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## THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

### Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle; that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant the government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

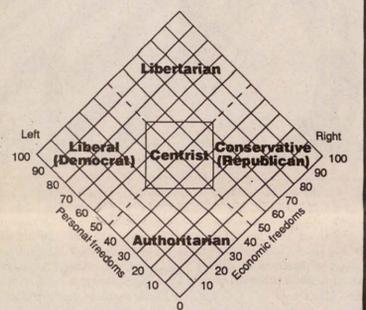
We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely (1) the right to life - accordingly, we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action - accordingly we oppose all attempts by governments to abridge the freedoms of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property - accordingly, we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

**Editor's Note:**  
If you find yourself basically in agreement with the above Statement of Principles, we strongly urge you to photocopy this ad and send it to friends, relatives and neighbors.... tack it up at the laundromat, corner store or anyplace visible to the general public.  
We need YOU to spread the word. The media is biased and tends to ignore us! For example, our presidential candidate, Andre Marrou, was on ballots in fifty states, yet was excluded from the Bush - Clinton - Perot debates by the Debate Commission.  
We don't have perot's millions for TV coverage or to print ads, and we don't have Bush's or Clinton's tax money stolen from YOUR pocket to cover costs, so we must rely on you, the individual to spread the word... Do it for your sake, and do it for the sake of liberty.

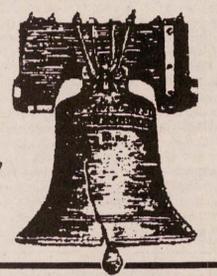
**Are you a libertarian?**  
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Total your scores separately, and plot your personal freedom score against the left scale and your economic freedom score against the right scale. The intersection of your scores reveals your political position.

Personal Freedoms  
Who should decide whether or not you:  
Wear a seatbelt or helmet?  
Own a gun for self-defense?  
Serve in the military?  
Use drugs?  
Have your home sprayed with malathion?  
Have an abortion?  
Have homosexual relations?  
Send your child to school?  
Use unapproved medical treatments?  
Buy a pornographic book or video?

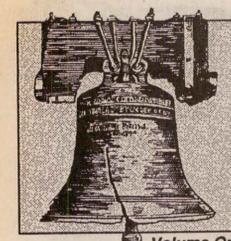


Economic Freedoms  
Who should decide whether or not you:  
Work for less than a minimum wage?  
Buy a foreign car?  
Build a home without a permit?  
Provide for your old age with Social Security?  
Deliver first-class mail in competition with the U.S. Postal Service?  
Hire a minority worker?  
Operate a business without a license?  
Pay taxes to help the needy?  
Pay taxes to defend foreign countries?  
Purchase earthquake insurance?

If you found yourself in the Libertarian region of the political map, you have scored high on the freedom scale. You have more in common with the Libertarian Party than with the Democratic or Republican Party. Take a stand for freedom: Register and vote Libertarian.



Cries of Liberty



# Liberty Bell

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"... and the truth shall set you free."

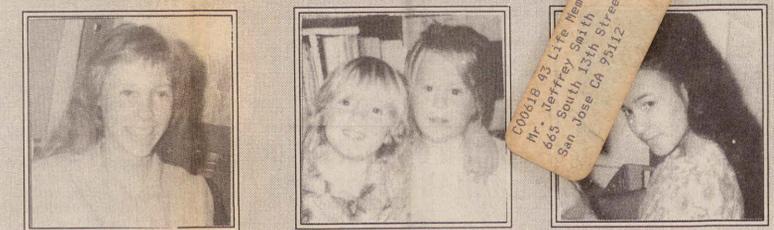
## CALIFORNIA LEADS THE NATION

### - in prisons

"President Clinton should reject Gov. Pete Wilson's request for \$250 million to pay for the imprisonment of California's undocumented residents. While at first blush the proposal may sound sensible, it has disturbing implications for the state and the country.  
"California's prison system is the largest in the nation, housing 109,000 prisoners in cells built for 57,000. In 1977, the system housed 19,000 prisoners, which means that in 16 years, California's prison population increased nearly sixfold.  
"The hammer of incarceration falls much more frequently and heavily in California than it does nationwide and internationally. In fact, if California was a separate country, its incarceration rate (635 per 100,000 persons) would exceed the rate of the rest of the United States (455 per 100,000), South Africa (311 per 100,000) and the former Soviet Union's 1989 rate (268 per 100,000).  
"When that hammer falls, however, it by no means falls equitably. Statewide, one in three African-American males in their twenties is under some form of criminal-justice control. African-Americans are 11 times as likely to be incarcerated as whites, while Latinos are twice as likely to be incarcerated as whites. That disparity will no doubt increase if the state is rewarded with \$250 million to support the imprisonment of undocumented residents, the vast majority of whom will be Latino.  
"Since 1977, when a law went into effect in California reforming the state's sentencing system and abolishing rehabilitation as a goal of imprisonment, reelection-minded legislators have passed more than 1,000 bills lengthening sentences. Since 1988, there have been more prison guards added to the state payroll than all other state employees combined.  
"And today, despite the largest prison construction effort ever undertaken by any governmental entity, costing taxpayers more than \$4 billion, California's prisons are more crowded than they were in 1980, currently operating at 180% of capacity.  
"Perhaps this wouldn't be so bad if we were locking up the real bad guys, or if our prison policies were reducing crime. But neither conclusion can be drawn from current data. The next entrant into the state's prison system is nine times as likely to be either a nonviolent offender or technical parole violator as a violent offender.  
"California returns more technical violators (those violating a condition of parole but not convicted of a new offense) to state prison than the other 49 states combined. During the massive prison expansion of the 1980's, California's crime rate remained roughly steady, a trend experienced in other states that incarcerated a smaller percentage of their citizens.  
The fact of the matter is, California does not deserve to be bailed out of its corrections mess by the federal government; when Wilson came to of-

fice, a bipartisan blue - ribbon commission presented him with 38 recommendations on how to control California's mushrooming prison population. To date, the governor has ignored those recommendations and a host of others aimed at reining in the burgeoning costs of the state's prisons. Instead, Wilson has steadfastly increased funding for prisons, something which he proposes to do again this year, while fighting for deep cuts in health, welfare and education.  
"If imprisoning more people were the simple answer to crime, as Wilson believes, California would be a drug - and crime - free utopia.  
"Having Washington subsidize the state's failure to rationally address its prison problem would send a bad message to other states and exacerbate the disparity of a system already steeped in inequities."  
- Vincent Schiraldi  
Los Angeles Times

## Somewhere In the People



A few of the victims that were burned alive in the Davidian Branch Compound in Waco, Texas. Opinions and related news releases appear on page 6 of this issue.

## Forfeiture Alert - Owners of Real Property, Businesses and Leased Premises

By Ross Regnart  
Proposed: Seizure Provisions of California Senate Bill 1158 Threaten Innocent Business and Real Property Owners. SB 1158 Will Give State and Local Police the Power to Seize Property By Only Circumstantial Evidence. No Criminal Prosecution or Conviction Will Be Necessary. "Real and Personal Property Will Be Deemed to Vest With the State Upon The Commission Of Any Act Which Would Give Rise To Forfeiture." page 8, Lines 9 - 12. SB 1158 If Passed Will Hold Property Guilt and Forfeitable and Its Owners Financially Liable For The Unknown Drug Violations of Others, Page 8, Line 27 - 28.  
SB 1158: Gives State Governments The Power To "Go Back 10 Years" On Mere Suspicion To Civilly Seize Personal and Real Property Alleged To Have Been Used For A Drug Related Forfeitable Offense. Allegations Of An Informant by Declaration, Affidavit, or Information, Can Cause Forfeiture Of A Business or Real Property, page 8, Lines 21 - 27.  
Any Evicted Property Tenant, Occupant, Employee or Former Employee Can Under the Provisions of SB 1158 Attempt To Enlarge Their Pursue and/or Cause Financial Ruin To A Real Property Or Business Owner by alleging The Former Knew or Had Reason To Know Their Property Was Used To Facilitate A Drug Violation. SB 1158 Standards of Probable Cause and Evidence To Forfeit Property Are So Minimal, Business and Property Owners Are Vulnerable To The Erroneous Allegations Of Informants and Police Forfeiture Squads.  
Omission (Negligence On The Part Of Property Owners) SB 1158 Won't Excuse The Fact A Business or Property Owner is Blind, Senile, or Crippled or Allow Latitude To Innocent Owners Alleged "To Have Had Reason To Know Their Property Was Used For or Intended To Be Used For

