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LP meets with Congressman on impeachment resolution

Congressman Bob Barr applauds party's impeachment call; asks for support for his House impeachment inquiry resolution

The Libertarian Party took the first step to turn its Clinton impeachment resolution into legislative reality when party leaders met with one of Capitol Hill's leading pro-impeachment Congressmen.

On August 7, LP National Director Ron Crickenberger and Director of Communications Bill Winter had a personal meeting with Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA) to discuss his House Resolution 304, which calls for a formal inquiry by Congress to determine if grounds exist for the

impeachment of President Bill Clinton.

The Libertarians also used the opportunity to discuss other matters of interest to LP members — including legislation to block federally mandated national ID cards and a bill to overturn Clinton's federal power grab, Executive Order 13083.

The meeting came about after Barr issued a press release on July 17 praising the Libertarian Party's demand that Articles of Impeachment be filed against Clinton and Gore for "violation

of their oath of office, specifically their failure to uphold and defend the United States Constitution."

Barr also wrote a letter to Libertarian Party headquarters to express his appreciation that the party had addressed "the extensive evidence of misconduct and disregard for our Constitution" by President Clinton.

"The principled stand you have taken on impeachment reflects an understanding of, and appreciation for, our Constitution — its genesis, its terms, its use over the decades, and its relevance to modern-day government in our country," wrote Barr. "Your decision, I am certain, was based not on polls or politics, but on the fundamental and sound principles of our Constitution."

Barr had learned about the LP's impeachment resolution — which was passed overwhelmingly by voice vote on July 5 by delegates at the Libertarian National Convention in Washington, DC — from a press release the party issued.

Very surprised

"I was at first very surprised that Barr would praise our press release with one of his own," said Crickenberger after the meeting. "But he's wisely trying to build the perception that the call for an impeachment resolution is not strictly a partisan Republican issue."

The meeting took place just 10 days before Clinton was scheduled to testify before a grand jury about his sexual relationship with a White House intern and to answer charges of perjury. The outcome of that hearing, which occurred after LP News went to press, could play a

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■ LP National Director Ron Crickenberger (right) shakes hands with U.S. Representative Bob Barr (R-GA), following a meeting to discuss impeachment and national ID cards.

Asset forfeiture ruling is big win for LP lawyer

NJ Supreme Court upholds right to trial by jury

A Libertarian lawyer has struck a major blow against asset forfeiture, thanks to a New Jersey Supreme Court ruling last month declaring that the state government cannot seize personal property without a jury trial.

LP member Elizabeth Macron was the winning attorney in a closely watched case that pitted New Jersey prosecutors against an elderly woman whose automobile was seized after her son used it to transport drugs in 1995.

On July 15, the state Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the seizure was unconstitutional because the owner of the car, Lois McDermott, was denied her right to a jury trial.

The ruling is "a Libertarian victory for private property affecting every American [and] a



■ Elizabeth Macron: Responsible for a "Libertarian victory for private property affecting every American."

big boost for freedom in New Jersey," said Janice Presser, State Chair of the N.J. Libertarian Party. "I'd like to be president someday, just to have the honor

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McWilliams is arrested for 'trying to save lives'

Medical marijuana activist and LP member Peter McWilliams has been arrested in California on drug charges — proving that the federal government is "determined to wage its War on Drugs, even if it means putting sick people in jail," charged the Libertarian Party.

"Peter McWilliams is the latest victim in the federal government's campaign to arrest and discredit advocates of medical marijuana," said LP National Director Ron Crickenberger.

Medical marijuana

McWilliams, a #1 bestselling author who joined the LP at the National Convention, was one of nine people charged with a conspiracy to grow marijuana plants, which McWilliams said he planned to distribute to sick people under that state's medical marijuana law.

The indictment alleged that marijuana was grown at four locations in Los Angeles County, and that McWilliams had provided the funds for the operation. McWilliams allegedly tried

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Libertarian Quakers form new caucus

If you are a Libertarian and a Quaker, then the Friendly Liberator Caucus (FLC) wants to hear from you.

Founded at the Libertarian National Convention in July, the FLC is designed to "develop the means to communicate libertarian values to the Friend's community, and, where appropriate, infuse the LP with Friendly values," said Gary Reams, the State Chair of the Virginia LP and newly elected leader of the caucus.

The FLC was inspired, said Reams, by the fact that Quakers — a small religious group that is also known as "The Society of Friends" — seem to be disproportionately represented in the Libertarian Party, and vice versa.

In fact, LP member and Quaker Philip Hodson "claims that libertarians in the Quaker community are probably in the range of 20 to 200 times that in the general population," said Reams.

Why the mutual appeal? "Historically, Quakers have been early adopters in their stands against slavery and war, and for women's rights," said Reams. "Many are pacifists and eschew force and aggression. However, they tend to work together, voluntarily [and] collectively, very well."

The FLC has about a dozen members now, said Reams, and is looking for more. If interested, contact the Friendly (Quaker) Libertarian Caucus via e-mail at: freeamerica@erols.com. Mail: F.L.C., 7221 Ridgeway Drive, Manassas VA 20112.

Libertarian college newspaper is available

The Restoration — the country's only nationally circulated college libertarian newspaper — is beginning its second year of publication, and is available for libertarian student groups to distribute during the coming school year.

Found on over 80 campuses from Berkeley to Princeton, *The Restoration* "informs students on the libertarian perspective" with liberty-oriented news articles and commentary, said publisher Josh Mercer.

As an outreach and educational tool, the newspaper has won praise from numerous leading libertarian figures.

Professor Walter Williams called it "a wonderful introduction to liberty. Its clarity and readability make it a top-notch student publication." And Jacob G. Hornberger, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation, described it as "a breath of fresh libertarian air in the college world."

The newspaper is edited, produced, and printed by a student staff at Hillsdale College in Michigan, with contributions accepted from students from around the country.

Then, "the papers are mailed in bulk to campus distributors, who bring copies to campus meetings or place them at coffeeshops, libraries, and other campus locations," said Mercer.

The Restoration, a non-partisan and non-profit newspaper, prints seven issues yearly. Non-student subscriptions cost \$20.

Interested subscribers — and students who wish to distribute or write — can e-mail: TheRestoration@hotmail.com. Or mail: Josh Mercer, PO Box 911, Hillsdale MI 49242.

Mid-Atlantic Libertarians form MAC

Libertarian Party activists and leaders in five states have formed MAC — the Midatlantic Activists Coalition — an "informal coalition" they say will help them share strategies and plan joint projects.

Comprised of LP activists from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, the group will "bring activists together to share strategy and initiatives, and to support each other's activities," said Janice Presser, the State Chair of the New Jersey LP and new president of MAC.

"There is nothing to join. It's an informal coalition," she said. "Anyone (in or out of the region) can get on the e-mail list and come to activities" — including the first regional strategy meeting/beach party, planned for September 26 in Atlantic City.

"It's an experiment in regional cooperation," said Presser. "We are still state parties but hope this will provide us with synergistic energy. The goal is to do local work more effectively."

For information, contact Presser at jpresser@netaxs.com.

Party discusses impeachment strategy with GA Congressman

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major role in determining whether impeachment charges are filed against the president.

But that issue never came up in the meeting, said Crickenberger, because the Libertarian impeachment resolution had "nothing to do with the ongoing investigation of President Clinton by Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr."

Instead, he said, the meeting focused on violations of the Constitution that have been perpetrated by President Clinton and Vice President Gore during the time they have been in office — including attacks on privacy rights, free speech, the right to keep and bear arms, and disregard for the Tenth Amendment.

"Barr supports an impeachment for the same reason as Libertarians — not because of Clinton's personal scandals, but because of his abuse of power and crimes against the Constitution," said Crickenberger.

In the meeting, Crickenberger promised that the LP would help publicize Barr's impeachment inquiry resolution, H.R. 304, which is co-sponsored by Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX).

Barr, a two-term member of Congress, serves on the Judiciary Committee, the starting point for any impeachment action.

In exchange for that support, Barr promised to include Libertarians in his campaign to block implementation of a na-

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tional ID card, which was mandated in the form of a biometric driver's license.

"We are going to be organizing a lobbying campaign among our members for repeal of the national ID card provisions of several bills, and to secure co-sponsors for Barr's impeachment resolution," said Crickenberger.

Strange bedfellows

"I'm looking forward to working with Barr and other groups who are opposed to a national ID card," he said. "This is truly an issue that produces strange political bedfellows, and we'll be working with groups as diverse as the ACLU and the Christian Coalition."

Crickenberger said the party was happy to work with the Congressman on freedom issues of mutual interest, despite the fact that Barr is a staunch supporter of the War on Drugs and has taken decidedly un-libertarian

How you can help HR 304

If you think that Congress should consider an inquiry into the possible impeachment of President Clinton, contact your U.S. Representative and urge him or her to become a co-sponsor of Rep. Barr's House Resolution 304.

Call the Congressional switchboard at (202) 225-3121 or (202) 224-3121 and ask for the offices of your Congressperson.

Or write to: Your U.S. Representative, c/o U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 20515.

Ask them to co-sponsor HR 304. Make it clear that your support for this resolution is based on Clinton's violations of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

positions on several other issues.

"While he is certainly not a libertarian, Barr is one of the strongest voices in the house on a number of freedom issues," said Crickenberger. "Politics is often about coalition building around individual issues, which means we will sometimes be aligned with conservatives or liberals with whom we have only a few areas of agreement."

Ballot access amendments shot down in U.S. House

The U.S. House of Representatives finally considered Congressman Ron Paul's (R-TX) pair of ballot access reform bills — but shot them down decisively on July 30.

However, the lopsided defeat of HR 2477 (the Voter Freedom Act) and HR 2478 (the Debate Freedom Act) — which were introduced as "perfecting amendments" to the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill — does not mean that there's no hope for reforming ballot access laws, said Mike Sullivan, Paul's press secretary.

"The Congressman was pleased by the fact that we were even able to have a debate and vote," he said. "We're viewing it as a big victory."

The House defeated the amendment version of HR 2477 by a vote of 62-363, and HR 2478 by a vote of 88-337.

But Libertarians should remember that those votes don't necessarily reflect the true level of support for ballot access reform, said LP National Director Ron Crickenberger.

"Because these bills were introduced as amendments to the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill, many of those votes had nothing to do with the merits of Paul's proposals," he said. "HR 2477 and HR 2478 were seen as poison pill amendments to stop Shays-Meehan, and many 'no' votes for ballot access were simply 'yes' votes for the primary campaign finance reform bill."

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Minnesota State Rep. becomes LP member

But state legislator Tom Workman plans to keep his Republican Party affiliation

A GOP State Representative in Minnesota has joined the Libertarian Party — becoming what he calls a “Libertarian-Republican.”

Tom Workman, elected to the Minnesota House from Chanhassen, is using the hyphenated label because he is also maintaining his Republican registration, and is seeking his fourth House term as a Republican.

On July 28, Workman announced via press release that he had become a dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party — drawing immediate cheers from state LP leaders for his half-step towards liberty.

“We’ve been talking about it for a while. I’m glad he’s now done it,” said State Chair Charles Test. “I am pleased to welcome Tom into the fold of freedom.”

In his announcement, Workman said he joined the LP to rec-

ognize their “long history of mutual respect,” and because he agrees with Libertarians on so many issues.

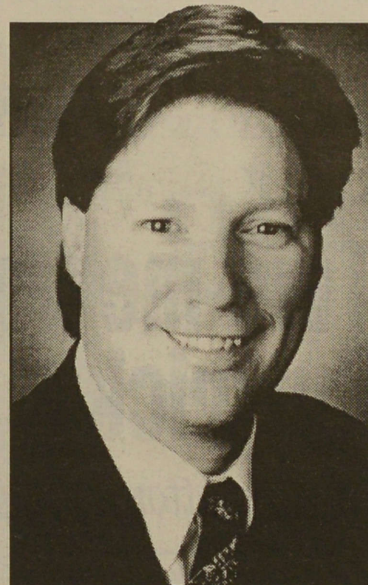
“I’ve joined the Libertarian Party,” he said. “I still consider myself a Republican, but a Libertarian-Republican. I am fiscally conservative and socially tolerant like Libertarians.”

Legislative friend

Now that Workman is an LP member, Test said the state party expects to work with him on political issues — and considers him a “friend” in the legislature.

“He wants to see if he can function as a Republican doing Libertarian things,” said Test. “He’s our friend, and [we] will be asking for help in advancing the Minnesota LP’s agenda at the Legislature.”

Test also said that Workman might someday quit the GOP —



■ State Rep. Tom Workman: “I am fiscally conservative and socially tolerant like Libertarians.”

and become just a Libertarian.

“I think it’s possible [he would resign from the GOP], if we can get Libertarians elected to the Minnesota Legislature so that he isn’t so lonely,” he said.

After Workman’s announcement became public, the legislator rebutted charges from state GOP leaders that he had joined a “fringe” political movement.

“It’s not like I became a Democrat, for crying out loud,” said Workman.

Registration victory for Oklahoma party

Libertarians in Oklahoma have finally won the right to register as Libertarians, thanks to a District Court decision on July 17.

The ruling — which will allow Libertarians to register even though the Party is not officially recognized by the state, and requires the state government to keep track of such voters — “is a landmark occasion in Oklahoma election law,” said LP State Chair Michael Clem.

Legally, the decision is significant because “it is only the second time a lawsuit on this issue has won — and the last [registration victory] was 14 years ago,” said Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News*.

Now, “the party will be able to learn who the registered Libertarians are, and what their address is, so as to be able to invite them to party meetings and ask them to become dues-paying members,” said Winger.

In his ruling, Judge Wayne Alley cited First and Fourteenth

THE DECISION
“is a landmark occasion in Oklahoma election law.”

Amendment rights, and referred to the “longevity and base of support that the Libertarian Party has achieved and maintained in Oklahoma.”

Set a date

The judge will now consider proposals to implement “non-recognized” party registration, and will then set a date for the new registration rules to begin.

