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Thompson, Russo launch campaigns

In Wisconsin, Ed Thompson vows to be "breath of fresh air" in governor's race

Ed Thompson has jumped into the race for governor in Wisconsin, launching his campaign with a whirlwind tour of the state and a promise to bring "a breath of fresh air" to state politics.

Thompson, 50, who currently serves as the mayor of Tomah, made his announcement on the steps of the capitol building in Madison on November 15.

"For the past year, people have been telling me they're ready for a change," he said. "It's time to shake the shackles of government. People are ready for a breath of fresh air in Wisconsin politics."

Thompson then drove to the airport in a 1982 Pace Arrow RV nicknamed the "War Wagon," and flew to Milwaukee, Green Bay, Wausau, Superior, Eau Claire, and Sparta to make brief statements and answer media questions.

The one-day kick-off tour concluded at the Oasis Supper Club in Sparta.

At his various stops, Thompson,

the brother of former Republican Governor Tommy Thompson, blasted the fact that Wisconsin government spending more than doubled during the last 14 years.

High taxes

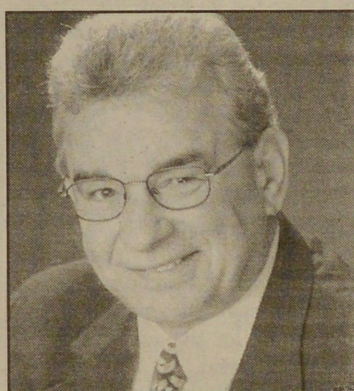
"The high taxes are driving our jobs out of state, and our family-wage jobs right with them," he said. "Spend now, pay for it later. How will [Republicans and Democrats] ever be able to control taxes?"

If nominated at the state LP convention in 2002, Thompson would face incumbent Governor Scott McCallum, a Republican, in the general election. The Democratic nomination is being contested by Attorney General Jim Doyle, U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, State Senator Gary R. George, and Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk.

Thompson said he doesn't particularly care who he faces in the general election.

"I call them Republicrats," he said.

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■ Ed Thompson (top) in Wisconsin and Aaron Russo in Nevada have both launched high-profile gubernatorial campaigns.

In Nevada, Aaron Russo says he has "great" chance to win governor's race

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hollywood movie producer Aaron Russo will announce his bid to be the Libertarian candidate for Nevada governor at a press conference in January.

According to campaign manager David Owens, the announcement is "tentatively scheduled" for sometime during the second week of the month.

The colorful Russo, who produced such blockbusters as *The Rose* (1979) and *Trading Places* (1983) during his Hollywood career, said the race for Nevada governor has all the ingredients necessary for a Libertarian upset.

"I honestly think this is a great opportunity for the Libertarian Party to finally win a high-level office," he said. "This could then start a ripple effect that would elect Libertarians to higher offices throughout the country. I urge Libertarians across the country to contribute time, spirit, and money to this race."

Owens said that with an organized and well-funded campaign, it is "entirely possible" that Russo could emerge victorious next November.

"The Democrats don't have a formidable candidate to put up, and [incumbent Governor] Kenny Guinn is extremely unpopular among voters right now," he said. "Also, Aaron is already well known throughout the state. This race is winnable."

Building coalitions

Although the election is 11 months away, the 58-year-old Russo said he is already hard at work "building coalitions" for his campaign.

For example, he has already received the support of the state Reform Party, largely due to his emphasis on fiscal responsibility.

Russo has also won the support of the state Green Party, which approves of his stand on medical marijuana and his opposition to dumping nuclear waste in the Yucca Mountain range.

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■ Carla Howell and Michael Cloud of the Committee for Small Government stand before boxes containing 75,500 signatures — the first step to put an initiative to repeal the state income tax on the ballot.

Mass. Libertarians turn in income tax-repeal petitions

Amidst a swarm of journalists, Massachusetts Libertarians have turned in more than enough signatures to qualify a ballot initiative that will allow voters to decide if they want to eliminate the state income tax.

On December 4, likely LP gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell and potential U.S. Senatorial candidate Michael Cloud delivered 75,500 signatures to the Secretary of State at the Elections Division Office in Boston.

According to state law, 57,100 valid signatures are required to put the initiative before state legislators, who have until May to act on it.

If the legislature rejects the proposal — as Libertarians expect — Howell's Committee for Small Government will collect another 9,517 cer-

tified signatures during May and June 2002 to qualify the initiative for the November 2002 ballot.

After the petition turn-in, a "tired, but thrilled" Howell said the initiative, which would save Bay State taxpayers \$9 billion a year, had successfully jumped its first major hurdle.

"We submitted an unchallengeable amount of signatures," she said. "This initiative is almost guaranteed to be on the ballot in November."

100,000 signatures

The petition drive culminated six months of work, during which Libertarians had gathered more than 100,000 raw petition signatures.

The petitions were organized into 351 stacks, which were sent to 351 Massachusetts towns and cities for certification.

Libertarians then picked up the 75,500-plus signatures that had been validated, and Cloud and Howell delivered 10 boxes of petition signatures to the Secretary of State.

"We did things the old-fashioned way," said Cloud. "It was backbreaking labor at times, but now is when the fun begins. Our initiative is already getting coverage from media all over the state."

The Committee for Small Government held a press conference after submitting the petitions, and garnered coverage from the *Boston Globe*, the Associated Press, the State House News Service, Boston Cable News, the *Daily Free Press*, 9 Cable Network News, and at least a dozen radio stations.

"You should have seen the expres-

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Detroit medical marijuana initiative is filed

A Detroit Libertarian has completed a petition drive to put a medical marijuana initiative on a local election ballot in 2002. Tim Beck, who is coordinating the effort, said 8,000 signatures — almost 2,000 more than necessary — were submitted to the Detroit city clerk in early December.

If approved by voters, the measure would protect legitimate medical marijuana patients from arrest and prosecution.

"[Legalizing] medical marijuana is not the full solution to the devastation caused by America's War on Drugs, but it's certainly a step in the right direction," said Beck.

Once the signatures are verified, Beck said he hopes to schedule the initiative for the Democratic primary election in August 2002.

"In Detroit, the Democratic primary is basically the general election," he said. "Republicans are not competitive here, and we figure the more liberal voters who come out to the Democratic primary will be especially supportive of this measure."

To rally public support, Beck said he had convinced several prominent local figures to serve on the steering committee for the initiative, including a former Detroit police chief, a state representative, and a university physician.

Party marks birthday with interview blitz

The Libertarian Party marked its 30th anniversary with a media blitz that resulted in more than two dozen radio interviews.

The party celebrated its 30th birthday on December 11 — three decades to the day after a handful of individuals voted to form the Libertarian Party in David Nolan's living room in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

To commemorate the occasion, the party's Washington, DC headquarters invited radio stations to interview Nolan and discuss the impact the Libertarian Party has had on the American political system.

Sixteen hosts took advantage of the offer, and scheduled Nolan in a barrage of back-to-back interviews on December 10 and 11. Including network shows, Nolan appeared on 161 radio stations.

"Whew!" said Nolan after his non-stop talkathon. "Nine interviews in one day! [However], all the hosts were friendly and made laudatory remarks about at least some aspect of the LP."

LP Press Secretary George Getz picked up where Nolan left off, doing another nine interviews about the party's history on December 12-14.

"I even had two or three radio hosts call and leave recorded Happy Birthday messages on my answering machine," said Getz. "And trust me, these are people who should stick to talking, rather than singing!"

JDL chairman is arrested in California

Jewish Defense League chairman and former Libertarian Party member Irv Rubin has been arrested in connection to an alleged bombing plot in California — and LP leaders said the accusations are "troubling."

Rubin, 56, and Jewish Defense League (JDL) member Earl Krugel were arrested in Los Angeles on December 11 by the Justice Department's anti-terrorist task force.

They were accused of plotting to bomb a mosque, the Muslim Public Affairs Council office, and a U.S. Congressman's office. If convicted, both men face prison sentences of up to 35 years.

According to police, Rubin and Krugel were arrested based on an informant's testimony, and police found explosives in Krugel's home.

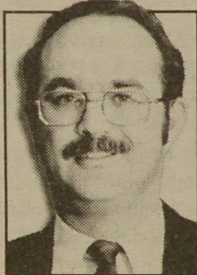
Libertarian Party Executive Director Steve Dasbach said it is too soon for anyone to judge whether Rubin — whose dues-paying LP membership lapsed in June 2001 — is guilty of the charges.

"Given Mr. Rubin's past association with the Libertarian Party — and given that he signed our membership statement that specifically renounces the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals — we certainly hope that he played no role in any plot to destroy property or injure innocent people," he said.

Rubin's attorney, Peter Morris, said the JDL leader was innocent. "Irv Rubin never had anything to do with explosives," he said. "It seems to us, given the timing, the government's action is part of an overreaction to the September 11 events."

But especially given the lingering horror of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Dasbach said it would be "reprehensible" for any American to plan to bomb a mosque.

"Libertarians unequivocally condemn anyone who would attempt to destroy a mosque; such an action strikes at the very heart of the American tradition of religious tolerance," he said. "It is antithetical to the voluntary, peaceful, and cooperative ideals that Libertarians advocate."



■ David Nolan:
Interview blitz.

Massachusetts Libertarians file signatures to repeal income tax

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sion on some of the faces of the reporters at the press conference," said Cloud. "They couldn't believe the moral certitude of these Libertarians, who believe that taking \$9 billion from the government and giving it back to the taxpayers who earned it is a good thing."

The initiative — dubbed "The Small Government Act to End the Income Tax" — would repeal the Bay State's 5% tax on wages, the 5% tax on interest and dividends, and the up-to-12% tax on capital gains.

If the initiative passes, the average taxpayer will save \$3,000 annually, said Howell.

Boston Tea Party

"This is the biggest tax revolt in Massachusetts since the Boston Tea Party," she said. "It would mean a tax refund 10 times the amount of the Bush refund for the average Massachusetts taxpayer."

The Beacon Hill Institute has calculated that eliminating the state income tax would create more than 400,000 new jobs in the common-

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—Carla Howell

wealth — more than enough to compensate for the roughly 230,000 state workers who would become unemployed because of government downsizing.

In addition, eliminating the income tax would reign in the "out of control" government spending that has taken place over the past decade, said Howell — pushing the 2001 budget to almost \$23 billion, up from \$10 billion in 1991.

"Are Massachusetts citizens get-

ting double the value in education, road maintenance, airport security, and other state responsibilities than we were 10 years ago?" she asked. "I submit that the answer is 'no.' This measure will make legislators far less likely to embark on wasteful projects in the future."

Massive opposition

Once the measure is on the ballot, Howell predicted it will likely face massive opposition from special interest groups that benefit from the income tax.

However, she said no tax cut initiative has won less than 39% of the vote during the last 20 years — so Libertarians are likely to win the support of many Bay State taxpayers.

"Ending the Massachusetts income tax is good for the economy, good for workers, and good for families," said Howell. "This is a first step toward making Massachusetts government small."

For information, visit: www.smallgovernmentact.org. Or write: Committee for Small Government, 6 Goodman Lane, Wayland, MA 01778.

LP joins medical marijuana campaign

The Libertarian Party has joined a campaign to voice opposition to a series of anti-medical marijuana raids by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in California — and to help pass a bill that could prevent such raids in the future.

On November 21, the party sent an "Action Item" to its 35,000-name e-mail list, asking for support for HR 2592.

The bill, filed by Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), would change federal law so the DEA would no longer be able to prosecute patients in states that authorize medical marijuana.

The LP joined the campaign for HR 2592 after DEA agents in October raided the Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center, which distributed medical marijuana to nearly 1,000 seriously ill people, most of whom have AIDS. The DEA seized all of the



center's computers, files, bank account, plants, and medicine.

Previously, DEA agents had raided a medical marijuana garden in Ventura County and a medical marijuana clinic in Cool, California.

Concerned

"We received many e-mails and phone calls from Libertarians who are concerned about the patients' health, their privacy, and their legal situation," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, who is spearheading the campaign. Many were also "angry that the government was spending thousands of taxpayer dollars

to persecute terminally ill patients instead of fighting terrorism."

To fax a pre-written letter of protest, and to urge your U.S. Representative to support HR 2592, Libertarians can visit: www.mpp.org/LP. The site is sponsored by the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP).

"It is shocking that the U.S. Justice Department is claiming it needs more money to fight terrorism, while [the DEA] is executing raids against the least dangerous people in our society — cancer patients and those suffering from AIDS," said MPP Executive Director Robert Kampia.

Sending a letter in support of HR 2592 is "a positive outlet" for Libertarians' "concern and anger," said Crickenberger.

"The bill would take the issue of medical marijuana out of the hands of the federal government and turn it over to the states," he said.

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The Mission Statement of the Libertarian Party: "To move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office."

LNC passes \$3.3m budget for 2002

Budget includes funding for Strategic Plan's growth, election, and marketing priorities

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has approved a \$3.3 million budget for 2002 that contains significant funding to begin implementing the party's sweeping Strategic Plan.

The budget was approved by voice vote at the LNC meeting in Washington, DC on December 9.

The budget represents a significant jump over the \$2.1 million the party raised in 2001, said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach, and assumes that party members will be willing to help fund the outreach, growth, and marketing projects contained in the Strategic Plan.

Move forward

"This budget is our best effort to move forward with the Strategic Plan, given the constraints of limited resources," he said. "Of course, how fast we move forward with the Strategic Plan depends on how much support we get from LP members."

The Strategic Plan, which was approved by the LNC in 2001 after more than six months of meetings, calls for the party to focus on six major political goals:

- Increase the number of Libertarians holding public office.
- Strengthen Libertarian state and local organizations.
- Increase the Libertarian Party's support base — members, contributors, and volunteers/activists.

■ Increase the Libertarian Party's market share among youth.

■ Increase public awareness of, and support for, Libertarian ideas.

■ Remain the "Party of Principle" as the LP grows.

The most significant Strategic Plan-related expenditures in the 2002 budget include:

■ \$75,000 to begin initial research into the process of creating a Libertarian Party "brand" identity.

"This will fund work with professional marketing/positioning/branding consultants to help us define the position we want to occupy in the political marketplace, and create the LP brand image that will best enable us to do so," said Dasbach.

■ \$94,000 in candidate training and support, to help elect more Libertarians.

"We will focus on recruiting candidates for winnable local offices, providing direct contributions to candidates with an excellent shot at winning election to significant offices, providing training and support materials, and funding coordinated expenditures for U.S. House outreach advertising," said Dasbach.

■ \$200,000 to begin implementing the "Drug War Strategy" to "achieve the repeal of drug prohibition at the federal level by 2010, and get substantial credit for it."

In 2002 and beyond, the party will focus on using the "Spoiler Effect"



■ Joe Dehn (center, standing), the Region 2 Representative, makes a point while the Libertarian National Committee debates the 2002 budget at its December 8-9, 2001 meeting in Washington, DC. The LNC eventually passed a \$3.3 million budget that increases funding for outreach, marketing, and LP growth.

to help defeat "the worst drug warriors" in Congress; to elect city councils with Libertarian majorities; and support drug policy reform initiatives, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, who is spearheading the effort.

"For there to be a real drug policy reform, many of our current elected officials must change the way they vote on drug policy, and a large number of new officials must be put in office," he said. "There is no other way. It is in this area that the Libertarian Party can have the most immediate effect on drug policy reform."

■ \$552,000 for direct-mail pros-

pecting to increase LP membership. The party plans to mail about 1.5 million membership solicitation letters, which should recruit about 7,200 new dues-paying members and another 2,400 LP News subscribers and contributors, said Dasbach.

\$146,000 cost

This effort should generate about \$406,000 in revenue, leaving a cost of about \$146,000. The party also expects to spend about \$60,000 on Internet-based advertising and membership solicitation.

■ \$30,000 for campus and youth outreach. The money will be used to help promote more Libertarian clubs

on college campuses, develop a CD ROM Activist Kit, send well-known Libertarians to speak before college groups, and increase student-targeted advertising in magazines and websites, said LP National Campus Coordinator Marc Brandl.

■ \$24,750 for new affiliate party support. This includes the costs of hosting a State Chair's conference and bringing new State Chairs to the party's national office for orientation.

Other expenses in the budget include:

■ \$445,322 in Unified Membership Program (UMP) payments to state affiliates (13.4% of the budget).

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November election wins climb to new record: 76

The number of Libertarians elected to office on November 6 has jumped to 76, thanks to a flurry of late-breaking victories.

The additional wins — 15 in Pennsylvania and two in Virginia — solidified the November election as the most successful in Libertarian Party history, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"On November 6, we elected more Libertarians to office in a single day than we had in any previous year in party history," he said. "That's an amazing accomplishment."

Twice as many

The Libertarian Party also elected more than twice as many candidates as any other third party. According to the Green Party website, 30 Greens were elected on November 6 around the USA.

In addition to the 59 Libertarian victories reported in the December 2001 issue of LP News, LP candidates also won the following races:

■ In Virginia, Marc Montoni was elected as a Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District Director as a write-in candidate.

■ In Virginia, Matt Medeiros won election as a Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District Director. Medeiros became a dues-paying LP member following his election as a write-in candidate.

■ In Pennsylvania, Karl Spangler was elected as York County Auditor.

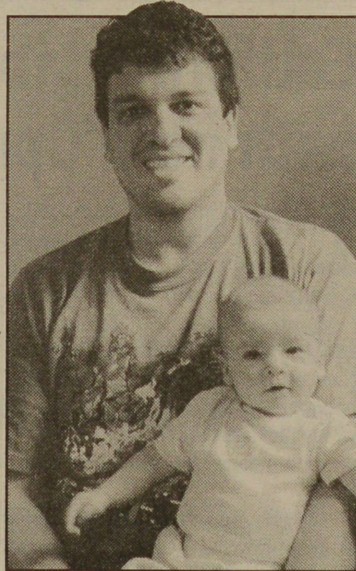
■ In Pennsylvania, Della Croft was elected as Minority Inspector of Elections (15th Ward, 2nd District) in Allentown.

■ In Pennsylvania, Michael J. Robertson won as Licking Township Supervisor.

■ In Pennsylvania, Brian Moloney was elected as a Bucks County Judge of Elections.

■ In Pennsylvania, Jessica Zehngut emerged victorious in a race for Centre County Inspector of Elections.

■ In Pennsylvania, Jessica Morris



■ Marc Montoni — shown here with son (and future Libertarian voter) Matthew Tiller-Montoni — was elected as a Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District Director in Virginia.

and Jim Pratt both won as Philadelphia County Inspectors of Elections.

■ In Pennsylvania, Julian Heicklen won an unprecedented five write-in victories, for Centre County Assessor, Auditor, Inspector of Elec-

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'Champions of Liberty' set as '02 Convention theme

Libertarians can register as "champions of liberty" now that delegate packages and a convention theme have been finalized for the 2002 National Libertarian Party Convention.

The convention, which will be held July 3-7, 2002, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, will have the theme, "Champions of Liberty," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

Patriotic flair

"When many people think of Indianapolis, they naturally think of the Indianapolis 500 car races," he said. "Our theme, Champions of Liberty, allows us to tie into that connection with a patriotic flair."

"Also, the heroic actions of many Libertarians after the September 11 terrorist attacks make the theme extremely timely, as well."

The theme is also reinforced by the "stellar line-up" of convention speakers, said Dasbach.