A Drug Related Violation." Poor Business Management Practices That Result In Having Their Properties Forfeited, page 8, Line 21 - 28. Omission (Negligence on the part Of A Business Owner or Property Owner To Discover Drug Activity Can Amount To Willful Consent.)  
Note: State and Local Police Forfeiture Agencies Have No Clear Definition What Acts On The Part Of A Business or Property Owner Constitute Vigilance To Discover or Mitigate Drug Activity At Their Property.  
Note: Government Has Used Against Property owners in "Civil; Forfeiture Actions" The Fact That A Property Owner Had Reported To Police That A Tenant or Business Patron Was Dealing Drugs On Their Property To Show An Owner Had Prior Knowledge Of The Activity. Elderly Owners, Often In Bad Health and Less Able To Inspect Their Business and Rental Property Are Easy Prey For Police Forfeiture Squads.  
The Forfeiture Scam: Tenants Arrested On Real Property When Offered A Sentencing Deal By A Prosecutor or Immunity From Further Prosecution, Often Reply In Testimony, "That Had The Real Property Owner Been Vigilant, He or She Could Have Discovered Drug Activity Taking Place On Their Property."  
SB 1158 Forfeiture Provisions DO NOT REQUIRE A Property Tenant Arrested For Drug Dealing To Be Prosecuted. However The Same Arrested Drug Dealer Tenant May Cause The Forfeiture of A Landlord's Property He Rents By Giving Testimony That The Landlord Knew Or Had Reason To Know Of The Tenant's Drug Activities. In Effect SB 1158 Gives The Drug Dealing Tenant or Employee A Free Ride While Financially Destroying The Interests Of The Property and Business Owner.  
Blanket Seizures Proposed: SB 1158 Will Give State Governments "The Power" To Cause Blanket Seizure Of Citizens' Assets On Mere Suspicion. Police Need Only Assert "They Have Reason To Believe Property Was Used To Facilitate A Drug Crime." SB 1158 Gives Police The Power To Seize Any Asset They Believe May Have Been Touched By Tainted Proceeds. Forfeiture of Seized Assets Can Be Precipitated By A Preponderance Of Civil Evidence. (Less Than Is Necessary To Convict A Criminal Beyond A Reasonable Doubt.) It Would Apppear That Property and Business Owners Losing Property To Civil Forfeiture Resulting From Their Omission To Discover Drug Activity, Can Be Seized By State Governments To Be Returned To Government, Income Collected From A Property or Business Since A Government Alleged Their Property or Business Was Used For A Forfeitable Drug Crime. Traced Proceeds: SB 1158 Gives Police The Power To Trace Proceeds From Businesses and Property Alleged Tainted To Other Assets. Proceeds Traced From Properties Found Guilty But Were Owned

By Law Abiding Citizens, May result In Causing Innocent Citizens' Other Assets To Be Seized. Example: Rents Collected From A Rental Property Where A Tenant Was Arrested Was Used To Make Payments On a Home Mortgage.  
Legal Defense Against Government Civil and Criminal Forfeiture: SB 1158 Provisions To Seize Citizen's Assets On Mere Suspicion and/or The Allegations Of Informants Prior To Trial, Will Place Most FORFEITURE VICTIMS In A Position Of Not Having Any Resources With Which To Employ Legal Defense Counsel.  
Anticipated Inheritances Threatened: SB 1158 Threatens Estates In Probate (Not Yet Distributed). Probates In The Name Of Deceased Persons Or Were Under Their Constructive Control When Alive, May Be Subject To Civil Forfeiture Under SB 1158 Provisions To "Go Back 10 Years To Civilly Seize A Property." In Effect The Allegations Of An Informant Could Interrupt or Destroy The Distribution of Estate Assets To The Heirs.  
Informants May Say Anything To Mitigate Their Own Arrest or Be Paid By Police, Federal and State Forfeiture Squads Now Cause To Pay Informants 25% of Net proceeds That Result From Forfeited Assets. Lending Itself To Corruption, Most Informants Are Not Sent 1099's By The Government. Forfeiture Agencies That Determine Which Informants Are To Be Paid For Original Information and Testimony. Questionable: Whether Informants Are Required To Pay Taxes On Their 25% Informant Commissions?  
Note The Severity Of SB 1158 Provisions Against Innocent Property Owners While Criminals Can Go - Not - Charged For Committing Drug Crimes? Page 21, Line 19. "The Whole or Remainder of Any Part Or Interest In Property Is Forfeited Under Subdivision Of Section 11470." It Would Apppear An Entire Mobile Home Park Could Be Forfeited For The Crimes Of One Tenant or That A Child Selling Drugs From A Parent's Property Could Cause The Home's Civil Forfeiture Going Back 10 Years.  
State District Attorneys Offices That Prosecute Criminal and Civil Forfeiture Cases Are Often The Same Government Employees That Determine The Validity of An Informant's Testimony. SB 1158 Will Give Prosecuting District Attorneys Offices 15% of Net Proceeds That Result From Their Successful Prosecution of Forfeiture Cases: The Balance As Follows:  
85% of Forfeited Property To State and/or Local Police That Participate In Seizure, page 39, Line 29.  
Expected: Passage of SB 1158 Will Result In A Civil Forfeiture Sweep of Citizens' Property Going Back 10 Years.  
For a Copy of Senator Maddy's SB 1158 Call Your Senate Capital Bill Room at (916) 445 - 2323.

## Not quite yet a New Dawn In New Mexico

By Howard Hutchinson  
In the March issue the article *New Dawn In New Mexico* portrayed our county as having taken back control of our lives. While we are moving towards greater local control and have won significant battles, victory is a distant goal. It has taken over a hundred years to diminish the principles of self-government. We must not pretend that this will be a short term project. Libertarians can claim this as their victory. No other political party is advancing the moral arguments that are vital to the planning process.  
We are within days of filling two lawsuits over the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's failure to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on designation of critical habitat for the Mexican Spotted Owl and the Spixedake and Loach minnows.  
A significant error in the *Connector* article was the statement that Catron County has been taken to court over our actions. Another error was the Forest Service sending law enforcement to a County Commission meeting. This was threatened, but never acted on. In fact, we have seen a marked change in attitude by federal agents.  
Our long term goals are to move away from the current system of centralized command and control to free market local management. We have rejected all forms of zoning and regulation to achieve our ends. Ultimately, the market and strict liability should be the governing forces over resource use.  
To find out more about what we are doing contact: The National Federal Lands Conference, P.O. Box 847, Bountiful, Utah 84011, (801) 295 -0173

## California Libertarians launch volley against drug war

Libertarians of California at their February, 1993 convention have expressed their desire to bring an end to the drug war as one of their top priorities.  
Libertarians in "local activist groups are bringing this issue to their members for action. One such group is Save Our Liberties (SOL), Sunnyvale, CA. More about them later.  
One of the better ideas presented so far has been floated by many prominent Americans gathered at a special conference late in February at the Hoover Institute. The prominent people include Dr. Milton Friedman, Nobel prize - winning economist, George Schultz, former Secretary of State under President Ronald Reagan, Kurt Schmoke, Mayor of Baltimore, Joseph McNamara, former police chief of San Jose, Dr. Herbert Berger, world's leading expert on drug abuse, founder of the British system on drug treatment in 1947, Dr. Harvey Rose, author of the Intractable Pain Treat-

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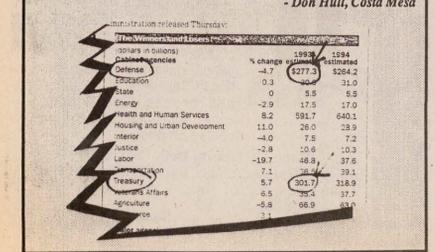
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## Our Tax Dollars At Work

Does the enclosed table mean what I'm afraid it means? "Treasury is now bigger than the Pentagon? And scheduled to grow another 6% this year? Treasury is the IRS. Treasury is the BATF. Treasury is Internal Police. The U.S. Government now spends more money policing its own people than in policing the rest of the world! Can this be true? Has the police - state finally arrived? Tell me it ain't so."  
- Don Hull, Costa Mesa



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# On Waco siege: "Symbolic of the amateurish, clumsy, heavy-handed, uninformed, unacknowledgeable, incompetent, simplistic, and hubristic Clinton administration."

Attention: Congressman Dana Rohrabacher. Dear Congressman Rohrabacher: Only two days after an L.A. jury convicted two police officers for beating one citizen, two government bureaucracies attack a church group and cause the deaths of over eighty citizens.

What's going on here? Parallels with the Nazi assault on the Warsaw ghetto are too close for comfort.

Are mere "rumors" of "child molestation" enough to inspire this monstrous behavior? What about the Catholic Church? Numerous "real charges" of "child molestation" have been filed against several Catholic priests! What now? Will the ATF and FBI Saint Patrick's Cathedral in the door of St. Patrick's Cathedral?

Where is the "children's advocates" zealotry of Hillary Clinton and her ilk now that real charges exist against a mainstream religious order? There is absolutely no justification for the Government's behavior in the Waco case. Regardless of the Branch Davidians' beliefs, they should be allowed to worship whatever they

like, without fear of the government battering down the door.

I see this entire exercise as muscle flexing by Government. The itchy fingers and impatience of the FBI is totally irrelevant to the human rights of the Davidians to live in peace. The refusal of Koresh and his group to knuckle - under to FBI and ATF demands, does not justify any kind of aggression, let alone an armed assault with tanks.

The government is wrong wrong wrong in this whole event. If this isn't enough to persuade Congress to abolish the ATF, what do you need a hundred deaths? A thousand?

What will convince Congress that the ATF is a renegade outfit, over-stuffed, over - budgeted, and over-armed. It's a bunch of paramilitary cowboys wandering around with nothing to do, looking for some excitement. It should be abolished! And now!

The FBI, likewise, has a dramatically reduced mission now that the Cold War is over. It should be reduced by half.

I suggest Congress execute the or-

Don Hull  
Costa Mesa

## Right to choice threatened by money mad insurance companies and their lobbies

To The Editor: Where has the Right to Choice disappeared? It has disappeared at the hands of those that legislate, "mandated" law. We are crammed under helmets, strapped under painful, restrictive seat belts, told we must support a "profit" making industry, insurance. We are "propagandized" to where the unthinking believe that the "right" thing to do and those that don't follow along with the loss of their liberties, are abusing those that do. If you notice all of the above "protects" the financial interest of the "profit" making insurance companies. Some lobby they have going. What does the insurance company pay back for this prime benefit? We already have established from the beginning of law, methods for recovering damages. Who were the betrayers of Fundamental and Inalienable Rights guaranteed under our Constitution?

If I travel without a helmet, without seat - belt, without insurance, I pay the hospital bill and that's related to my own person and other that may have a claim against me. . . .