Libertarian lawyer Jim Linger had filed the lawsuit against the Oklahoma State Election Board in mid-1997 after Libertarians

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Medical marijuana activist Peter McWilliams arrested

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to sell some of the plants to the Los Angeles Cannabis Buyer’s Club, which has distributed medical marijuana since 1996.

McWilliams entered a not guilty plea, and was held in prison for at least three weeks while trying to raise a \$250,000 bail. If convicted, he faces a 10-year jail sentence.

At the arraignment, his attorney Harland Braun said McWilliams is not a criminal.

“The government is trying to make medicinal use of marijuana a criminal conspiracy,” said Braun. “You might not like what [McWilliams is] doing, but he’s doing what he believes is right.”

Not guilty

McWilliams also said he was not guilty of the charges.

“I have never sold a drug in my life. I have never asked or authorized anyone to sell a drug. I have never profited from any drug deal, ever,” he said.

At press time, McWilliams was expected to be released on bail sometime during the week of August 17-21.

McWilliams — whose book, *Ain’t Nobody’s Business If You Do*, blasts “consensual crime” laws as immoral, destructive, and a



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waste of law enforcement resources — is a long-time, high-profile advocate of the benefits of medical marijuana.

Just 19 days before his arrest, McWilliams blasted the federal government’s vendetta against medical marijuana at the Libertarian National Convention.

In the speech, broadcast na-

tionwide on C-SPAN, he said, “Marijuana is the finest anti-nausea medication known to science, and our leaders have lied about this consistently. Medical marijuana is the most hideous example of government interference in the private lives of individuals. It’s an outrage within an outrage within an outrage.”

Seven months before that, his home was raided by Drug Enforcement Agency agents, who seized his computer and a book-in-progress about medical marijuana, *A Question of Compassion: An AIDS Cancer Patient Explores Medical Marijuana*. His plight was subsequently detailed on the John Stossel television special, “Sex, Drugs, and Consenting Adults.”

McWilliams’ passion on the medical marijuana issue comes, in part, from his own life: A victim of both non-Hodgkins lymphoma and AIDS, he uses the drug to combat the nausea caused by his life-saving medical treatments.

Save his own life

“Tragically, McWilliams already suffers from two potentially fatal diseases. Now he suffers from a cruel government that arrests him for trying to save his own life, and the lives of other sick people,” said Crickenberger. “Given McWilliams’ courageous opposition to the federal government’s efforts to attack, imprison, and discredit anyone who suggests that there are medical benefits to marijuana, it’s not surprising that he’s been singled out for prosecution.”

How you can help McWilliams

Peter McWilliams’ defense is expected to cost upwards of \$500,000. To contribute to his bail/defense fund, make checks payable to: Rosenberg & Koffman, Client Trust Account. Mail to: Peter McWilliams Bail Fund, 11620 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340, Los Angeles CA 90025. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Medical marijuana is legal in California, thanks to Proposition 215, which voters passed in November 1996. The law decriminalized marijuana when used to treat medical conditions, but was immediately attacked by the Clinton Administration, which threatened to prosecute doctors who prescribe the drug and arrest medical marijuana users.

Peter McWilliams, 48, is the owner of Prelude Press and a multi-million-copy-selling author of *How to Survive the Loss of a Love*; *The Personal Computer Book*; *DO IT! Let’s Get Off Our Buts* (with co-author John-Roger, a #1 bestseller); and *Portraits*.

POLITICAL NEWS

(Almost) equal opportunity vote-getters

Who says Libertarian candidates draw far more votes from Republicans than Democrats? According to figures released by one county in California, LP candidates in the state's recent "blanket primary" won just slightly more votes from registered Republicans than Democrats.

After the California primary on June 2 — where every candidate was listed on one "unified" ballot, and residents could vote regardless of party affiliation — San Bernardino County analyzed the vote patterns for the state's smaller parties.

The results: LP candidates received votes, on average, from 1.40% of registered Republicans and 1.22% of Democrats. By contrast, 3.47% of registered independents voted Libertarian.

"The numbers are interesting," said LP National Director Ron Crickenberger. "First, the relatively small difference between the support we get from Republicans and Democrats shows that our candidates can stress positions that appeal to *both* conservatives and liberals. And second, the numbers show that our biggest market may be independent voters — who seem to be most willing to choose alternatives to the two older parties."

Oregon candidate campaigns for debates

Richard Burke, the LP candidate for governor in Oregon, has been invited to participate in at least two public debates with his "major party" rivals — and is fighting to be included in several others.

In July, Burke was contacted by Eugene City Club and the League of Women Voters, "inviting us to the debate as an equal participant," he said. "We were the only third-party candidate invited, though there are six recognized minor parties [in Oregon]."

But Democrat John Kitzhaber and Republican Bill Sizemore seem to be maneuvering to keep him out of similar debates in Portland, Bend, and Salem, said Burke.

However, "the press is picking up the battle to get us in and the local membership has been getting active," he said. "We still think we can get into [the other debates]."

Burke said his campaign is already polling at close to 5%, thanks to an ambitious touring schedule around the state.

"We have visited 31 Oregon cities so far — more than any other gubernatorial candidate — and we have generated a fantastic amount of positive press," he said.

Burke is a computer consultant and an elected member of the Sunset High School Local Advisory Committee.



■ **Richard Burke:** "A fantastic amount of positive press."

Ballot access sympathy from Libertarians

The Reform Party of Texas has received some public sympathy from an unlikely source: The Libertarian Party, one of its political rivals.

After the Reform Party fell far short in its efforts to collect enough petition signatures to get on the ballot in Texas — the home state of its billionaire founder, Ross Perot — Libertarians spoke out against the ballot access rules that discriminate against *all* third parties.

"I'm sorry they didn't make it [onto the ballot]. They have as much right as anyone to be on the ballot," said Gary Johnson, Texas LP member and past secretary of the National LP. "The signature requirement is deliberately designed to keep third parties off the ballot."

In early June, Reform Party officials admitted they had collected less than half the 45,000 signatures needed to get their Congressional and statewide candidates on the ballot this year. Political pundits called it an "embarrassing political setback" for Perot's fledgling party.

By contrast, the Libertarian Party of Texas has candidates on the ballot in 29 of that state's 30 Congressional districts for the 1998 election — more candidates than either the Republicans or Democrats are running.

CAMPAIGN 98 REPORT

Two-member district doubles Buttrick's chances in Rep. race

Arizona attorney hopes to capitalize on "remarkable situation"

By Ron Crickenberger
LP National Director

Libertarian activists began extensive planning for John Buttrick's campaign for the Arizona House of Representatives more than a year ago, even before Buttrick knew that he would be a candidate.

Rather than diluting their limited resources and volunteer efforts across dozens of races this year, Arizona LP leaders decided to concentrate on a single State Representative race.

They looked for a district with evenly divided Republican and Democratic registrations and a large Independent voter pool. They selected District 25, located in Central Phoenix, which elected an openly gay Democratic liberal and a socially conservative pro-life Republican in the same election in 1994.

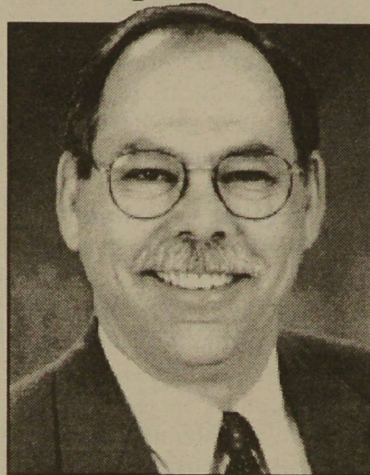
It's also a multi-member district; which means that each voter can cast two votes for State Representative, with the top two vote-getters taking seats in the 60-member House of Representatives.

Fortunately, that district contained one of the Arizona LP's most experienced and articulate candidates — John Buttrick.

55,000 votes

A Phoenix-based attorney, Buttrick is well known in Arizona as the Libertarian candidate for governor in 1994, a race in which he garnered some 55,000 votes. He also has solid Libertarian credentials: He's an At-Large member of the Libertarian National Committee and was Chair of the 1998 Platform Committee.

Buttrick's campaign got a boost in July when the Republicans decided to run just one candidate for the two seats, leaving many Republicans in the district



■ **John Buttrick:** "We [must] learn to pick the right races and execute properly"

wondering what to do with their second vote.

"This is truly a remarkable situation," said campaign manager Rick Tompkins. "In a district where the combined total of Republicans and Independents significantly exceeds the Democrats, this move by the Republicans creates a wide-open race and an unprecedented opportunity for John."

The Buttrick campaign is looking forward to using tactics not widely employed in local Libertarian efforts.

"We are going to send repeated targeted mass mailings to the high efficacy voters with messages tailored to the issues of

interest to each sub-group," said Buttrick. "In addition we have identified three specific Libertarian wedge issues — private school tax credits, elimination of the state income tax, and decriminalization of medical marijuana — that we feel have wide-spread support."

More volunteers

The campaign has already attracted more volunteers and raised more money than any Arizona Libertarian legislative race in history. As of June, Buttrick had outpaced both incumbents in fundraising and was highly visible with 50 eight- by four-foot signs erected throughout the district. Fifty more signs are slated to go up in September and October.

"This effort will not be easy," acknowledged Buttrick. "But we will never start electing people unless we learn to pick the right races and execute properly. To have a chance of winning, we must outspend our opponents because we have a bigger job than they do. We have to make people break old behavior patterns and try something new. To do that we must persuade and we must communicate through every possible means. In this race we are committed to doing that."

CONTRIBUTIONS

can be sent to the Committee to Elect John Buttrick, 4730 West Northern Avenue #1063, Glendale, AZ 85301. (There is a \$300 individual contribution limit.)

Want more information? Visit the Buttrick campaign web site at www.buttrick.org.

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got a big boost from the
Republicans in his District...
They've given up!

The Democrat incumbents have been acting as if they have a free ride. With no primary opposition, and the Republicans fielding only a last minute, token candidate for this **two-seat** race (*who announced that he will run a "less than \$500 campaign"*), perhaps their complacency is understandable. But each voter has two votes to cast, so Buttrick will now campaign as the choice for everyone with one of two votes uncommitted and the only candidate who is running a serious campaign to unseat one of the incumbents. Combined Republican and independent voters outnumber Democrats in this swing district by several thousand, so John's targeted mailings and literature drops will make a strong case for his chance to win. -- **Remember, if John finishes 2nd, he wins a seat in the Arizona Legislature.**

Buttrick's emphasis on Libertarian themes: real freedom of choice in education; reducing crime by ending drug prohibition; protecting the right of self defense; fighting corporate welfare schemes; and abolishing state income and property taxes (beginning with the universally hated car tax), are resonating well already.

But John still needs your help. It is critical that we take advantage of this rare, unexpected opportunity. Even if you believe "all politics is local," fighting for freedom is not. As you know, electing a Libertarian to a state legislature like Arizona's would have tremendous beneficial effects on the freedom movement in your state as well as ours, reverberating across the country and giving a much-needed boost to the spirits of all libertarians. *Please* send John a contribution **now** to help him take maximum advantage of this virtually unprecedented situation.

Buttrick wants to ask all voters in his District to vote Libertarian. He'll ask Republicans who feel they must vote for their lone candidate to vote for him with their second vote, rather than "wasting it." He'll ask Independents to vote for him as their first or second choice. And he'll show Democrats that his positions on their personal freedoms are better than the incumbents' and ask them to vote for real change. It's going to be expensive to do all that. That's why he's asking you to help.

Buttrick is running ahead of the incumbents in fundraising as of June 1, but they're stepping up their efforts now because they're not in session (and can legally woo lobbyist cash) and they've begun to perceive a real challenge coming at them. Maybe they've been seeing all those 4' by 8' Buttrick signs all over the district!

We have to step up our efforts now, too. Now is the time. Buttrick is the candidate. Please send him your most generous contribution right away. If you can't afford the maximum \$300, get as close as possible. Every dollar helps to get his powerful message to more voters, more effectively.

And John has a "secret weapon" too. Besides direct mail, literature drops, precinct coverage, signage, etc., the Buttrick campaign is likely to score a Libertarian first: the use of automated telephone equipment for polling, communicating his message, and GOTV efforts.

About John Buttrick

- Serves on the LP National Committee and chaired the '98 Platform Committee
- As Libertarian candidate for Governor of Arizona in 1994, triumphed in statewide TV debates and captivated the media
- Vietnam veteran, graduate of Harvard Law School and has lived and worked as an attorney in Phoenix for 22 years
- Dedicated to proving that Libertarians can run effective local campaigns

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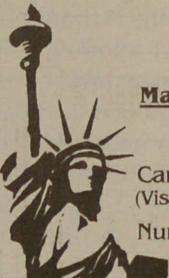
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How Jonathan Gullible conquered the world

From a modest beginning on a Hawaiian radio show, this free-market adventure book is now available in 29 languages

By Lisa Stronawski
LP News Correspondent

When Jonathan Gullible made his debut on a small Hawaiian radio station in 1980, he never dreamed his adventures would be translated into 29 languages and used to teach free-market ideas all around the world.

But to the surprise of his creator, Ken Schoolland, that is exactly what happened — and the little book about a whimsical “young boy in a sailboat” is now reaching readers from Albania to China, and teaching tens of thousands of people lessons about the dangers of taxes, welfare, and regulations.

“We found that the enthusiasm [around the world] was much greater than we had expected,” said Schoolland about his book, *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible*. “Free market ideas have global appeal — especially through fiction.”

Rather humble

But Schoolland, a longtime Libertarian Party member, was not thinking globally when he created Jonathan Gullible. In fact, the character's beginnings were rather humble — and his path to world-wide acceptance is a tale almost as outrageous as Jonathan's fictional adventures.

In 1980, Schoolland, a libertarian economics professor at Hawaii Pacific University, was doing a weekly commentary on KHVH in Honolulu, Hawaii.