BEING A DELEGATE at the Convention is a great way for party members to show they are Champions of Liberty.

— Steve Dasbach

Included in that line-up are syndicated radio host Neal Boortz, 2000 Massachusetts U.S. Senate candidate Carla Howell, 2002 Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson, former LP legislator and 2000 presidential candidate Don Gorman, Libertarian Sheriff Bill Masters of Colorado, and Libertarian city council in-

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POLITICAL NEWS

Carol Moore launches bid for LNC secretary

Calling for "Leadership, Not Compromise," Washington, DC Libertarian Carol Moore has announced her candidacy for Libertarian National Committee (LNC) Secretary in 2002.

Moore said she decided to run for office after the LNC "compromised" LP principles when it approved a resolution in October supporting "appropriate and measured" action against the terrorists responsible for the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"[The LNC passed the resolution] in part to placate members it had never properly educated to understand our non-interventionist platform," she said. "If elected secretary, I promise to work to make the Libertarian Party the leader in the struggle for liberty — not a wannabe Demopublican Party."

If elected, Moore said she will emphasize "honesty, integrity, and accountability;" ensure the LNC does not use its strategic plan to override the party's principles; emphasize the Libertarian belief in "contractual communities;" and promote high-visibility issue campaigns to create a "leading edge" image for the party.

Moore, a legal secretary, previously ran for LNC secretary at the LP national convention in 1998. She served as Chair of the District of Columbia LP, 1999-2001.

New LNC officers will be elected at the party's national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 3-7, 2002.

For more information, visit: carolmoore.net/4secretary.html. Or call: (202) 635-3739. Write: Carol Moore, Box 65518, Washington DC, 20035.



■ **Carol Moore:**
Is "pro-peace."

LNC names Platform, Bylaws committees

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has selected members for the Platform Committee and Bylaws Committee for the 2002 national convention.

At its meeting in Washington, DC on December 8, the LNC chose the following members for the Platform committee: Dean Ahmad (MD), Lorenzo Gaztanaga (MD), Michael Gilson de Lemos (FL), Henry Haller (PA), Sean Haugh (NC), Erin Hollinden (IN), Ed Hoch (AK), Robert Murphy (OK), George Squyres (AZ), and interim chair Mike Dixon (AZ).

The Platform Committee will propose platform revisions to the convention delegates. The committee has 20 members; 10 appointed by the LNC, and one appointed by each of the 10 largest state parties.

For the Bylaws committee, the LNC selected: Ken Bisson (IN), Sam Goldstein (IN), Don Gorman (NH), Tim Hagan (NV), Paul Hager (IN), Dana Johansen (VA), Dan Karlan (NJ), Richard Moroney (IA), Geoff Neale (TX), and interim chair Mark Nelson (IA).

The Bylaws Committee will propose bylaws revisions to delegates. There are 10 members of this committee; all are appointed by the LNC.

In March, the LNC will appoint members to the Credentials Committee, which decides which delegates can participate in the convention. There are 10 members of the committee; five chosen by the LNC, and one appointed by each of the five largest state parties.

The 2002 Libertarian National Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 3-7.

John F. Kennedy runs — as a Libertarian

John F. Kennedy is running for a seat in the Florida State House.

But this John F. Kennedy is an African immigrant, a private security officer, and a member of the Libertarian Party.

"When I immigrated to America from Gabon, Kennedy was president, and I admired him very much," said Kennedy, who is running for the District 39 seat in November 2002. "So when I had the chance to change my name after becoming a citizen, I chose that one."

Bearing the name of America's beloved 35th president has been an interesting experience, said Kennedy — and it often raises eyebrows among strangers.

"But if you think about it, there are other people with names like George Washington and Bill Clinton," he said.

Although his campaign is still in its early stages, the 52-year-old Kennedy said a major focus will be protecting civil liberties from overzealous state and local police officers.

Kennedy said he joined the LP in January 2000 after realizing that "Republicans and Democrats pay lip service to the Constitution, but then poke holes in it with unconstitutional laws. I want the Libertarian Party to grow because I want Americans to be free."

For more information, visit: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/JohnfKennedy02. Or email: johnfkennedy02@yahoo.com.



■ **John Kennedy:**
Raises eyebrows.

Libertarians go three-for-four on voter initiatives across USA

LP activists help kill \$2 billion in new taxes and bonds

In addition to electing a record number of Libertarians to local office on November 6, LP activists played a crucial role in deciding the fate of four major ballot initiatives around the USA.

Libertarians helped pass a tax-limitation initiative in Washington state, defeat a tax hike amendment in Colorado, kill a tax and bond referendum in El Paso County, Colorado, and fell just short of stopping a non-binding government health-care referendum in Maine.

Overall, Libertarians helped squash about \$2 billion in planned and projected tax hikes.

Profound impact

The initiative results demonstrate that Libertarian activists can have a "profound impact" on state and local politics, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"Libertarians don't just talk about being opposed to taxes; they help defeat tax hikes planned by Republicans and Democrats," he said. "These victories show that initiatives and referendums are among the best ways for Libertarians to flex their political muscles — other than electing more Libertarians to office, of course."

On November 6:

■ **In Washington state**, Libertarians helped pass I-747, a statewide initiative which requires state and local governments to limit property tax increases to 1% per year, unless voters approve a greater increase. The

LIBERTARIAN SCORECARD

- ✓ **I-747**
Washington
\$1.8 billion
- ✓ **Amendment 26**
Colorado
\$50 million
- ✓ **El Paso Bonds**
Colorado
\$176 million
- **Health Advisory**
Portland, Maine
Non-binding

measure won 58.81% of the vote.

According to Americans for Tax Reform, I-747 will save Washington taxpayers about \$1.8 billion over the next six years.

The Libertarian Party was the first political party in the state to endorse I-747, said Washington LP Executive Director Jacqueline Passey Bartels — several weeks before the Republican Party did so.

Via its newsletter, the LP also distributed copies of the petition to place the initiative on the ballot, and urged its members to vote for it, said Bartels.

"We were part of a broad coal-

ition that helped pass the measure," she said. "Although we can't claim sole credit, Libertarian activists certainly played a part in this important tax limitation measure."

■ **In Colorado**, Libertarians helped defeat Amendment 26, which would have allocated \$50 million to fund a transportation study. The initiative was rejected by 65.8% of voters.

The study would have examined the feasibility of building a monorail from Denver International Airport to the Eagle County Airport in Vail.

Colorado LP Information Officer David Bryant said Libertarians had originally tried to fight the measure by challenging the 62,500 signatures that had been collected to put the measure on the ballot. A ballot initiative in Colorado needs 62,000 signatures to qualify.

Good for the goose

"We have had problems in the past with opponents challenging our ballot measures," said Bryant. "So we figured that what's good for the goose is good for the gander."

Although Libertarians succeeded in knocking off more than 500 signatures, a Denver judge ruled the remaining signatures were sufficient to qualify the measure.

Consequently, Libertarians wrote arguments blasting the plan for the "Voter Information Booklet," which contains citizen commentary about

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California Libertarians hope to cut taxes with new 'Operation Energy Tax Revolt'

Libertarians have launched a statewide campaign to slash energy taxes in a number of California cities and towns.

Dubbed "Operation Energy Tax Revolt," the effort will place initiatives on the November 2002 election ballots in "as many cities as possible" where residents are forced to pay utility taxes, said LP State Chair Aaron Starr.

If passed by voters, the initiatives would significantly roll back the tax on the "overburdened" residents in various targeted cities, he said.

"I favor slashing all taxes on Californians, but the decision to target energy taxes was a strategic one," he said. "Cuts in energy taxes are the easiest to market right now, and we feel there is widespread public approval for such initiatives in the state."

The campaign will likely continue throughout the winter, spring, and summer of 2002, said Starr — and should bring significant political benefits to the state Libertarian Party.

THE MEDIA

coverage this effort
will bring us may
well translate into
increased exposure
for our candidates.
— Aaron Starr

"The media coverage that this effort will bring us may very well translate into increased exposure for our slate of Libertarian candidates," he said.

"So, in addition to saving money for taxpayers, we will be promoting the Libertarian belief in fiscal responsibility to many registered California voters who are not familiar with our party."

Over the past year, the state legislature has sent energy prices soaring by piling regulations on energy companies in the wake of California's electricity crisis, said Starr.

And because 168 local governments in California levy a fixed-rate energy tax, Starr said local governments are experiencing a "windfall" of additional revenue from the pockets of resident taxpayers.

Cost \$1.3 billion

In 1998, local utility users' taxes cost taxpayers about \$1.3 billion, but government revenues may have skyrocketed by as much as 80% since then, due to soaring energy prices, according to the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association.

"We don't believe local governments should benefit monetarily because of state government regulations that drive up prices for consumers," said Starr. "Our goal is to appeal to the voters' sense of fairness to push this through."

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Boldest, Biggest Libertarian Initiative in LP History Headed for Ballot!

75,629 Certified Signatures Send End the Income Tax Initiative to Voters

Success!

On December 4, 2001, Carla Howell's Libertarian Committee for Small Government filed 75,629 certified signatures for the Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

The Libertarian Committee for Small Government surveyed and spoke with over 101,139 registered voters in Massachusetts to find out what they know and do not know about Massachusetts government and taxes.

What do voters in Massachusetts know about state government spending? What do they know about state taxes and funding? What do Massachusetts government programs do for them or to them? How does the Massachusetts Income Tax affect them?

Convince them?

What facts and figures would convince these non-Libertarian voters to support our Ballot Initiative and vote to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts?

Here's what we discovered. Here's the most compelling common-sense case for Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

9 REASONS TO END THE INCOME TAX IN MASSACHUSETTS

BY CARLA HOWELL

The Small Government Act is a Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts. It's designed to take \$9 Billion out of the hands of government and put it in the hands of the 3,000,000 Taxpayers who earned the money. It's designed to be the first step in making Massachusetts government small.

■ The Small Government Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax will: Repeal, remove, end ALL Massachusetts state taxes on every individual's and married couple's wages and income, interest income, dividend income, and capital gains income.

WHAT ARE THE 9 REASONS TO END THE INCOME TAX IN MASSACHUSETTS?

1 \$3,000 each for 3,000,000 working people in Massachusetts. Every year.

There are over 3,000,000 people working in Massachusetts. The state government takes \$9 Billion from them in Income Taxes every year. Divide \$9 Billion in taxes by 3,000,000 Taxpayers. \$3,000 average each.

3,000,000 Massachusetts Taxpayers will each have an average of \$3,000 more every year for their families and businesses. For their neighborhoods and their communities.

2 \$3,000 more every year to spend or save, to give to churches, charities, or favorite causes.

George Bush gave a 1 time \$300 Federal Income Tax Refund. Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts gives 3,000,000 Massachusetts workers \$3,000 each. 10 times George Bush's partial tax refund. 10 times George Bush's tax refund every year.

3 Financial Privacy for Massachusetts Taxpayers.

3,000,000 Massachusetts workers will never have to file a Massachusetts Income Tax Form again. Never have to tell the state government who lives in their home, how much they make, and how they spend it.

4 400,000 new jobs in Massachusetts.

\$9 Billion from Ending the Income Tax will go back into our communities and local economies. This \$9 Billion will create over 400,000 new jobs in the private sector in Massachusetts. (Beacon Hill Institute, 1998)

130,000 unemployed in Massachusetts. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 2001)

400,000 new jobs means a job for every one of the 130,000 unemployed.

Massachusetts high school, college, and university graduates. 400,000 new jobs means a job for every graduate.

104,000 Massachusetts state workers. DOWNSIZING the state government means that some of them will lose their jobs. 400,000 new jobs in the private sector means a useful and productive job in the private sector for every laid off state government worker.

5 This year's Massachusetts state budget is almost \$23 Billion.

\$9 Billion of the Massachusetts budget comes from the state Income Tax.

\$23 Billion Massachusetts state budget minus a \$9 Billion Tax Cut from Ending the Income Tax equals a \$14 Billion Massachusetts state budget. This is still \$4 Billion higher than Governor Michael Dukakis' 1991 bloated state budget. Even after we End the Income Tax, Massachusetts state spending is 40% higher than the Dukakis budget.

6 Big Government advocates say that we can't run the Massachusetts state government on \$14 Billion.

But we ran the Massachusetts state government on \$14 Billion or less for 15 out of the last 20 years.

7 Big Government advocates say Massachusetts government can't survive without an Income Tax.

Florida and Washington and Texas have no state Income Tax. Neither does Tennessee, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Alaska, or New Hampshire. 9 states have NO Income Tax. Massachusetts would be the 10th state with no Income Tax.

8 Businesses that are over-bloated, inefficient, and ineffective DOWNSIZE.

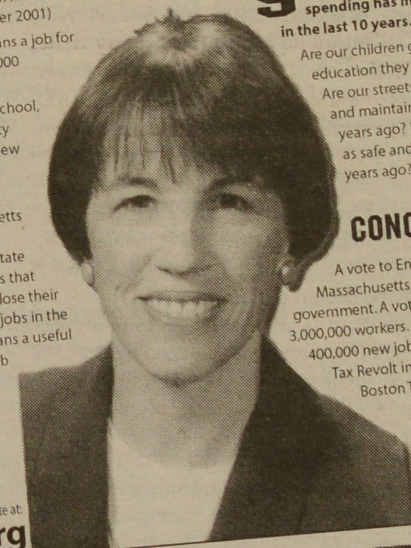
They remove the waste. They get rid of departments and divisions that keep failing. We must DOWNSIZE Massachusetts government. We must get rid of the Big Government Programs that do not work. Remove the Big Government Programs that make things worse, create new problems, squander and waste, and divert money and energy from positive and productive uses in the private sector. We must DOWNSIZE Massachusetts government.

9 Massachusetts government spending has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

Are our children getting double the education they were 10 years ago? Are our streets twice as well-paved and maintained as they were 10 years ago? Is Logan Airport twice as safe and secure as it was 10 years ago?

CONCLUSION

A vote to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts is a vote for small government. A vote that benefits 3,000,000 workers. A vote that creates 400,000 new jobs. A vote for the Biggest Tax Revolt in Massachusetts since the Boston Tea Party.



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TALKING POINTS

Alligators in bathtubs, and government faith vs. failure

Who's laughing?

The Ways and Means Committee is "probably the most appropriately named committee in the House," quips Chairman Bill Thomas (R-CA). "Our job is to figure out ways of separating people from their means."
— **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**
December 5, 2001

Abject failure

Predictable pundits are taking advantage of the atrocities of September 11 to promote long-held support for expansive government. The *New York Times* writes, "Suddenly, the political language of a generation looks dated: Nobody wants to get the government off their backs."

Washington Post columnist Jim Hoagland argues that now Congress "will have to return government closer to the center of American life, not whittle away further at its powers and funding."

This is all utter nonsense. What happened on September 11 was an abject failure of Big Government. The federal agencies assigned the important task of protecting our homeland against terrorist attacks were clueless. And if, as some argue, they had some clues, they failed to act on them. So we should take this failure to provide a basic function of government as proof positive that we need more government in our lives? Please.

Libertarians are not "anti-government." Perhaps we shouldn't go along with phrasing the debate as one between big government and small government.

What we believe in is *limited* government as opposed to *pervasive* government. And the "limited" refers to the proper role of government.

At a time of threats to our very existence as a nation, that role may properly require government to do more in defense of our liberties than it would in more peaceful times. But to suggest that these threats — as many, many people have — somehow argue for a more expansive role for government in our day-to-day lives is absurd.

— **EDWARD CRANE**

Cato Policy Report

November/December 2001

Alligators in bathtubs

In Alabama, a law made it illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while operating a vehicle. It was illegal at one time to wear a fake moustache that caused laughter in a church (real ones were OK). In Lee County, Ala., it was once illegal to sell peanuts after sundown on Wednesday.

In Arkansas, a statute once said that a man could legally beat his wife — but not more than once a month.

WHY THE SUDDEN FAITH IN GOVERNMENT?



Another law prohibited alligators in bathtubs.

Flirtation between men and women on the streets of Little Rock once carried a 30-day jail term (Obviously, that one was repealed before Bill Clinton became governor).

— **CAL THOMAS**

The Washington Times

November 28, 2001

Fungible terrorism

Ironically, many of the organizations and nations accused of abetting or actively supporting terrorism are, in turn, supported with tens of millions in U.S. tax dollars. The Palestinian Authority and Afghanistan are just two examples.

U.S. officials insist that the aid is

carefully monitored to ensure it is directed toward humanitarian causes. They note that the \$124 million given for Afghanistan goes to food programs administered through the United Nations, and that "smart sanctions" continue to isolate the warlike Taliban government which rules that country.

However, as food programs to Africa have demonstrated, dictatorships can find ways to feed their soldiers with the aid before they feed their civilian citizens. In addition, money is fungible — aid that keeps a nation's innocent people fed may allow its guilty government to plow more funds into a war machine.

— **DOLLARS & SENSE**

September/October 2001

The word of God

When a couple challenged a school board policy banning boys from wearing earrings, Alabama Governor Don Siegelman weighed in with this theological opinion: "If God had wanted boys to wear earrings, he would have made them girls."

— **REASON**, December 2001

Regulating adults

The U.S. Supreme Court will consider whether it should reinstate the controversial Child Online Protection Act (COPA), a law that was passed three years ago but never took effect.

COPA would make it illegal for companies to provide access to sexually explicit material to minors and would impose steep prison sentences and fines on violators.

As always, as with any behavioral issue, the best — only — defense is

parental supervision. Even if porn did not exist at all on the Net, parents still do not escape their obligation to supervise what their children do online. In addition to porn, dirty jokes and violent content exist, as well as totalitarian political ideas and hateful and racist sites.

Parents must do their job. Filtering systems — not just filtering software but online services apart from the broader Internet altogether — are available to parents.

The root of COPA is not really the desire to protect kids, because it's clear that parents must do that. The real root is the desire to control the behavior of other adults, to decide which vices of others are to be considered crimes.

— **WAYNE CREWS**

The Cato Institute

November 28, 2001

THE FEDERAL agencies assigned the important task of protecting the homeland against terrorist attacks were clueless.

Government gobble-up

With a submissive stroke of President Bush's pen, nearly 30,000 airport screeners gained lifetime public employment [in mid-November]. President Bush wanted a more limited government role, but he immediately gave in to Democrats' insistence on mass federalization of the entire airport security work force.

In addition to this government gobble-up, the law also creates a new agency under the U.S. Transportation Department, headed by a new undersecretary for airport security.

When fully staffed, the agency payroll could top 45,000 — making it larger than the State Department, Commerce Department, or the entire federal court system. The law also mandates a new "enplanement" tax of \$2.50 every time a passenger boards a flight. Do you feel safer now?

— **MICHELLE MALKIN**

The Washington Times

November 26, 2001

Spending spree

Total federal outlays in 1995 were \$1.51 trillion. In 2001 they are scheduled to be \$1.86 trillion. That's an increase of 22%. Average inflation during that period was 2% per year.

The spending spree is scheduled to continue. Between 2001 and 2006 total federal outlays are scheduled to increase by 20%, from \$1.8 trillion to \$2.2 trillion.

— **CAPITAL IDEAS**

September/October 2001

Free health care

Is [Britain's National Health Service] really a model for [American] policymakers?