That would be my option. My right, an inalienable right to contract for my own personal security and protect my property should be let alone, not contracted away through the efforts of some insurance lobby. Are you being sold the propaganda or do you

Warren D. Wright  
Bumpkin From Pumpkin Center

## "Yours In Liberty . . . ."

### Letters to the Editor

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## At least one of these economic plans will be put into practice

To The Editor: All the planning, cutting and talking on the earth cannot resolve the "debt crisis." As long as we remain enslaved in a "debt - usury" based monetary system, it is impossible. When "money" is borrowed into existence by international financiers, only the principal is created, not the interest required for repayment. Consequently there is not enough money in existence to repay the debt. A recession is merely the controlled and systematically implemented means of repossessing properties foreclosed on, i.e., those unable to repay the non-existent interest. This is an inherent flaw which is irreversible since new loans must be forged in order to service the old debt. Other nations print and issue their own "good" currency, why can't America? Why must the richest nation in history be forced into borrowing?

There are at least three methods of cure, briefly outlined as follows:

1. Return to the gold standard (although none remains in Fort Knox, etc.) and use silver as "hard currency."

2. Repeat the Federal Reserve Act, thereby removing power from international financiers; repudiate the national debt and return the power to coin money to Congress. If it required one trillion dollars to move the nation for one year, Congress could authorize the printing of that amount for only the cost of printing. If one percent to 1.5% interest were charged to cover any other incurred costs, at least the inflation would be controlled.

3. If the banks are capable of "forgiveness" of loans of our money to countries such as Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, etc., when at the outset they knew well they could not be repaid, why can't they simply forgive ours as well? Simple answer: it would not suit the purpose of the elite banking families.

Terry M. Baria  
Maricopa

## "Congress does not need a consensus . . ."

To The Editor: Your contributor, Jeffrey Forrest (March, 1993) revives the thesis that the Constitution was not properly adopted, because the nine states that ratified it were not entitled to secede from the "perpetual union" of the Articles of Confederation.

This argument is not logically true. The Articles were a social contract, under which the Congress was accepted as an equal of the States . . . .

Anticipating further objections, I remark that ratification by mere majorities in the several State conventions was also proper - the change from Articles to Constitution was a change in the revolutionary direction, subjugating the Congress; it does not need a consensus, or even a majority, to put an end to wrong - doing.

Brian W. Smith  
Los Angeles

# Chicken Little Reigns Supreme!

By William N. Gaillard  
We've all heard at one time or another that the sky is falling. Although couched in fable, hearing this story as children (especially from an expert storyteller; i.e., Mom) caused us to wonder in our young minds whether or not this was really a possibility. Of course, as we grew up we dismissed this allegory for what it was: myth.

The commercial losses amounted to untold millions.  
Remember PCB's (polychlorinated biphenyls) leaking out of everything from telephone pole transformers and into everything including cattle feed processing plants? Again, in spite of and not because of the reports from the Center for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration deter-

mining that no deaths or illnesses could be traced, wholesale regulatory brouhaha ensued.  
By the end of this third Crusade, the feds had ordered the destruction of 7 million eggs, 1.2 million chickens, 300 thousand turkeys (presumably, this was not a suicide mission), 53 thousand pigs, 2 million pounds of industrial grease, 8 thousand pounds of food, and 74 thousand cupcake! You'll never guess who picked up the check.

In our media - saturated, Apocalyptically - anxious society, concerned citizens scurry to build mountains out of molehills from harmless elements of the environment around us. The results have never been successful and frequently counter-productive. Liberty Bell contributor William Gaillard shares with us grim stories of our tax dollars at work.

However, today the American consumer is being inundated with a whole new hubbub of horror flashes about everything from where we live to where we walk to what we eat, and most frighteningly, to what we eat. All of this is courtesy of everyone from the feds to some of our less-informed members of the hired help in Congress and in Sacramento the "special interest" groups that are out there, purportedly, to "save us from ourselves."

These groups run the entire gamut from the Sierra Club to Greenpeace to the Green Movement to the EPA, FDA, NRDC, CPSC and even to the "weather underground" of the environmentalist agenda: Earth First!-justice wreckers that even the Justice Department seems to be going after for our benefit. (Talk about hiring Farmer John to guard your hogs!)

Undermining consumer and commercial confidence with largely baseless charges of impending doom and with the intent of vilifying or even impoverishing a targeted industry, the feds and their state and local counterparts in concert with the "special interest" groups above flex their collective "read" "collectivist" biceps and then wallow in the terror and the uncertainty that they generate throughout the private sector.

Although it seems as though the private sector has raised the drawbridge against Chicken Little's siege guns, the castles belonging to the food and goods suppliers are the ones that most appear to be made of straw and, consequently, the most vulnerable. All you have to do, depending upon your age, is to recall the following words to see if they ring a bell: cranberries, swordfish, PCB's, Tris, urea, Swine (read swine) Flu, Alar (gasp), and a certain rather purportedly nasty substance known as asbestos.

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In August of 1973, businessmen were yanked out of the sack, again by the feds, to comply with an imposed ban on certain aerosol spray adhesives purportedly containing chemicals that caused chromosome damage in humans. Again, this action was based upon a preliminary study this time by the University of Oklahoma Medical College. The report was discredited and the ban was lifted in March of 1974.

However, this did not prevent nine terrified mothers-to-be from terminating their pregnancies via abortion so that they would not run the risk of giving birth to what they believed to be severely deformed children.

Tris (2,3 dibromophenyl phosphate) was ordered impregnated into children's sleepwear by the Consumer Product Safety Council in 1973 in order to make them flame-retardant. However, by April of 1974 the CPSC said "oops, we boo-bood" and ordered a complete ban and recall on all Tris-treated products citing, you guessed it, cancer in laboratory rats. Aye, here come the rattlers again(!); and this time their less-than-pink-sized charges have been wearing teeny pajamas (Anybody seen my shovel?).

In the end, industry paid out to the tune of 158 million dollars, and predictably, in the end, Congress was told that independent testing proved the results of CPSC's study to be erroneous.

Oh well, things are tough all over - right?  
Urea formaldehyde foam was installed in about 500 thousand homes nationwide in the wake of the 1973 energy crisis (read engineered crisis). As a result of some improper installation, a few individual homeowners began to complain of coughing, nausea, and various and sundry irritations.

In 1982, our friends at Alphabet Soup, Inc., this time the CPSC (again) decided to ban urea and ordered it removed. Homeowners who were already saddled with 30 - year notes got stuck with an extra added mess (indeed) average individual expense of twenty-five thousand bucks to remove the stuff. An angry U.S. Court of Appeals, some members of which, incidentally, had urea insulation installed overturned the ruling citing "lack of sufficient evidence."

Under the circumstances, the court

young man went out on a bivouac instead, collapsed, and ultimately succumbed.  
This one isolated incident, however, caused America to be caught up in the national Swine Flu frenzy. Everybody in town-with the exception (of course) of the feds-questioned the very existence of "Swine Flu." Congress appropriated zillions of bucks to develop a vaccine, soldiers were threatened with court martial if they refused prophylactic treatment, and a terrified civilian population participated in a program of wholesale inoculation after President Ford signed the program into law. In the end, one thousand wrongful death suits (resulting directly from the vaccinations!) were filed against the feds with prayers totaling over 1.5 billion dollars. As you can well imagine, a whole new specialized field of recreational litigation has been developed exclusively to handle Swine Flu torts; litigation that continues to this very day (I think I'm coming down with something). The "good news" half of this good-news, bad-news joke was that only six cases of Swine Flu were confirmed by CDC.

Clearly, this was another case of the cure being worse than the illness. Again, your tax dollars at work(?)  
Alar

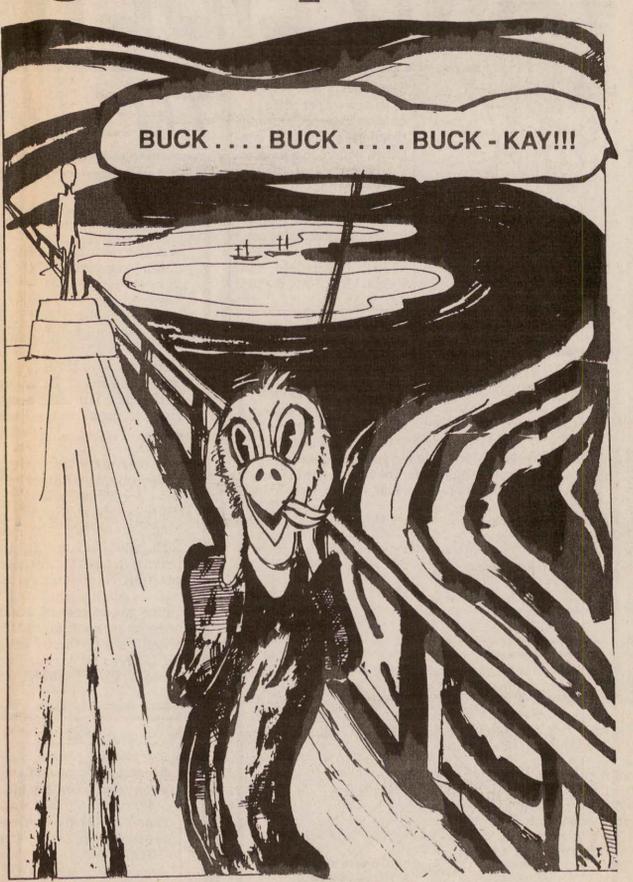
Now here's one of the granddaddies of the panic button misdeed. Almost 30 years after the cranberry scare, the Pacific Northwest got hit again. This time it was the apple crop.  
On 26 February 1989, 60 Minutes (read CBS "News"), reported that a paper issued by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) claimed that Alar (daminozide), a growth regulator (not a pesticide), sprayed on apple blossoms and used for decades, was a carcinogen that was slowly relegating our children to the ultimate occupation of fertilizing daffodils.