“Straight commentary from an academic economist was dry and no one really paid much attention,” Schoolland acknowledged ruefully. “Having just browsed through some of *Gulliver's Travels* and *The Little Prince*, I thought I'd spice up [my] radio spots with a fantasy dialogue.”

He recruited friends to perform the various roles — and Jonathan Gullible was born.

“Instantly,” Schoolland said, “listener response to the commentaries improved all over town!”

Who is Jonathan?

But exactly who is this Jonathan Gullible?

“Jonathan Gullible is a young boy in a sailboat who is driven by a storm to a remote Pacific Island,” Schoolland explained. “While marooned, Jonathan encounters people who explain strange customs of the

island concerning a multitude of issues.”

For example, Jonathan Gullible's first lesson begins when he witnesses a woman's arrest. He asks a group of nearby men what happened.

“We are tree workers,” one of the men explains. “We knock down trees for wood by beating them with these sticks. Sometimes a hundred people, working round-the-clock, can knock down a good-sized tree in less than a month. That woman came to work this morning with a sharp piece of metal attached to the end of her stick. She outraged the others by cutting down a tree in less than an hour — all by herself! Such a threat to our traditional employment had to be stopped.”

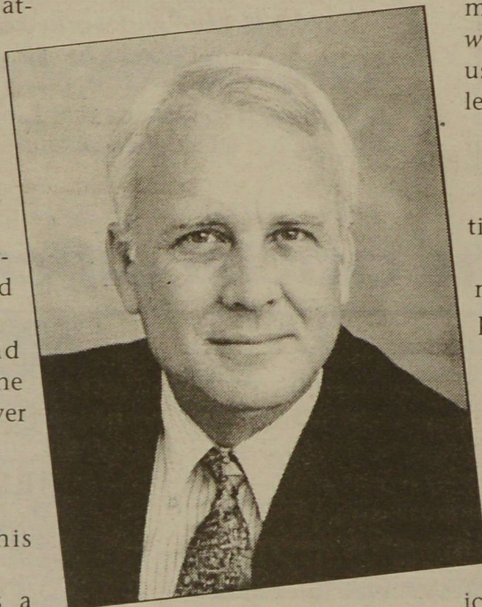
In other words, her crime was inventing the axe.

Gullible's lesson: Laws “protecting” inefficient industry stifle innovation.

Later, Jonathan Gullible comes across a newspaper with the headline: “Death Penalty For Outlaw Barbers.” Alarmed, he asks a local police officer about it. The officer explains: “[The death penalty] eliminates the unfair competition of intruders with odd new ideas, overzealous enthusiasm, backbreaking efficiency, or cutthroat prices. Such unscrupulous competitors threaten the traditions of our most esteemed professionals.”

Gullible's lesson: Licensing laws restrict trade and hurt customers.

Through such encounters,



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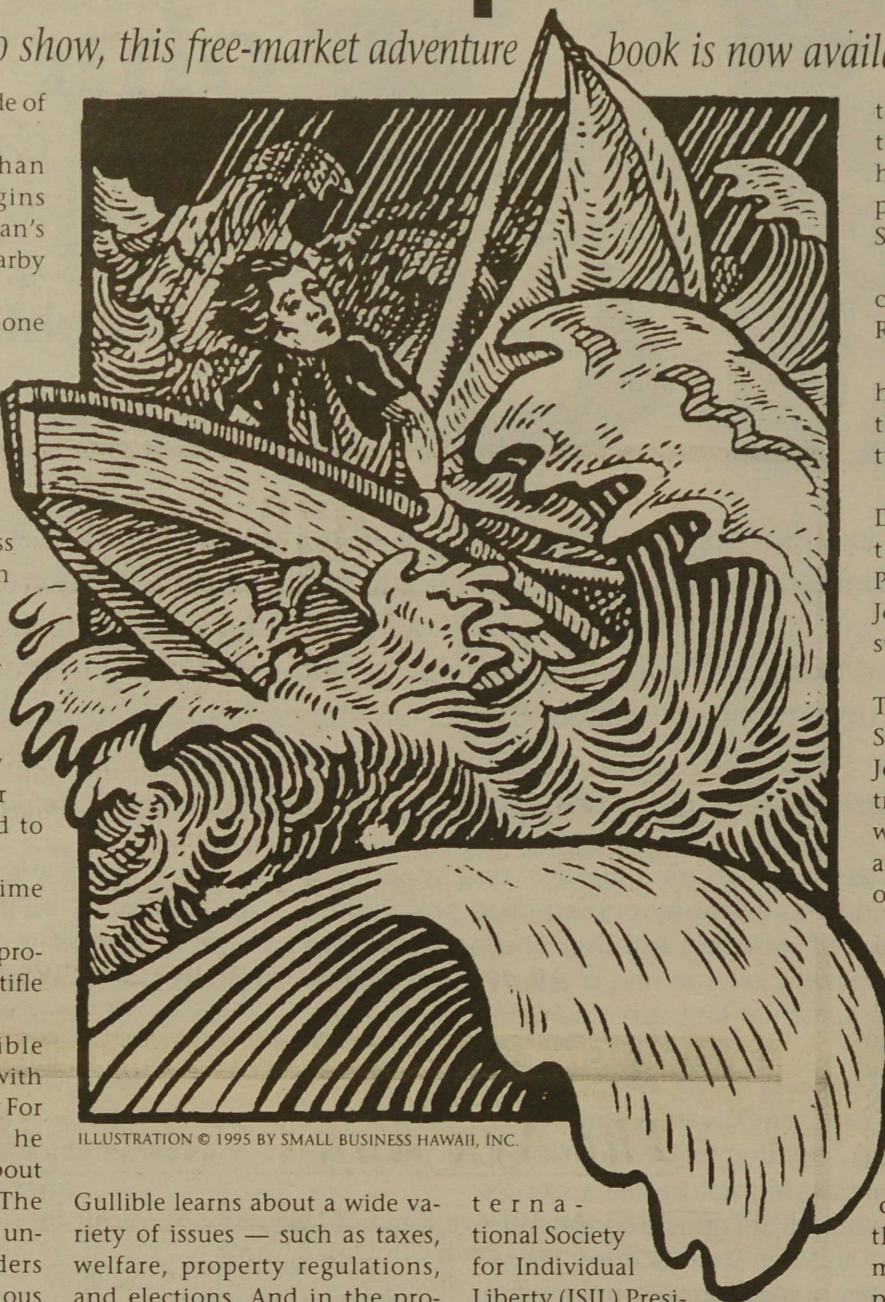


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Gullible learns about a wide variety of issues — such as taxes, welfare, property regulations, and elections. And in the process, the free-market lessons of Bastiat, Hazlitt, Friedman, Rothbard, von Mises, Rand, and Thoreau are taught.

“For adults, [Jonathan Gullible] may be considered a light satire of bad government; for students, an ideal orientation piece [about the benefits of the free market],” wrote the *Freedom Network News* about Schoolland's use of humor to teach serious lessons.

Educational value

Others also saw the educational value of the book.

In 1988, Jonathan Gullible made the leap from radio to the printed page when Sam Slom, President of Small Business Hawaii, offered to publish his adventures as an educational book to supplement economics textbooks — and “several high schools and [the Hawaii Pacific University] adopted the book for use in economics classes,” Schoolland said.

The book quickly received glowing reviews from Libertarians. Karl Hess, author of *Capitalism For Kids*, called it “a fine book for promoting free-market ideas for young people,” and In-

ternational Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) President Vince Miller called it “a Johnny Appleseed of freedom.”

The book was also awarded two George Washington Honor Medals from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for public communication and economic education.

But after a few years, Jonathan Gullible developed wanderlust — and headed out to see the rest of the world.

Through Schoolland's position on the Board of Directors of ISIL, his book became known to ISIL members Hubert and Rita Jongen, who arranged to translate and publish the book in Holland in the early 1990s.

“Sales did not take off,” Schoolland said. “Their mutual interest in the book, however, encouraged me to try to have it published elsewhere in Europe.”

Wrenching transition

In 1992, the first successful translation and publication was accomplished in the U.S.S.R. — which, at the time, was undergoing the wrenching transition from a socialist market to a free market.

“It was our strategy to take advantage of the turmoil, the in-

terest in ideas of freedom, and the low-cost publishers that had hitherto been prohibited from printing what they pleased,” Schoolland explained.

For just \$600, 5,000 hard-cover copies were published in Russian.

“The Russian audience was hungry enough for these ideas that all copies were sold within two months,” Schoolland said.

Dmitrii Costygin, Assistant Director of International Relations for the Free Democratic Party in Russia said, “Before Jonathan Gullible, there was no such book in Russia.”

Then, the pace picked up. Through other ISIL contacts, Schoolland arranged to have Jonathan Gullible's adventures translated and published in Norwegian, Lithuanian, Romanian, and Latvian — despite the lack of immediate financial profits.

Long view

“Our project takes the long view, and we do not expect financial returns until much later, if at all,” Schoolland said. “It is hoped that the success of these ventures in formerly Communist countries will help contribute to the promotion of the book in more prosperous markets. Our primary interest is in providing a source of income for those who are taking the lead in advancing ideas of freedom.”

Through word of mouth, news about Jonathan Gullible continued to spread — and demand increased.

In Serbia, Tomislav Krsmanovic managed to translate and publish the book in Serbian, Slovenian, Croatian, and Macedonian despite horrible living conditions and brutal official harassment. As a long-time supporter of human rights, he suffered loss of promotions and housing through his company because of government pressure.

“I was greatly impressed with the intense devotion that Tomislav has shown for the advancement of a variety of human rights causes in a very troubled part of the world,” Schoolland said.

In 1995, Jonathan Gullible got a face lift: An improved, second edition of the book was published. New episodes were added and the book grew to three times its original size. New illustrations were also added.

“We learned that it had to look more like a traditional book with smaller dimensions, thicker,

and more expensive," Schoolland said. "The sophisticated, new illustrations will appeal to the eye of an older audience than before, especially by incorporating the 19th century style that characterized books like *Gulliver's Travels*, carrying a multi-level appeal to readers."

A new Spanish-language edition of the book — *Las Aventuras de Jonathan Gullible* — also capitalized on the improvements. Produced by Judy Nagy, it features color illustrations and a bright orange cover and fills a gap that Nagy said she saw in South America and among America's Spanish-speaking population.

"My own efforts to promote the ideas of liberty [among Spanish speakers] have often been seriously hampered by a lack of adequate printed materials," Nagy said.

What's next?

What's next for Jonathan Gullible?

He's traveling to the Far East, the Pacific islands, and Germany — and then, eventually, even to Mongolia and the Middle East.

Translations have been finished but are awaiting publication in Japanese, Micronesian, German, and Swedish, reported Schoolland.

The Chinese edition is being serialized in current issues of the *Hong Kong Economic Journal* and three Polish episodes have been serialized in *Mac Paryadka*, an anti-state magazine published in Warsaw.

Portuguese, Hebrew, Hungarian and Mongolian translations are also in the works.

As the 1990s draw to a close, Jonathan Gullible is preparing to make the leap onto the multimedia stage.

"In addition to penetrating new countries with additional languages, it is our intention to expand the potential market by going into computers, internet, and video," Schoolland said.

The goal, he said, is to "persist in targeting the youth market, especially high school seniors and college

JONATHAN IS now travelling to the Far East, the Pacific Islands, and Mongolia.

freshmen. [I am] convinced that these are the trendsetters that give the greatest hope to free-market ideals in the future."

It is the response from those young people that Schoolland said makes him excited about the prospects for the future — and proud of the role that Jonathan Gullible has played in spreading the word about liberty.

He proudly cites a letter a Hawaiian high school student wrote to him: "It was refreshing to read a book so logical, entertaining, and enlightening. I was forced to laugh out loud from the all-too-accurate depiction of the socialist mentality that runs rampant through this world. The story may be set in a fantasy

world, but the situations involved come way too close to reality. Thank you for the wonderful book!"

And such letters inspire him to keep working to improve *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible* — so it can help move more people in a Libertarian direction.

After all, as Jonathan Gullible says: "There's plenty of work to do around here."

■ **Editor's Note:** The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible is available from *Laissez Faire Books* for \$11.95. Call (800) 326-0996.

Correction

The August issue of *LP News* reported that a proposal to remove the "cult of the omnipotent state" language from the LP Statement of Principles won 84% of the vote at the National Convention. In fact, only about 74% of the delegates voted for this proposal; well shy of the seven-eighths vote (87.5%) required to alter the Statement of Principles.

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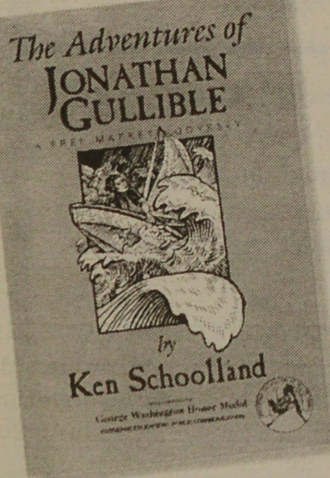
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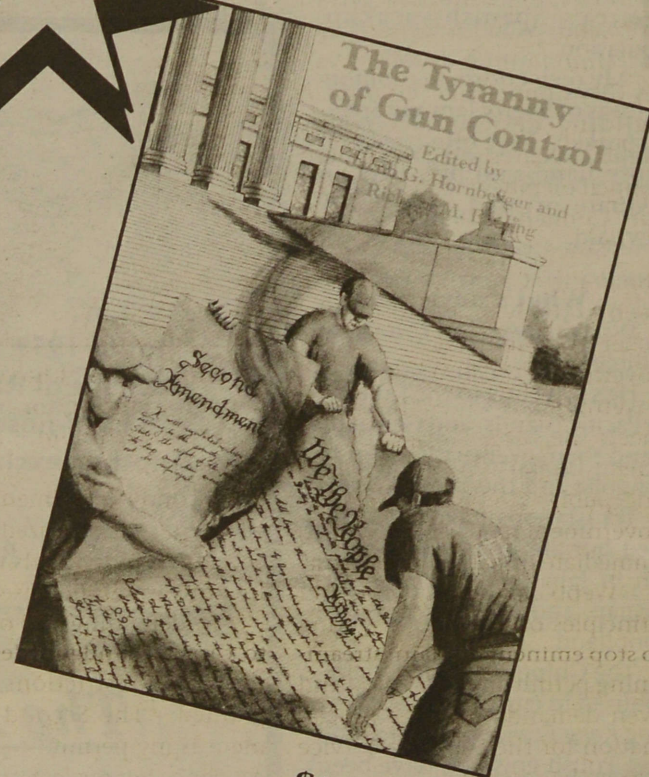
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CAMPAIGN '98 REPORT

City Council member Sandi Webb tries to make it three in a row

By Ron Crickenberger
LP National Director

Feisty elected Libertarian Sandi Webb is seeking her third term on the Simi Valley City Council in California. A building designer by trade, Webb defeated an incumbent council member for a seat on the City Council in 1990.