The National Health Service is a government-run organization that aims to provide the best possible health care to all citizens of the United Kingdom, free of charge at the time of service.

To some extent, the NHS meets its goal. The United Kingdom does have a high standard of care, and medical care is free at the point of purchase. Of course, calling the care "free" requires overlooking the enormous tax burden borne by citizens to pay for this.

Moreover, the laws of market economics do not cease to hold for the health care industry in the UK just because government provides the service. By achieving its first two goals — care that is both high-quality and free when delivered — the NHS has also succeeded in causing demand for care to far outstrip the capacity of the system to supply it.

To accommodate the demand, the NHS has had to ration care. NHS guidelines currently allow inpatients to wait 18 months for hospital tests or treatment. The waiting list to be admitted to a hospital tops 1 million people, and over 40,000 of those have been on that waiting list for over one year.

NHS patients are expected to wait 26 weeks to see a specialist after they have been referred to that specialist by their general practitioner — whom they also had to wait to see. In January 2001, there were 180,000 people waiting to see consultants.

— **HEALTH CARE NEWS**

November 2001

Blind trust

One of the most surprising results of the September 11 terrorist attacks is the sharp increase in the number of Americans who now trust the federal government. According to a *Washington Post* poll released on September 27, 64% of Americans now "trust the government in Washington to do what is right" either "just about always" or "most of the time." The number of people who trust the government to do the right thing has doubled since last year—and is now more than three times higher than in 1994.

The *Washington Post* interviewed a 26-year-old New Jersey high-school math teacher who proclaimed, "I have a renewed respect for the federal government, absolutely. People see that the government is one of the only avenues we have to get some things done. It puts renewed hope about the government and their capabilities to do things."

The terrorist attacks could not have succeeded if several federal agencies had not dropped the ball. Yet, the bigger the catastrophe, the more credulous many people seem to become.

[But] to blindly trust government is to automatically vest it with excessive power. Americans must not let the defense against terrorists subvert the bulwarks of freedom. We owe it to both our forefathers and progeny not to squander our constitutional inheritance in a moment of panic.

— **JAMES BOVARD**

Cascade Commentary

October 2001

"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."

— **ANONYMOUS**



As Libertarians, we share the ultimate "place worth going" to... because our destination is liberty. We realize there are no shortcuts. The road is long and strewn with obstacles. But we keep traveling... even though we can't predict how long the journey will take. However, there is a way to make the journey easier for the next generation: By naming the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To privately discuss this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (931) 858-0915. Or e-mail him: dnc@multiopro.com.

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Carla Howell is ready to win the highest vote total for Governor in Libertarian Party history.

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Proven Credibility

40% Name Recognition. Polling has shown that over 1,480,000 voters in Massachusetts already know the name "Carla Howell." Successful political campaigns begin with personal credibility.

Carla Howell has delivered her "small government is beautifulSM" Libertarian campaign speech hundreds of times in 1999 and 2000. It was nationally broadcast on C-SPAN TV.

On September 15th, she spoke to over 25,000 people at this year's MassCann/NORML Freedom Rally on Boston Common.

On June 29th, she was on the O'Reilly Factor.

Carla Howell has been featured in a PBS documentary on her Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign against Ted Kennedy. And on NBC's *Hillier Instinct*. NBC, ABC and CBS in Boston. PLUS New England Cable News, Fox, and Warner Bros. Network.

Talk Radio? David Brudnoy, Gene Burns, Howie Carr, Greg Hill, Blute and Ozone, Jay Severin, Larry Elder, and Neal Boortz.

Newspaper Coverage? *Boston Globe*, Front Page Sunday Edition. *MetroWest Daily News*, Front Page. *Boston Herald*, Front Page. *The Pittsfield Gazette*. *The Woburn Advocate*. *The Lowell Sun*. *Daily Times Chronicle*. *Worcester Telegram Gazette*. *The Patriot Ledger*. PLUS a complete interview by *Massachusetts News*.

Newspaper Columnists? Jeff Jacoby, Wayne Woodlief, Barbara Anderson, Eric Biss, Rick Cooper, Wendell Woodman, and others.

Gun Club Newsletters, Internet Publications, even a Swedish language interview in *NYLIBERALEN* Magazine.

Proven Campaigner

Carla Howell campaigned 15 Months Full-Time for U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy.

She recruited & mobilized 726 campaign volunteers.

She worked 15 hours a day campaigning, enrolling volunteers, managing petitioners, thanking supporters by phone, mail & email, and creating a computer database to make her campaign more efficient and to save thousands of dollars.

Over 11,500 Yard Signs. \$50,894 in Radio Ads. \$150,577 in Prime TV Ads on Boston CBS, NBC, and ABC.

Campaigns and Elections Magazine ranked her Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign the #1 Third Party campaign in America in 2000.

Harry Browne says: "Carla Howell is the Rising Star in the Libertarian Party."

Proven Performance

1998 Libertarian State

Auditor Achievements:

- 102,198 Votes
- \$8,000 raised
- Won us Major Party

Ballot status

2000 Libertarian Campaign for U.S. Senate Achievements:

- 308,860 Votes for U.S. Senate versus Ted Kennedy
- 40% Name Recognition
- 726 campaign volunteers
- 5,106 campaign donors
- \$150,577 in Prime TV Ads on Boston CBS, NBC, and ABC
- \$50,894 in Radio Ads
- Retained Major Party ballot status
- The Most Successful Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign in Party History!



Carla Howell

Party Growth

In 1996, there were 3,065 registered Libertarian voters in Massachusetts. Today, almost 18,000.

In 1996, there were 2 Libertarian officeholders in Massachusetts. Today: 30.

Weak Massachusetts Republican Party

71% of Massachusetts Democratic officeholders are unopposed by Republican candidates.

13% of the voters are registered Republicans.

The *Boston Sunday Herald*, the state's biggest pro-Republican Newspaper, on July 9, 2001: "And for those who claim Republican conservatives have no other place to go, remember just two words: Carla Howell."

National Media Coverage

The Wall Street Journal. *USA Today*. *Washington Post*. *Time*. *Newsweek*. *Business Week*. *National Review*.

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"Massachusetts raises taxes" is NOT news. "Massachusetts Ends the Income Tax" IS news. National News.

"Unknown Libertarian candidate for Governor gets 7%" is NOT news.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

LP gets first County Coroner; says 'Stick It' to seatbelt effort

■ ALASKA

Anchorage LP plans paraphernalia initiative

Anchorage Libertarians have launched a petition drive to place on the April 2002 election ballot an initiative that legalizes marijuana paraphernalia.

Although using marijuana for medicinal purposes is legal in Alaska, LP State Chair **Al Anders** said the initiative is necessary because Anchorage police officers recently charged several businesses with violating an ordinance against selling marijuana paraphernalia.

"The Anchorage mayor, assembly and the *Anchorage Daily News* all claim that we have a shortage of police," he said. "Given this, it seems immoral to waste law-enforcement resources busting citizens for pipes."

Libertarians plan to collect 10,000 signatures by February 6 to get the measure on the ballot in April 2002, and will likely spearhead a similar statewide initiative in 2004, said Anders.

"Our initiative is an opportunity to educate the public about the problems surrounding medical marijuana, and also about recent court decisions reaffirming our right to privacy, which includes the right to use marijuana in one's home," he said.

■ CALIFORNIA

Would-be LP candidate fights registration law

A would-be Libertarian candidate for U.S. House has filed a court complaint over a state law requiring candidates to be registered with a political party at least one year prior to an election filing date.

On November 26, **Adam Van Susteren** argued before Judge Barry Moskowitz in San Diego that the 12-month requirement is not only the longest in the nation, it is an unreasonable and unconstitutional barrier to "fair and open elections."

"It should be up to the voters to decide who they want to cast their ballot for, not the state of California," he said. "I strongly believe the voters are the ones who should decide elections, not the Secretary of



Reaching out at Portland's Saturday Market

■ **Volunteers from the Multnomah County LP host an outreach booth at the "Saturday Market" in Portland, Oregon in late October.**

The Saturday Market, an arts and crafts bazaar near the riverfront in Portland's oldtown area, attracts about 20,000 people each weekend, said LP activist **Michael Wilson**, who worked at the booth.

The event attracted such a large crowd that Libertarians scheduled the booth for 27 Saturdays during the summer and fall, he said — "Over 200 hours, if I can brag."

Volunteers, who also included **Scott King**, **Ralph Edwards**, **Richard Easbey**, and **Dan Fitzgerald**, "handed out literature from the national LP, ISIL [the International Society for Individual Liberty], the World's Smallest Political Quiz from the Advocates, and our own pamphlets we put together on the transportation issue," said Wilson.

State and Registrar of Voters."

Van Susteren, who had been a registered Republican prior to filing for office, said he hopes the judge will "step out on a limb" and overturn the requirement.

"It's not easy, but difficult things are usually the only things worth fighting for," he said. "This has been a great learning experience, and strengthened my convictions to fight for smaller government."

■ COLORADO

Coroner makes a grave decision and joins LP

It appears that the Libertarian Party has finally turned the coroner.

After several years of consideration, San Miguel County Coroner **Robert Dempsey** changed his registered affiliation from Republican to Libertarian in November. The decision made him the only Libertarian coroner in Colorado, according to the state LP — and possibly the only Libertarian coroner in the country.

Dempsey also resigned his post as

Secretary of the county Republican Party, a position he had held for almost 20 years.

Dempsey said he decided to make the switch after he realized the Republican Party was an advocate of bigger government and moral authoritarianism.

The "final straw," said Dempsey, was Attorney General John Ashcroft's recent threats to incarcerate doctors who complied with the recently passed "Death with Dignity" law in Oregon, which permits assisted suicide for terminally ill patients.

"The decision to use or not use certain drugs is a matter of personal responsibility," he said. "Doctors should have the right to prescribe the drugs they think are best for their patients without interference from an intrusive federal government."

■ COLORADO

Western Slope LP raises money for the Red Cross

Western Slope Libertarians held a "Liberty Jam" to raise funds for the

American Red Cross in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Held on September 15, the 12-hour event featured several musical acts, and took place at Player's Sports Bar in Montrose.

"We had originally planned the event as a fundraiser for our political party, long before September 11," said **Tim Jacobs**, co-chair of the Western Slope LP. "But after the attacks, we wanted to step up to the plate and help out in some way, and we thought this would be a good idea."

More than 100 people attended the event, said Jacobs, and many made donations to the LP and Red Cross.

"I have a feeling the Red Cross got a few more dollars in their donation box than we got in ours," he said. "But that's okay, because we were primarily doing it for charity."

■ COLORADO

LP: Federalized airport security is a mistake

State Libertarians have blasted the federalization of airport security workers, saying such an action fails to address the "real hazard" to passengers: Lack of responsibility.

Signed into law on November 19, the Aviation Security Act forces taxpayers to foot the bill for 28,000 new federal bureaucrats — who may be impossible to fire even if they are incompetent, said LP State Chair **John Berntson**.

"We are now replacing a somewhat federalized security system with a completely federalized security system," he said. "We should have gone the other way. We should have placed [security] squarely on the shoulders of the airlines."

This clear delineation of responsibility, said Berntson, would prevent airlines from blaming the government for future accidents.

"The American Way is one of freedom, competition and responsibility," he said. "This bill denies all three and we will all be worse off for it."

■ CONNECTICUT

Libertarians attend a 'Peace Rally' in Hartford

State Libertarians attended a "peace rally" held at the state capitol in Hartford to speak out against

U.S. foreign policy and the country's military action in Afghanistan.

About 450 people participated in the October 13 event, which was organized by about a dozen organizations with a "fairly heavy liberal bent," said State LP Communications Director **James Madison**.

Libertarians attended the rally, he said, because the "theory was that while the organizers were clearly hardcore liberals, perhaps those in attendance were simply looking for an alternative to the war and were open to new ideas."

LP members distributed Libertarian literature, listened to "pro-peace" speakers, and marched through the streets of downtown Hartford, said Madison.

"We hoped to reach those who want to end military interventionism, as well as every other form of government interventionism, so that one day the world will be able to solve its own problems without our government making it worse," he said.

■ GEORGIA

State LP recommends \$500m in budget cuts

Libertarians have drawn up a proposed budget for Governor Roy Barnes that would trim \$500 million from the state's \$15 billion budget.

"As a result of the recession, everybody must tighten their belts — including the state legislature," said LP State Chair **Helmut Forren**. "And in the context of the entire state budget, our spending cut proposals are quite modest."

Libertarians offered their budget suggestions in late November after the governor said he needed to cut \$216 million to balance the state budget.

"We applaud Governor Barnes' efforts to trim state spending during these difficult economic times," said Forren. "Hopefully, our recommendations will be considered."

Libertarians urged the governor to cut state employee salary increases (\$151 million), new health-care programs using tobacco settlement funds (\$114 million), funding increases for the Department of Human Resources (\$92 million), the One Georgia Authority (\$39 million) and local assistance grants (\$27 million).

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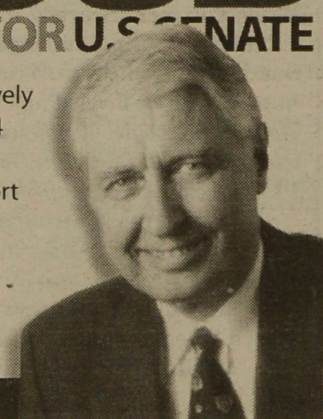
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■ GEORGIA

Stick it, say Libertarians about seatbelt effort

Message to Governor Roy Barnes: "Stick it."

That's what Libertarians are saying after the state launched a massive "Click it or Ticket" seatbelt campaign in late November.

The campaign, which includes police checkpoints and increased seatbelt patrols, is a huge waste of time and taxpayer dollars, said LP State Chair **Helmut Forren**.

"Mandatory seat belt laws are a way for our government officials to tell Georgians that they don't think we're smart enough to buckle our own seat belts," he said. "When will these naive do-gooders learn that they can't legislate common sense?"

Forren pointed out that the Transportation Department reports that 97% of parents already buckle up their children when riding in a car.

"Is it too much to ask that our state concentrate on real problems and treat otherwise law-abiding citizens like adults?" he asked.

■ ILLINOIS

Peoria Area Libertarians host Bill of Rights Day

Greater Peoria Area Libertarians sponsored a free "Bill of Rights Day Ceremony and Reception" on December 15 to honor the day the first 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified.

The ceremony began at Liberty Park in downtown Peoria, where the text of the Bill of Rights was recited, and wound up in the Riverfront Gateway Building for the reception.

"People from all over the state came out to participate," said LP County Secretary **Jeff Trigg**. "It was definitely a worthwhile event."

1998 LP gubernatorial candidate Jim Tobin was the guest speaker, and gave out two "Tax Villain of the Month" awards, said Trigg.

"We were excited to have Jim Tobin join us and share his research of two local tax and spend representatives in our state house," he said. "A good time was had by all."

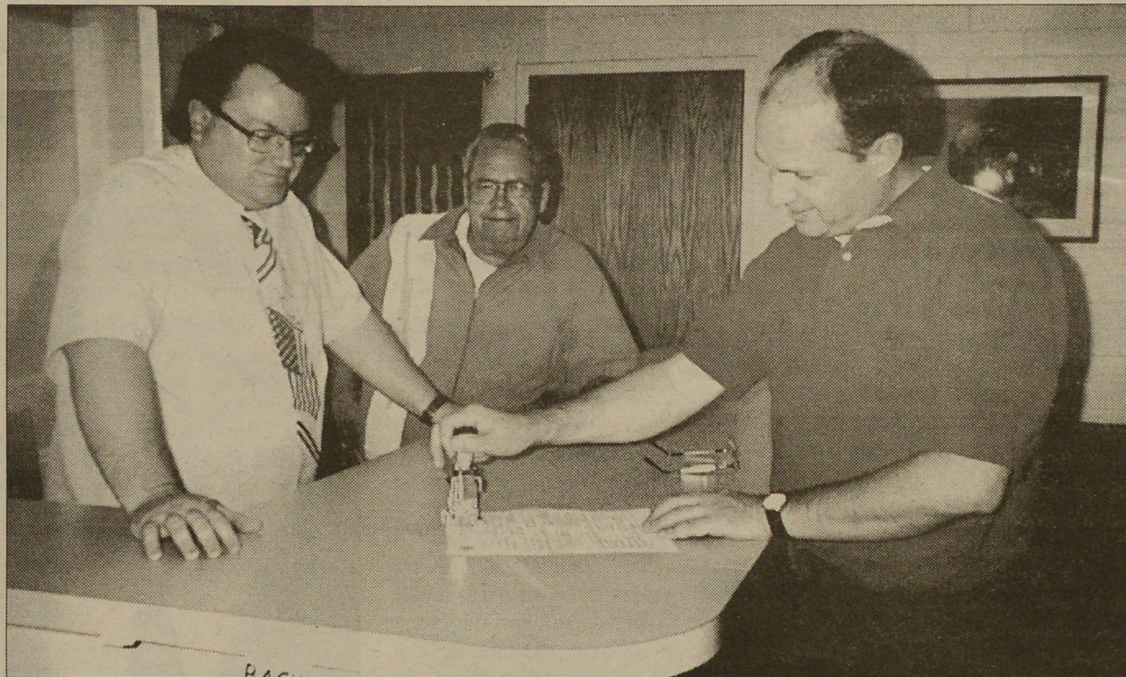
■ INDIANA

State LP blasts proposal to raise taxes in Indiana

State Libertarians have blasted the state governor for claiming that tax increases are necessary to compensate for the current lackluster economy.

Starting November 30, the Indiana LP held a series of three press conferences to argue against Governor Frank O'Bannon's "fiscally irresponsible" budget plan, which raises taxes on gaming admissions and cigarettes, among other things.

"The state's expenditures have been growing, while the overall economy was turning downward," said LP Executive Director **Brad Klopfenstein**. "And the leaders who brought us to the edge of fiscal chaos would now have us believe their Chicken Little cries of tragedy as a thinly disguised attempt to raise taxes."



Libertarians reorganize in northern Arizona

■ **Libertarians (l-r) David W. Owens and Gerald Schmidt watch as Mohave County Director of Elections Brad Nelson formally approves the Coconino County LP and the Mohave County LP as affiliates of the Arizona Libertarian Party on October 25.**

Owens, Chair of the Mohave County LP, and Schmidt, county LP treasurer, had submitted affidavits to create the Mohave County LP. With them, Coconino County LP Chair George Squyres and Treasurer Bill Fry had submitted paperwork to reorganize the Coconino County LP.

"In one day, the greater portion of Northern Arizona declared that Libertarians are on the move and once again a viable force in Arizona politics," said Squyres. "Both parties have newly formed executive committees that have already begun the hard work of creating strong county parties."

Instead, the LP has drawn up a plan that promotes property tax reform, educational tax credits, sunset provisions on certain programs and agencies, and enacting significant spending cuts, said Klopfenstein.

"It's the Libertarians who propose a sane, workable property tax plan that [would empower] local communities with the tools necessary to control spending," said Klopfenstein.

The *Indianapolis Star*, the *Associated Press*, and the *Lafayette Journal and Courier* all covered the Libertarian budget plan.

■ MAINE

Libertarians get chilly rent-control reaction

Two Portland Libertarians spoke out against rent control at a meeting of the Portland Tenant's Union on October 23 — but got a chilly reception from the pro-rent control crowd.