America saw the apple's rod and reeled in turmoil. Meryl Streep and the rest of Hollywood (yawn), the women's magazines (*Famine Circle?*), and a whole litany of knowledgeable mid-afternoon talk show pundits sounded the clarion call and "Mom" was once again emotionally conscripted to defend the little ones against the evil farmers of the Evergreen State. One talk show host even said, "...we're poisoning our kids, I wouldn't lie to ya." (Reminding me, ostensibly, that people who lie believe that they're telling the truth are often referred to as fools, one straightforward mother even calling the State Troopers (somewhere) to stop a school bus and remove the forbidden fruit from her tyke's satchel.)

The truth of the matter is that the cancer claim scare was a false alarm.  
NRDC's "Report on Alar" was based exclusively on a long discredited 1977 "rat test" (sound familiar?) whereby the "researcher" had fed her charges 48 times the maximum tolerable dosage, possibly giving rise to malignant liver tumors killing off that half of the herd. An independent Scientific Advisory Panel reviewed the test results and concluded that the entire experiment was "useless for assessing carcinogenicity from Alar, and provided (absolutely) no basis for cancelling its registration"; i.e., on apples.

But, again, that doesn't matter. What matters is that we fell for it. In the final analysis, the apple business was turned into apple sauce, costs to the industry exceeded 100 million bucks, and tens of thousands of individuals were thrown out of work or bankrupted-and all, maddeningly, for nothing. As a point of interest, an extensive EPA study conducted after the CBS Television-sponsored ambush concluded that there was not the slightest shred of epidemiological evidence to indicate that Alar was carcinogenic in humans, but let's put the miserable sons of bitches out of business anyway-just for the fun of it-and with no apologies, no regrets, and no compensation for their losses.

At the time of this writing, the apple growers in the region finally



got together and filed a multi-million dollar, class-action proceeding against CBS, Inc., and it looks as if they might win.

Asbestos  
What we haven't been told about asbestos could be just as dangerous as what we have been told. In 1987, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act effectively forcing schools to remove asbestos materials from ceilings, walls, and floors. This was done in order to abate the purported "stationary hazards" of asbestos.

What it really amounts to is that, once again, we fell for the semantic gymnastics of the federal film-flam men and their "special interest" crisis engineers feeding voraciously upon the fears and ignorance of a naive and unsuspecting American public.

The truth of the matter is this: there are no appreciable "stationary" dangers present in asbestos ceilings, walls, and floors (surprise!). In fact, an EPA survey of some 43 federal buildings concluded that the levels of airborne asbestos in the facilities were actually somewhat less than the naturally-occurring asbestos "pollution" omnipresent in the great outdoors. Alternatively, the occupational hazards of individuals mining and processing chrysotile asbestos reported was decidedly higher, and with the infamous associated lung ailments almost always tied into those workers who also smoked cigarettes.

The Viewer Beware  
If at the end of this sojourn the reader suspects that a certain, deliberately-implemented blueprint of diabolical dissonance emerges here, he or she has just won the PTA ball for the week. It should be the 200

obvious for anyone with eyes to see and even a aboriginal aptitude for reflection that these crises do not just happen by "accident" nor are their sources "discovered" as a result of assiduous schooling and analysis; there simply cannot be that much defective science around and all in the same country! . . . .

The pattern that emerges here is one that is as momentous as it is sneaky. As Robert W. Lee told us last year, "Here in the United States we have allowed our once limited federal government to become a gargantuan central government, partly due to our foolish tendency to grant it ever-increasing control over our lives so that it can 'solve' alleged 'threats' to our personal health and safety. More often than not, such 'threats' are wildly exaggerated (sometimes completely fabricated) for the very purpose of dragging us further into the quagmire of government regulation and taxation." Amen to that. I certainly hope not.

The old saying used to go, "caveat emptor" (the buyer beware), when what it really should be (that is, in this day and age of cynical and apocalyptic mammoth coverage of direct events as seen through the media's morose-colored glasses) is not the "buyer" beware, but rather the viewer beware. Remember Chicken Little? Well, updating his ghastly fulminations to the fourth quarter of the twentieth century, "Cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck-BUCKAY! The feds are falling!" Yup - now there's a reason to run and hide.

(Some excerpts from the May, 1990 issue of The New American.)

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## "Just an 'ism'"

To The Editor: For a so-called capitalist country, the U.S. is remarkably anti-capital. Few people realize that the U.S. has the highest long term capital - gains tax on securities in the industrialized world - 33%.

Japan taxes 1% of the sales price or 20% of the net gain, whichever is higher. Australia at 47% and England at 40% appear to have higher capital gains tax - until one considered that they index their capital gains to inflation (often reducing the tax to zero).

Other low - tax countries are Canada (21.8%), France (16%), and even socialist Sweden (17.5%) Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy and the Netherlands have no capital - gains tax whatsoever! (Source American Council for Capital Formation, August 1990).

The U.S. 33% figure does not count whatever tax increase Bill Clinton and Congress end up imposing on taxpayers in 1993. It also understates total U.S. capital - gains tax - many U.S. states take on their own capital-gains tax, unlike the local jurisdictions of most foreign countries. California imposes a maximum 11% tax, the highest in the nation.

Capital formation for new U.S. businesses is becoming more and more difficult. To quote the noted economist, Jesse Jackson - "Capitalism without capital is just an ism."

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# REVELATIONS IN WACO:

## Some disparate thoughts and feelings about the Branch Davidian incident and how our federal government dealt with it.



Cartoon by William N. Galliard

# SOCIETY AS SPECTACLE

### An eyewitness to the media event offers their personal analysis away from the glare of the television cameras.

**By Mokee Montgomery**

The ATF formally invited newsmen to televise the so-called "secret" raid on Mount Carmel, February 28, 1993. The raid was intended to be a Cops - type operation which would prepare Americans for land forfeitures aimed at non-conformist property owners. Koresch himself was the ATF by driving them back with fire power. Newsmen were instructed to turn off their cameras and leave the compound. From that day on, newsmen were kept at least two miles from the compound on the pretext that Koresch would shoot them. This made members of the press start to question the FBI. The press became divided. Compliant newsmen obediently characterized Koresch as a violent madman, subjecting infants to savage beatings and raping innocent children. More activist journalists set up 24 - hour a day vigilance, using telescopic lenses constantly trained on the compound to put some control on the FBI. Koresch's resistance gave people time to think. Why were all the public documents, including the arrest warrant, sealed at the moment they were generated? Why did the FBI lure a Koreschian who had been shopping, back to the compound after the raid and then shoot him, leaving his dying body in the kill zone for several days? Why were the parents of this man not allowed to view the body? Was there a JFK - type cover up going on in which all evidence would be destroyed - all witnesses killed?

The front page of the March 8th, *Waco Tribune-Herald* showed Texas Libertarian leaders protesting the ATF raid. They carried American flags and signs that said, "Arrest ATF Gunmen!" "Is Your Church ATF Approved?" and "Investigate ATF Murders!" Gary Hunt, a concerned citizen, traveled from Florida to Waco and asked the FBI to let him interview Koresch. The FBI blithely told Hunt he would have to get a power of attorney from Koresch. Hunt convinced a local television station to broadcast a message to Koresch, who was listening from the compound, to turn his satellite dish clockwise to indicate a "yes" answer and counter-clockwise to indicate "no." Once this system of communication was established, Hunt asked Koresch if he wanted to grant him power of attorney so that he could come onto the compound to talk, and Koresch turned his satellite dish clockwise. Nevertheless, the FBI refused to allow Hunt onto the compound.

Local residents in Waco knew Koresch personally. They didn't believe that he was a mad man who should be kept isolated, tortured and

# DISTRESSING PARALLELS

### They even got the outfits right.

**By Neal Knox**

Waco is far from the first outrage perpetrated by ATF. Canyon Balliew was paralyzed by a BATF assault on his home in Silver Spring, Maryland over 20 years ago. BATF had a report that Balliew had a grenade.

It was a practice grenade. But because he had black powder for his percussion revolver, and gun caps with which a black powder grenade could have been exploded - certain death, since he had no fuse - Treasury was able to white - wash that outrage.

Because of the Balliew raid, and other BATF outrages, a dozen years ago Congressman John Dingell (D-Mich.), described the agency as "backbooted fascists."

His son, John D. Dingell III, a Michigan legislator, is following his father's footsteps. He wrote the following letter, published in the March 15 Wall Street Journal:

"On Feb. 27, black - uniformed men of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms wearing 'coal scuttle' helmets and carrying German - made machine pistols attacked the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. Fifty years earlier, in January 1943, black - uniformed SS men wearing 'coal scuttle' helmets and carrying German - made machine pistols at-

tacked the Jewish compound in Warsaw, Poland.

The BATF men were searching for illegal weapons reported by a paid informant to be in the Branch Davidian compound. The SS men were searching for illegal weapons reported by a paid informant to be in the Warsaw ghetto.

Reports from Texas indicate the Branch Davidians kept to themselves and harmed no one outside their compound prior to the ATF assault. History tells us the Jews kept to themselves and harmed no one outside the Warsaw ghetto prior to the SS assault.

The U.S. broadcast news media tells us that the Branch Davidians practice contemptible ritual sexual relations involving their children, so they are an evil religious cult. Nazi news media told the German population that the Jews practiced contemptible sexual relations involving children, so they were an evil religion.