"Since I got elected to the Simi Valley City Council, I have been actively fighting for my belief in more freedom and less government," said Webb. "Local government is where the rubber meets the road. From street repairs to water supplies to police and public safety, this is where government has the most direct, immediate impact on our lives."

Webb has indeed put her principles on the line in voting to stop eminent domain, streamlining permitting processes, and even demanding that a proclamation for the Selective Service System be rescinded.

She also proudly displays her Libertarian affiliation on her web site (www.sandiwebb.com). But the issue she is best known for is



■ Sandi Webb: "I have been actively fighting for my belief in less government."

the Second Amendment — especially after she criticized the prosecution of individuals who used firearms in self-defense in 1995.

In defending her own right to carry a handgun despite bureaucratic restrictions, she explained: "The Second Amendment is my permit."

Since her re-election in 1994, she has helped prod Simi Valley into greatly liberalizing its gun regulations, and to allow citizens to carry concealed weapons to

protect themselves against crime.

As a small business owner, Webb has pushed to make Simi Valley more business-friendly by cutting red tape and fees, and is a staunch defender of private property rights and free markets.

She has also lobbied vigorously to oppose tax increases. Because of her tax-fighting leadership, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, which almost never involves itself in municipal elections, made a rare exception and endorsed Sandi Webb for City Council in 1994.

Webb's campaign is managed by Aaron Starr, who said he expects this campaign to be especially hard fought.

"Sandi's strong support for the Second Amendment has caused some local politicians to come out strong against her," he said. We have already raised more than \$20,000 for the campaign, but need to do significantly better than that to ensure Sandi's re-election."

■ **CONTRIBUTIONS** can be sent to: Friends of Sandi Webb, 4250 Yukon Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93063

THE ISSUES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, "The Issues" will highlight several Libertarian Party press releases. To get the complete text of all press releases issued by the LP, send a message to "announce-request@lp.org" with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Don't "suspend" the Health ID plan: End it

A plan by the White House to "suspend" a national health ID number is not good enough, the Libertarian Party says: The idea should be scrapped entirely.

"Don't suspend the program — end it," said the party's national chairman, David Bergland. "The only number Libertarians want to hear is zero: Zero plans for this Big Brother identifying number and zero plans for further federal intrusion into our health-care system."

In late July, Vice President Al Gore announced that the White House would suspend the so-called "unique health identifier" number for all Americans. The number would allow doctors to track a patient's medical history from cradle to grave, and could be implemented in the form of a Social Security-type number or a "Health ID Card."

"If you add this proposal to the other recent 'identity papers' initiatives from the federal government — a mandatory biometric driver's license and a national employee database — you see a clear trend emerging: The government is gaining increasing power to track, monitor, and record information about every American, all the time," said Bergland.

Saving lives the non-interventionist way

There's only one way to reduce the chance that more American embassies will be destroyed by bloody terrorist bombings: The United States must stop meddling in the affairs of so many foreign nations, the Libertarian Party says.

"Terrorists planted the bombs that destroyed our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania on August 7 — but it was our misguided foreign policy that made those embassies such irresistible targets for terrorists," said David Bergland.

In 1997, for example, he noted, the U.S. Army boasted that American troops were deployed in 100 nations around the world.

"In other words, American soldiers were deployed in more than half the countries on the globe — 100 of the world's 197 nations," he said. "So, we shouldn't be surprised when fanatical terrorists or rogue governments strike at us the only way they can — through cowardly acts of terrorism."

The LP's criticism of American foreign policy shouldn't be interpreted as sympathy for terrorists, Bergland cautioned.

"Libertarians share the revulsion of every other American at this bloody carnage, and we mourn for the victims and the families of this tragedy," he said. "But the only way to truly honor the loss of these innocent lives is to make sure that they did not die in vain. And the way to do that is by crafting a national defense policy that saves lives, not a defense policy that makes Americans the target of bloodthirsty terrorists."

Why won't Congressmen take drug tests?

If federally mandated drug testing is such a good idea for us common folks, why isn't it good enough for Congressmen? That's what Libertarians are asking after the Republican House leadership quietly torpedoed an effort to mandate drug testing for every member of Congress.

"These Congressmen must be getting high on hypocrisy," said LP National Director Ron Crickenberger. "Why else would they wage a War on Drugs on the rest of us, but declare a drug-testing truce in the halls of Congress?"

In early August, Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX) said the House was too "busy" to consider a proposal to require all 435 House members to take random tests for illegal drug use.

News reports said many lawmakers had opposed the measure because drug testing was "unnecessary and insulting."

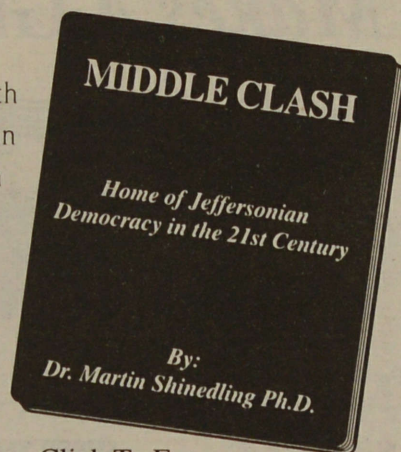
"To those Congressmen, we say: Welcome to the Drug War," said Crickenberger. "Too bad 270 million other Americans will continue to endure those same unnecessary and insulting violations of their Constitutional rights. Why is there one set of standards for politicians who make the laws, and another for ordinary Americans who suffer under them?"

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The world wide web will eventually spawn its own political party. As a front-page article in *Investor's Business Daily* noted, the party will probably be one that espouses many Libertarian principles. The web is a natural home for people who resist "control freaks" and distrust politicians who would seek to protect us from ourselves.

Dr. Martin M. Shinedling, a medical psychotherapist with over 30 years' experience, has written a book in electronic format available on the web: www.middleclash.com which proposes both a way for a small percentage of the American Electorate to exercise decisive influence in most elections and the programs needed to convince the American Middle Class to abandon both the Republican and Democratic Parties in favor of a third Independent American Party.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. LP candidate, liberty for teens, and being an affirmative action Libertarian

■ California

San Diego Libertarians aren't opposed to baseball or football — they're just opposed to forcing taxpayers to pay for new stadiums for millionaire sports team owners and players.

So Libertarians showed up at an event sponsored by the Chargers professional football team on August 1 to distribute bright yellow flyers entitled "12 Questions & 12 Steps for Tax Addicts."

It was a "FANTastic experience," said organizer **J.R. Graham**, who attended the event with a handful of other Libertarians. "[We] got a little flack and a lot of agreement. Only a few people tried to argue, [but] many agreed with us that it should be [funded] privately."

The effort was part of an ongoing campaign by San Diego LP members to rally opposition to tax-funded stadiums for the Chargers and the Padres professional baseball team. Instead, Libertarians argued, such stadiums should be funded privately.

"We found the quip, 'If we really love our teams, we have to try to help them shake their tax addictions . . . ' left arguers looking for words while we continued on," said Graham.

■ Colorado

A last-minute invitation to a "rave" dance party on July 11 presented Colorado Libertarians with an unexpected, late-night opportunity to spread the message of freedom to the 18-to-25 age group.

"State Chair **Michelle Bethke** and I found ourselves 20 miles south of Colorado Springs in the middle of 80 acres of nothing, with 3,000 very mellow, interesting, young people and very loud, hypnotic music," recounted LP member **David Aitken**.

The Libertarians set up an outreach booth and attracted a steady stream of young people,



Mr. Liberty marches in Massachusetts

Call him *Mr. Lady Liberty*: LP member Doug Krick (right), dressed as the Statue of Liberty, marched in the Gay Pride Parade in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 12, along with LP candidate for governor Dean Cook (center). "[Krick] was a real attention getter," said Cook.

State Chair Carla Howell said Libertarians participated in the march to introduce the gay community to LP candidates and ideas. "We've won a lot of recognition and approval," she said. "I'm inspired by the cheering we received."

some of whom took the World's Smallest Political Quiz and asked for LP literature, Aitken said.

Since raves — trendy dance parties that feature electronic music — tend to last all night, a second shift of Libertarians arrived at 3:00 am to staff the outreach booth until dawn.

"It was a great night, the stars were out, and the weather was perfect," Aitken said. "[The dancers] were definitely interested in what we had to say. Many knew who we were. This was a project well worth doing — and well worth repeating."

■ Indiana

Police harassed an LP candidate for handing out literature on a downtown street over the July Fourth weekend — but the incident has only strengthened his Libertarian resolve, he said.

Max Baer Robinson, a candidate for Lake County sheriff, was wearing a Bill of Rights tee-shirt while passing out flyers boldly headlined: "They're stealing your country; take it back."

Robinson said a police officer stopped him and said, "This

is a family event; we don't want this type of literature here" — and ordered him to leave, or he would "have his men follow me around."

Robinson left the scene, but vowed to step up his race for sheriff. "Police abuse their powers all the time. Government is out of control; someone has to put a leash on them," he said.

One thing Robinson will do

if elected sheriff, he said, is to relegate marijuana offenses to the bottom of his priorities list, making it an offense that falls "somewhere below jaywalking."

■ Indiana

Marion County Libertarians finally won a six-week battle against the voter registration board in June, earning the right to receive the same computerized

voter registration records as the other parties.

"This was a sizable victory for our credibility within local power circles," said county chair **Kurt St. Angelo**. "It's another notch in the legitimacy of the Libertarian Party."

For six weeks, the Board of Voter Registration denied the LP the records because of a "political interpretation" of the law, St. Angelo said.

"Then, faced with a lawsuit and an embarrassing media mud-bath about partisanship at the Board of Registration office, the board changed course and voted to open the records," he said.

With the registration data on the way, the LP is planning a direct-mail appeal to voters in the Indianapolis area.

■ Maine

Maine Libertarians have set a new record this year: They're running their largest-ever slate of state-level LP candidates.

The Maine LP will have four candidates on the ballot this November — a 400% improvement over the one candidate for state office they ran in 1996, said **Robert Coolidge**, editor of the Maine Libertarian newsletter.

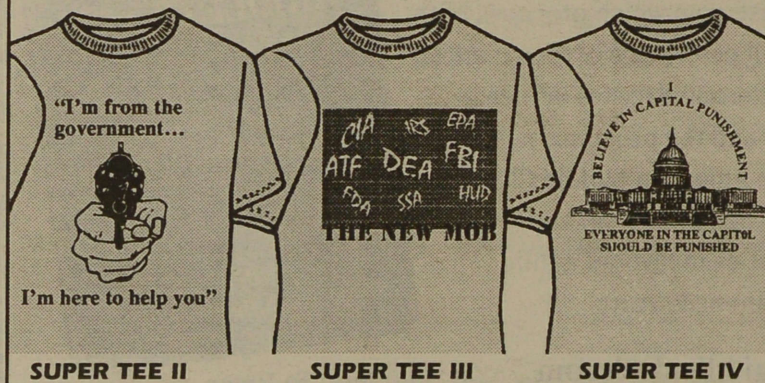
"When one considers that the Maine LP ran but a single state-level candidate in 1994 and 1996, and that we are running four such candidates in 1998, the proper perspective becomes clear: We're growing!" said Coolidge.

On the ballot will be State Representative candidates **Benjamin Barth**, **Mark Cenci**, and **Shawn Levasseur**, and State Senate candidate **Jeff Weinstein**.

"The slate of candidates is small, but committed to professionalism," said Coolidge. "All [the] candidates are running to win and will be active."

And now that the state party has set one record, State Chair **Mark Cenci** said the party is growing fast enough to set another record in two years.

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"In 2000, I want to see 20 of our members take on the challenge of running for state-level elected positions," he said.

Massachusetts

One of the "best articles on Libertarianism ever published in the mass media" lavished praise on the Massachusetts LP in a June 17 cover story.

The article in *Worcester Magazine* — a tabloid with a circulation of 40,000 — was "an excellent, positive, balanced, overall outstanding eight-page article that discussed the LP, the '98 state convention, the platform, and much more," said State Chair **Carla Howell**.

The headline blared: "Tired of being held hostage to the two-party system? The Libertarian Party wants you!"

The article lauded the party for its success on ballot access and for electing two more Libertarians to office, and quoted LP Congressional candidate **George Phillies**, state Communications Director **Jim Sullivan**, and LP gubernatorial candidate **Dean Cook**.

"It also contrasted the consistency of the Libertarian position with the hypocrisy of the Republicans," Howell said. "In short, the article paints the LP as making a lot of sense and worthy of serious consideration."

Missouri

The family that campaigns together, stays together.

At least, that seems to be the strategy of LP members **Bob and Lisa Hoffman**, 16-year residents of Bellflower, Missouri — who may be the only Libertarian husband and wife team running for office this November.

"We feel like it shows family unity for us to run together," said Lisa Hoffman. "We both support the other."