LP members **Jean Caronneau** and **Dick Eaton** joined about 70 other attendees at the event, which featured a debate between two rent-control proponents and a real estate broker.

"The real estate broker was treated like Hillary Clinton at a New York Fire Fighter Convention," said Eaton, a landlord and developer. "The pro-rent control crowd had a field day from the beginning."

In the question-and-answer session, Eaton said Caronneau pointed out that the Habitat for Humanity, a private organization, functions much better than the Department of Housing and Urban Development — but drew a negative response from the crowd for that observation.

"I do not believe we could ever convince the rent-control crowd to be libertarians," said Eaton afterward. "We have a long way to go."

■ MASSACHUSETTS

State LP kicks off drive to recruit candidates

The state LP has kicked off a candidate recruitment drive for state legislature in the 2002 election cycle.

The party's goal is to recruit at least 36 candidates — double the number of candidates in the last election cycle, said Massachusetts LP Treasurer **R. Dennis Corrigan**.

"We have a strategic advantage in Massachusetts to run many candidates for state legislature because so many of these positions are otherwise one-man races," he said. "Thus, even with informational-level campaigns we get lots of votes — for only a little effort!"

In addition, said Corrigan, the state party provides aid to state legislative candidates including at least a \$200 contribution, and help filing nomination papers and obtaining voter registration lists.

"[Running for state legislature is] really a commitment that [anyone] can manage with the party's assistance," said Corrigan.

■ NEVADA

UNLV Libertarians speak out against Patriot Act

Libertarians at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas berated the USA Patriot Act in a panel discussion on November 20.

Although the debate featured rep-

resentatives from the campus Republican, Democratic, and Green clubs, the Libertarians were the only ones who had researched the legislation, said Libertarian **Jay Brown**.

"Some of our more forceful opponents admitted to not knowing the contents of the 'Patriot Act,' nor what or whom the Act applied to," he said. "The more some of them spoke, the more foolish they sounded."

During the debate, Brown said he and Campus Chair **Lewis Whitten** stressed that civil rights are not "privileges" to be compromised whenever the government wants to.

"Too many people believe that a police state is the answer to terrorism, and it is up to us to inform our fellow citizens of what happens when civil rights are dissolved in the name of security," he said.

■ NEW YORK

Queens Libertarians pitch in for Toy Drive

Queens Libertarians held a "Pot Luck Brunch" to support a toy drive for the families of the victims of the World Trade Center attack.

Held on December 8 at Bohemian Hall in Astoria, the drive was a great way to show that Libertarians care about their communities, said LP Queens County Chair **Bradford Arter**.

"Many people see Libertarian opposition to government programs as 'selfish,' but nothing is further from the truth," he said. "We [were]

pleased to be part of a huge non-governmental voluntary response to the children of victims of such heinous terrorism."

Arter, who delivered the toys to a police collection center after the brunch, said the event was devised as an opportunity for Libertarians to help victims of the tragedy without contributing to charities that lobby for government subsidies.

"Our participation in the toy drive asserts our support for the profound spirit of volunteering that has so ennobled our great city since it was senselessly attacked," he said.

■ NEW YORK

State Chair launches anti-seizure petition

LP State Chair **Richard Cooper** has started an online petition that calls on federal and state officials to bar the seizing of "houses of worship" by government or quasi-governmental agencies.

The petition, which had about 70 signatures as of early December, will serve as the basis for future media outreach intended to show the commitment of Libertarians to religious liberty and private property.

"We could potentially change real-world legislation, which would be a real victory," he said. "That would boost morale for members, potential members, and donors."

The idea for the petition was spurred by recent attempts by local governments to seize by eminent domain several churches in Westbury and New Rochelle, said Cooper.

"I would strongly suggest that state and county LP's adopt [eminent domain] as an issue," he said.

To sign the petition, visit: <http://www.petitiononline.com/emdom1/petition.html>.

■ TEXAS

Lubbock party files smoking vote petitions

A Libertarian initiative to repeal a ban on smoking in private establishments will go before Lubbock county voters in May.

Libertarians have gathered more than 4,000 signatures to force the city council to vote on the repeal of the measure, which it had passed in September, said LP County Chair **David Delamar**. Only 1,848 signatures were required.

At its meeting on December 3, the city council voted 7-0 against the measure, forcing it before the voters.

"It will probably be a close vote, but I think we have a good shot," said Delamar. "People here generally vote in favor of private property rights and limited government."

Delamar said city council seats are also up for election in May, and the local LP hopes to parlay support for its initiative into at least one city council victory.

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THE ISSUES

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Arrest terrorists, not pot-smokers

American law enforcement is guilty of "criminal neglect" for arresting 734,498 people for marijuana violations in 2000 — instead of stopping killer terrorists, the Libertarian Party said. "Thousands of innocent Americans may be dead because law enforcement considered it more important to arrest people for smoking marijuana than to find the deadly terrorist 'sleeper' cells that were plotting the greatest mass murder in American history," said Steve Dasbach, the party's executive director.

"You have to wonder: If the tens of thousands of law enforcement officers and the millions of man-hours that were spent monitoring, investigating, arresting, charging, jailing, and bringing to trial non-violent marijuana users had been used, instead, for anti-terrorist activities . . . could the September 11 atrocity have been prevented?"

That question has become crucial since NORML has released new figures showing that marijuana arrests in 2000 hit an all-time record.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, police arrested about 734,498 people for marijuana violations in 2000. That's up from the 704,812 Americans who were arrested in 1999 on such charges.

The most chilling thing, said Dasbach, is that every arrest for marijuana represents a "missed opportunity" for law enforcement.

"By directing so many resources to the War on Marijuana, law enforcement made the ill-advised decision that detecting fanatical terrorists was less important than arresting non-violent Americans who choose to use marijuana," he said. "The nearly 4,000 Americans who were killed in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and aboard Flight 93 may have paid the price for that tragically misguided decision."

Beware 'War on Terrorism' mission creep

As the Bush administration weighs whether to expand the War on Terrorism into nations like Somalia, Iraq, and the Philippines, Libertarians are offering one word of advice: *Don't.*

"What the president is considering isn't mission creep; it's mission leap," said Steve Dasbach. "The U.S. government has an obligation to track down the terrorists who attacked our nation — but it does not have the obligation, nor the right, to launch a worldwide war."

As victory against the Taliban appears imminent in Afghanistan, many Republicans are advising Bush to launch "Phase II" of the war on terrorism. Possible military targets include Iraq, Somalia, North Korea, the Philippines, Colombia, Libya and Iran.

But attacking dozens of nations with flimsy links to terrorists will do little to bring justice to the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks, said Dasbach — and may only make the United States more susceptible to future acts of terrorism.

"There is a difference between justice and revenge," he said. "Justice was taking action against the terrorist criminals responsible for the 9-11 attacks, and the outlaw regime that sheltered them."

"Revenge would be attacking other nations when there is no specific evidence linking them to the September 11 attacks. If we launch an assault on such nations, it will only inflame anti-American sentiment, and may inspire the next generation of terrorists."

Operation ABC wasted police resources

Americans worried about the threat of terrorism may be relieved to know that 10,600 law enforcement agencies were prowling the highways over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The bad news is, they weren't looking for terrorists — they were launching a massive effort to ticket Americans for not wearing seatbelts.

"The government has warned us that terrorists could strike again at any time. So why are police resources being used to harass ordinary Americans who forget to wear a seatbelt?" asked Steve Dasbach.

In late November, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Marion Blakey said 10,600 police departments in all 50 states will be mobilized to use roadblocks, checkpoints, and unmarked patrol cars to track down disobedient motorists. The massive police dragnet was dubbed Operation ABC ("America Buckles up Children").

The seatbelt crackdown may have been even more disruptive than usual because more Americans traveled by car on Thanksgiving, thanks to lingering fears about air travel.

If that's true, it means that even more Americans than usual were inconvenienced, ticketed, or stuck in traffic jams, said Dasbach.

"At a time when a real, deadly threat haunts America, this is a monumental waste of police resources," he said. "Operation ABC made millions of Americans curse overzealous law enforcement officers — on a weekend when we should have been enjoying the freedom of America, and giving thanks for life's blessings."

Michigan political action committee will 'light a fire' under LP candidates

Two Michigan attorneys have started a political action committee, hoping to "light a fire" under local Libertarians interested in seeking public office.

Founded by former Democrat Ghazey Aleck and former Republican Stephen Townsend in December 2000, the Liberty Leadership Council (LLC) provides consulting services, financial assistance, and mass-marketing tools to Libertarian candidates.

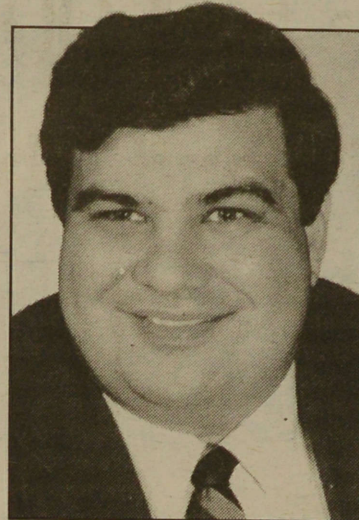
The Liberty Leadership Council was launched, said Aleck, because Libertarians must be willing to invest money to spread the Libertarian message and advertise candidates — if they want to win elective office.

"[The LP is] presently sending out an army of potential Libertarian warriors with no weapons," he said. "Our candidates have little way to get their message across without any resources. But give them some marketing, and you get a great response."

Using media

Aleck, who serves as LLC chairman, said the organization has been busy over the past few months using the media to broadcast Libertarianism to Michigan voters.

Over three holidays this summer — Memorial Day weekend, the 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend — the Liberty Leadership Council broadcast Libertarian ads on radio stations in the lower-Michigan area. Seven radio ads were aired on seven different radio stations, exposing as many



■ Ghazey Aleck: Give LP candidates "some marketing, and you get a great response."

as 3.75 million people to the Libertarian message, said Aleck.

On July 18, the LLC put up a 12" x 40" billboard on Highway U.S. 27 in Clare County, advertising the Libertarian Party label and Libertarian Leadership Council website. About 100,000 cars pass the billboard each week, said Aleck.

And, he said, the organization is working on 30-second television ads that should be ready for broadcast by the end of 2001.

"The radio ads and the billboard were projects aimed at bringing the LP message to individuals on a massive level," he said. "I'd love to see many more state level political ac-

tion committees such as ours get started. I want there to be an explosion of activity in the party."

The Liberty Leadership Council also funds campaigns, said Aleck. This year, the organization funded:

■ Jeff Steinport's winning school board campaign in Grand Rapids.

■ Mark Owen's victorious Owosso city council campaign.

■ David Eisenbacher's city council campaign in Troy, and Jason Miller's school board campaign in Hudsonville.

"Our hope is to light a fire under candidates, and get them excited to run as Libertarians," said Aleck. "We want to give them some clout. Hopefully, some of the candidates we target will eventually be elected to higher office as well."

Winning Elections

In addition, Libertarians can access the Liberty Leadership Council's electronic newsletter, *The Liberty Bell Online*, and download the 35-page booklet, "Winning Local Elections Made Simple." Both are available at: www.makingfreedomring.com.

Townsend, who serves as president of the Liberty Leadership Council, said assisting local candidates is crucial for future LP success.

"This is a fulltime fight," he said. "Our opponents are moving us to a socialist society faster than ever before."

"They know politics is war, and it See **MICHIGAN PAC** Page 23

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Barbara Goushaw says, "Michael Cloud is the extraordinary candidate that Libertarian campaign managers like me pray for."

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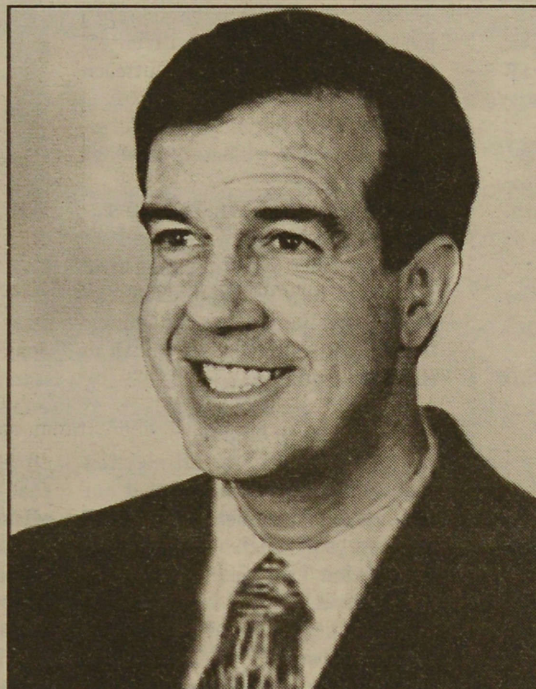
Although Massachusetts has a large population, it's a small state geographically — and Michael can be anywhere in the state within 2-1/2 hours, with no airfare or hotel costs.

And during the next 12 months:

Michael Cloud will campaign at every gun shop, firing range, and gun club in the state of Massachusetts. The gun organizations gave terrific support to Carla Howell last year, and Michael will court them and earn their support for 2002. He is 100% Pro-Gun Freedom.

Michael Cloud will ask gun shops, firing ranges and gun clubs to stock his literature and signs — promoting his proposal to "Stop the War on Guns."

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Michael Cloud's campaign team will book interviews with every newspaper in Massachusetts. He plans to begin this in January. A fast start creates momentum.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Libertarians attend SSDP conference

In an effort to expand the Libertarian Party's "market share among youth," LP representatives conducted an outreach effort at a November 10 conference of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) in Washington, DC.

The event attracted more than 250 students from across the country — including LP campus representatives from the University of Georgia, the University of Nevada (Las Vegas), Western Maryland College, the University of Idaho, Hunter College in New York, and George Washington University, where the event was held.

LP Campus Representative Marc Brandl said he and LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger gave the World's Smallest Political Quiz to 88 conference attendees — and nine of them became dues-paying LP members on the spot.

"Being a strong presence at youth-oriented events with a pro-freedom focal point is an easy and effective way for the party to get more young people to join," said Brandl. "I was encouraged to see so many students who are already active and motivated, and agree with us 100% on one of our main issues — ending the War on Drugs."

Although an invitation had been extended to the Democratic Party, Republican Party, and Green Party as well, Brandl said only the LP actually showed up to the event.

"Our presence demonstrated that Libertarians are genuinely concerned about the drug issue," he said. "If the [other parties] don't care enough to talk to a group of inspired, young political activists, they do so at their own peril — which is fine by me."

LP member offers 'anti-terrorist spray'

A Utah Libertarian Party member is offering a tongue-in-cheek solution to domestic terrorism: Anti-terrorist spray.

In October, Willy Star Marshall began selling the "Abomination Pork-Based Anti-Terrorist Spray" on www.abomination.tv.

The product is a mixture of bacon grease and alcohol, packaged in a bottle that displays the patriotic image of an all-American girl in a bikini, said Marshall.

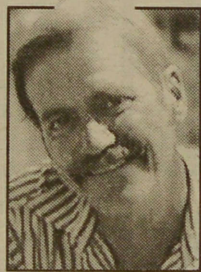
"I read that before they carried out their plans, the [September 11] terrorists were adamant about being 'clean,' meaning no contact with any pork or pork-based products," he said. "A good dousing of my spray would have stopped them in their tracks."

Marshall, who was elected mayor of Big Water on November 6, said the idea for the product originated from a "joke e-mail" he sent out.

"I mentioned the idea of a pork-based terrorist spray to repel fanatical Muslim terrorists," he said. "After I started getting positive feedback from people, I decided to actually do it."

Each bottle of Abomination Pork-Based Anti-Terrorist Spray costs \$9.95, and comes with an article, "What to do if you are hijacked."

"The spray makes a good gag-gift for friends," said Marshall. "Of course, it helps if they have a good sense of humor also."



■ Willy Marshall:
Pork-based spray.

California libertarian radio host fired

A libertarian radio talk show host has been fired — allegedly because his political views offended local politicians.

Dave Thomas was let go from KFIV radio in Modesto, California on November 9 after serving for two years as the host of the popular "Morning Express" show.

Why was Thomas fired? Because he was an "abrasive, opinionated" talker who earned the enmity of the town's "political class," wrote John Michael Flint in the *Modesto Bee* newspaper.

"Thomas made powerful enemies," he said. After the radio host was fired, you could hear "champagne corks popping and high-fives being exchanged where members of the local power structure gather."

Thomas had been a fierce critic of local politicians — and they may have put pressure on the station to fire him, wrote Flint.

According to rumors, "an advertisers' boycott was threatened — not just of the station that broadcast Thomas' show, but of all the area stations owned by the company," he wrote. If true, "it would explain those demands by management that Thomas leave local politics alone, and his subsequent firing in the face of stellar ratings."

The "Morning Express" held a 9 share in the 35+ demographic group — an exceptionally good rating for a local talk show, said Flint.

LP Press Secretary George Getz, who appeared several times on Thomas's show, said the loss of the libertarian host was disappointing.

"Dave Thomas was a brave voice who made big-government politicians pay for their sins, and always offered a friendly forum for the Libertarian Party," he said. "Talk radio needs more hosts like Dave — not fewer. I hope he quickly gets back on the air."

Advocates for Self-Government seeks more Lights of Liberty award winners

The Advocates for Self-Government has issued a call for all "hard-working foot soldiers for freedom," urging those who qualify for a Lights of Liberty award to notify the organization as soon as possible.

Libertarians can be recognized as a 2002 Lights of Liberty winner if they publicized libertarianism with letters to the editor, speeches, or outreach events before December 31, 2001.

As of early December, the Advocates reported 26 winners in 15 states and Australia.

Although those numbers are significantly down from last year — when 277 Libertarians qualified in 42 states and Italy — Advocates President Sharon Harris said some winners tend to wait until the last month to claim their prizes.

Many eligible

"This year was an off-election year, so it stands to reason that our total number of winners will be fewer than last year, which had a presidential election," she said.

"However, I think many eligible award-winners have yet to come out of the woodwork."

To qualify as a Lights of Liberty award winner, a Libertarian must have had at least three letters using the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" published in any non-libertarian publication; have participated in at least three Operation Politically

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ment is all about.**

— Sharon Harris

Homeless booths for two hours or more per session; or have given at least three public speeches to predominantly non-libertarian groups using the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" in a positive light.

"Feedback from libertarian leaders and libertarian activists tell me that the awards are appreciated and effective," said Harris.

"And for many of these hard-working foot soldiers for freedom, it's the first time their efforts have ever been recognized and honored."

Anyone who accomplished at least one of the three outreach goals will receive a "Lights of Liberty" award certificate; their name on the Advocates Lights of Liberty 2001 honor page, in an *LP News* advertisement, and in the Advocates' magazine *The Libertarian Communicator*; a free one-

year subscription to *The Libertarian Communicator*; and a discount coupon for 20% off any order of any size from the Advocates' extensive catalog of libertarian products, said Harris.

In addition, all names will be entered in a drawing for the "Libertarian Library" — a collection of autographed copies of books written by every LP presidential candidate ever nominated — and other prizes.

Example to do more

"Lights of Liberty winners challenge all of us by example to do more," said Harris. "Imagine the effect on our movement — and our world — if every Libertarian set out to accomplish these simple, achievable but highly effective goals every year! It would generate a huge increase in public awareness of libertarianism. And that's what building a Libertarian movement is all about."