The BATF invited the U.S. news media to document the BATF assault

# ATROCITY UPON ATROCITY

### A cry of shock, indignation and outrage from William N. Galliard

**By William N. Galliard**

**Pope Julius II: When will it all end?**

**Michelangelo: When I'm finished!**

**When will it all end? when we're finished?**

On Monday morning as I sat with my two small children and watched and listened to the terrible tragedy unfold in Texas, one of the talking heads remarked that there were eighty-seven humans inside the ranch compound buildings. He predicted that they would all burn to death.

His very matter-of-fact reporting of the "87" figure triggered a very sobering memory. Twenty-three years ago in 1970 Dalton Trumbo made an observation in his intro to that year's reprint of *Johnny Got His Gun*. In it he said, "Numbers have dehumanized us. We read of forty thousand dead in Vietnam and instead of vomiting we reach for the toilet."

If we choose to believe the facts and disbelieve the evidence, then the government's new-found experiment in state-sponsored domestic terrorism will have succeeded admirably. It has often been said that accuracy is defined as that which the government demands of us but regrets when we achieve it. Okay, ladies and gentlemen, it's payback time: let's get accurate here!

**FACT:** Since about 1987, David Koresch has been, off and on, under surveillance by the feds for various and sundry alleged infractions of federal law. When things finally came to a head about 1988, Koresch was excommunicated and his few weapons rightfully returned to him.

**FACT:** On the evening of the 27th of February, the very day prior to the botched BATF raid, Koresch was in town (Waco) in a bar drinking alone. If the feds wanted to question him, why didn't they do it then? *Strange.*

**FACT:** When Treasury Department agents finally did show up at Ranch Apocalypse with a sealed warrant (sealed from whom, alleging what, and based upon which evidence, writ, oath or affirmation, and signed by what judge?), Koresch went out to meet them alone, unarmed, and with his hands up. The feds opened fire first hitting him in the hands. His followers did the only sensible thing by returning fire in order to, if nothing else, protect an unarmed man. Understandably, four agents bought it. Who's to blame but the feds?

**FACT:** There was an alleged hostage situation. What hostage situation? If truth be told, his followers were free to leave at any time to turn themselves in to the authorities. They and the children who remained behind really had no reason to believe that DOJ would be the cause of their massive destruction in toto.

**FACT:** His neighbors liked him. That's right, they liked him. They were totally unaware of any evidence of "child abuse" and thought him to be not only exceptionally well-versed in Scripture, but quite a personable gentleman as well. For their "crimes"



"Fire? What fire? We didn't start no fire! Why - why we was bringin' them kids some ice cream cones."

United States Armed Forces for quite some time now. Conversely, however, the *propellants* that was utilized to push the test gas into the several buildings is now suspected to have been quite flammable. A great mix with electric lamps and gas pilot lights! This suspicion has yet to be adequately addressed by the Justice Department. They just ain't talkin'.

**FACT:** Where the Hell was the fire department? It showed up nearly an hour later? It means these reasonably intelligent Justice Department operatives did not anticipate this possibility?

**FACT:** The feds quizzed the nearest hospital about the facilities' ability to handle burn victims. Smells of burnt mackerel to us.

**FACT:** Finally, the stake - out of the Branch Davidian compound cost the tax - paying citizens over \$150 million dollars plus.

**Now, to hear the blasted feds tell it,** Koresch had been menacing the area for five years; he "couldn't" be questioned in town (?); they fired first; there were hostages; his neighbors were scared of him; water and elec-

tricity cutoff was an "act of mercy" to bring the siege to a speedy end; the loud music and c. served the same purpose as the utility deprivation; the tear gas in and of itself was "non-lethal" sans propellant, and, "We just didn't see the fire coming." Just how stupid do those federal bastards really think we are? Quite stupid, actually, because a lot of us fell for it. Not to mention with a little push from the power elite of America's biased and abusive major "news" media to implement, at least partially, their hidden agenda as well.

Ironically, the rams, ewes and seven little lambs sacrificed at that appalling federal atrocity at Waco, Texas impersonating law enforcement may just be the wake-up call that the people of this Republic need to stir them from their couch-potato

# California Libertarians launch volfornia against drug war

### From the front page

to bring down Alcohol Prohibition by electrifying the country and Champions of Liberties to push for victory, that was borrowed.

The future fate of this country, perhaps the world, like that time sixty years ago rests on us every day citizens taking part in such an effort, such as these stamps and the resolution.

Start for your stamps today, start the resolution for peace on your block, in your home, at the office.

For a sheet of thirty stamps, send \$5 to (Wholesalers invited) Save Our Liberties, 187 Acalanes Drive, #14, Sausalito, CA., 94066 - 5520, (415) 964 - 3655.

The Plan: To have each of us who want this nightmare to end take the responsibility of involving our friends, relatives, and neighbors. To even go door - to - door involving them all in the "Chain Letter for Peace," called the Hoover Resolution. This chain letter is to be signed and sent once a month to President Clinton. Your two Senators and Congress person. Do this until the Commission has reported its findings.

To make this effort visible and exciting, we must return in history to Alcohol Prohibition and borrow the idea of "End the Drug War, Save Our Children" stamps, from their Repeal Stamps of the 1930's. Today's stamps are black and purple.

It was such a stamp idea used then

unrecorded number wounded in the initial assault on the Warsaw ghetto. After the initial assault, the BATF men magnanimously arranged a truce so children could be evacuated from the Branch Davidian compound (and they could tend to their casualties). After their initial assault, the SS men magnanimously arranged a truce so children could be evacuated from the Warsaw ghetto after encountering fierce resistance against the initial assault.

"Fifty years have passed, but little has changed." - John D. Dingell, Wyandotte, Mich.

*(Editor's note: This article was originally written on March 20, 1993)*

# THE BIG CON:

## How a "Constitutional Convention" is planned to ostensibly balance the budget and shred liberty in the process

**By Greg Goodsell and Jeffrey Forrest**

A proposed Constitutional Convention, "Con/Con" ostensibly means to convene to reduce the United States immense debt through a special Balanced Budget Amendment. Many fear, however, that such an event would be an insidious smoke screen to further raise taxes, enslave the citizen, and render the Constitution null and void.

That's the fears of a growing number of people who claim that such an event will be subject to the agenda of the international media and various interest groups from both the right and left wings of the American political spectrum.

Imagine holding the Republican and Democratic National Conventions together - at the same time, and in the same hall. Imagine the confrontations of partisan politicians and pressure groups, the clash of liberals and conservatives, and the tirades of activists - all demanding that their view of constitutional issues prevail. Imagine the gridlock as the Jesse Helms caucus tries to work out a constitutional change with the Jesse Jackson caucus!

In a worst case scenario, such an event would be heavily broadcast and

receive massive amounts of media exposure. Various extremist interest groups, it is argued, would seize the opportunity to garner the interest of the media with demonstrations insisting that their platforms become an integral part of the "New Constitution."

It is also feared that the Constitutional Convention would not be limited to a Balanced Budget Amendment. It is believed that at such a Convention, the various delegates would make their own rules only after the Convention actually meets, putting the Constitution at great risk. Many delegates promoting a new Constitutional Convention are requesting other major changes in the Constitution in addition to just the Balanced Budget Amendment. Such items as Term Limitation, the Line-Item Veto, repealing the Second Amendment in order to facilitate gun control, prayer in public schools, and modifying the Separation of Powers in a move towards a more parliamentary form of government.

Worse still is that such an event would fail to even balance the national budget. With a federal debt of roughly four trillion dollars, such an Amendment would only give Con-

gress a green light to raise taxes on the already overburdened American citizen. Furthermore, the current Congress, which has been in power for the past twelve years are the ones responsible for this enormous debt - it is highly unlikely they will be able to curtail it!

The only previous time that it has been suggested that the U.S. Constitution was in need of revision was in 1912, when the American Socialist Party pushed for reforms more in line with their platform. There are currently 24 states that have voted for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, falling short for the three quarters approval required for it.

While the Libertarian Party presently has no official position on the subject, there is currently no public support for such an event. The U.S. Constitution, at 206 years young, has proven to be the most successful directive of government in all of recorded human history. The Constitution and Bill of Rights does not need revision - it is in need of application. It is hoped that mounting pressure put on the U.S. Senate from all sensible people will not risk our Constitution to the whims of so many special interest political groups.

# Like all of our freedoms - dangerous, but worth the risk

**By L. Neil Smith**  
*Lever Action BBS*

Suppose you were fond of books. You liked their leather bindings, their fancy endpapers, the way they speak to you of other times and places, the way they feel in your hand.

You even liked the way they smell. Naturally you were aware that books are dangerous. They give people ideas. Over the long, sad course of history, they've resulted in the slaughter of millions - books like *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Das Kapital*, *Mein Kampf*, even the Bible - but you had too much intelligence, too much regard for the right of other people to read, write, think whatever they please, to blame the books themselves.

Now suppose somebody came along who agreed with you: books are dangerous and something oughta be done about it! Nothing you couldn't live with; numbers could be stamped inside them, a different number, not in each kind of book, each title or edition - but in each and every individual book.

"We can keep track of 'em that way - it'll help get 'em back if they're stolen."

But wait . . . isn't the right to freedom of expression, the right to create, exchange and collect books - without a trace of government harassment - to read, write, and think whatever you please, supposed to be guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution? No matter who thinks it's wrong? No matter how "sensible" their arguments may sound for taking that right away?