Bob, 44, is running for U.S. House in the 9th District, while his wife, Lisa, 43, is the Libertarian candidate for State Representative in the 19th District.

Relative newcomers to Libertarian Party politics, the Hoffmans acknowledge that it would be very "stressful" to them



Keeping the "Road to Victory" clean

A team of Macomb County Libertarians works for liberty... while picking up trash along the Metropolitan Parkway in Sterling Heights, Michigan on April 25. As part of the state's "Adopt-A-Highway" program, Libertarians volunteered to pick up litter along a stretch of highway. "This program is a great way to get everybody together and get some publicity for the party," said county LP secretary Mark Heil (third from right).

and their two children if they actually both get elected.

"But even if we don't win, we are hoping people hearing our opinions will take our ideas with them," said Bob Hoffman. "We're offering an option against the status quo."

North Carolina

A Beaufort County Libertarian is planning to build a web site to inform high schools and their students about the "economic and social benefits" of living in a free society.

The site, liber-teen.org, is designed to "re-instill the interest in politics that teachers seem to take from students in the classroom," said its creator, **Cameron DeJong**. "Teenagers must be informed about what they're missing out on by living in the current socialist state."

DeJong said he envisions selling "memberships" to people aged 13 to 21 and would use the money strictly to pay for mailings and advertising. His organization would be totally non-profit, he said, so he wouldn't have to fill out "dumb tax forms."

DeJong said he is actively seeking advice and assistance for

the project, and can be reached at cameron@skantech.com

Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania, getting Libertarians on the ballot is now against the law.

That was the experience of **Shawn Morin**, who was arrested in the town of Bulter on July 17. His crime: Trying to get LP candidates on the ballot by collecting ballot access signatures in a local bus station.

Morin said he was collecting signatures when the clerk in the bus station told him that he wasn't allowed to "solicit."

"I told him I wasn't solicit-

ing, I was petitioning, and that I was on property owned by Bulter township, and that makes it public property," he said. "He told me if I didn't leave he would call the cops. I didn't. He did."

A policeman arrived and "told me that I would have to stop or leave," said Morin. "I explained that I was on public property. He told me to stop or be arrested."

Morin was handcuffed, taken to the police station, and charged with criminal trespass. After being held for a few hours, he was released.

"[It's just] another chapter in the continuing saga of the fight for freedom in America," said past Pennsylvania State Chair **Ken Sturzenacker**.

Pennsylvania

A Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate is taking his pro-Second Amendment position straight to the voters — via a series of newspaper advertisements that champion the right of women to defend themselves.

Jack Iannantuono, who is challenging incumbent Republican Senator Arlen Specter, ran his first full-page advertisement on August 23, in *The Morning Call*, which has a circulation of 180,000 in a nine-county area.

The copy for the ad is taken from the speech Michigan LP member Barbara Goushaw made at the recent Libertarian National Convention.

The ad "makes a compelling case for women's right to self-defense... the right *not* to be presumed to be a victim," said

Iannantuono. "With this ad, we have an opportunity to show voters that Libertarians care deeply about them, and the safety of those they love, in ways the old parties can only talk about."

Wisconsin

What? A Libertarian on an affirmative action committee?

As strange as it sounds, that's what LP member **Jim Maas** has been doing ever since a vacancy opened on the Equity & Affirmative Action Committee at the University of Wisconsin.

"It might seem unnatural for a Libertarian to serve on a committee that supports programs with a reputation of unfairness, but maybe those are the ones that need a Libertarian point of view the most," said Maas.

Maas volunteered to serve when an opening surfaced last year, and managed to win an appointment, he said.

"Although my first year started slowly, I did my homework, which helped reinforce my beliefs that most Americans will support equal opportunity, not equal outcomes," he said.

His goal, he said: "[To] continue to do my best to make my fellow committee members consider [more Libertarian] ways to accomplish our goals."

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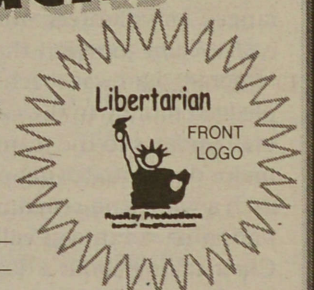
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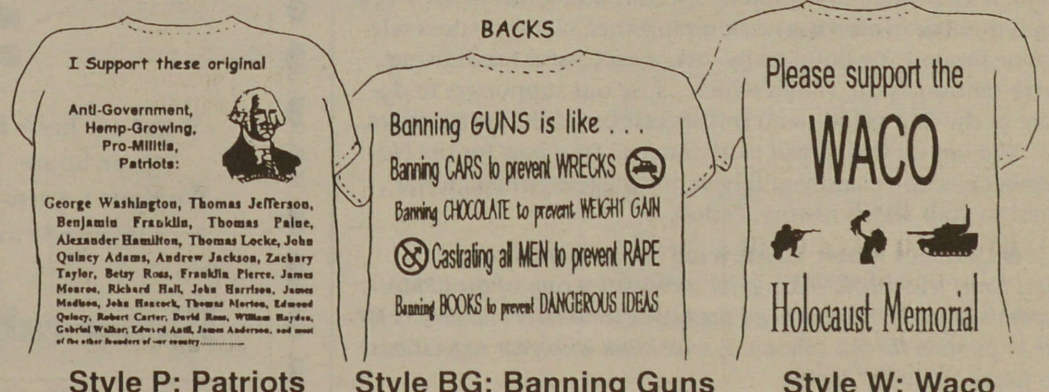
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HowTo

Effective telephone fundraising methods

Sometimes, funding an important campaign or ballot access drive can seem daunting — especially if you don't know where to start. "If only we had the money," is an oft-heard refrain. Wouldn't it be nice for your state, county, or local party organization to have all the money it needed for a specific project? Or if your campaign for local office had more money than the incumbent?

I'm here to tell you: You *can* raise *all* the money you need for that campaign or project. Here's how:

First, you need a cause! Campaigns, ballot access, hiring a paid staffer, any of these will work, so long as there is a clear and easily understood *value* associated with the cause.

Second, you'll need a plan: Variables include number of volunteers, number of members to be contacted, and number of calls per day. Assuming an all-volunteer effort with 500 statewide members and 10 volunteers making 5 calls per night, the time needed to call everyone would be about ten days . . . plus a few extra for follow-up calls to folks missed first time around. (Calls should be made Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm, or during the day on Saturday).

Only have six volunteers? Fine! It will take a bit longer to finish, but will be well worth your effort. Have more? Great! Chances are, you have more members to call, too!

You'll want to create a quick script for the volunteers to use on the phone so your message to donors will be consistent. The script should talk about the important reasons why their contribution is needed *now*, and focus on the *benefits* of the project being completed. Then, the caller asks for a donation which is large enough to make a difference — say, \$250 or so, depending on the area you are in.

A certain amount of discipline is useful during the calling effort. Example: Elias Israel, the Executive Director for the LP affiliate in Massachusetts, ran a telephone fundraising drive based on a design by Michael Cloud in June of 1998. Eli arranged for volunteers working from home to telephone him *each evening* to report their specific results: How many calls attempted, who was reached, who got messages left, and who pledged money to the cause. Eli, in turn, kicked out electronic mail updates to the team each day summarizing the amount of major donor matching pledges remaining, total raised from each source, and remaining goal amount. Over a two week period, nine volunteers called about 450 members, with the State Chair calling about a dozen major donors.

The result of Massachusetts' first effort at telephone fundraising: Almost \$14,000 raised in 15 days—more than enough to fund the paid portion of the Massachusetts statewide ballot drive. Think about what that amount (or more!) could do for you in this important, pre-election time.

To be successful, you *must* raise money regularly and efficiently. This method is far superior to direct mail in many ways: it's personal, fast, project-specific, and tends to involve a good number of activists working together. Not only does telephone fundraising build teamwork, a successful fundraising drive reinforces the values which cause our supporters to donate in the first place—and this success breeds future successes.

You *can* do this. It *will* work for you. *Start now* for the November elections, and you'll have the biggest campaign war chest in your state's history. Period.

■ **Contact Mark Tuniewicz** (nhliberty@aol.com) or Elias Israel (eisrael@la-ma.org) for an e-mailed copy of the LPMA fundraising plan. Thanks to all the LPMA volunteers and donors for the inspiration for this column. E-mail Mark with your suggestions for future "How-To" topics.



By Mark Tuniewicz

CAMPAIGN '98 REPORT

Ford County slate makes history

By Ron Crickenberger
LP National Director

The Ford County, Illinois, ballot will contain two full slates of candidates this fall — Republican and Libertarian — but not a single Democrat.

And because of that, Libertarians are almost guaranteed to either win some seats — or to earn the right to appoint several Libertarians to office.

"The last time a Democrat ran was in 1976, and the only time a Democrat has ever won in the county was in 1936. We're going to give the Republicans a run like they have never seen," said Ford County Sheriff candidate Michael Hari, a sheriff's deputy for more than two years before resigning to run for the top law enforcement job.

Nine candidates

Hari is one of nine LP candidates on the ballot in November — and he says several races represent real opportunities for Libertarians, including seven open seats on the County Board where board members are vulnerable.

FORD COUNTY

"represents an incredible opportunity for the LP."

"The current County Board members shot themselves in the foot on a number of very unpopular issues," he said. "They boosted a pension up to 80% for themselves and pushed for an increase in the sales tax. In a county where the population has been falling since the early 1970s, the budget has increased 300% in 10 years. The board also voted [to] prevent the filing of any lien on the property of any county official or their wives."

For the seven district seats on the County Board, 350 votes will probably be enough to win, predicted Hari.

Candidates on the Libertarian slate include: Hari for County

Sheriff; Houston Ker (County Clerk); Louise C. McWhorter (County Treasurer); Doug Swisher and Larry Gardner (County Board District 1); Harold Forbes and Betty Lesus (District 2); and Mary Young, Toby E. Sutton Jr, and Tracy Filitsky (District 3).

If any of the LP candidates win 5% of the vote in any countywide races, the LP becomes an established party and gets one of three seats on the Tax Board of Review, a partisan board that hears appeals of appraisals for property taxes.

"There are other boards we would win seats on by default as well, such as the Sheriff's Merit Commission," said Hari. "We would also be entitled to cause the appointment of as many as 22 Judges of Election. Ford County represents an incredible opportunity to the LP if only we can collect the money we need."

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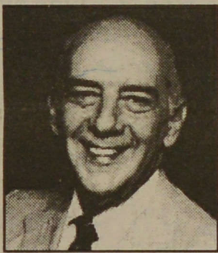
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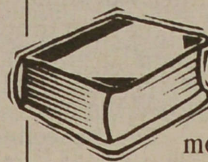
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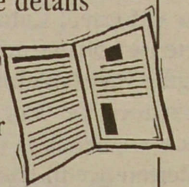
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The best defense

"Even the weakest terrorist group can cause massive destruction in the homeland of a superpower," warns a new study from the Cato Institute. Advances in technology have made it relatively easy for terrorists to acquire or create biological, chemical, and nuclear weaponry.

In "Protecting the Homeland: The Best Defense Is to Give No Offense," Cato's director of defense policy studies Ivan Eland argues that "the only viable way to reduce the very real threat of such an attack is to reduce U.S. interference in the disputes and conflicts of other nations. Military intervention should be confined to the rare instances in which American vital interests are at stake."

— **CATO POLICY REPORT**
July/August 1998

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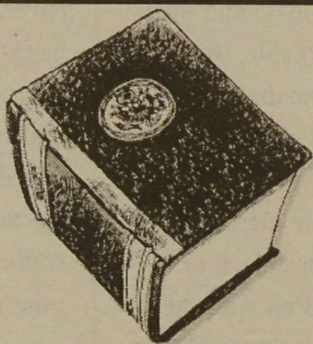
— **PLAYBOY MAGAZINE**
September 1998

Civic removal

First sex shops. Then taxis. Now hot dog vendors. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's quest to disinfect the Big Apple targets food and clothing vendors who sell their wares on the city's streets. If Giuliani succeeds, he may move these entry-level entrepreneurs off the streets and into welfare lines.

— **REASON MAGAZINE**
August/September 1998

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EDITOR



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Market leaders

Contributions and spending limits mean less competition for incumbents. The market-share leaders in every industry would like to have such restrictions on potential competitors.

So we have an easy choice to make: Do we want our political campaigns to be as competitive as, say, our television choices, or as uncompetitive as, well, our current political choices?

— **DAVID BOAZ**
The Washington Times
August 7, 1998

FCC's dirty secret

The Federal Communications Commission is living a lie.

The Radio Act of 1912 divvied up the ether, on the theory that the airwaves were a scarce and unique commodity. The government enacted rules clarifying that it owned them, and started regulating the content of radio and then television to ensure that the use of the spectrum furthered the public interest.

But the technology is vastly different today. Today there are more than 13,000 broadcasters in this country. Compare that to the 1,520 daily newspapers still publishing. And the FCC is holding spectrum back. The scarcity theory no longer holds validity. But don't expect it to be abandoned anytime soon. That's because government needs to cling to some rationale that allows it to continue to assert control over this powerful medium.

— **ROBYN BLUMNER**
The New York Post
May 26, 1998

Behind the smoke

Teen smoking has an easily demonized target (the tobacco companies), a halo effect (this is about our children), and the desirable result of increasing federal power and encouraging busybodies. Only 2% of cigarette sales are to teenagers. Should we severely tax lower-income adults who make the choice to smoke? Why not tax those who drink too much or consume too many potato chips?

Teen smoking is a bad idea. But it is hardly the most serious problem affecting teens. It is the premise of this demagogic legislation — that adults are not responsible for their actions — and

not cigarette smoke that is poisoning so much of American life today.

— **MONA CHAREN**
The Washington Times
May 27, 1998

Free Viagra?