Lights of Liberty accomplishments should be reported by the end of January 2002 so the awards can be printed and mailed by the end of February, said Harris.

To nominate yourself or someone else for the Lights of Liberty award, fill out the online form at: www.selfgov.org. Or e-mail: Lights@TheAdvocates.org. Or phone: (800) 932-1776. Or fax: (770) 386-8373. Or write: Advocates for Self-Government, 5 South Public Square, Suite 304, Cartersville, GA 30120.

Are LP Candidates Serious About Politics? Or: What is wrong with those voters, anyway?!

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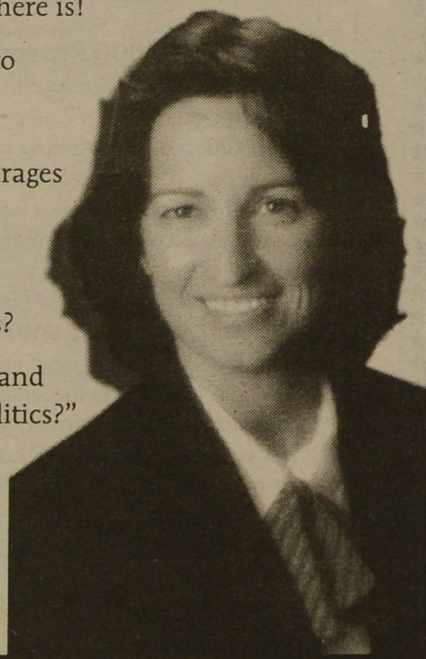
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It's obvious, if we're going to make liberty happen, we're going to have to look to the free market for a solution.

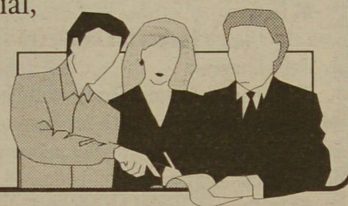
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Nov. election wins set new record: 76

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tions, Judge of Elections, and Tax Collector. He will have to select one office to serve in.

■ In Pennsylvania, Jason Szostek was elected as Inspector of Elections (Ward 22, Division 5) in Philadelphia.

■ In Pennsylvania, Alan Krigman was elected as Judge of Elections (Ward 27, Division 14) in Philadelphia.

■ In Pennsylvania, Daniel Sarandrea was elected as Inspector of Elections (Ward 58, Division 38) in Philadelphia.

■ In Pennsylvania, Jim Pisano won his write-in campaign for Inspector of Elections in Laurel Mountain.

■ In Pennsylvania, Bob Hyneman won two offices: Judge of Elections and Inspector of Elections in Centre County. (He must choose one.)

■ In Pennsylvania, Peg Broadley was elected as Inspector of Elections in West Chester.

■ In Pennsylvania, Brian Maloney was victorious in his race for Inspector of Elections in Doylestown Township (Bucks County).

■ In Pennsylvania, Michael Reitz was elected as Inspector of Elections in Harris (Centre County).

With a total of 40 Libertarians winning 47 different offices, Pennsylvania emerged as the biggest winner on November 9.

Viable option

The barrage of victories is part of the state party's plan to elect enough Libertarians to be seen as a "viable option to the Republicans and Democrats," said Pennsylvania LP State Chair Lois Kaneshiki.

"I want to blanket the state with elected Libertarians in all precincts,"

she said. "I'm pleased we were able to get our candidate recruitment message out in a relatively short period of time for this election cycle. However, I know we can do even better in the future."

The key to getting party members involved in politics, said Kaneshiki, is for LP officers to personally invite members to become candidates.

"Many Libertarians will not volunteer to run for office, but if you are proactive and do your homework, you can convince them," she said. "You have to sell Libertarians on the idea that their candidacy for local office would mean a great deal for the entire party."

And more candidates almost always translate into more victories, said Kaneshiki.

Local offices

"The way you elect more Libertarians to local offices is to recruit more Libertarians to be on the ballot," she said. "When the Libertarian Party elects thousands of candidates to local offices, the general public will start to see us as a viable option to the Republicans and Democrats."

The large number of Pennsylvania wins was made possible, in part, by the state's unique election laws.

In Pennsylvania, Judges of Elections and Inspectors of Elections are elected, partisan positions, with three available seats in every precinct (700 to 1,000 voters). In most states, those positions are filled by appointed, non-partisan poll-watchers.

Of the Pennsylvania LP's 40 election winners, 30 were Inspectors of Elections and six were Judges of Elections.

Coming in second behind Penn-



■ Della Croft was elected as Minority Inspector of Elections (15th Ward, 2nd District) in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She was one of 40 LP members who won elected office in that state.

sylvania with the most election victories in the November election was California with 10, followed by Washington state (9), Ohio (6), Virginia (3), Michigan (3), Colorado (2), North Carolina (1), and Utah (1).

With about 300 candidates on the ballot in November, the LP won about one of every three races it contested — which is also one of the highest winning percentages in party history, said Crickenberger.

More momentum

"That victory ratio is, I believe, a sign of greater success to come," he said. "Hopefully, our record-breaking showing on November 6 will generate even more momentum for the upcoming 2002 election cycle."

The party's previous "best-ever" Election Day had been in November 1997, when 39 LP candidates won public office. Another five Libertarians were elected in Spring races and special elections in 1997, bringing to 44 the total number of LP candidates elected during the year.

Election 2001: The Silver Gattling Gun

By Ron Crickenberger
LP POLITICAL DIRECTOR

November 6, 2001 was the best day for electoral victories in the Libertarian Party's history. We elected or re-elected at least 76 Libertarians to public office — almost double our previous one-day record set in 1997.

Why did we achieve so many more victories than we have had in the past? Have we finally discovered a Libertarian "silver bullet"?

Not quite, but we may at least have a Libertarian "Gattling Gun."

If there is any one secret to more victories, it's that running more candidates leads to more wins. In 2001, we also ran a record number of candidates for an odd numbered year — 347+ candidates. We ran about double the number of candidates in 2001 that we did in '97, and elected about twice as many as well.

But running more candidates is far from the whole story. What we really learned this year from our election "laboratories" in the 50 states is that there are many strategies and tactics that can lead to increased success.

The states that elected the most candidates, Pennsylvania (40), California (11), and Washington (9), all had very different candidate recruitment and support techniques.

Unique positions

Pennsylvania's success was driven in part by their state's unique elected positions of Inspectors and Judges of elections. Thirty-six of their 40 victories were for these positions, which in most other states are handled by volunteers or appointees on Election Day.

Pennsylvania also uses a decentralized candidate recruiting effort —

which their success in recruiting 85 candidates this year shows works well for these very local positions. Most of these elections are won with one-day campaigns of working outside the polls asking for votes on Election Day. Many of those were write-in campaigns.

Lessons learned: Exploit to the fullest the quirks of your state's electoral system — and recruiting lots of candidates for introductory level positions — can dramatically boost your number of wins.

Breakthrough

California used a much more centralized, and expensive, recruiting procedure known as "Operation Breakthrough."

First, a data matching service was hired to analyze the state's list of registered Libertarians to determine who the most active and consistent Libertarian voters were — and to match them up with the available local races.

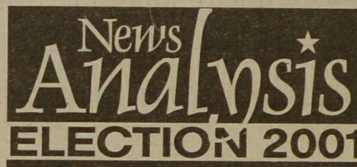
A direct-mail recruitment piece was then sent to thousands of the most likely prospects.

The party then rented a professional phone bank system, complete with "predictive dialing" capabilities to maximize the efforts of the callers.

Dozens of Libertarian volunteers did follow-up phone calls to the registered Libertarians who had received the recruitment mailings, developing hundreds of prospective candidates. The prospects received additional follow-up phone calls from the Chair and Executive Director to lead them through the process for filing for office.

Ninety-six candidates were recruited by this process, and 11 went on to victory. Until the introduction

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Convention 2002: Champions of Liberty

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cumbent Fred Collins of Michigan.

Other speakers will be announced in coming months.

Prices have also been set for delegate packages:

■ **Gold Package:** The "all-access" package that includes Convention Hall pass, workshops, panel speakers, business sessions, three breakfasts with speakers, the Gala Banquet with speaker (Neal Boortz), and two luncheons with speakers. Cost: \$369.

■ **Silver Package:** Includes Convention Hall pass, workshops, panel speakers, business sessions, three breakfasts with speakers, and the Gala Banquet with speaker. Cost: \$269.

■ **Bronze Package:** Includes Convention Hall pass, workshops, panel speakers, business sessions, and three breakfasts with speakers. Cost: \$179.

■ **Speakers Package:** Includes Convention Hall pass, workshops, panel speakers, and business sessions. Cost: \$99.

The prices were set with the goal of being as low as possible and merely recouping the convention costs, said Dasbach.

"We do not spend frivolously or look to profit," he said. "We only try to put on the best convention we can for the benefit of our delegates."

Inspired to attend

"We want to make this event as interesting and as inexpensive as possible, so more Libertarians will be inspired to attend."

Libertarians who register for the Convention before February 15 will receive a 10% discount from the package price, and be eligible for a raffle

drawn prior to the start of the event.

The winner of the raffle will get their convention package for free (whichever package they ordered), a free hotel room upgrade (to a suite), and an invitation to the Torch Club reception, an exclusive gathering held for major party donors.

Delegates to the 2002 National Convention will elect national party officers, debate changes to the party platform, and revise party bylaws. They will also have the opportunity to attend various workshops, panels, luncheons, and entertainment events.

For more information, visit: www.LP.org/con/2002/. To register, call: (800) 272-1776.



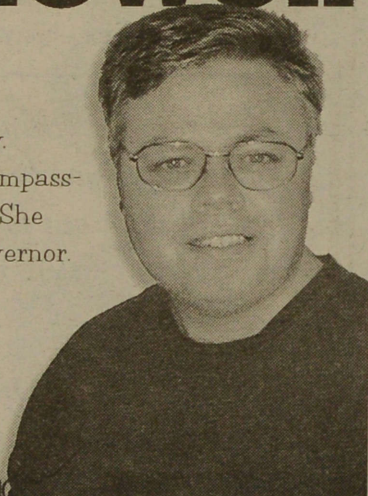
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In Wisconsin, Ed Thompson hits government 'shackles'

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"Republicans and Democrats, there's no way you can tell the difference."

Thompson had been mulling a possible run for governor for several months. In April, he met with Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, who was elected in 1998 on the Reform Party ticket, to get campaign advice.

Thompson has also already given speeches to organizations including the Wisconsin Tavern League and the Wisconsin Builders Association, campaigned at state fairs, and has been interviewed by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and the *New York Times*.

34% would vote

A July survey of 600 Wisconsin voters found that 34% "would consider voting for a third party candidate like Ed Thompson."

"We're going to pull this thing off," said Thompson. "There's no doubt in my mind."

Thompson said his campaign would be based on four issues:

■ **Taxes.** Thompson said his "first priority" as governor would be to slash taxes in Wisconsin, which currently ranks as the third-highest-taxed state per capita in the nation. He would also eliminate costly business and farm subsidies, privatize certain government services, and use the "line item veto" to cut pork.

"High taxes and over-regulation are crippling Wisconsin's small businesses," he said. "We need to focus on bringing family wage jobs back to Wisconsin."

■ **Education.** The Milwaukee school choice pilot program has been a "remarkable success," said Thompson. As governor, he said he would push for similar programs statewide, and expand opportunities for charter schools, magnet schools, and home schooling.

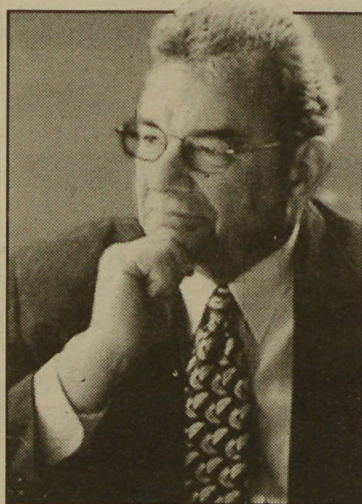
"Competition will place a premium on good teachers," he said. "One-size-fits-all education is as stifling for teachers as it is for students."

■ **Crime.** Wisconsin cannot afford to keep nonviolent offenders in prison, said Thompson, so he would advocate work release and community service programs. He also called for decriminalizing marijuana.

"Too often the enforcement of laws against victimless crimes diverts the attention of police and courts from the enforcement of laws against violence and fraud," he said.

■ **"Common Sense Government."** Because he is not beholden to any special interest group, Thompson said he would be able to run state government "like a business," paying attention to waste and fraud.

"The continuing failure of the state to adopt a balanced budget is



■ **Ed Thompson, LP candidate for governor in Wisconsin: "We're going to pull this thing off. There's no doubt in my mind."**

evidence that arrogance, corruption and the misuse of power are poisoning state government," he said.

A former Republican, Thompson left the GOP in 1999 after police raided his Tee Pee Tavern and Restaurant, and charged him with operating three nickel slot machines.

The charges were eventually dropped, and he was elected mayor of Tomah in 2000.

Thompson will need about 1,000 registered voter signatures to get his name and party affiliation listed on the November 2002 election ballot.

For more information, visit: www.edthompson.com. Or write: Friends for Ed Thompson, P.O. Box 1509, Tomah, WI 54660-1509.

California LP targets taxes with its 'Energy Tax Revolt'

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Operation Energy Tax Revolt got off to a sputtering start in the city of Bellflower, home to former mayor and 2000 LP vice presidential nominee Art Olivier, who helped spearhead the effort.

LP members drafted an initiative that would save Bellflower taxpayers up to \$1 million every year, retroactive to November 2001, when the initiative was filed. Bellflower has about 70,000 residents.

On November 10, after placing a notice of the petition drive in a local newspaper as required by state law, more than 40 LP volunteers collected signatures to qualify the initiative.

They ultimately collected 939 signatures — almost double the required 510 signatures, said Starr.

A single day

"I'm not aware of any other instance here in California where in a single day a band of volunteers qualified for the ballot a tax-reducing initiative. But in Bellflower that is precisely what we did," he said.

However, the city clerk invalidated the signatures when Libertarians delivered them on November 20.

The city clerk said the newspaper in which the Libertarians had announced their drive was not recognized as a Bellflower publication,

because its printing facilities are outside city limits. Starr also said there were spelling errors in the notice.

An "irked" Starr then drafted another initiative that expanded the tax reduction from just electric bills to gas bills as well, and rolled back the retroactive date to January 1, 2001.

The original decision by the city clerk to invalidate the initiative was a "hardball tactic that cities [use] when they're at-risk of losing revenues," said Starr.

"But I spent many hours phoning people up to volunteer for this and I refuse to allow us to be defeated. We can play hardball as well."

In response to the new initiative, the Bellflower government issued a press release in late November, stating the energy tax issue would be brought up at a city hearing on December 10, said Starr.

Consequently, Libertarians plan to forge ahead with a new signature drive on December 8 — and plan to present the new petitions to the city council at the hearing.

"We are going to get our initiative on the ballot whether city officials like it or not," said Starr. "I believe it will ultimately be successful."

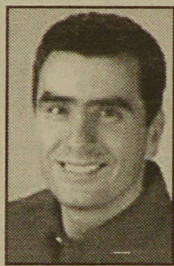
Other cities the LP have already targeted for energy tax initiatives include Culver City, Irvine, Mountain View, Woodland, and Westminster.

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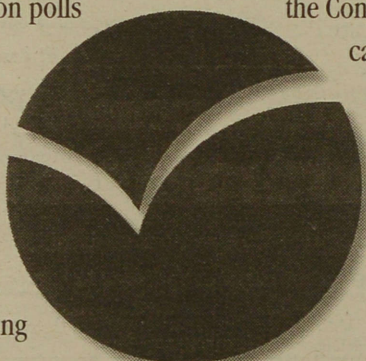


been chosen best Congressman by news media people, and has also been named best Congressman in all 6 nationwide public opinion polls since 1998.

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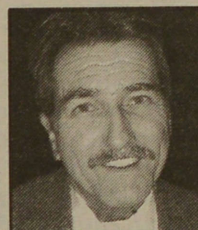
The Libertarian Victory Fund played a critical role in my victory. Your support made it possible for me to hire a professional direct mail firm to get my message out to thousands of voters in my city. And when my opponent attacked me, the Libertarian Victory Fund was there again to help me send out another professionally designed response mailing. Thanks to you, I was able to win the election and remove a big government incumbent from office. I encourage Libertarians everywhere to support the Libertarian Victory Fund.

—Bruce White, City Councilman, Kent, Washington



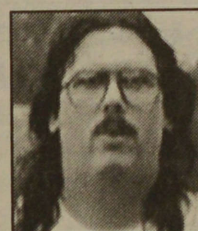
My thanks to the Libertarian Victory Fund. The money provided to my campaign allowed me to get out a first class mailing to registered voters in my Ward, and to buy an extra 50 yard signs. There is no doubt in my mind that those two actions helped to put me over the top in my campaign.

—John McAlister, City Councilman, Gahanna, Ohio



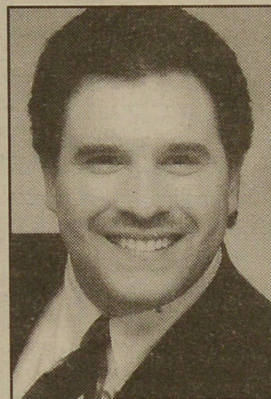
I'm writing today to thank the Libertarian Victory Fund for the professional job you did for me in my recent election. There were five people running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen in Provincetown. I won by 108 votes. I'm convinced that my victory was a result of the beautiful full color mailing you produced that each voter received a few days before the election. I received many compliments and one large donation because of your very professional piece of work. I am sure that others will benefit from your expertise. Again, thank you for a job well done.

—David Atkinson, Libertarian Selectman, Provincetown, Massachusetts

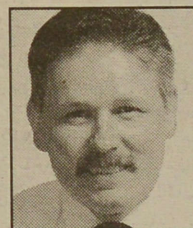


The support I received from the Libertarian Victory Fund was critical to the success of my campaign. It allowed me to run a series of newspaper ads and reach the majority of the voters with my pro-freedom message. I don't think I could have won without the help of the Libertarian Victory Fund.

—Ray Huff, City Councilman, Granite Falls, Washington

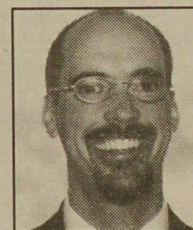


Chris Azzaro,
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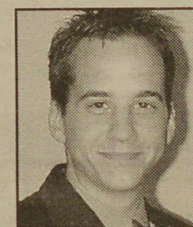
The Libertarian Victory Fund helped me pay for additional signs and mailings in my campaign. The funding also gave me more confidence to campaign even harder in the last few weeks of the race. The Libertarian Victory Fund is a valuable asset to Libertarian local campaigns everywhere.

—Bob Bromely, Libertarian Mayor, Sumas, Washington



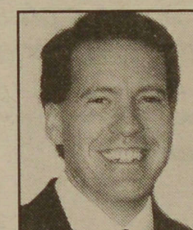
The Libertarian Victory Fund came through for my campaign in a big way. I want to thank the Libertarian Victory Fund and its contributors for helping to make my victory possible. There were ten candidates running for four seats in my race. I finished in fourth place, just 26 votes ahead of the next candidate. I definitely couldn't have won this election without your help. I'm sure that your efforts will lead to many more Libertarian election wins in the future. Please keep up the great work!