You tried to defend your rights, but nobody listened. You appealed to the media; they were even more dependent on the Bill of Rights than you were, and American journalism always gloried in self - appointed role as watchdog over the rights of the individual. But the sad truth was, that during its long, self - congratulatory history, it was more like a car caught bloody muzzled time after time, saving the flocks it had been trusted to protect.

You were alone. You insisted that books don't kill people, people kill people. They laughed and told you that people who read books kill

people. Time passed . . . Still, they weren't satisfied. They wanted the . . . it's just the common place oppression people suffer every day when they feel about guns the way you feel about books."

Gun owners laugh at the notion of human rights, because they have none. Guns are dangerous. Like books. Like books, the right to create, exchange, and collect them, without a trace of government harassment, is supposed to be guaranteed. No matter who thinks it's wrong. No matter how "sensible" their arguments may sound for taking your rights away.

So what makes you think your neighbor's guns? Whether you like books or guns, the issue's the same: *When anybody's rights are threatened, everybody's rights are threatened.*

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serial numbers down in record books. Then they wanted your name written down beside the numbers, along with your address, your driver's license number, your age, your race, your sex. "Cause we gotta right to know who's reading all these books!"

Soon they were demanding that bookstore be licensed. They forbade you to buy books by mail or in another state and required that your dealer report you if you bought more than one book in a five day period. They forbade you to buy more than one book a month. They demanded that you wait five days, a week, three weeks before you could pick up a book you'd already paid for - at a store subject to unannounced warrantless inspections and punitive closure by heavily - armed government agents. In Massachusetts and New Jersey, the mere possession of a book meant an automatic year in jail. At one point they offered to spend tax money to buy your books: "You've got money - for the time being."

Now they want to confiscate any of your books they think are too long: "No honest citizen needs a book with that many pages!"

Your taxes will be spent to burn them, and somehow you have a feeling that it's just the beginning, that some dark midnight, no matter how peaceable or agreeable or law - abiding you are, you're going to hear that knock on your door. . . .

Yes, nooks are dangerous. They start holy wars, revolutions, and make people dissatisfied with their lives.

But this is ridiculous! Is it a nightmare? Another Gulg horror story? A blood - soaked page

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# Coalitions: Outreach or Pacts with the Enemy?

### Should Libertarians align themselves with groups or individuals who have little use for freedom? Author Geoffrey Erikson doesn't think so.

**By Geoffrey Erikson**

It has been suggested by several Libertarians that we should build coalitions with other groups with whom we share certain specific agenda. The proponents of this idea say that it would provide us with a great opportunity to do outreach and to expand our numbers. In response to this, allow me to relate a few observations.

First of all, expanding our numbers should not be a goal in and of itself. Treating this as a goal is likely only to increase the number of people calling themselves Libertarians, not increase the number of *de facto* Libertarians. The net result of this would be to water down what Libertarianism is, which would in no way further the cause of Liberty. It was in fact Lenin who said that "quantity has a quality all its own," and he was hardly a model Libertarian.

Nevertheless, several Libertarian activists insist that we should build coalitions with groups with whom we might agree on a particular agenda. My question is: Is it worth our time, and what do we hope to achieve from it?

A case in point:

On the night of January 22, Tim Starr, Erica Merchant and I went to a rally in the Mission district that was ostensibly to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The idea was that since the Libertarians support the right of freedom of choice that we should be there and show our support for choice with the other pro-choice activists and groups. Unfortunately, I did not hear one idea worth our support.

The first clue I got was the sight of some dozen members of the Socialist Workers Party handing out their tabloid, "Help carry on the Marxist-Leninist revolution" they said. (For those who are members of L-WAC, this is contrary to the ideas of Libertarianism.) ACT-UP were there in numbers, particularly the overly Marxist Women's Caucus, as was WAC (another Marxist group) and Roots Against War, the group that turned last years Columbus Day Parade into a violent clash with the police.

All of the speakers made their agenda clear: Roe v. Wade was not enough; there can be no rest until every woman has free access to free health care and free abortions on demand. Doctors must be forced to give medical care to any woman who "needs" it. The trouble, according to one speaker, is all these doctors who charge \$1000 to clean your teeth and comb your hair (!) The government must not interfere with a woman's reproductive rights, including the right to demand that the government force medical professionals to provide their services free of charge. That no woman would be free until all of these things were brought about. (Which is to say that women will be free when all medical professionals are enslaved.)

Some of the speakers alluded to any person who disagreed with them as an enemy of the state and those enemies, "we must stop them, we must crush them, we must destroy them." (Certainly never "we must openly debate them so that people may evaluate their arguments against ours and choose objectively which is right.)

At one point, the police asked the organizers of the rally to meet with them so that they could coordinate the march route in order for the police to facilitate in the march by way of clearing traffic, blocking off streets, setting up traffic cops on intersections that the marchers would pass, etc. The police were offering to do this to keep everyone involved safe and make sure there were no marchers run over by errant drivers. This is standard operating procedure with marches of this sort. And, as is standard operating procedure with marches of this sort, they derided the cops as "fascist pigs" and told them to go away.

By this time I hit socialist saturation point. I went home.

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# THINKING, AT LAST!

**By Robert Rush**  
*Liberty Features*

The moralistic brain - dead imbeciles of the super right almost lost their dentures last week when it became known that a group of federal judges were refusing to try any more drug cases. The jurists finally came to the realization that we have been violating constitutional guarantees for too long with poor, if any, results. The same conclusion was reached about six months ago in California's ably conservative Orange County where a superior court judge sided with several of his peers in San Diego and said it is time to legalize the use of drugs. Why? Because what we are doing is not working. All the little old ladies in tennis shoes - and the denizens of TBN - went ballistic.

In 1971, a study concluded that heroin, the hard drug of choice at that time, had an impact on our economy of about a million dollars per pound. This was based on several facts. A typical case consists of about 100 milligrams of pure heroin. But one must factor in the cutting process which can reduce the purchased quantity by as much as 90 percent. This means instead of shooting a gelatin capsule full - as was the practice in the Fifties when the street doses were more potent and cheaper - the addict must inject a gram.

Not only does the addict get less

bang for his buck, he throws a whole lot of garbage into his body with it. Reduced quality and increased costs have added steels toward to feed their habit. The fences pay about ten cents on the dollar for the fruits of his larceny.

1971 was twenty - two years ago and already the situation was becoming economically out of control. Since then, the enormous amount of money to be made - all without taxes and most leaving the country - has changed the upper echelon players. The Mexicans started growing their own poppies and flooded the country with the "brown tar." But no, the biggest threat comes from the Chinese gangs who are spreading the pure Asian white at an alarming rate.

Considering the medical costs of treating older addicts and their diseases caused by the drug and added adulteration, plus all other resulting social problems, the impact on the economy from a pound of heroin is staggering. And, it comes in by the tons, not pounds.

Now here is the kicker. Pure heroin, if produced and distributed legally could be made available at about three bucks a day per addict. While I'm not advocating heroin use, I sure as hell see where the judges are coming from. Something has to change and it has to be done from a logical rather than

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# Let's put liberty on the radio airwaves!

As most of you know, talk radio is enjoying a huge renaissance. Millions of Americans tune into talk shows each day to participate, actively or passively, in lively discussions of current events. Unfortunately, there are very few overtly libertarian talk show hosts; Gene Burns is the most obvious exception. You can help change that. LP Founder Dave Nolan has declared his intention to become a talk show host, and his chances of getting on the air will be greatly enhanced if we can show some support. If you live in Southern California, please take a few minutes to write or call the talk show stations in Los Angeles and/or San Diego (whichever one you can receive in your area) and urge them to add Dave to their lineup. If possible, you should both call and write! Point out that libertarian ideas are gaining in popularity, (as shown by our rising vote totals and number of elected officeholders) and that as the LP's founder, Dave is uniquely qualified to present the libertarian perspective. You might also note that Dave is quick-witted, knowledgeable, and has a great voice! Here's who to contact: Los Angeles: David J. Hall, Program Director, KFI, 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles 90005. Phone 213 - 251 - 3126. FAX 213 - 251 - 3170. Diane Criddle, Program Director, KABC, 3321 S. La Cienega, Los Angeles 90016. Phone 310 - 840 - 4912. FAX 310 - 558 - 5689. San Diego: Kelly Wheeler, Program Director, KSDO, 5050 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego 92123. Phone 619 - 278 - 1130. FAX 619 - 285 - 4503. Bill Stairs, Program Director, KFMB, PO Box 85888, San Diego 92186. Phone 619 - 292 - 7600; FAX 619 - 279 - 7676.

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# BANISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?

## Debate against incorporates Libertarian thought

By Lester W. Mullen

The pro group argued that capital punishment is justified only for those who commit premeditated murder for some type of profit. They apparently concluded that crimes such as murder under the heat of passion, murder while insane, kidnapping, rape, treason, and drug-related crimes did not justify capital punishment. The pro group argued that an Erlich report showed that capital punishment was a deterrent to would-be murderers. This Erlich report, it was alleged, showed that seven to eight murders were avoided by the capital punishment of one accused and convicted murderer. The second argument of the pro group was that capital punishment was justified because society is morally obligated to extract retribution from those convicted of premeditated murder for profit. The bottom line of this argument was "pay back." The third main argument of the pro group was that the police favor the death penalty.

The con group argued that since capital punishment is irreversible, the U.S. should never apply capital punishment because the U.S. has an incompetent legal system. The con group argued that one out of 280 persons executed by the states was in fact, innocent of the crime. Katie used the Powell/Chance and Gary Nelson cases as examples of wrongful convictions. The second argument of the con group was that capital punishment should not be used because there are more effective and less costly alternatives. They identified a life sentence without parole and solitary confinement as alternatives. The final argument of the con group was that capital punishment should not be used by the state because the death penalty is applied to minorities (all other things being equal) far out of proportion to their population.