Insurance is designed to protect people against catastrophic losses due to accidents or acts of God. It is not designed to cover the discretionary expenses of everyday life. If insurance paid for such things people would be tempted to overuse the insurance to the detriment of other policyholders.

With the expanded role of medical insurance, many have come to believe that any medical treatment (even Viagra) should be covered at no extra charge. But people don't expect auto insurers to add car washing and preventive maintenance to their policies for no extra charge. Imagine what would happen if car insurance were like medical insurance: Car Maintenance Organizations, or CMOs, would be formed; the government would establish programs to provide car insurance for the poor (Carfare) and the elderly (Medicar).

But imagine what would happen if medical insurance were more like car care. According to some estimates the cost of medical insurance would drop by \$100 billion a year.

— **CRAIG J. CANTONI**
The Wall Street Journal
June 4, 1998

Cocktail party opinions

Libertarianism. You've heard of it, but you don't quite know what it's all about. [But now], every time you catch a snatch of some more of their rhetoric, it seems to make a little more sense.

Welcome to the pre-millennium America, where political sands shift in the night. Suddenly it makes sense to marry laissez faire capitalism with civil libertarianism, and progressive social principles with a distaste for big government.

Take the issue of legalization of drugs: This used to be a good,

get-a-rise-out-of-'em cocktail party opinion; but with the drug war failing to do much more than sustain a huge anti-drug bureaucracy, maybe it's time to place a little more stock in radical notions like individual choice and responsibility.

— **WORCESTER MAGAZINE**
June 17, 1998

DARE to fail

A study released in March found that the federally funded Drug Abuse Resistance Education program does not reduce drug use. Dennis Rosenbaum, head of the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Illinois, led a study of 1,800 Illinois children. The six-year study didn't find any differences between DARE and non-DARE students.

It did find that children living in the suburbs who were exposed to DARE reported a significantly *higher* level of drug use than students who didn't have DARE training.

— **THE DRUG POLICY LETTER**
Spring 1998

Getting paid to shop

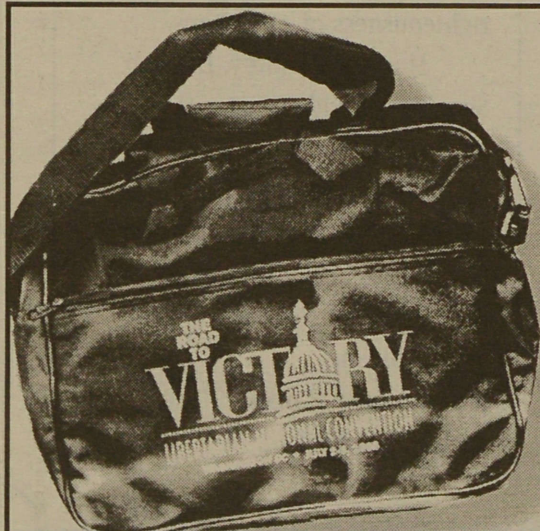
Employees of the Social Security Administration receive time off at taxpayer expense for Christmas shopping. In recent hearings before the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security, Congress discovered that 42 Social Security offices throughout New England grant their employees as many as four hours of paid leave for Christmas shopping each holiday season.

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Illinois LP gubernatorial candidate Jim Tobin faces GOP signature challenge, "malicious" political attacks

How angry are Republicans that Jim Tobin is running for governor in Illinois as the Libertarian Party candidate?

They are so angry that they launched a "malicious attack" on Tobin — calling him a "rogue candidate" and charging that 80% of the 61,000 signatures that Libertarians filed to get Tobin on the ballot are invalid.

"The challenge is a desperate attempt by the Republicans to keep Jim Tobin off the ballot," said LP National Director Ron Crickenberger. "Republicans fear [Tobin] will cost them the election."

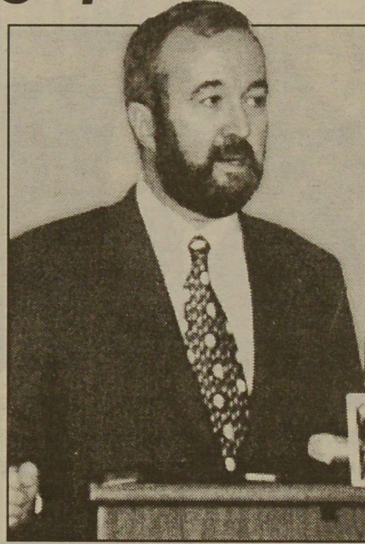
Despite their overheated rhetoric, the Republicans may

have a tough time proving their allegations, said Crickenberger: The Libertarian Party filed a record 61,009 signatures to meet a 25,000 signature requirement, and internal checks by LP officials show a validity rate well in excess of 60%.

Petition irregularities

But that didn't stop the GOP, which charged on August 10 that less than 20% of Tobin's signatures are valid, and that the petitions were riddled with "unregistered voters, forgeries," and other petition irregularities.

"In one of the most malicious attacks ever against a Libertarian candidate, the Republi-



■ **Jim Tobin:** His 61,000 signatures have been legally challenged by the GOP.

cans have accused Tobin of trying to buy a political base, of forgery, and of running a hollow and self-serving campaign," said Crickenberger.

Why the savage attack? Tobin, a well-known anti-tax activist, sought the Libertarian nomination after Republican Governor George Ryan reneged on a written commitment to support the Tax Accountability Amendment, which would have restricted the state government's ability to raise taxes.

"Tobin plans to make Ryan's broken promise a key issue in the campaign, which Republicans fear will cost them the election," said Crickenberger.

In response, the LP is gearing up to fight the GOP's challenge against the signatures, said Crickenberger — and it's going to be a time-consuming task.

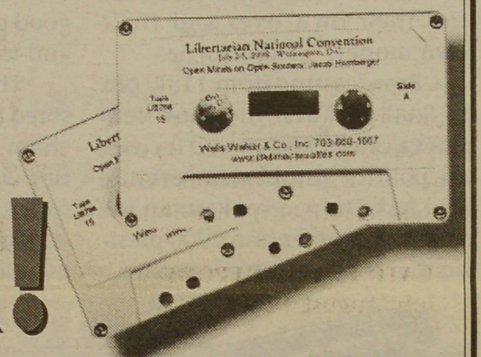
"LP volunteers may have to spend weeks watching over the State Board of Elections as each signature is checked, and ruled valid or invalid," he said.

But, tough or not, the job must be done, said Crickenberger.

"This is a direct attack by the Republicans on the right of our candidates to appear on the ballot!" he said. "We have to fight back against this assault — we cannot let our candidates down by allowing this fraudulent Republican assault to succeed."

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Harry Browne launches syndicated radio show

Three-hour show will be heard on Sunday nights

Harry Browne, the Libertarian Party's 1996 presidential candidate, has launched a new syndicated radio show which he says will help explain how Libertarianism can "improve the life of each listener."

The three-hour show, which will air on Sunday evenings, debuted on August 9 on the Talk America Radio Network. It airs on 60 stations around the country — including such major markets as New York City, Indianapolis, Phoenix, New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas, Atlantic City, Seattle, and Philadelphia.

"Through [the show], I hope listeners gain a better understanding of how Libertarians are trying to set them free to control their own lives and their own money," said Browne.

Broadcasting from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am (ET), the show features a call-in format and focuses on politics and current events, said Jack Dean, a spokesman for Browne's Momentum 2000 presidential exploratory committee.

"Harry Browne discusses current events and social/political issues from a libertarian standpoint, and listeners call in with opinions, questions, and criticisms," he said. "He hopes that, in addition to showing listeners how their lives will be improved by libertarian proposals, the broadcast will generate leads for the Libertarian Party."

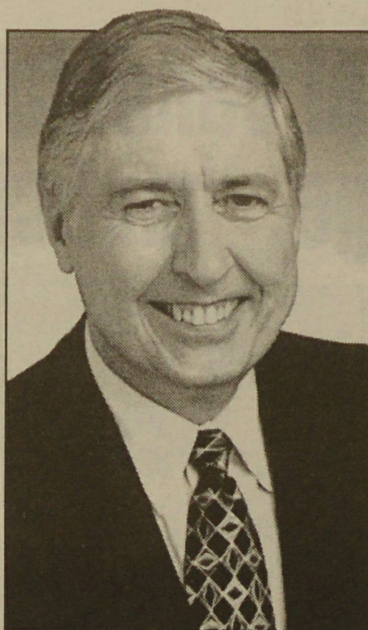
Before getting his own show, Browne first guest-hosted a program in that time slot on July 19, said Dean.

Made objections

"It proved to be a three-hour discussion of how a Libertarian America would improve the life of each listener. Callers raised good points, voiced reservations, and made objections," he said.

The program is being sponsored by the Cigarettes Cheaper! chain of stores, Investment Rarities, and F.E.A.R., an anti-asset forfeiture organization.

Browne's show will also be broadcast live over the Internet. "The show can be heard by



■ **Harry Browne:** Will promote "a better understanding of how Libertarians are trying to set them free."

going to the Talk America web site <http://www.TalkAmerica.Net> at the time of the broadcast, and following the links to hear RealAudio1," said Dean.

A list of the radio stations carrying the broadcast can be found at <http://www.HarryBrowne2000.org>.

LP members are encouraged to call the show at (800) 298-TALK [298-8255], said Dean.

"Raise questions, offer objections, argue, whatever," he said. "Help keep it lively."

Assistance is available for college LP groups

Campus organizing guru to build student network

One of the country's leading experts on organizing high school and college groups is trying to put a Libertarian campus network into place for the 1998/1999 school year — and has invited all interested students to contact him.

Jim Lark, an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia and faculty advisor to The Liberty Coalition student group, said he wants to "establish an information channel that provides campus Libertarians with useful information" about building the Libertarian movement.

"I am trying to build a campus network, and people who seek advice on campus organizing are welcome to contact me," he said.

Part of his plan, he said, is also to "develop a program for training Libertarians in campus organizing skills. The purpose of this program is to provide the resources necessary to complete the task of building Libertarian groups at nearly all high schools, colleges and universities."

He's also willing to simply serve as a resource for students, said Lark — answering questions about "subjects ranging from how to obtain information from school administrators about campus group regulations to providing names of interesting Libertarian speakers."

Campus liaison

Lark has served as a national campus liaison for the Libertarian Party, and has conducted three campus organizing campaigns on behalf of the Party.

Students can contact Lark by phone: (804) 982-5016. E-mail: liberty@virginia.edu. Mail: The Liberty Coalition, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, VA 22904.

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From THE DIRECTOR

A look back at a year of growth and excitement

Freedom requires infinitely more care and devotion than any other political system." — Adlai Stevenson

This is my last column to you as National Director. On September 19, former National Chairman Steve Dasbach will take those reins, and I will return to the job that I came to Washington to do: Working for our candidates as Political Director.

My year as Director has been an exciting time for me, and for the party. When I was appointed on September 18, 1997, membership stood at 22,213. We are now 28,687 strong, a 29% increase in less than a year, with more members added every day.

This tremendous membership increase comes from our Project Archimedes. We have mailed more recruitment letters in the last year through Archimedes than in all the previous years of the party combined.

That membership increase has led us to running more than 900 candidates this year — an all-time record — and we may top 1,000 candidates by the time filing closes in all states.

And this big increase in candidates has led us to be on the ballot in more states than ever before in a non-presidential election year.

All this progress is certainly not due to my efforts alone. It is largely due to the time being right: Americans are ready for our message in a way they have never been before. It is also due to an improved division of labor in our staff makeup. Steve Dasbach coming on board as National Director will further refine that division of talent. I've had a good year, but Steve's talents make him the ideal person for the National Director position.

Of course, the lion's share of credit for the Party's progress belongs to the members of the Libertarian Party. Our members are our candidates and campaign workers. Our members are the volunteers who collected hundreds of thousands of petition signatures to put our candidates on the ballot. Our members are the contributors who fund Project Archimedes.

Our members are the Americans who still give the infinite care and devotion that the system of freedom requires.

If you are one of our many new party members — or if you've been with us a while but not taken an active role — I invite you to step out onto the front lines in the eternal battle for Liberty. In many states, there's still an opportunity to run for office this year. If it's too late to be a candidate, find out from your State Chair which campaigns need more help, and work for a candidate this year to prepare you to run next election.

Our candidates put in countless hours for what can seem to be a thankless job. They give up sleep, lose wages, miss time with their families, and don't get thanked enough. Make sure that our candidates know that you appreciate the sacrifice they are making. Thank them with a donation, an offer of volunteer time, or at least a kind personal word of appreciation.

Be a part of that infinite care and devotion that freedom requires. If you don't, who will?

The list of people who deserve thanks for helping make my year as National Director a success is pretty long — it includes the entire office staff, the LNC, and every member of the Libertarian Party. But a few people deserve special thanks. Steve Dasbach, for a decade of vision. Perry Willis, for putting out the mail that brought in the members. Hugh Butler, for his always wise counsel. Bill Winter and George Getz, the hardest-working men in the Libertarian movement. Barbara Goushaw for her ever-encouraging words. And especially Noelle Stettner, who puts up with my many long hours away from home, and puts in many volunteer hours at my side. Thank you all for helping me do the hard work of freedom.



By Ron Crickenberger
LP National Director

Gun rights: Why Libertarians (and even Gandhi) support them

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, LP News will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Mark Kavar

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The Second Amendment doesn't mince words. Our Constitution guarantees that our government will not deny us our right to own guns.

But Republican and Democratic politicians have vastly reinterpreted this simple sentence. Laws like the Brady Bill limit Americans' access to certain types of guns, and impose restrictions on gun ownership. In addition to turning a blind eye to the Constitution, these laws operate under the false assumption that limited gun ownership would make America a safer place. In fact, the *opposite* is true.

Although guns have legitimate uses for hunting and marksmanship, the primary reason that 70 million Americans own guns is self defense. The very rich can afford to defend themselves with private security, walls around their property, and electronic security systems. (Coincidentally, many of the celebrities in the anti-gun camp fall into this privileged category). Not everyone is so fortunate. Since poor areas often have higher crime rates, and fewer police per capita, anti-gun laws hurt the poor the most.