—Mark Owen, City Councilman, Owosso, Michigan



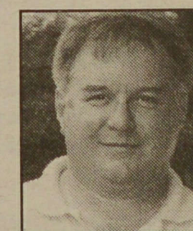
The Libertarian Victory Fund is doing a great job of helping to elect more Libertarians to local office. The work you are doing for local campaigns is building a new generation of freedom-loving Libertarian leaders. Let's continue the success!

—Jeff Steinport, Board of Education, Grand Rapids, Michigan



I want to thank you, and your contributors, for the assistance you provided to our campaign. Libertarian Victory Fund support helped us to overcome some tough obstacles. My six opponents were all experienced politicians running formidable campaigns. But with your help, we made it anyway. Thank you.

—Andy LeCureaux, City Councilman, Hazel Park, Michigan



The assistance of the Libertarian Victory Fund was invaluable in my victory. With a track record of seven out of nine victories in the November elections, the Libertarian Victory Fund has shown that it yields the most "bang for the buck" for Libertarians that want to help put strong candidates over the top.

—Bob Debrosse, City Commissioner, Piqua City, Ohio

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Analysis: Many different ways to win Election '01

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in 2000 of the first "Operation Break-through," California had typically run only a handful of non-partisan local races each year.

Lesson learned: Both centralized and decentralized methods can be effective at producing large numbers of candidates and wins.

Washington elected a new mayor and three new city council members. With their other victories this year, they increased their number of Libertarians in office from five elected Libertarians in the state to 14 — almost a three-fold increase in one day.

More complex

Their recruitment strategy was perhaps even more complex than California's — although done at much less cost. They used a member survey asking about interest in running, and had face-to-face recruitment meetings for most of their candidates.

They also developed a significant support structure for their campaigns, offering candidates training schools, targeted funding for the most promising races, and other logistical help.

Campaigns Chair Kelly Haughton explains their strategy: "For 2001, we

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wanted to focus our candidate recruitment on candidates we thought could win.

"To start with, our Executive Director provided the Campaigns Committee with a listing of the offices up for election in 2001. In Washington, there is a one-week filing period for non-partisan elections.

"We recruited people to be 'Friday candidates' — willing to serve in office, but not actively campaign. If someone agrees, the Campaigns Committee monitors the filing and if no one has filed by Thursday night, we call the Friday candidate and tell them to go file the next day.

"We won five races this way, including two seats on one Park & Recreation Commission.

"We also had some serious candidates who were willing to run hard campaigns to beat an opponent.

"Our model candidate was Bruce White for Kent City Council, who pre-

pared for two years to run. With help from the Washington state LP and the Libertarian Victory Fund, Bruce received 59% of the vote against an incumbent!

"In all, the Campaigns Committee sent \$15,000 to our most promising campaigns. Not all of the candidates were elected. But we made the difference in a couple of elections."

Lesson learned: Professionalism in your outlook and performance pays off, not just in recruiting, but in how you support your candidates, as well.

Seven of nine

One other factor came into play with several of our wins — the great work of the Libertarian Victory Fund (LVF), a Political Action Committee headed by Chris Azzaro. LVF helped candidates across the country with campaign planning, strategy, and direct donations. Seven of the races they targeted emerged victorious.

Award-winning political consultant Cathy Allen likes to say: "There are 34 ways to win a political campaign. All you have to do is find one." Likewise, there are many ways to elect more Libertarians. We may not have a "silver bullet" yet.

But an aggressive recruiting effort for lots of candidates, followed by professionalism in candidate support, and — above all — whatever you do for candidates, doing it well, will lead your state party to ever bigger record-breaking election years.



■ Noelle Stettner and other Virginia and Washington, DC Libertarians "Walk For Capitalism" in Arlington, Virginia on December 2.

Taking a 'Walk for Capitalism'

Libertarian activists across America went on a "Walk for Capitalism" to demonstrate their commitment to free trade and private property rights.

On December 2, hundreds of Libertarians displayed signs, chanted pro-capitalism slogans, fended off protesters, and gave out awards to entrepreneurs to honor their contributions to economic freedom.

Organized in more than 100 cit-

ies, the Walk for Capitalism was a global event celebrating the free market. The project was created by PRO-DOS, an Australian radio personality.

Libertarians participated in at least a half-dozen cities around the USA — and Noelle Stettner in Virginia said she hopes the Walk for Capitalism becomes an annual event.

"It was great to see many people reading our pro-capitalism signs, then honking their horns and giving us the thumbs up," she said.

Highlights included:

■ **Boston:** Libertarians and Objectivists who gathered to walk the Boston Freedom Trail were met by several anti-capitalist protesters who carried signs such as "Capitalism Kills Children" and "Eat the Poor."

■ **Raleigh:** Who says that only people support free markets? Libertarians and other supporters of economic freedom marched with a pony at the state capitol.

"He added a fun element and was the subject of his owner's speech to the crowd," said event organizer Bobby Emory. "The owner pointed out that, just like us, the pony depended on capitalism for his food."

■ **Seattle:** Free market proponents were jeered by dozens of socialist counter-demonstrators during their walk to Westlake Park, the site of two recent demonstrations commemorating the WTO riot.

■ **Washington, DC:** To avoid the "bureaucratic hurdles" of getting a permit in the District of Columbia, Libertarians marched just across the Potomac River, in Arlington, Virginia. More than 100 participants attended, carrying signs and chanting, "Hey Hey, Ho Ho, Socialism has got to go!"

Libertarians also participated in the March for Capitalism in San Jose, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Westminster, Maryland.

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In Nevada, Aaron Russo will slash taxes and regulations

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"I'm a Libertarian philosophically, but I think it is advantageous to reach out to other groups who share my views on particular issues," said Russo. "I need a broad base of support to win this race."

In 1998, Russo challenged Republican Kenny Guinn for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, garnering 25.9% of the primary vote in a four-way race. Guinn ultimately won the general election.

Since then, the movie titan has been a vocal critic of the governor. In October, he battled Guinn over an initiative that allowed patients to register as medical marijuana users and obtain up to seven marijuana plants to treat certain illnesses.

Although the medical marijuana initiative had passed with 65% voter approval in November 2000, Guinn had refused to fund the program.

Advertising blitz

In response, Russo launched a television advertising blitz criticizing the governor, and the program was eventually instituted.

"I think it's disgusting that the government is so determined to deny sick people their medicine," said Russo. "That will end if I get elected governor."

"I want Nevada to be the alterna-

As the head of the state, I could challenge the federal government's authority over Nevada citizens.'

— Aaron Russo

tive medicine oasis in America."

The latest "Guinn outrage" is his recent appointment of an eight-member "task force" to suggest ways to add \$1 billion to the state's \$3.8 billion budget, said Russo.

"The state government is already too large," he said. "Especially during a recession, the governor should be trying to cut spending and taxes, not trying to find a way to drain more money from taxpayers."

Although Guinn had the financial backing of the state's gaming industry in 1998 — he received about \$1 million of his \$2.4 million war chest from casino operators — Russo said it is in the industry's best interest to back him over Guinn.

"I would slash taxes across the board and get the state out of the business of regulating the casinos," he said. "The casinos may think Guinn is their guy, but he isn't going to do any of that."

If he is elected governor, Russo also vowed to prevent the federal government from "overstepping its bounds" and infringing on the rights of Nevada citizens.

Challenge authority

"As the head of the state, I could challenge the federal government's authority over Nevada citizens," he said. "I would file lawsuits with the Supreme Court, and challenge unconstitutional laws under the Tenth Amendment."

Professionally, Russo was nominated for six Academy Awards and received two Golden Globe nominations.

In 2000, Russo gave a fiery speech at the Libertarian National Convention, calling Libertarians the "last, best hope for freedom in America."

"Imagine you hired a bodyguard to protect you, and then your bodyguard started bossing you around because he was bigger and was better armed," he said. "Well that's what the relationship between the American government and the citizens has become. The government is supposed to be our bodyguard, but instead, it's constantly trying to control us."

"If I'm elected, there will finally be a governor who is willing to take a stand."

For more information, visit: www.russo2002.com.

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■ \$240,000 to host the 2002 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 3-7 (7.2%).

■ \$608,312 for staff at the party's national office in Washington, DC (18%).

■ \$259,915 for national office rent, utilities, equipment leases, etc. (7.8%).

■ \$14,500 for media relations (less than 1%).

■ \$136,200 to print and mail *LP News* (4.1%).

■ \$228,285 for direct mail, major

donor, and convention fundraising costs (6.9%).

■ \$25,200 to respond to information requests (less than 1%).

■ \$72,380 for membership and subscription renewal costs (2.2%).

■ \$24,000 for website hosting and maintenance (less than 1%).

■ \$50,000 for ballot access petitioning and lawsuit costs, perhaps targeting Arkansas, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Oklahoma (1.5%).

The 2002 budget assumes the party will raise \$3,300,945 in revenue, said Dasbach, mostly from the Pledge Program, membership renewals, direct-mail and website contributions, and telephone fundraising.

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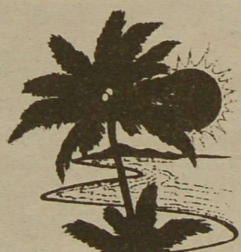
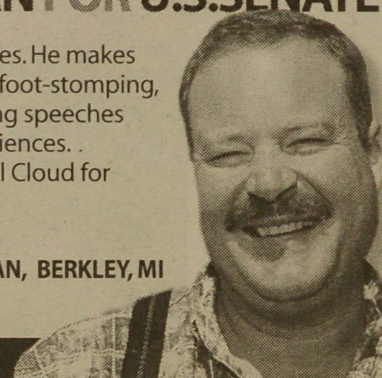
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Speakers confirmed to date:

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- ✓ Martin Krause (Argentina) Dean of

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- ✓ John McClaughry (USA) former State Senator (R-VT) and president of the Ethan Allen Institute. Former advisor to President Ronald Reagan in the White House. He shaped the report of the President's Task Force on Economic Justice in Central America (for Reagan, 1987) and also headed a Global Economic Action Foundation task force on Central American economies. He is also author of *The Vermont Papers* (on decentralism & direct democracy).
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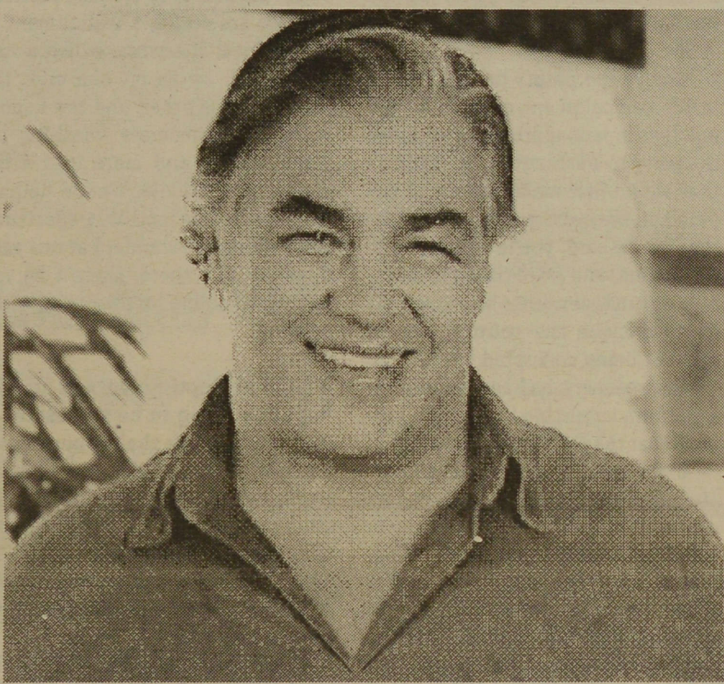
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"Aaron Russo has large grassroots support and high name recognition. If Libertarians decide to focus on Aaron Russo's race for governor of Nevada, they will have a real opportunity to make a national impact."

— Jan Jones, Mayor of Las Vegas, 1992-2000

In 1998, Aaron Russo beat Nevada's Lieutenant Governor in the Republican gubernatorial primary. He received nearly 30% of the vote in a four-way race, even when his base of support, Libertarians and independents—25% of Nevada's voters, and socially progressive Democrats were shut out of the closed primary.

"He is a man you can trust, and that's why I endorse him to be governor of Nevada."
— Jack Nicholson, actor (1998)



Russo's charisma and no-nonsense approach to politics grabbed the attention of both the people and the leaders of The Silver State.

This spring, in response to Republican Governor Kenny Guinn's refusal to fund the publicly mandated medical marijuana initiative, Aaron began airing a series of TV ads to expose the governor's shenanigans and to raise the \$30,000 himself. This generous offer caught the attention of Americans for Medical Rights, who condemned Mr. Guinn and pledged to match the funds Aaron raised so terminally ill Nevadans can get the help they so desperately need.

Aaron is proud to be a Libertarian. He has the strong support of thousands of voters, many of whom have already called or e-mailed in response to his stand against Mr. Guinn and for reasonable health care solutions. The public reaction to Aaron's message has proven that Nevada is ready for a governor who will truly lead.

"Libertarian candidate Aaron Russo has the credibility and popularity to win big in the 2002 governor's race. The Nevada Reform Party is proud to endorse him as our next governor." — Dennis Murphy, Chairman, Nevada Reform Party

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1980 Libertarian Party Presidential candidate
1978 LP candidate for Governor of California

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Free Market Money and Gold Report

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LIBERTY Magazine

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The Lou Epton Show, KLAV-Las Vegas

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An interview with LP founder David Nolan

On December 11, 2001, the Libertarian Party turned 30. That date marked the anniversary of the crucial meeting, held in Colorado Springs, Colorado in December 11, 1971, where a small group voted to form a new political party. One of the prime instigators of that meeting was David Nolan.

To celebrate that anniversary, Nolan was interviewed by Ari Armstrong, the Publications Advisor of the Colorado LP. Here are highlights of that interview, edited for space.

Q There's some controversy as to where and when the LP was actually founded. There's a debate over whether it was founded in Westminster or in Colorado Springs.

A Technically, it was founded in Colorado Springs. The initial planning meetings at which we discussed forming the party, those occurred at my home, in Westminster, where I was living at the time.

Interestingly enough, the city council in Westminster passed a resolution in 1996 to officially commemorate the founding of the Libertarian Party in their city. (I guess they wanted to go on record as having had something important happen there.)

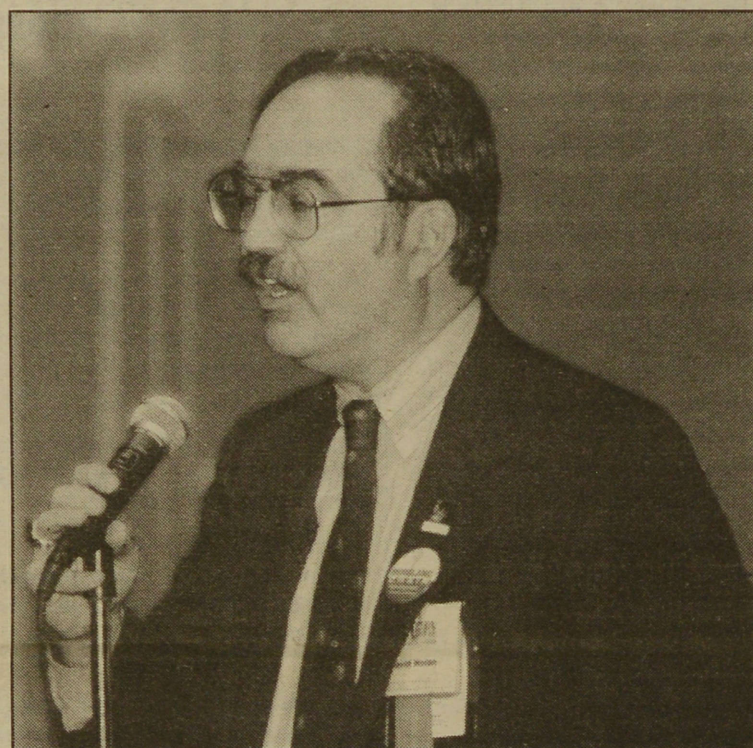
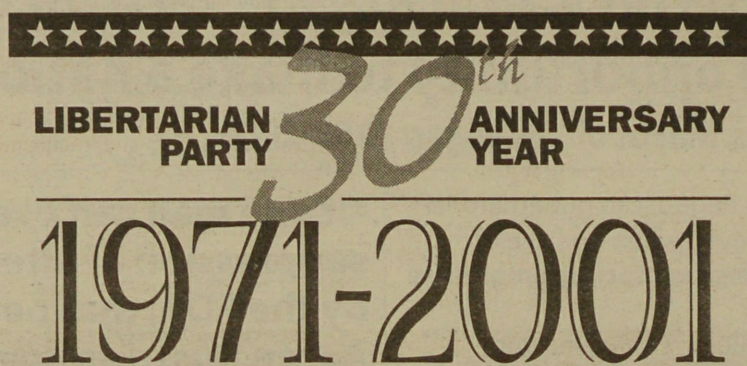
As the summer and fall progressed, we added a couple of people from Colorado Springs to our initial core group, and we started having some of the meetings down there. The meeting at which we actually, officially voted to form the party was in Colorado Springs. It was at the home of a gentleman named Luke Zell.

Q What are the events that led up to the founding of the LP?

A I had been fairly active in the Young Republicans, starting with the Goldwater campaign of 1964, when I was at MIT. I stayed semi-active in the YRs in the years that followed up 'til 1971.

On August 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon went on television and decreed wage and price controls, which is the first time that had ever been done during peacetime in American history. (We were technically in peacetime; the police action or military action in Vietnam was never officially declared as a war. It was totally unconstitutional, of course.)

So we had the first peace-time imposition of wage and price controls, plus taking the U.S. off the last vestiges of the gold standard. Nixon basically said, "We're tired of being on the gold standard; we don't want that



■ David Nolan has remained active in the Libertarian Party for 30 years. He's shown here speaking from the floor at the 1998 National Convention in Washington, DC.

thing standing in our way, so as of now the U.S. dollar is no longer redeemable in gold, anywhere, anytime, anyhow."

Those two points, which he made in that same speech on August 15, were the impetus for those of us who'd been thinking about it. We'd had a couple of meetings before that. That was either our second or third meeting, which happened to fall on the date of Nixon's speech. Of course, we didn't know when we set our meeting a week or two in advance, that that was going to happen.

We were sitting around in my living room in Westminster on August 15, and who should come on but Richard Nixon.

We heard the announcement that he made, and we looked at each other and said, "That settles it. If there was ever any doubt as to whether we need a party that stands for real limited government and individual freedom, then this should settle it for us."

Q Who else was around back then?

A I'll have to scratch my head a little bit. The original group of five was myself; my then-wife Susan; a gentleman named Hue Futch; a college student named Dale Nelson, who disappeared shortly thereafter and has never been heard from again; and a fellow named John James, who was

a young architect who lived in Denver. John was our first candidate for U.S. Congress, I believe in 1974. Those were the original five.