The pro group did not effectively challenge any of the con group arguments.

The argument that capital punishment is a deterrent to murderers was not supported by any direct or indirect evidence other than the Erlich report. The credibility of the Erlich report was challenged by both the

"To The Editor: I am a Libertarian Party member from Region 66 (L.A. and South Bay) and was our representative to the Platform Committee. This committee met recently just before our 1993 State Convention in Sunnyside. Although a death penalty/capital punishment plank to our State Platform was discussed, none was adopted by the committee.

"I have changed my position regarding capital punishment during the years to a solid position of opposing capital punishment. I

# A Brief, Tragical History of U.S. Military Intervention

With increased U.S. and ally involvement in Serbia and Somalia, state chair Kim Goldsworthy shares some pertinent information from the book *To Serve the Devil, Volume Two* by Paul Jacobs and Saul Landau.

Hearing before the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services. 87th Congress, 2nd Session, Monday, September 17, 1962.

On September 17, 1962, Secretary of State Dean Rusk presented a joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Armed Services with a list of American interventions abroad. He made the presentation to justify his request for passage of a resolution authorizing President Kennedy to use force against the Cuban revolution just prior to the "Missile Crisis" of October, 1962.

1853 - Nicaragua, March 11-13. To protect American lives and interests during political disturbances.

1854 - Nicaragua, July 9-15. San Juan del Norte (Greytown) was destroyed to avenge an insult to the American Minister to Nicaragua.

1856 - Panama, Republic of New Grenada, September 19-22. To protect American interests during an insurrection.

1857 - Nicaragua, April-May, November-December. To oppose William Walker's attempt to get control of the country. In May, Commander C. H. Davis of the United States Navy, with some marines, received Walker's surrender and protected his men from the retaliation of native allies who had been fighting Walker. In November and December of the same year United States vessels *Saratoga*, *Wabash*, and *Fulton* opposed another attempt of William Walker on Nicaragua. Commodore Hiram Paulding's act of landing marines and compelling the removal of Walker to the United States, was tacitly disavowed by Secretary of State Lewis Cass, and Paulding was forced into retirement.

1860 - Colombia, Bay of Panama, September 27 - October 8. To protect American interests during a revolution.

1865 - Panama, March 9 and 10. To protect the lives and property of American residents during a revolution.

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1911 - Honduras, January 26 and some weeks thereafter. To protect American lives and interests during a civil war in Honduras.

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1912 - Honduras. Small force landed to prevent seizure by the government of an American owned railroad at Puerto Cortez. Forces withdrawn after the United States disapproved the action.

1912 - Panama. Troops, on request of both political parties, supervised elections outside the Canal Zone.

1912-1925 - Nicaragua, August-November 1912. To protect American interests during an attempted revolution. A small force serving as a legion guard and as a promoter for peace and governmental stability, remained until August 5, 1925.

1918-1920 - Panama. For police duty according to treaty stipulations, at Chiriqui, during election disturbances and subsequent unrest.

1919 - Honduras, September 8-12. A landing force was sent ashore to maintain order in a neutral zone during an attempted revolution.

1920 - Guatemala, April 9-27. To protect the American Legation and other American interests, such as the cable station, during a period of fighting between Unionists and the government of Guatemala.

1921 - Panama-Costa Rica. American naval squadrons demonstrated in April on both sides of the Isthmus to prevent war between the two countries over a boundary dispute.

1924 - Honduras, February 28 - March 31, September 10-15. To protect American lives and interests during election hostilities.

1925 - Honduras, April 19-21. To protect foreigners at La Ceiba during a political upheaval.

1925 - Panama, October 12-23. Strikes and rent riots led to the landing of about 600 American troops to keep order and protect American interests.

1926-1933 - Nicaragua, May 7 - June 5, 1926; August 27, 1926 - January 3, 1933. To coup d'etat of General Chamorro aroused revolutionary activities leading to the landing of American marines to protect the interests of the United States. United States forces came and went, but seem not to have left the country entirely until January 3, 1933. Their work included activity against the outlaw leader Sandino in 1928.

# Be a Joiner!

## FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE CHAIR



By Kim Goldsworthy

The column is number three in our Helpful Hint Series. Column One was on the telephone numbers of importance to the active Libertarian. Column Two was on the basics of running a county political party. Today, we'll discuss the organizations that you, the active Libertarian, should know about, should join, or learn from.

According to the old story, there was once an old - labor movement leader who, on his deathbed, said these last few words to his family and friends: "Don't weep for me . . . Organize, organize!"

Ask yourself "What organizations should I join, to become a well - rounded Libertarian activist?" There are many organizations, both Libertarian and non - Libertarian, ready and willing to teach what you need to know. The first, and most important answer to this question is - Toastmasters.

other market - niche demand that the government could not fill?)

There are two national parliamentary organizations: The American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP), P.O. Box 12452, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46863; the bigger, older group is the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), 6601 Winchester Avenue, Suite 260, Kansas City, Missouri, 94133. What is the difference between the two? The NAP requires a written test to join, whereas the AIP will allow you to join right now. Another difference is their study emphasis - The AIP studies modern parliamentary authorities and modern practices (yet emphasizing Robert's), whereas the NAP believes in one man and one book as an authority - Gordon Robert and his Rules of Order - Period. As a Libertarian, I recommend the free - thinking AIP. Write and ask for the chapter nearest you.

We've mentioned two self - improvement organizations. Let's assume you have honed your public speaking skills via Toastmasters, and fine - tuned your gavel - rapping skills thanks to AIP. Now you need advice on how to apply your skills of communication and persuasion to the general public. Now you want to go into the real world and "sell" Libertarianism. Who do you call? Ghostbusters?

Founded in Santa Ana, California sixty years ago, Toastmasters International is no doubt the premier self - improvement organization. Most people join Toastmasters to learn how to overcome nervousness when speaking in front of a group. Their well - organized manuals are sub - divided into "projects" that together comprise a sincere, polished, professional oral presentation - The Opening, Outlining, Eye Contact, Gestures, Visual Aids, The Close, etc. I tell you, Toastmaster is more organized than an ant colony. There is training for new officers, semi - annual conferences, speech contests, and lots of support for every aspect of communication. It is here where you will learn the right way of behaving around a lectern. (An inside tidbit that all Toastmasters learn quickly is that a "lectern" is not a "podium.") You may visit a local Toastmasters club free. Write P.O. Box 9052, Mission Viejo, CA 92690, and give them your zip code for a list of clubs in your area. Most White Pages list a local contact.

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The specialty of the Advocates for Self - Government is persuasion skills, all focused on presenting the Libertarian philosophy in the best possible light. You will learn things like: How do you get a prospect's attention? How do you avoid turning off a potential prospect? How can a prospect be turned from negative to open - minded, from open - minded to positive? What can you do that will convince the average concerned citizen that (fill in the blank with a Libertarian viewpoint) is the better solution than president Clinton's? Or City Hall's?

The Libertarian Party nationwide owes much gratitude to the innovation, experimentation, and old fashioned hard work of these men.

An organization that changed my life, besides Toastmasters, is my parliamentary procedure study group. I never would have considered running for state chair if I had not received training in Robert's Rules of Order.

An explanation may be in order: Parliamentary procedure, or parliamentary procedure, is the name given to the rules of democracy, or in modern language "how to run a meeting democratically." Army general Henry M. Robert published his *Rules of Order* in 1876, and his handbook quickly became the most popular reference book in the United States on the subject. Before then, there was no concise handbook for popular use. (An-

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emotional perspective. Incidentally, while heroin is the example I chose to use, the same basic economic dynamics are involved in all illegally obtained drugs except those obtained through forged prescriptions.

Pot used to sell for ten bucks an ounce. It was like that for thirty years. Then suddenly came space cadet started designer species and pretty soon it was a C - note. Now, only the users and purveyors know what this particular libation does to your wallet, but I'm willing to bet it ain't

ten bucks a can.

Where does the constitution figure in? We are guaranteed the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And, the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizure. My feelings are the framers of that venerable document would be turning over in their graves at the prospect of not only our possessions being searched, but our circulatory systems as well. This Orwellian approach has failed, as the judges have concluded.

The proper thing is to not worry

# A Most Humble Apology

In the March issue of the *Liberty Bell*, we ran a satirical piece on Bill Clinton's proposed cabinet. For the Department of Health, we inserted the name OF DR. TIMOTHY LEARY. To our chagrin, it has been pointed out to us that the good doctor is in fact a Libertarian, dedicated to the notions of personal freedoms for everyone. We humbly offer our apology and state that we feel Dr. Leary would make a far superior choice to anyone now currently serving in Mr. Clinton's cabinet!

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# Senate encourages honesty in lawmaking

By David Kline  
Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO (CAPITOL) - The state Senate has adopted new law writing rules that will make it easier for Californians to see what elected legislators are up to in the upper house.

On April 15, the Senate approved SR 10, by Sen. Leroy Greene, D-Sacramento, and Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, D-Van Nuys, which requires all legislation considered in the 40 - member house to be signed by the author. It also requires that bills which have been dramatically altered by amendments must go through a Senate policy committee before proceeding to a floor vote.

The very fact that a rule amendment had to be passed to get lawmakers to sign their work shows the sorry state that the Legislature is in. Still, the new rule is a step forward.

In the past, legislators have written or amended legislation during the wee hours of the legislative session, and have purposely left their name off the top. The reason? They don't want the legislation, which is often full of pork for special home-town projects, to be traced easily.