Personal bodyguards

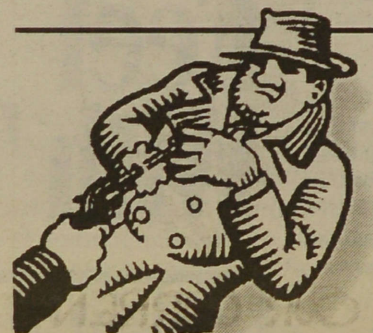
It is an absolute falsehood that the police can or will protect your life, your family's lives or your home from criminals. The job of the police is to investigate crimes that have already been committed, and arrest those responsible. No one in the government is legally responsible for protecting you, nor can they be held accountable if you become a crime victim. The law is only being realistic. The police can't be our personal bodyguards. At best they deter some criminals and catch some others.

Therefore, every American is ultimately responsible for his or her own protection. Many Americans take this responsibility seriously, and actively protect

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themselves. For example, American women use handguns 416 times a day in defense against rapists. That is a dozen times more often than rapists use a gun in an attack.

Gun control advocates claim that we would all be safer in a world without guns. This theory presupposes that gun prohibition would get rid of all guns. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, criminals get 37% of their guns



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from the black market, and 34% from robberies and burglaries. This means that if the government were to outlaw guns immediately, nearly three out of four criminals wouldn't even notice. And it is wishful thinking to assume that the remaining 29% of the criminal population who currently acquire their guns legally would obey anti-gun laws.

Nor would lives be saved because of a reduction in gun accidents. A gun in the home is 216 times as likely to be used in defense against a criminal than it is to cause the death of an innocent victim in that household. In fact, according to the National

Safety Council, children under 20 are more than 1,450% more likely to die in a car accident than a gun accident.

In fact, a country without guns (if that were possible), would be an extremely dangerous place to live. With no guns, a criminal would require only physical size to commit a successful murder, rape or robbery. Children, women, the elderly and the handicapped would make the easiest victims — but in the end, no one's life or property could be truly safe.

Even those people who would never consider buying a gun would benefit from fewer gun control laws. If laws that prohibit citizens from carrying concealed weapons were repealed, criminals would be forever stripped of their confidence, knowing that any victim would have the possibility to successfully resist them.

Logically flawed

Some politicians advocate restricting only some types of guns but not others. This argument is logically flawed. All guns have the ability to kill — some simply kill more effectively than others. To make distinctions between different types of guns is ridiculous. Any argument for the restriction of certain types of guns could logically extend to include all guns. In fact, incremental steps leading to a complete ban on the private ownership of guns are the goal of many gun control groups. Therefore there are only two ways of looking at the issue: For or against the private ownership of guns. Libertarians stand by the former position for both pragmatic and philosophical reasons.

Not only is gun ownership a right in itself, it is the most *fundamental* of all human rights, because it allows a vigilant populace to protect the rest of their rights. The Founding Fathers understood this when they wrote the Bill of Rights. Adolf Hitler understood this when he banned the private ownership of guns in Germany in the 1930s.

Even the world's best known pacifist understood this. In the words of Gandhi, "Among the many misdeeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the Act depriving a whole nation of Arms, as the blackest."

If even Gandhi understood and supported the private ownership of guns, shouldn't Americans do likewise?

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THE MAILBOX

Kids and drugs

This is in response to the letter from Patrick Groff in the August *LP News*, who is concerned that "decriminalization of drug usage by adults will never gain the support of a majority of Americans until the issue of preventing drug access by children is resolved."

I agree with him, and that is why every Republican and Democrat alike cites "our children" as their reason not to even discuss decriminalization. I have the perfect response I feel he and others should give when this issue comes up.

It seems to have slipped peoples' minds that alcohol is also a drug. In fact, you hear the phrase "drugs and alcohol" used continually. Alcohol is different, however, in that it is a legal drug, even though it kills many people, innocent and not-so-innocent, every year — in contrast to many so-called illegal drugs, many of which have been responsible for not one single death on record.

However, since alcohol is a legal drug, it is regulated, and although some children do get their hands on alcohol, the problem of children buying and using alcohol is minor compared to that of the currently illegal drugs. When is the last time you saw somebody trying to sell six-packs out of their raincoat on the street corner?

My point is that decriminalization of drugs would have many positive effects for all people, [including] saving innocent children's lives by getting the drug trade out of the streets into the regulated stores where it belongs.

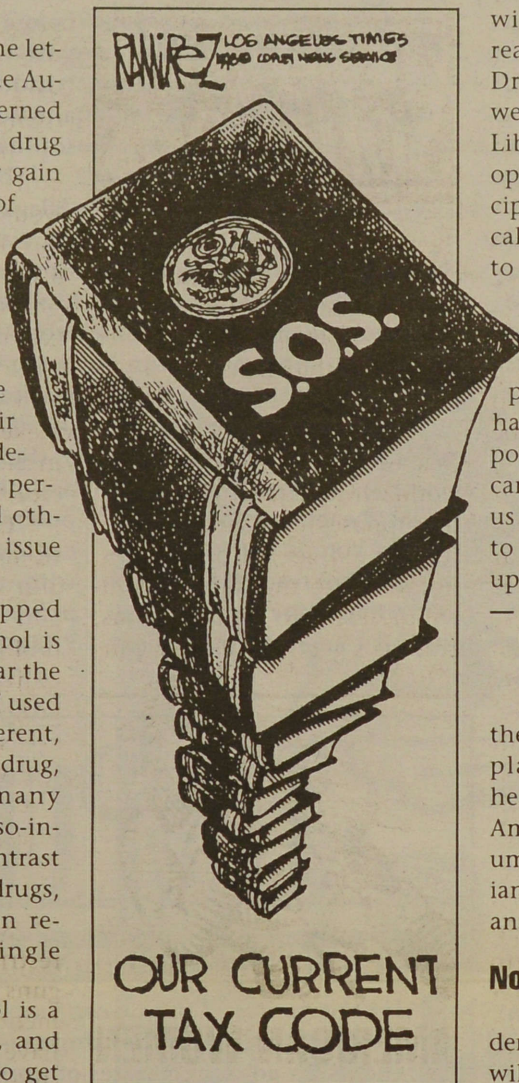
I admit, nothing is perfect, and kids do use cigarettes and alcohol, even though there are laws against them (maybe *because* there are, in some cases). But if you look at the result of prohibition of alcohol on society, and consequently at the results of its relegalization, then you can see that the overall effect on children and society as a whole has been altogether positive.

— **BARBARA & CHARLES HUMPHREY**, Wagontown, Pennsylvania

Non-partisan push

I'd like to see a push to get "bi-partisan" removed from the public lexicon except for the times when it really relates to bi-partisan issues (there are a few).

Most of the time bi-partisan



is used when non-partisan is the correct term.

We should correct the press, government officials, and everyone else for using a term that, I believe, is used to reinforce the false idea that this is a two-party country.

— **WILLIAM MARK CLIFFORD**
Oviedo, Florida

Silver Bullet

The Medical Identification Number issue that has been in the news lately is the "Silver Bullet" Libertarians need. It is the perfect breakthrough issue that can appeal to Americans who are concerned with personal privacy and freedom, and those who are tired of the blood-sucking ways of the federal government. These are issues that appeal to a majority of Americans.

By focusing on stopping this blatant intrusive Socialist step we will be able to open a dialogue

with many who may not be ready to consider the "War on Drugs," handgun and assault weapon control laws, and other Libertarian principles with an open mind. While all our principles are important, the Medical ID issue might just be the key to getting the majority to consider liberty and personal privacy as a guiding principle.

This is the issue that can plant the seed of freedom that has been missing in mainstream political thought. The Republicans and Democrats have given us the tool we've been needing to end their reign. Let's pick it up and use it.

— **TRACY WADE**
Underwood, Iowa

EDITOR'S NOTE: On July 31, the White House suspended the plan to mandate a "unique health identifier" number for all Americans. See "The Issues" column on page 9 for the Libertarian Party's public reaction to that announcement.

No perfect solution

There are times when I wonder whether the Libertarian Party will survive, when some of our members are very eager to say that your rights are your own — up until a certain point.

Those [Libertarians] who criticize smokers have a valid point in objecting to [second-hand smoke] in their presence, but let me ask them this: Do any of you honestly believe that government control will do anything to change this? All they will do is tax them harder. You'll still be breathing the second-hand smoke. Why not appeal to the tobacco companies to make a smokeless cigarette, instead?

Then there are those who think Microsoft should have a government leash attached to it. Monopolies are bad, no argument. But you expect a political monopoly, the government, to stop this? They will merely take their cut of Bill Gates' profits and let him go about producing bad software. At best, there will be three or four mini-Microsofts, all of them over-regulated and taxed; taxes which will be passed on to the consumer. Again, no solution.

One of the reasons I found Libertarianism appealing in the first place is because I believed that its adherents understood there was no perfect solution; only that government was always the *last* resort, and often a

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THE PULSE

Sex scandals: Shut up, already

Silence. That's what Libertarian Party members say they want to hear about the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky sex-and-lies scandal. At least, that's the result of this month's unscientific "Pulse" survey.

By a more than two-to-one majority, *LP News* readers said that the Libertarian Party should not speak out publicly about the so-called "Fornigate" scandal. The final vote: 57.5% said the party is better off keeping quiet; 27.5% said the party has an obligation to comment publicly; and 15% gave ambiguous or conditional answers.

Ironically, as *LP News* goes to press, President Clinton is scheduled to testify before the grand jury in Washington DC. So, every American is guaranteed to hear more about this ongoing "he said/she said/the dress shows" soap opera than they might want to know — no matter how silent the Libertarian Party remains.

Here's a representative cross-sample of responses:

■ **KEEP QUIET:** Morality is a personal matter. Subornation of perjury is a criminal matter. Neither is a political matter. Continued silence is appropriate.

— **STU YOUNG**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ **KEEP QUIET:** The LP should not speak out on such matters, but rather leave the tawdry yellow journalism to the journalists, and the partisanship to the parties without principle.

— **DAVE ARONSON**, Vienna, Virginia

■ **SPEAK OUT:** Such scandals attack the heart of individual liberty. Lying and venality by government officials destroy the trust between citizens and government, and within the society as a whole on which liberty is based.

— **PETER G. CLAYMORE**, Fairfax, Virginia

■ **KEEP QUIET:** The LP should stick to its course of commenting only on matters of principle. Scandals come and go, but principles endure. Whining about sex scandals does nothing to distinguish us from the political morass.

— **MARIE ANGELL**, Houston, Texas

■ **KEEP QUIET:** It's Hillary Clinton's problem if her husband can't keep his pants zipped up.

— **S.E. BENTON**, Champaign, Illinois

■ **SPEAK OUT:** The party of principle should speak against any action by an elected official that may involve the use of fraud. Fraud defined includes actions of deception. If President Clinton is deceiving the American people, then he should be punished.

— **SORRELLS DEWOODY**, Independence, Kansas

■ **SPEAK OUT:** It isn't an issue of sex, but one of deceit and betrayal. By committing adultery, Clinton has deceived and betrayed his wife to whom he swore to remain faithful until death. By conspiring to commit perjury, he has breached the legal system he has taken an oath to uphold.

— **KEITH DONAT**, Shaker Heights, Ohio

■ **KEEP QUIET:** Let us keep ourselves more dignified than the other parties by just staying out of it.

— **TODD DAVIS**, Carrollton, Texas

■ **KEEP QUIET:** The "sex scandals" are smoke screens to avoid the real issues the LP brings out all the time. The LP should stick to the real issues of freedom and liberty, under the Constitution.

— **BRUCE T. LYTLE**, Vancouver, Washington

■ **KEEP QUIET:** I don't believe the LP should have an opinion on anyone's sex life. Why should anyone's sex life be a political issue?

— **KEN THOMPSON**, Ball Ground, Georgia

THE MAILBOX

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failure, even then. Why do some of us now seem to think that government can be trusted or useful in these circumstances?

If we continue down this "make exceptions" road, the day will come that we will just be another bunch of Republicans. Either we protect individual rights — or we're just like them.

I am a non-smoker and no fan of Bill Gates. But I know government is more dangerous than either tobacco or Microsoft. Have others forgotten?

— JAY MCINTYRE

Colmar, Pennsylvania

Ban nicotine

I've been reading the August 1998 [LP News], and wish to com-

ment on the issue of smoking.

It's true that the decision to smoke is a choice. I started smoking in 1950. At the time, cigarettes were advertised as healthy, relaxing, and the chic thing. Most movie stars, most athletes, politicians, and other role models smoked. The only drawback I ever heard was that cigarettes might stunt your growth.

I am now 60 years old and addicted to cigarettes (nicotine). Having tried to quit and stay quit since 1974, I assure you [that] smoking is not a choice once addiction takes hold.

If we Libertarians truly want "we the people" to have a choice in this area, nicotine must be removed from cigarettes, cigars, and all tobacco. Then and only

then will we have a choice. Government does have a role in this.

— AL HUNT

Weston, Florida

Bad advice from Rush

Rush Limbaugh spoke out against the Libertarian Party on June 24. He instructed his audience not to vote Libertarian and not to join the LP.

Citing an election [in Colorado] in which the Green Party won 15% of the votes, he concluded that the Democrats lost that election because of the Green Party. Limbaugh also pointed out that because of the Libertarian Party, the Democrats might win over the Republicans in an election.

The Republican Party makes many speeches and pledges to protect individual freedom, but what separates a freedom-oriented Republican from a Libertarian is that a Libertarian looks deeper. The Republicans say they are out to fight big government, though the government continues to grow. The Republicans are in power, yet the government still regulates how much water my toilet can use when it flushes.