John James had a half-brother named Pipp Boyls in Colorado Springs. John contacted Pipp, who was a like-minded person. Pipp had two more friends down there: Eric Westling, and Luke Zell. We had grown to eight by the time we took the vote and formally decided that we were going to go ahead with the party.

We were going to contact libertarians and free-market-minded people around the country. On August 15, we decided we were going to see if there was anyone else that felt the way we did. We sent out letters.

I had a couple of mailing lists. One was a list of people who had bought bumper stickers and buttons from me over the last several years. (I'd been running ads in the back of libertarian publications.) So we sent out some mailings to people around the country who might feel the same way that we did, that the time had come to form a new party.

Our criterion was, if we got 100 positive responses, 100 people saying "count me in," by the end of the year, we would go ahead and do it.

We met again in September, October, and November. By December, we had over 100 respondents, so we said, "We're going to do it."

We voted that evening, December 11, to form the party.

We held a press conference early in January of 1972 to announce this fact to the world. The event got a surprisingly large amount of press coverage, probably more than it deserved, and it probably gave us more encouragement than it should have.

We thought, "Wow! The world is ready for this!" I'm not sure the world was ready for that 30 years ago. It may not still be quite ready.

Q How did the LP end up in Washington, DC?

A After the 1974 convention in Dallas, Texas, Ed Crane, now head of the Cato Institute, was elected chair of the party.

One of the points he had run on in his campaign for chair is he did not feel it was appropriate to move the party to Washington, DC, because that would just make us part of the problem. Once you move to Washington, DC, he said, you're enmeshed in the system, and we're trying to maintain our independence and our ability to critique the political system without being corrupted by it.

His opponent had campaigned on a platform consisting in part of a proposal that the party *should* move there.

Crane won, by a pretty large margin. The party's headquarters was moved from Denver to San Francisco, which is where Crane lived. They rented an office out there. After about a year, in about 1975 or '76, Crane did an about-face and said the party should move to Washington, DC.

The party was in Washington, DC for two to four years. After another election, the headquarters was moved to Houston, Texas for a few years. Then it was moved back. It probably is the right place for the headquarters to be at this point. I have no doubt that's where it's going to stay.

Q Let's move out of the history and into expectations. What have been the LP's biggest successes, in your opinion?

A The LP obviously has not been successful in the political arena at the presidential level. I think people are mesmerized by the glamour of the presidential race, and they think we can get our ideas into the national political arena.

By and large, it has not been particularly successful, because to participate at the presidential level you've got to have a lot more name recognition, or a lot more money, or a lot larger support base. You need at least two of those three things. We've never really been competitive at that level. So that's not the proper gauge to use in measuring our success.

I think our successes have been in several areas. First, in building by far the nation's (and probably the world's) largest network of freedom-minded individuals who have been able to collaborate with each other and inform each other on a whole range of issues. If it weren't for the Libertarian Party, I don't see any way

that would have come into existence.

We have certainly popularized the word "libertarian" and what it means to the American people. We have helped bring about the change that I predicted when I wrote my article on political systems 30 years ago.

The debate has largely shifted from the old left-right debate. It's still there, but it's fading. It's turned to a much more fundamental debate which I would call the "libertarian vs. authoritarian" debate. It's not always labeled as such, but that's what it has become, because the liberal and conservative positions have become more and more indistinguishable.

We are the only credible alternative. We are seeing a realignment of the political spectrum, which would be typified by us on one end, the Greens on the other, and the Republicans and Democrats "mushing together" more and more into a big lump in the middle. We are helping to redefine the political spectrum, and hold up the standard at one end. If we weren't there, there'd be nobody else holding up the pro-freedom position.

Q Let's be optimistic, and say the LP is going to be successful.

Is it more likely that it becomes a major political party in its own right, or that the other parties start losing so much support that they adopt many of our ideas?

A It could go either way. That's been a question we've faced from the earliest days.

Some people maintained from the beginning that, as soon as we began to be a significant presence on the political scene that the Republicans would scurry back to the pro-freedom side of the fence and become a lot more consistent.

I would like to believe that, but the evidence has been to the contrary. Over the last 30 years, the Republicans have gotten steadily worse. Bush and the Republican Party, as far as I can see, offer no reasonable hope.

In fact, Republicans are busy piling on, adding their favorite pork-barrel projects to the last appropriations bill. With the exception of Ron Paul, and perhaps one or two others, they're just a different breed of porkers than the Democrats — socially conservative ones.

The question becomes, if we can't do that, can we become a major political party? You'd think that would be one of the stops on the way to becoming a major party.

However, following the theory of catastrophic change, sudden and unpredicted change, where pressures build up within a system, you get sudden change as you did in the Soviet Union in 1989.

I think it is possible that, under the right circumstances, a charismatic and well-known candidate could be elected President as a Libertarian in 2004 or 2008, or throw the political system into realignment — and we could assume that balance-of-power role.

Libertarians win three of four initiative battles on November 6th

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ballot initiatives, said Bryant.

"We're glad to have had a hand in roundly defeating this ridiculous measure," he said.

■ **Also in Colorado**, El Paso County Libertarians helped save taxpayers more than \$176 million in tax and bond proposals — an average of \$350 annually for every Colorado Springs household.

The proposals were a "rehash" of the Springs Community Improvement Project (SCIP) — which included "unpopular" spending increases on roads, drainage, police and fire departments — that had been previously defeated by voters in April, said LP member John Geltemeyer.

"Loosely defined"

"Many [SCIP] projects were only loosely defined, which would have allowed the city to direct the funding to anything they pleased," he said.

Libertarians spoke out against the measures, said Geltemeyer, during

interviews with the local NBC affiliate, *The Gazette* newspaper, and *The Independent* newspaper — which noted that the local LP was the only organized opposition to the tax hike.

■ **In Portland, Maine**, Libertarians fell just short in an effort to defeat an advisory referendum in support of "universal health care" in the state. The measure passed by a vote of 52% to 48%.

The non-binding referendum was

intended to "send a message" to the state legislature in Augusta to establish government-funded health care, said LP State Chair Mark Cenci, who served as co-chair of the anti-referendum effort.

Focus group

After early focus group data showed that voters favored the referendum by a 2-1 margin, Cenci said a representative of the Anthem Blue

Cross insurance company asked him to join the effort to defeat the measure.

"This was great publicity [for Libertarians]," he said. "It should really help the LP as far as future political networking and campaign participation."

The anti-referendum campaign spent about \$400,000 — mostly on TV advertising and public polling — and Cenci said he personally con-

ducted about 14 media interviews, including one with the *New York Times*.

In addition, about 30 Libertarian volunteers played a role in the campaign, said Cenci.

"Since this measure couldn't pass by a wide margin in Portland — one of the most socialistic parts of the state — I think it's safe to say that a push for Canadian-style health care in Maine is pretty much dead," he said.

Michigan PAC focuses on LP election wins

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is about time we start playing to win."

Both LLC leaders bring extensive political resumes to their political action committee.

Aleck was elected as Clare County prosecutor as a Democrat in 1992. He started the Clare-Gladwin County LP in 2001, and was elected vice chair of the Michigan LP in May 2001.

Townsend ran as a Libertarian for Midland County commissioner 2000, garnering 27% of the vote against a 14-year incumbent. He presently serves as the Tri-Cities Libertarian Party Chairman, and plans to run for Midland County Executive in 2002.

Optimistic

And both Liberty Leadership Council leaders are optimistic about the future of the LP.

"I really feel the Libertarian Party is on the threshold of a breakthrough," said Aleck. "We just need to give our candidates the tools they need to win, and let the Libertarian message do the rest."

For more information about the Liberty Leadership Council, or to make a contribution, visit: www.makingfreedomring.com. Or call: (800) 608-7375.

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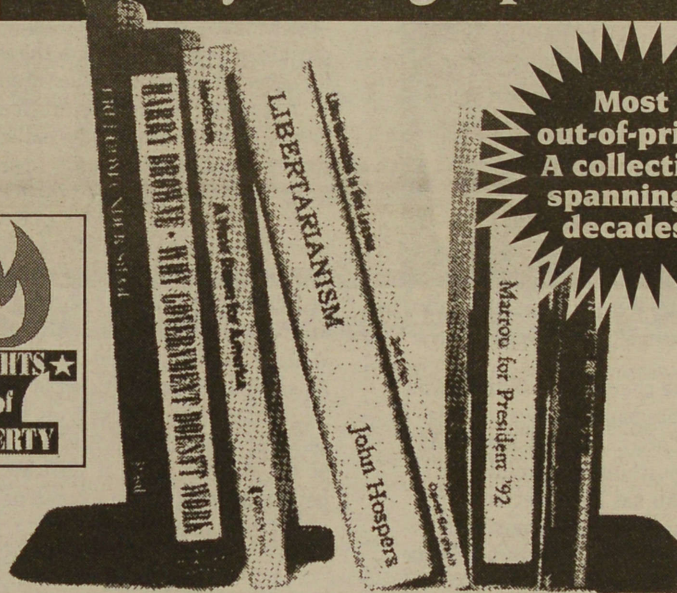
deliver three or more prepared speeches to a predominantly non-libertarian audience, using the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" in a positive light.

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■ **Libertarianism In One Lesson** by David Bergland, 1984 Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate. Autographed.

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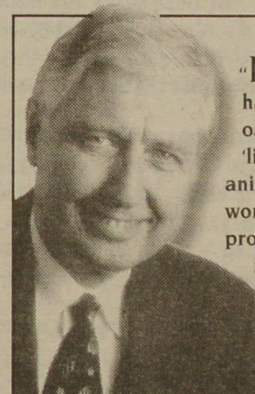
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"I feel strongly that we have to build name recognition for the words 'libertarian' and 'libertarianism' — by attaching the words publicly to specific proposals. 'Lights of Liberty' is an excellent way to further that goal."
— **Harry Browne**, 2000 Libertarian Party presidential candidate

POLITICS 2002

Interviews, awards, & candidate records

■ In Louisiana, **Raymond "Chuck" Dumas** was elected as the new State Chair. In New Hampshire, **Tom Kershaw** was re-elected as State Chair. In Maine, **J. Fred Staples** has been appointed as the Executive Director. In Washington, DC, LP National Director **Steve Dasbach** has a new title, effective January 1: Executive Director. In Ohio, **Rick Sargent** was re-elected Chair of the Franklin County LP. In Colorado, **Richard Otero** has taken over as Chair of the Morgan County LP. In New Mexico, **Helena Hammer** is serving as interim Chair of the Grant County LP. In Colorado, **Paul Berthelot** has been elected Chair of the Southern Colorado Libertarian Alliance (SCOLA). In Washington, DC, **Kat DeBurgh** has been elected as new State Chair.

■ In Arizona, the Secretary of State announced on November 28 that the state LP maintained its ballot status for 2002, with 14,976 registrations statewide, reported State Chair **Peter Schmerl**. In Massachusetts, **Craig Mathias** won 10% of the vote in a three-way, partisan special election for state representative (Middlesex district) on October 23. Mathias was profiled in the October issue of *LP News*.

■ **Election 2001 Update:** In Washington state, LP candidates won a total of 135,134 votes, reported Executive Director **Jacqueline Passey Bartels**. In North Carolina, a recount confirmed that **Joe Young** missed winning the fourth (and last) available seat on the Lenior City Council by 15 votes. The recount was handled "fairly and professionally," said State Chair **Sean Haugh**, who witnessed the process. "While the final result is a disappointment, we now know exactly how much further we need to go to elect some Libertarians to the City Council in Lenior," he said. Nationally, the LP set another new record in 2001: The most candidates in an off-year election. With 340 candidates running for office, the party bested its previous record of 297 in 1999.

■ **Media news:** In November, the national LP office scheduled professional Bill Clinton impersonator **Damian Mason** to do 15 radio interviews over three days. Mason, who joined the LP earlier this year, had volunteered to help promote the party. As "Bill Clinton," Mason talked about life since leaving the White House and answered questions — before reverting to himself, and speaking seriously about the Libertarian Party and why he joined.



■ **Damian Mason:** Does interviews.

■ In Michigan, ballot access petition drive chair **Nancy O'Brien** won the "Producer of Liberty" award at the state party's annual awards banquet on November 10. In addition, LP activist **Joann Karpinski** (1937-2001) was honored with a special posthumous "Producer of Liberty" award. In Alabama, **Adam Vaughn** has been elected President of the Libertarian Student Alliance at the University of Montevallo. **Libertarians for Peace** has changed its contact information. Visit them now at: www.libertarians4peace.net. Or e-mail: info@libertarians4peace.net. Or call (202) 635-3739.

■ **Election 2002:** In Colorado, **Mark Holden** has announced his campaign for State Representative (District 37). In Michigan, 34 candidates have already been recruited to run in 2002, reports the *Michigan Libertarian* newsletter. In Iowa, **Clyde Cleveland** launched his 2002 bid for governor on November 5 with a press conference at the State Capitol Building. In Oklahoma, **Roger Bloxham** has announced that he is running for Corporate Commission in 2002. Also in Oklahoma, **Clarke Duffe** is running for Edmond School District Board (District 2). Around the country, 196 LP candidates have signed up to run in 2002, reports LP Political Director **Ron Crickenberger**.

■ In Colorado, LP members **Brian Rachocki** (Air National Guard) and **Nathan Hickson** (U.S. Army) have been sent overseas as part of the nation's War On Terrorism. "We hope Brian and Nathan have a safe time of service overseas," said Colorado LP Publications Advisor **Ari Armstrong**. "These men have our gratitude for their willingness to defend America and the principles that make America great."

■ **Curious Coincidence Department:** The national LP issued a press release demanding an end to government funding for colleges that force students to remove American flags on November 6 — the exact same day Congressman Tom Tancredo (R-CO) filed a bill (HR 3201, "The Freedom to Be a Patriot Act") to do exactly that. Tancredo's office sent an e-mail to the LP, saying: "Great press release."

■ To sign up for the **Acton Institute's** weekly e-mail update, *Acton News and Commentary*, visit: www.acton.org/actonnews. The Grand Rapids, Michigan-based Institute works to "educate future religious leaders about the compatibility of faith and freedom."

CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

Christopher Powell: City council bid may make Oklahoma history

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

LP Vice Chair Christopher Powell is attempting to do something a Libertarian has never done before in Oklahoma: Get elected to public office.

Powell, 30, said that strict ballot access laws have made it all but impossible for third-party candidates to get elected in the state.

But now, the ex-Marine is running for one of eight seats on the city council of Bethany, a city of about 20,000 residents located slightly west of Oklahoma City — and said he "fully expects to win" in March.

"Prior campaign experience has given me a good idea of what it will take to win," he said. "It would be great to get elected and pave the way for other Libertarians in the future."

A former Young Republican, Powell said he eventually realized that "only Libertarians want to seriously limit the size of government."

In 2000, Powell joined the LP and ran for the state House of Representatives. He garnered 15% of the vote — the best third-party showing in any Oklahoma race since George Wallace ran for president on the American Independent ticket in 1968.

Although he knocked on thousands of doors, Powell said the size of the district made it difficult to personally meet as many voters as he would have liked.

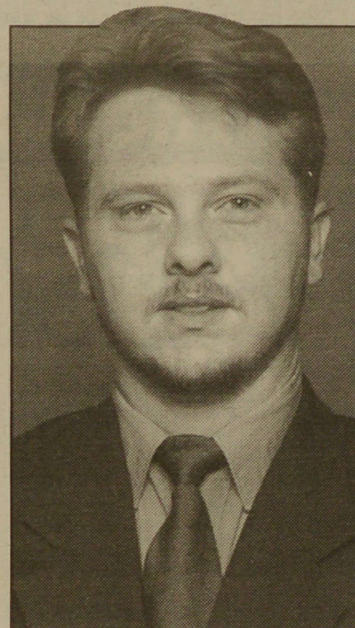
800 votes

This time, however, he will be campaigning in a ward of only about 2,500 registered voters. Of those voters, Powell expects about 800 to cast votes in the election.

"I only need to secure the votes of slightly more than half of those voters to win the election — and I'm confident I can do that," he said. "The smaller size of the ward will definitely work to my advantage."

Two Republicans on the council have already endorsed Powell for the seat, and Powell said many citizens in the ward are irritated with the incumbent's "big government stands."

For example, the incumbent has sought to impose a mandatory seatbelt ordinance and enforce a tax



■ **Christopher Powell:** "It would be great to get elected" to the city council in Bethany — "and pave the way for other Libertarians in the future."

on garage sales, he said.

Powell said he would oppose such measures, as well as open up a taxpayer-funded road that crosses through Southern Nazarene University, a small school in the city. Led by his opponent, the city council closed the road to the public at the behest of school administrators.

"My campaign theme will be serving the interests of each citizen — not the interests of the college [or] of the businesses," he said. "And what is in the best interest of the citizens is protecting their rights from being trampled by the city council."

Powell also said being elected to the city council would put him in a great position to help reform the

state's campaign finance laws.

Presently, a party must gather signatures equal to 5% of voters in the last statewide election — upward of 80,000 signatures — to earn a spot on the statewide ballot. Then, to keep ballot access, the party's candidate must poll at least 10% in the next gubernatorial or presidential election.

However, the Bethany state representative frequently attends city council meetings, said Powell. As a city councilman, he would be in a unique position to try to convince such officials to introduce legislation to reform ballot access.

"I would definitely have added credibility if I was sitting at the city council table," he said.

First get elected

However, to make that happen, Powell must first get elected.

Fortunately, city council races typically aren't expensive, he said — and \$500 to \$1,000 should be enough to run a competitive race. Getting on the ballot is also easy, requiring only a \$50 filing fee.

As for campaign strategy, Powell said he would solicit donations from the approximately 200 dues-paying party members in the state, and recruit volunteers to help distribute literature and put up campaign signs.

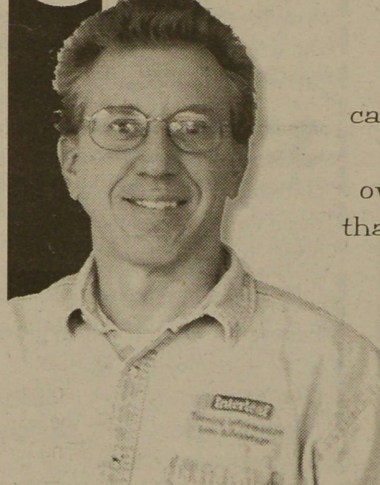
However, he said that most of the responsibility for the campaign would fall on his own shoulders. Powell plans to walk door-to-door and speak face-to-face with at least 90% of the 2,500 registered voters in the city.

Powell has been a Bethany resident for about five years. He is an amateur genealogist, is married, and has two young children.

For more information, visit: www.christopherpowell.net.

