April that stated, "researchers say, the problem appears to be heading toward solution before they can find any solid evidence that serious harm was or is being done. This hopeful trend—at variance with the dark scenarios of environmental doom that were pronounced after discovery of the Antarctic ozone hole in the 1980s—is supported not only by growing scientific evidence but even by scientists in the environmental movement." Wow, the evidence must be pretty overwhelming to convince even them; scant

solace, however, for those millions of consumers worldwide who will spend billions to convert air conditioners, refrigerators, and the like.

Rensberger quotes one scientist, Richard Stolarski, an atmospheric scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center: "It's a serious concern, but we can't show that anything really catastrophic has happened yet, or that anything catastrophic will happen in the future." But don't let that stop NASA from asking for giga-bucks to keep studying the situation. Rensberger says, "If there has been any increase in UV, researchers say, it is too small to measure against a background of normal ultraviolet levels that rise and fall by large amounts for entirely natural reasons on time scales from hours to decades."

Indeed, the worst they can project when the hole reaches its peak size in the summer of 2000, is a potential increase in UV of 8 percent. "At that time, scientists calculate the increased UV exposure in midsummer for a resident of Philadelphia would be equivalent of moving south about 200 miles," says Rensberger. John E. Frederick, an atmospheric physicist at the University of Chicago, adds: "People get all excited about a few percent change in UV, but it's nothing to get a 20 percent increase naturally. If an increase of 20 percent were going to be so damaging, there should be no life in Florida," where UV always exceeded the allegedly dangerous levels once forecast for more northerly latitudes.

A savior more effective than government edict has appeared on the scene: air pollution. An exhaustive study by 150 scientists from 28 countries stated, "The decreases in UV-B (the damaging form of UV) caused by increases in air pollution since the industrial revolution probably exceed the increases due to ozone depletion."

Rensberger's article, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 14, 1993.

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Judge Stephen Breyer was among those President Clinton considered for the Supreme Court opening that eventually went to Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Perhaps it was Breyer's attack on the regulatory nightmare that did it in his hopes. A Breyer speech at Harvard Law last fall is soon to be published as a book, "Breaking the Vicious Circle: Toward Effective Risk Regulation." According to another author, Michael Bennett, affiliated with the Science and Environmental Policy Project, "Our present system of environmental regulation is in chaos, Breyer says—a chaos created by lawyers seeking solutions to problems that to scientists are minor or nonexistent."

Bennett goes on: "Look at toxic waste. Breyer presided over a New Hampshire case that dragged on for 10 years and generated 40,000 pages of documentation. About \$9.3 million was spent to make a dump safe for 'children to eat small amounts of dirt' for 245—rather than 70—days a year. 'But there were no dirt-eating children in the area,' Breyer observes. 'It was a swamp.'"

The foolishness continues: "The classic example is asbestos, which the U.S. government is trying to eliminate through a

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Ear we go again!

Dave just says no to government agencies: FDA and OSHA

There are times when, as a taxpayer, I just have to put my head between my legs and weep with joy at the benefits I am receiving from the federal government ("Official Motto: This Motto Alone Cost \$13.2 Billion").

You'll feel the same way when I share some news items sent in by alert readers concerning government agencies servicing the public in ways that the public could never have thought of itself without the aid of powerful narcotics. (As is often the case when discussing the government, I need to stress that I am not making any of these items up.)

Our first item concerns:

EAR CANDLES

You may recall that a few months back I wrote a column about ear candles, an old home remedy consisting of wax-covered cotton cones that you insert into your ears, after which you set them (the cones) on fire. This is supposed to create a draft that sucks the wax out of your ears. I got a lot of letters in response to that column; many people claimed the whole thing is a fraud, and all the "earwax" is actually produced by the candles.

Then several alert readers sent me an article from the July 29 *Columbus (OH) Dispatch*, written by Graydon Hambrick and headlined: **FEDERAL AGENTS SEIZE EARCANDLES IN RAID**. The article states that on July 28, U.S. marshals and agents of the Food and Drug Administration "swooped in" to a Columbus health store



On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

and "seized about 100 candles." An FDA spokesperson said the candles were seized because they did not have FDA approval, which is required for "anything used for treatment or prevention of disease in humans or animals." An official said that the raid was part of a wider ear-candle crackdown.

I, personally, am sleeping better, knowing something is being done about this menace. I'd like to see the FDA program dramatized in a TV series, "Ear Candle Patrol," wherein each week federal agents would confront dangerous, law-violating health-store clerks ("Look out, Matt! She's got a ginseng root!").