SR 10's provision requiring a policy committee hearing before a Senate floor vote is taken is intended to stop the practice of "low-balling" bills by substituting the original text with new, often controversial subject matter. The amended version of a gutted bill carries the same bill number, but is otherwise unrecognizable, and can be hurriedly swept to the Senate floor.

This mystery legislation usually appears in June, during the budget battle, when the increased attention focused on the state's spending plan makes it easier to sneak special-interest legislation by fatigued legislators and the media.

As legislators rush to get a budget bill and other legislation to the governor's desk before deadline, they often fail to debate or even read the bills they vote on. Then, months later, they sometimes discover they have unintentionally created a new law to give huge, specific tax breaks to the Acme Widget Factory.

Greene's resolution will help make legislators more accountable for their actions. Legislation will be more fully aired in committee, and it will leave trackable footprints.

The Assembly has not taken action to keep up with the Senate, as is typical of the seemingly reform-proof lower body. However, SR 10 applies to all legislation considered in the Senate, meaning Assembly bills, too, will eventually need an author's name and will be referred to a new committee if heavily amended.

But before awarding Greene and Roberti with awards of legislative valor, consider that SR 10 applies only to the 1993-94 session. While Greene has indicated that he will try to extend the new rule - and although SR 10 passed the Senate on a 36-0 vote - it would be much more reassuring if it were cast in stone now.

As it stands, the new rules may frustrate some powerful lawmakers, who could then ensure that the restrictions are not resurrected for the next session. But for the time being, Californians have been given a sign that some lawmakers are concerned with improving the integrity of the legislative process.

**Training Session for LPC Region Officers Set for Saturdays in June**

The Libertarian Party of California will hold training sessions in northern and southern California for county / region chairs, vice - chairs, treasurers, and newsletter editors. Overseeing the sessions will be the party's vice - chairs, George O'Brien of San Francisco County and Gail Lightfoot of Los Angeles County. The dates set are both Saturdays, June 5 in the city of San Francisco, June 19 at yet to be determined location in Los Angeles County. At press time the hours and the agenda have not been set, but will probably be a four hour afternoon session, where the first hour will cover newsletters and postage considerations, the second hour will cover treasurer's duties and monetary considerations, and the third and fourth hour will cover the things a chair needs to know or to do successfully to run a county - wide political party.

Those interested in attending should contact their respective vice - chair to reserve a seat for each officer planning to attend. Party officers' phone numbers and addresses are published each month on the back page of the *Liberty Bell*.

According to state party chairman Kim Goldsworthy, each county who sends a representative will receive a "county start - up kit" containing the current bylaws and platforms of the Libertarian Party, both California and national, a media list, and a floppy disc of the registered Libertarians in their county, besides the hand - outs from the instructors.

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Need translators or finished translations (Spanish, Vietnamese, Japanese, Armenian, etc.) of Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, LP Statement of Principles, etc.  
If you have such, or if you can volunteer to translate, contact LPC chair Kim Goldsworthy. See back page for address/phone.

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**What we can do as Libertarians**

Southern vice - chair GAIL LIGHTFOOT offers practical advice on furthering the cause of Libertarianism in our state and local communities

Libertarian activists in Southern California have met twice to field ideas about the Party's goals, objectives and overall mission. A number of ideas were advanced at both meetings by members of all levels of activism.

Listed here are just some of the ideas related to things that the Party or the members could do to promote the Party. The goals of the meetings are to collect as many ideas and proposals as possible for internal discussion and sharing. We are looking for input from all members of the Libertarian Party rather than just a few devoted activists. Committees will be formed to perfect methods to achieve specific goals according to the internal level.

Another meeting is planned for May 16, 1993 in Los Angeles. Members who wish to attend may call the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County Chapter, Ted Brown at (818) 568 - 8404.

Readers are invited to study this list and pick the fifteen most important items according to their own perspective. Additional ideas or methods of accomplishing any of these or other ideas are also welcomed. Send your comments to Richard Boddie at P.O. Box 2706, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 or Gail Lightfoot at P.O. Box 3201, San Dimas, CA 91773.

Summary of Ideas for the LPC 1993

- Outreach to 70/70's
- Keep our principles
- Be more effective with media, etc.
- Have demonstrations, get "into the streets"
- Develop a strategy to influence other parties
- Concentrate on getting more members
- Develop a six month and 12 - month plan
- Contact all registered Libertarians regularly
- Develop a more practical approach to outreach
- Find a way to reach young people
- Run better organized campaigns
- Specific plan to recruit, train, and support candidates
- Encourage cooperative efforts and more communication
- Less inward and more outward focus by LP
- More activities
- More real world activities
- Deal with people more than concepts
- More people are accepting our concepts, and we have to deal with these new people
- Stop saying "let the other guy do it"
- Lot of chiefs (analysts), not enough Indians
- Determine that we are going to do it even if no one else will
- Get smart about money
- Raise more money
- Focus better
- Assist members to face frustration/disappointment
- Avoid a possible chism
- Develop a long term vision with short term goals
- Change to macro approach
- Take advantage of the increased numbers of new members with new ideas
- Don't perceive ourselves as "victims" (both citizens and Libertarians)
- Teach what can be done
- Shift away from the critical/negative toward the positive
- Bring back the burned out ex - members out there (we all know some)
- Don't run away from the unpopular issues
- Operate realistically
- Dovelot our message to reach everyone
- Do our part to open the debate
- We defuse the scapegoats or identify the real one
- Deal effectively with independent candidates who detract from our message
- Primary versus Convention nominations should be debated
- Organize better at grass roots level
- Provide a better definition of how we differ from the two parties
- Mechanism for putting members to work
- Hire professionals - starting with fund - raising
- Learn how to motivate at grass roots
- Get together with other people and educate them - sell our ideas to the constitutionalists
- Act to protect ourselves from takeover and dilution
- Define ourselves as warm and caring by volunteering
- Join local chambers
- Join Toastmasters
- Have a speaker's bureau
- Talk to groups
- Point out the time bombs facing our society (social security, prison population, debt)
- Challenge the fact that these acts are not presented and debated
- Use referendum and the courts to help fight existing bad laws (seat belt)
- Use technology - use our members expertise to build a technological advantage and communicating edge over the competition by using computers to do targeted mailing, etc.
- Develop rapport with RAP's and Pac's
- Raise visibility by focusing on local problems - helping candidates - showing up to testify, etc., grass roots activity
- We have members who are furd - raising experts, elected officials, competent volunteers . . . the key is to find and use these members
- We need a concrete mission
- Most of this takes money - we all have to do more
- Select and support winnable local races
- Solicit registered Libertarians for memberships, funds and activism
- Growth
- Put phone numbers in *Letters to the Editor*
- Reform our government and political process
- We need a specific detailed plan on how we can accomplish our goals
- Maybe we need the current platform plus a "Platform" that spells out what we intend to do now
- We should reread and re - think Ringer's proposals as to what we can do now
- Make the number one issue of 1994 "Repeat the War On Drugs"
- This is a condensed version of the many ideas of the why and how to respond to 1993's political climate mentioned in the initial meeting in January, 1993. Please respond if you have something to say on these or any other issues.

# Some helpful hints regarding upcoming political campaigns

A monograph of five pages regarding what every new candidate should know is in a "candidate cookbook" authored in 1990 by Kim Goldsworthy.

Besides the above tangible things, candidates said also that the party ought to assume responsibility for certain projects:

- Manage the LP image (establish and promote a positive message statewide)
- Maintain the databases (of registered libertarians, of voters, among others)
- Manage signature collection teams (so that whoever collects signatures in one city will carry the petitions of all candidates whose district includes that city).
- There were more "do's" than "don'ts" regarding advice from the candidates themselves. The ideas that got more than one endorsement included:
  - Get a beeper. More than one speaking opportunity was lost due to getting the message too late in the day
  - Take all questionnaires seriously
  - You may be quoted word for word, in print.
  - Don't "sling mud" in person. It sounds like loser-talk. Instead, tell a reporter juicy tidbits about your opponent to get the news out without appearing like a negative campaigner.
  - Pool resources. Have a common campaign headquarters for all local candidates. Don't "run alone"
  - Dress to impress. Make a serious visual impression to your audience.
  - Survey voters now to find out why they voted as they did. Walk your precinct, or two.
  - Focus on end results, not libertarian theory. For example, promise a 30% increase in take-home pay, instead of suggesting "Abolish the IRS!", and vow an 8.25% reduction in price of all manufactured goods, instead of blaring "Repeat the sales tax!", etc.

"To run effectively in 1994, our candidates need standardized brochures, press kits, and canned responses to common questions", reports Kim Goldsworthy, who conducted a post-election meeting of Los Angeles county-wide LP candidates Saturday November 21 in Pasadena. Eleven candidates and five observers attended this debriefing to report on how they campaigned. The goal of their collective wisdom was to answer the question "What should our candidates do, or not do, in 1994?" and "What can the party organization do to help its candidates?"

In answer to "What can the party organization do?", the candidates suggested:

- Signs (yard signs and posters that say "Vote Libertarian")
- A standardized brochure (ready to plug in picture and name of candidate)
- Press kits/media guides (for newspapers, including photo and bio)
- Storefront campaign headquarters (for visibility, and a place to meet, for phoning, and to pool common office equipment)
- Generic advertising (radio primarily, to plug in "paid for by")
- Orientation kit (so new candidates know what steps to take)
- Answers to the recurring questions that reporters ask all candidates ("Why are you running? Do you expect to win? Why should the average citizen vote for you?")
- Some of the items mentioned are already in existence. In 1986 generic radio spots were sponsored by the Libertarian Party National Committee via Bruce Daniel of Placer County.
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