Some Republicans would have us believe that they are trying to fight big government, but the liberals keep fighting them. If this was the case, the Republican Congress could put a bill on Clinton's desk every other day for him to veto in front of the American people. Actions speak louder than words, and the actions of Republicans show that they are no different from the tax-and-regulate Democrats.

It will be a good thing if the Republicans lose a few elections because of Libertarian interference. [If so], perhaps the Republicans will one day be forced to live up to their promises.

— JASON MILLER

Hudsonville, Michigan

Spectacular

The August issue of LP News was spectacular. Your intense group effort is greatly appreciated.

— CHAD RICHARD

Castle Hill, Maine

Impeachment mistake

Although I am no fan of President Clinton, I fear the delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention made a serious public-relations mistake by

"THE NATIONAL convention delegates' vote is not wrong, but its timing is atrocious."

asking the House of Representatives to begin Articles of Impeachment against him ("Delegates Vote: Impeach Clinton," LP News, August 1998).

Imagine for a second you are a non-Libertarian, know nothing about the Libertarian Party, and you see a headline that says "Libertarians Vote to Impeach Clinton." Without reading the rest of the article, what would you think? If I knew nothing about

the LP and I saw that, without reading the article, I would probably think, "Those self-righteous Libertarians are worse than the Republicans for trying to trap Clinton with his pants down." One has to read the fine print before one realizes that our disgust with Clinton is with his handling of the Constitution and not with the Oval Office sex scandals.

The LP National Convention delegates' vote is not wrong, but its timing is atrocious. The American public is obsessed with the President's sexual habits, and whenever the word "impeachment" is uttered, people automatically tie it to the sex scandal. This creates two problems: 1) the LP is the party of freedom and privacy, and not of kicking public servants out of office because of who they engage in sex with, and 2) with a public approval rating of over 60% for the President, the American public is

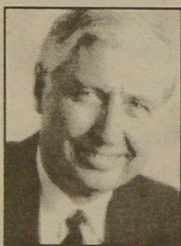
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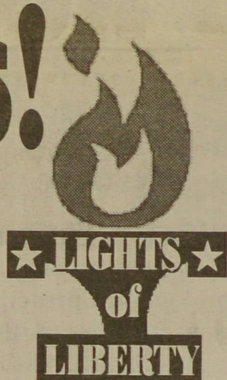
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November Question: Animal Rights?

"I'd rather go naked than wear fur." Billboards and advertisements with that slogan — showing languid models in advanced states of undress — have become more common over the past several years. Meanwhile, groups like the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), vegetarians, animal-testing opponents, and anti-hunting activists call for more laws to protect our furry friends from human "aggression." It's all part of the animal rights movement, which argues that animals have "natural rights" that people should not violate.

■ **QUESTION:** Does the Libertarian philosophy have an opinion about animal rights? If so, what? And should the LP take an official position on the issue of animal rights? If so, what? (Limit answers to 100 words, please.)

■ **DEADLINE:** October 5, 1998

October Question: Favorite LP Position?

For every Libertarian who joined the party because they're annoyed at the government, there is another who joined simply because he or she *loves liberty*.

And for each individual Libertarian, there is usually one particular aspect of liberty they love the most — whether it is freedom from taxes; ending "consensual crimes;" freedom from regulation; an end to Drug Prohibition . . . the list of "hot button" issues for each Libertarian is as varied as Libertarians themselves.

■ **QUESTION:** Which one Libertarian position is most appealing to you? In other words, which LP platform plank are you most proud of? Or, which LP position prompted you to join the party? Or, which LP position do you brag about to your friends? (Limit answers to 100 words, please.)

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supremely disinterested in who the President has sex with. The LP's vote to impeach Clinton can do nothing but turn off and turn away the very non-Libertarian voters we are trying to attract.

— **JIM CHEANEY**
 Colo, Iowa

Excellent article

Reprinted in the July 1998 edition of *LP News* was one of the best articles I have read in a long time. Written by Laura Coker-Garcia, "Ending Drug Prohibition" was a clearly written and well-conceived piece of work.

This article did an excellent job of pointing to the financial havoc heaped upon our economy, and the hideous corruption that drug money breeds.

Statistics show that 76% of Americans think that the Drug War has already been lost, so why does our government continue to fight? In 1979, there were 50,000 people in our prisons for drug use, today there are over 400,000!

The Drug War has turned a moderate problem into a monster, a many-headed hydra, and the monster grows larger by the day. It is twisting our nation's economy to the point where we have several states with pot as their #1 cash crop, and the prison system as the #1 industry.

I believe Ms. Coker-Garcia has shown us the high ground from which to [make our case against big government], as she provides our rallying cry. "If there is no victim, there is no crime. Individuals have the right to live their lives as they see fit as long as they don't harm anyone else." And that, ladies and gentlemen, is what liberty is!

— **HOWARD HUTCHENSON**
 Riverview, Florida

Two-party myth

Some time ago, I was contacted by a local firm that puts together focus groups for political and commercial clients. Since I'm 48, educated, and make money, I'm in a hot category, and have been called back several times.

I originally listed myself as a Libertarian, but [during] a recent call to see if I qualified for a particular client's group, [I was

asked] to specify whether I was Republican, Democrat, or independent. I gave the standard response I give to regular telephone polls: "Your polling practices perpetuate the myth of a two-party system, and as a Libertarian, I refuse to participate further in this poll."

The interviewer then volunteered that he knew I was a Libertarian, that the "filter ques-

tion" was dictated by the client. [He mentioned] that another libertarian he'd spoken to was dissatisfied with the question also, but opted to answer "independent" and thus have a shot at getting into the focus group.

Maybe there's a libertarian pollster out there who has a better solution, but it seems to me that cooperating with polls and focus groups that offer just two choices would be like continuing to vote if the government limited the ballot the same way — it just encourages them.

— **SCOTT SEMANS**
 Seattle, Washington

Archaic mechanism

I read with some concern the description of our procedures for modification of the party platform. ["Platform emerges almost unchanged," *LP News*, August 1998] Our party, the "Internet party," the party constantly fighting for greater representation in the political process limits, through an archaic mechanism, participation in the modification of its own platform to the few who can spare the money and the time away from their jobs to attend the annual convention.

I believe that modifications

to our platform should be made by all party members, either by mail or, if security issues can be worked out, via the Internet, an option which would probably be far less expensive and would certainly be far more progressive.

Using either method, extremely important changes to our platform would no longer be shelved due to the lack of time to address them at the convention and a platform based on the opinions of a far more representative sample of dues-paying party members would result.

— **WILLIAM BLAIR**
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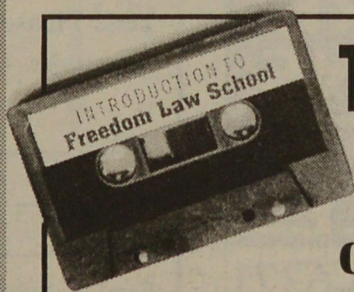
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LP lawyer scores major asset forfeiture victory

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of nominating Liz Macron to the Supreme Court. Her dedication to liberty knows no bounds."

Citing English common law, the Federalist papers, and a 300-year-old case in which British customs officials seized a sailing ship, the seven-member court decided that the right to a jury trial was guaranteed to New Jersey citizens — even in asset forfeiture cases.

Like sailing ships

"New Jersey colonists insisted on jury trials for the forfeiture of ships and their contents. Automobile owners are entitled to the same protection today," the court wrote. "The forfeiture of automobiles today, like that of sailing ships in earlier times, should be subject to

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the general rule requiring trial by jury."

A jury trial is important, the court stated, because, "Today, as in the past, the jury often stands as a shield between the individual and the State."

The state's attorney general office blasted the decision, arguing that jury trials would be too costly and time-consuming —

and would make it more difficult to wage the War on Drugs.

But the court dismissed that argument, holding that "mere inconvenience [for the state], however, cannot justify the denial of a constitutional right."

The court did not rule on the constitutionality of New Jersey's forfeiture laws, which have been used by the police to seize everything from cars, cash, jewelry, and real estate.

The stakes were high for New Jersey law enforcement, which seized close to \$13 million in property and cash in 1996. Currently, there are 2,500 pending forfeiture cases in the state — all of which now qualify for jury trials, thanks to the new ruling.

McDermott's case began three years ago, when police seized her 1990 Honda Accord after her son was caught using it to transport heroin.

Despite McDermott's plea that she never consented to any illegal use of her automobile, the car was confiscated under a state law that allows police to seize property — even if the owner is not convicted of any crime.

1990 Honda Accord

McDermott demanded a jury trial, but the Superior Court denied her request, and let a single judge decide the case of "New Jersey vs. one 1990 Honda Accord and \$420."

The odd trial name was typical of property forfeiture cases, in which the government prosecutes property — instead of individuals. The legal theory, which dates back to 18th-century English law, holds that objects can be found guilty of a crime, and punished through seizure by the government. Since property has no Constitutional rights, no jury trial is needed, New Jersey prosecutors argued.

A three-judge panel of the Appellate Division, in a split decision, reversed the trial judge and landed the case before the state's highest court.

"This is exactly why we need jury trials in forfeiture cases," said John Paff, LP member and secretary of the national organization Forfeiture Endangers American Rights (FEAR). "Juries will bring some level of common sense to this abomination known as civil asset forfeiture."

Oklahoma LP members win registration rights

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ran into difficulty trying to register before the 1996 election.

"After the party successfully petitioned to be recognized in 1996, Oklahomans had less than 30 days to register as Libertarian, and registration forms did not list the Libertarian Party as a valid option for voter registration," said Clem. "The decision from the lawsuit is, in part, a remedy to these problems."

According to Clem, the judge's pro-registration decision was based largely on the testimony of Winger, a nationally recognized expert on ballot access and voter registration law.

Winger testified that several states allow voter registration for "non-recognized" parties. He also argued that a list of registered voters is a valuable asset for

a political party — and cited the LP's Project Archimedes as an example of how a party can use lists of registered voters to recruit contributing members and build support.

Most difficult

Unfortunately, the ruling will not change Oklahoma's ballot access laws — which are "some of the most difficult ballot access requirements in the nation," said Clem.

Under state law, a party's presidential or gubernatorial candidate must win 10% of the vote to be "officially" recognized.

But "while Judge Alley's decision will not change the ballot access requirements, it will ease some of the burden third parties have in building political support in Oklahoma," said Clem.

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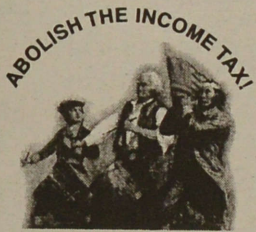
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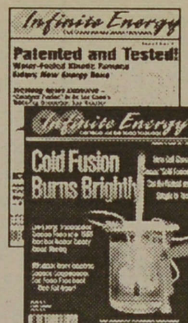
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■ December 12-13, 1998

Libertarian National Committee, Inc. Meeting, Washington, DC. Exact location TBA. Open to all Libertarian Party members. For information, call Daniel Smith at (202) 333-0008 Ext. 231.

■ January 24-31, 1999

Cruise for Liberty, Libertarian Caribbean cruise from Miami to St. Maarten to St. Thomas (and back). For information, call Ken Bisson at (219) 833-6700. Or, sign up for e-mail informa-

tion: kbisson@usa.net. Or, check out the World Wide Web site: <http://members.tripod.com/~kbisson>.

■ February 12-15, 1999

California LP Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose. Speakers TBA.

■ February 19-20, 1999

Oklahoma LP Convention, Oklahoma City. Speakers TBA.

■ February 20-22, 1999

Mississippi LP Convention, Holiday Inn Coliseum, Biloxi. Speakers include Harry Browne (1996 LP presidential candidate), Jim Lark (campus organizing expert), and Elliot Shaw. For information, call convention coordinator Jim Smith at (228) 392-3204. Or write: 7122 Princeton Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532.

■ March 19-21, 1999

Pennsylvania LP Convention, Pittsburgh Holiday Inn Airport, Pittsburgh. Speakers TBA. For information, contact Chuck Gilch at (412) 935-4937. E-mail: ckg@usaor.net.

■ May 15-16, 1999

Ohio LP Convention, Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay. Speakers TBA. For information, call Ralph Mullinger at (419) 425-2702. E-mail: rmullinger@yahoo.com. Or, e-mail LeRoy Lloyd at lloyd@wcnet.org.

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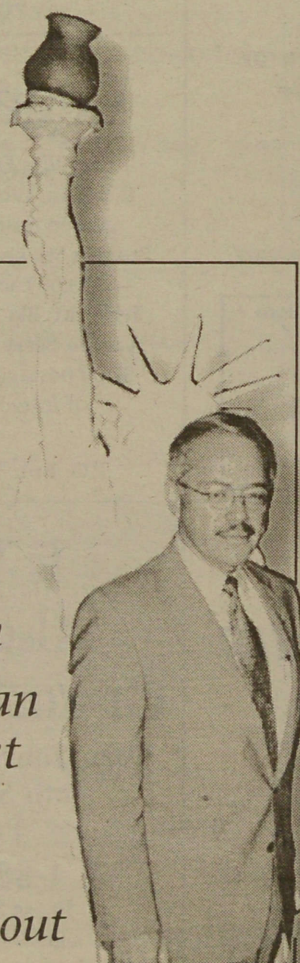
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Although the buoyant economy and a low jobless rate would seem to present a formidable challenge for anyone advocating change, this year's list of independent and third-party candidates is the largest in nearly a half century. Their mere presence is sending a message to Democrats and Republicans that a sizable slice of the American public remains concerned with their approach to governing. [Despite the obstacles they face], third parties could prove to be a force. Thirty years ago, 45% of Americans registered as Democrats, 25% as Republicans, and 3% as other. Today, Democrats are 33%, Republicans are 22%, and independent voters are 14%. These changing identities translate into increasing turmoil at the polls. In the 1996 presidential election, almost four times as many people voted for minor parties than did in 1984.

— SCOTT BALDAUF, *Christian Science Monitor*, August 4, 1998