Another menace that your Food and Drug Administration is protecting you from is:

NUTRITIONAL MISINFORMATION REGARDING TEQUILA-FLAVORED LOLLIPOPS CONTAINING DEAD INSECTS

Perhaps you have seen these novelty lollipops, which consist of a clear, tequila-flavored hard candy, inside of which is what appears to be a dead worm. If so, you no doubt asked yourself: "What assurance do I have, as a consumer, that this worm is

identified with proper federal terminology?"

Rest easy! The FDA is on the case! According to the May 13, 1993, issue of *Food Labeling News*, sent in by Steve Stockum, the FDA sent a warning letter to S.S. Lollipop Co., manufacturers of the "Sugar-Free Hotlix Tequila Flavored Candy With Genuine Worm," because the company failed to properly identify the worm as "insect larva." Not only THAT, but the FDA says that the product is NOT sugar-free.

We can only try to imagine how much harm has already been done to innocent consumers who purchased this product in the mistaken belief that it complied with nutritional programs requiring the consumption of low-calorie-candy-encased worms that are NOT insect larva. Perhaps, as a token of our concern, we should ask the government to set up a program to locate these victims and award each of them \$1.4 million. Why not? We're taxpayers!

But before we do anything, let's salute the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) office in Idaho for its prompt action regarding:

IMPROPERLY ATTIRED RESCUE PERSONNEL

Here's what happened, according to an article in *The Idaho Statesman* written by Martin S. Johncox and sent in by Joe Auvil:

On May 11, two employees of DeBest Inc., a plumbing company, were working at a construction site in Garden City, ID, when they heard a backhoe operator yell for help. They ran over, and found that the wall

of a trench—which was NOT dug by DeBest—had collapsed on a worker, pinning him under dirt and covering his head.

"We could hear muffled screams," said one of the DeBest employees.

So the men jumped into the trench and dug the victim out, quite possibly saving his life.

What do you think OSHA did about this? Do you think it gave the rescuers a medal? If so, I can see why you are a mere lowlife taxpayer, as opposed to an OSHA executive. What OSHA did—remember, I am not making this up—was FINE DEBEST INC. \$7,875. Yes. OSHA said that the two men should not have gone into the trench without 1) putting on approved hard hats, and 2) taking steps to insure that other trench walls did not collapse, and water did not seep in. Of course this might have resulted in some discomfort for the suffocating victim ("Hang in there! We should have the OSHA trench-seepage-prevention guidelines here within hours!"). But that is the price you pay for occupational health and safety.

Unfortunately, after DeBest Inc. complained to Idaho Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, OSHA backed off on the fines. Nevertheless this incident should serve as a warning to would-be rescuers out there to comply with ALL federal regulations, including those that are not yet in existence, before attempting to rescue people. ESPECIALLY if these people are in, say, a burning OSHA office.

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Quote of the Month

At the Libertarian Party national convention, the keynote speech was delivered by Tamara Clark, a member of the LP national committee and the 1992 LP candidate for state senate in Nevada. In her keynote address, Clark said:

"This party, for six months, has been debating some very important issues. But do you want to know why they were important to me? That shows the growth of this party. That shows the birth that this party is going through. We are moving from a debating society to a political party. It doesn't matter what things we did or didn't change, from here on out the change has already happened internally. We are a political party.

I have toured this country from one end to the other this last year—the change has already happened in the county parties and the state parties. And the change has happened nationally, too.

What we have done in the last few days—we need to put all that behind us now. These issues are done, and they've been fought, and now it is time to move to the future. Now it's time to put it behind us and to take what we've done and to move it forward out into the public.

And never be embarrassed to be a Libertarian. Never be embarrassed to talk about what we believe. Never be afraid. Because I'm here to tell you that when you are speaking to someone about it, there is an awesome righteousness when you stand up and you say what is right. It is an incredible feeling."

Tamara Clark

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massive removal program estimated to cost \$150 billion to \$200 billion. Quoting the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which overthrew a ban on asbestos by the EPA last year, Breyer says that "over the next 13 years, we can expect more than a dozen deaths from ingested toothpicks—a death toll more than twice what the EPA predicts from asbestos pipe, shingles, and roof coatings." (In fact, the EPA admitted that only 13 to 15 lives a year might be spared by a total ban on asbestos—impos-

sible, anyway, since the otherwise indestructible material will be eliminated only when the Earth burns up some few million years down the road."

Says Bennett, "More than \$4 billion a year is spent to save ONE theoretical life from the dangers of solid waste. By comparison, thousands of women could be spared death from breast cancer at a cost of \$54,000 each by investing in mammography programs."

Michael Bennett, *Insight*, July 5, 1993.

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the party!
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Karl Hess Institute of Libertarian Politics

The Karl Hess Institute of Libertarian Politics ran throughout the convention and offered participants the opportunity to listen to experts on a variety of public policy and political topics.

The institute was named in honor of one of the founders of the modern libertarian movement and Libertarian Party NEWS editor emeritus Karl Hess.

There were plenty of choices for all who attended. Speakers covered virtually every area of interest to Libertarians, from home-schooling to ending the drug war, from foreign policy to the FDA's terror tactics.

Speakers included such celebrities as former LP presidential candidates John Hospers, David Bergland, Ed Clark, and Ron Paul, noted authors Robert Anton Wilson and L. Neil Smith, professor emeritus of psychiatry Dr. Thomas Szasz, nutritional consultants and authors Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw, Reason Foundation founder Bob Poole, and investment adviser and author Doug Casey, to name just a few.

Libertarian Party members currently holding elected office were also very popular during the institute. One panel featured LP elected officials Bonnie Flickinger, Don Gorman, Roger Gary, and Alex Joseph.



WOMEN - A panel consisting of, from left to right, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Carole Ann Rand, Joan Kennedy Taylor, and Tamara Clark, discussed "Women into the 21st Century."

NEWS photos by
Jeanne Suprynowicz



KIND WORDS - Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, founder of the Future of Freedom Foundation, said during his presentation, "The Libertarian Party is the last hope and the only light for freedom in America."



INVESTING - Investment adviser Doug Casey talked about his new book, "Crisis Investing in the '90s."

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in self-perpetuation through over-regulation.

(You know, you might get more Republicans to come speak to you with this kind of warmth, I have to tell you.)

The FDA has been misusing a whole host of enforcement and investigatory tools that Congress has given them. The FDA is trying to kill the dietary supplement industry for the sole reason that the FDA does not believe in it. They have tried to take supplements off the market saying they are a food additive. They have alleged that they are drugs. They have restricted the information that you can receive about supplements. Some have alleged that my legislation is motivated by self-interest. That's unmitigated baloney. My interest is your interest. I was elected to represent the state of Utah in the Senate of the United States. Supplements are a very important industry in my state of Utah—over \$700 million to \$1 billion a year. And they are equally important to the national economy—some \$4 billion per year. But they are also important to over 100 million Americans who use nutritional supplements and benefit enormously from them. I use supplements daily. I believe in them. I exercise, eat well, and try to take good care of myself, in spite of my broken-down appearance. But so do millions of Americans eat well, and exercise, and try to take care of themselves. The government shouldn't control how we keep fit, yet government bureaucrats want to have ever-increasing control over our lives.

Combine the enforcement powers of a federal regulatory agency with the polish and aplomb of the Keystone Cops, and you get a picture of the FDA.

I know that you share my feeling about the government's role in regulating dietary supplements and the power-grabbing Food and Drug Administration. In my experience, the actions of the FDA regarding nutritional supplements exemplify government run amok.

In fact, the actions of the FDA are, I believe, the type of actions which led your

party to be created in December 1971 by people who recognize that America was straying from its original foundations with disastrous results. One of your pamphlets expressed it perfectly: "Their vision was the same as that of America's founders, a world where individuals are free to follow their own dreams, in their own ways. A world of peace, harmony, opportunity, and abundance." That, of course, is not the view of the Foods are Drugs Administration, and you and I are paying for this.

It is FDA that needs a warning label, not a bottle of vitamins (Cheers).

It is up to us in Congress to protect America from runaway government and a renegade agency.

Now, my Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act of 1993 can help. The dietary supplement movement is similar to the Libertarian movement in another way. Both embody a remarkable confederation in which both liberals and conservatives cast away party labels to unite and protect our core of fundamental liberties and freedoms. And that is what has contributed to the great popularity of the Dietary Supplement, Health, and Education Act in the Congress.

It is incredible to me that one tiny agency can take on 100 million people and expect to win. The taxpayers are paying almost \$1 billion a year to fuel the FDA bureaucracy. And a lot of that money could be put to better use by them if they just do their job.

So to those who wonder why Libertarians would be interested in vitamins, I simply hold up the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and ask, 'Who wants government to make decisions for you, fundamental decisions like what we eat?' The FDA is gambling against your future, and against your fundamental freedoms.

If FDA wins on this, America loses, in my opinion. It's as simple as that. I hope you all go back home and urge your representatives in Washington to get on the bandwagon.

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Nov. 13, 1993:

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Nov. 13, 1993:

New Hampshire LP Convention, Clarion-Somerset Hotel, Nashua. Speakers include John Taylor Gatto.

Jan. 29, 1994:

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