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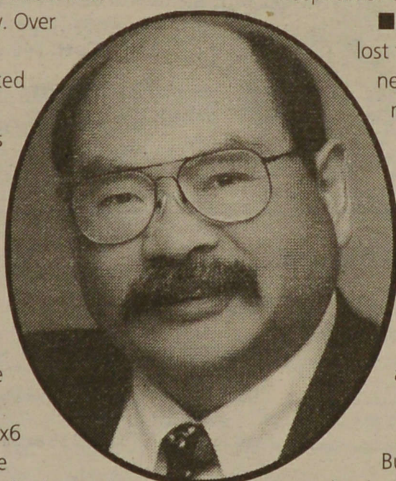
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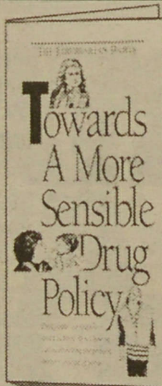
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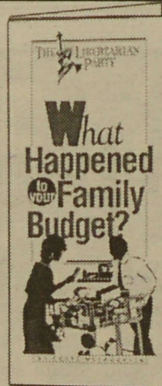
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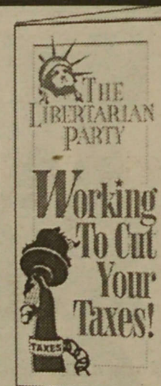
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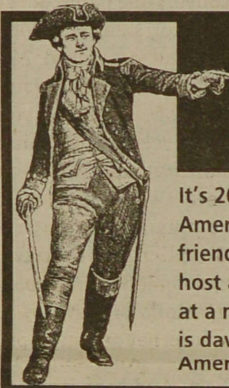
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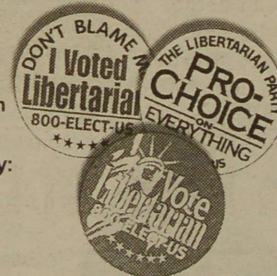
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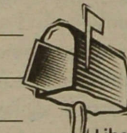
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THE VOLUNTEER

Everything you need to know to be a successful political activist

Editor's note: What does it take to be a successful political activist? The classic essay, "The Five-Minute Handbook for Gun Rights Activists," tried to answer that question for people involved in the RKBA (Right to Keep and Bear Arms) movement.

However, most of the suggestions it contains apply to libertarian activists, too. Here is an edited version of the "Handbook" — just substitute the words "libertarian" or "liberty" every time "gun rights activist" or "RKBA" is mentioned.

I've been a gun rights activist for nearly 10 years.

I wasted a lot of time for the first five years because no one gave me the rule book you are now reading. This is the stuff I wish I had known starting on day one.

If you've just arrived at this party, the next five minutes you spend reading this might save you five years of otherwise wasted time and energy.

1) No one is as interested as you are. Nowadays everyone's attention span and time are limited. Be grateful if you get anyone's attention on our issue, even for a few seconds. Some wannabe activists come in like a lion, then disappear faster than sh*t through a short dog. Take whatever you get from any volunteer. Praise and thank them. Don't be disappointed when they drift away. They will. But some come back. Keep the light on for them.

THERE IS NO magic bullet. There is no single answer or solution. Never has been, and never will be. Just keep steadily busy.

2) There is no magic bullet. There is no single answer, rule, or solution. Never has been, and never will be. None of us will write the single brilliant letter to the editor or Internet message that will miraculously turn everything around. Keep steadily busy. Do as much as you can, whenever you can.

3) There is no final victory. Preserving RKBA is an ongoing process. We are winning and losing battles, but the war will never be over. Becoming active to keep your gun rights is a lot like cleaning your house: It's thank-

■ Rule #8: Don't bother with "True believers." Find people who already think like you do.

less and boring work, but necessary. Like dirt, the anti-gun crowd will just keep coming back. Forever. Your activism will keep us winning more than losing. Our opponents count on wearing us down. They love it when one of us gets discouraged and drops out.

4) RKBA activism is boring. It's especially boring when you are doing things that really make a difference. Most of us want drama. We want to be entertained. Phone bank calling, precinct walking, going to RKBA grassroots seminars — suddenly, even a trip to the dentist will start to look better. Sorry, but there is no workaround. Freedom is not free. It's a pain in the ass. Get used to it, get over it, and get to work.

5) Watch out for time-wasting efforts. E-mail to elected people is

pretty much worthless — unless the official already personally knows you. Internet polls are useless. Online polls make some folks think they are actually doing something. They are not. It's a false sense of accomplishment. Focus on the stuff that works.

6) Stop the saber-rattling — now! Avoid those shrill folks who sound threatening or talk about doomsday. It's a waste of your time. These noisy folks remind me of a couple in a failing marriage who only talk about a getting a divorce instead of talking about their real problems. Some people get pumped up on silly fantasy scenarios. I do not.

7) Just show up. It's been said that 80% of success is showing up. Show up to vote. Show up at an RKBA seminar. At your assemblyman's office. At a city council meeting. My father's favorite motto: "Your actions speak so loud that I can't hear a word you're saying." Your "silent" activism can be a model for others.

8) Don't bother with "True-Believers." In the time you spend trying to convert one hard-core anti-gun person to our side, you could have gone out and organized 20 people who already think like you do. Go with the flow. Where is your time most effectively spent? Think about this before you spend an hour writing a clever response to a silly message you found on the Internet.

9) Simplicity still matters. The old rule, Keep It Super Simple (KISS), is as important as it ever was. It applies to Internet postings, planning, speeches — everything. And keep it short. And keep it sweet: Don't ever ridicule or insult anyone. Did you notice that I did NOT say "Keep It Simple, STUPID?"

10) When in doubt, just do something. Sometimes we don't know what will work. Don't hesitate to try something new! Often your finest essay or brilliant letter will not be acknowledged, or you will just get a form letter response. But that letter to the editor that you dashed off in a few minutes appears in tomorrow's newspaper! Go figure. Better yet, try not to figure. Trust your instincts — and just do something.

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POLITICAL TIPS

Whenver possible, use language to help "position" issues in a way that is more favorable to liberty.

One easy change: Instead of using the word "public," use "government." Instead of "private," say "community." For example:

■ Public schools = government schools.

■ Private schools = community schools.

■ Public health care = government health care.

■ Private health care providers = community medicine.

Some advice for LP newsletter editors from Tom Isenberg:

■ **Image is everything.** If our prospects and members are getting crappy, kooky, amateurish mailings, they'll write us off. Most of our prospects and members will get their only impression of the LP from the stuff we mail them. Make it look good.

■ If you can't say anything nice, shut up!

■ The purpose of an LP newsletter is to increase morale, membership, and donations. I am stunned by the number of newsletters out there that whine about apathy, do dirty laundry in public, tear down other Libertarians, etc. Nothing turns off prospects, members, donors, and volunteers faster!

■ Include a "prospect page" in each issue that gives a "Libertarianism in One Page" sort of overview. That way, someone who's reading the newsletter for the first time could tell what we're all about from that page. Run this page in every issue.

■ Use the newsletter to communicate what is happening locally and what people can do locally. That is where you want people involved — locally.

■ In every issue have a section titled something like "Welcome new Libertarians!" A newsletter is partly a recruiting device, and new people may be hesitant getting involved. Make 'em feel welcome!



Twenty ways you can help an LP campaign

Editor's note: No successful campaign is a one-man show. (Or a one-woman show.) Every successful campaign requires a wide variety of talents, equipment, resources, and personalities.

In fact, no matter what your background or professional experience, there is probably at least one unique skill that you can contribute to a local Libertarian campaign. Here are some examples of how you might use your skills to help get a Libertarian candidate elected:

A re you: A writer? You could: Provide text for flyers, brochures, press releases, ads, direct mail materials, and position papers.

An artist or graphic designer? Do the layout of posters, ads, brochures, and flyers.

A photographer? Take pictures for posters, websites, and brochures.

In the printing business? Donate printing services, or find reliable, low-cost printing.

In print or broadcast media? Provide the names and addresses of contacts for press releases.

In the clothing or fashion industry? Advise the candidate on appearance.

In marketing? Design surveys to find out voters' major interests and concerns in this election.

In advertising? Recommend cost-effective ways of making the candidate better known.

Belong to an organization in the candidate's district? Invite the candidate to speak to your organization.

Own a video recorder? Videotape the candidate's appearance at various events and meetings.

In sales? Raise funds for the campaign's finances.

An accountant? Keep financial records for the campaign.

A lawyer? Provide legal advice to the campaign.

A secretary or administrative

By Siegie Kress

assistant? Design and maintain a filing system for the campaign's records.

A computer programmer or software expert? Design and maintain a database for the campaign.

In computer hardware? Donate or lend computer equipment for use in the campaign.

A scheduler or coordinator? Arrange the candidate's appearances and coordinate campaign staff meetings.

Own a car? Transport the candidate and campaign material to various events.

Have extra space in your house or apartment? Provide meeting or storage space for campaign staff meetings or campaign materials.

In telemarketing? Make phone calls on behalf of the candidate.

Enjoy meeting new people? Ask shop owners to place candidate's flyers or posters in store windows.

■ Editor's note: This article reprinted from the March/April 1997 issue of LPQC News (Queens County, New York).

Michael CLOUD
LIBERTARIAN FOR U.S. SENATE

"Michael Cloud taught me the true meaning of being a Libertarian Samurai. He lives and breathes Libertarianism. Michael Cloud is the extraordinary candidate that campaign managers like me pray for."

— Barbara Goushaw
LIBERTARIAN CAMPAIGN MANAGER

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THE FORUM

Is it time for the party to try a different presidential strategy?

Enough is enough. Seven candidates and eight campaigns have amply demonstrated the almost total irrelevancy of the Libertarian Party's presidential campaign. This in spite of the tireless efforts of the candidates, fundraisers, activists and leadership of the LP to try to make each campaign bigger and better than the one before.

(Those Libertarians who aren't profoundly disappointed with these results, or who think consistently achieving less than 1% of the presidential vote over nearly 30 years is not irrelevant, can stop reading now.)

While hardly registering a blip on the political radar screen, these campaigns have managed to draw significant monetary and manpower resources away from local LP campaigns that may have achieved more for the party's growth and standing with the American people.

Let's look at what a handful of votes have cost: Many hundred thousands of dollars, if not several million, have been spent petitioning to achieve ephemeral ballot status in all 50 states.

Candidates have raised and spent large sums of money to try to secure

the nominations. In several cases, the animosity generated by these contests was so great that good Libertarians sought solace by leaving the party.

More millions of dollars have been raised and spent on the campaigns themselves, without ever achieving the promised "breakthrough" and the few ads that can be purchased are lost in the clutter.

Relatively worthless

Yet this spending so pales in comparison to that of the major parties that, even as an "educational" effort, the campaigns have been relatively worthless: The little reporting about the campaign, and the few ads that can be purchased, are lost.

Candidates, and therefore the party, look foolish trying to spin the fact that they have no chance to be elected president. How can we expect the media to treat seriously, and demand inclusion in the debates, a candidate who will be lucky to get one half of one percent of the vote? Doesn't this then cause the media to

By Dave
Walter

overlook the much better chances of local LP candidates to make a difference in their races?

In hindsight, the LP may have been better off to concentrate all its resources and efforts in building local and state parties.

Had this effort paid off in the form, say, of multiple sitting state legislators in two dozen states, a dozen sitting state senators, a number of races where the Libertarian candidate ran a strong second in the latest gubernatorial or U.S. Senate races, several sitting U.S. Congressmen, and with the party being constantly hectored by the media "when are you going to run a presidential candidate?" Then a presidential campaign should have been undertaken.

That said, the party should conduct a presidential campaign that is true to its one positive role: The can-

didate is a "goodwill ambassador" for the party.

As such, he or she — in conjunction with the National Chair and Executive Director — represents the national scope of the party to the local audience of reporters, contributors, and citizens.

What are the aspects of a "goodwill ambassador" campaign?

First, it should be inexpensive. This means the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) does not spend a dime putting the Libertarian candidate on any state ballot. This is a task for each state party, and if it isn't strong enough to do so — or chooses to spend its resources otherwise — then the LP would have no presidential candidate in that state.

MILLIONS OF dollars have been spent on LP presidential campaigns without achieving the promised 'breakthrough.'

Second, it should be more effective in supporting local candidates. To promote this, the LP should run more than one candidate!

How's that? Let's remember that the voter casts a vote for a slate of electors. There is no law that says the Libertarian candidate has to be the

same in each state.

For example, let us say that the New England states had Carla Howell as their nominee, the Mid-Atlantic states had Don Ernsberger, the South had Jacob Hornberger, the Midwest had Mary Ruwart, and the West had

Dick Boddie. In a three-month campaign, each could make far more appearances in their regions than one of them could in the whole country.

Each state LP would get far more bang for their buck out of the presidential campaign, with every serious local candidate having the presidential candidate available for a campaign event, and time for many, many campus appearances.

Also, five articulate candidates would get valuable exposure and experience that would certainly help them when they later ran their serious races for local office.

Staffed-up campaigns

A campaign such as this could bring out those very articulate Libertarians who don't have the time, money or stamina to run the kind of years-long, full-blown, staffed-up campaigns attempted in the past. Visualize an effective three-month effort by one candidate, one travel aide, one secretary and in a territory more inexpensively traveled.

Yes, this will certainly disappoint those who want to be a big fish in the tiny LP pond. However, LP members who want to see libertarian ideas have the opportunity to triumph anytime soon would do well to overhaul the party's presidential efforts.

This experiment may not work. However, we know the current model isn't working.

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The War on Terrorism: What's next after Afghanistan?

Libertarians contend that if their candidates had been voted into federal public office over the years, the terrorist attacks against the U.S. likely would never have taken place.

I believe that these disasters could have been avoided if America's foreign policy had been based on two main principles of Libertarianism.

The first of these doctrines is that the least government intrusion into our lives, the more likely will be citizens' opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Libertarians thus complain persistently about overtaxation, and misuse of tax money by governments on dangerous and unconstitutional projects, including unnecessary overseas warfare.

The second main governing precept of Libertarianism is that adults must have the freedom to practice lifestyles of their personal choosing, as long as this does not inflict harm on vulnerable others. This part of Libertarian ideology entails a responsibility by its adherents to respect all forms of religion, political beliefs, and culture, at home and abroad.

Considering these principles, it is unsurprising that Libertarians disapprove of the foreign policy of the U.S. for more than a century and a half. For example, they find shameful the

theory of manifest destiny that guided American foreign policy in the 19th century. Our nation's foreign policy then toward Mexico turned out to be an annexation of a large share of that country's land.

In the years that followed, the more militarily and economically formidable the U.S. became, the greater grew its arrogance toward the sovereignty of smaller nations. It is true that this noxious attitude of superiority by America toward lesser nations was interrupted by World War II. Unfortunately, it returned during the Cold War against the Soviet Union.

Ruinous side effects

While the U.S. fear that Russia would force communism upon nearby weaker countries was genuine, our foreign policy to thwart Soviet aggression resulted in some ruinous side effects. The United States' engagements in eliminating communism in the Muslim Arab world were particularly disastrous ones.

Muslim nations commonly are ruled by malevolent dictatorships. While this seems a pernicious state

By Patrick
Groff



of affairs, an even worse one prevails when Arab political tyrants are displaced by Muslim extremists.

When this happens, as now in Afghanistan, intense hatred toward America among the seething masses of destitute people is ignited by Muslim clerics. Much to our nation's present grief, religious salvation is promised young Arabs willing to commit suicide in order to kill infidel Americans.

However, all this is history, about which the public is increasingly aware. Then is then; now is now. What should Libertarians propose as changes in America's foreign policy that will avert further terrorist attacks upon our soil?

The first needed reform in our foreign policy must be an end to the notion that it is the duty and propri-

ety of the U.S. to establish a new Marshall Plan to build a more humane, habitable, and hospitable Central Asia. The circumstances in Central Asia today, and in Europe immediately after WWII, are strikingly different. The Marshall Plan worked immediately after 1945 because it helped willing populations in Western Europe prevent the spread of communism.

Deep-seated hatred

By contrast, any hint of a U.S. goal to establish political, legal, cultural, and economic environments in Central Asia that suit America's present-day fancy is anathema to a great majority of its Muslim residents.

Their deep-seated hatred of the U.S. stems directly from our past political, economic, and military incursions into their territories to con-

struct situations to our peculiar benefit.

It therefore immediately comes to mind to this Libertarian that as soon as our military forces displace the present Afghan government and bin Laden, they must immediately depart. A promise must be made to all Arab nations that we will never return militarily, and even will exercise options in the future that make us independent of their oil.

However, at our departure from Central Asia, it must be warned that further terrorist attacks on America traced to their area will be responded to, not with U.S. military casualties, but with relatively inexpensive tactical nuclear weapons.

According to Libertarian principles, this new foreign policy by the U.S. leaves the future development of Afghanistan in the hands of adjacent Muslim nations.

It returns our military forces to their only constitutionally justified mission: To protect America from foreign harm with the fiercest means of defense available, and with the fewest American fatalities possible.

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Alaska Libertarians lead effort to legalize “medical marijuana delivery devices.”

Why Support Legalizing Marijuana Paraphernalia in Anchorage, Alaska?

Why are Libertarians choosing this battle? Why should you support them?

For just 10,000 signatures, Alaska Libertarians can put an initiative on the ballot for the April 6, 2002 Anchorage municipal election. With just 22,000 votes we can pass the initiative. However, it is our goal to ask those same 22,000 voters to elect Libertarians to the Anchorage Assembly.

Libertarian voters are out there. Unfortunately, too many aren't bothering to register or to vote because they have given up on voting as a way to change things. They realize that there isn't a dime's worth of difference between Republicans and Democrats. Many realize that the probability of their vote making a difference is less than the probability of being struck by lightning on the way to cast that vote. They also know that voting for Republicans and Democrats won't change things and they fear that voting for Libertarians is a waste of time because we can't win.

But not in Alaska. We have already proven that Libertarians can win and that they can win as Libertarians. Twenty years ago, before Libertarians were even on the ballot in every state, three Libertarians were serving in the Alaska State Legislature. They were elected as Libertarians and only as Libertarians.

Why marijuana reform? Because marijuana reform is the one issue that will get voters who have given up on politics to get registered and to go to the polls. Your money will be spent to make sure they do. When they get there, there'll be Libertarian candidates to vote for, to make sure that Republicrats and Demopublicans don't undermine reform.

Seven minutes after midnight, that's seven minutes into the year 2000, I registered an Alaskan to vote who hadn't voted since 1972 and hadn't been registered since 1975. His daughter told me he would never register. Well he registered with me because I told him marijuana legalization would be on the ballot and if he registered he'd be able to vote for it. Moreover, he could vote absentee and wouldn't even have to

leave the house. Not only did he register but his 25 year old daughter also registered for the first time in her life. That is the power of this issue to move and motivate voters.

If you help us pass marijuana reform in Alaska, not only will you be helping to elect Libertarians again in Alaska but you will be starting a juggernaut that will sweep the nation.

For the drug war to end, it has to end somewhere first. Alaska, because of our independent mindset, our libertarian instincts and our history of legal marijuana is absolutely the best state for punching the whole in the dam that unleashes the floodgates of marijuana reform which will then sweep the country.

In Alaska, we only need to persuade a few voters. A victory in Alaska can be had for tens of thousands of dollars instead of the many hundreds of thousands it will take in other states.

In liberty,
Al Anders, Chair
Alaska Libertarian Party

Where do I send my contribution?

To implement medical marijuana, send check or money order payable to: Citizens for implementing Medical Marijuana, 3705 Arctic, PMB 6005, Anchorage, AK 99503.

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- First and only state to elect state representatives as Libertarians without cross-endorsements from other parties.

- Highest vote percentage in party history for Governor (1982 Alaska Libertarian candidate for Governor received 14.9%)

- First and only state in LP history to have over 1% of the voters registered as Libertarians. We currently have 1.57% registered as Libertarians. Registered Libertarian voters increased from 50 to 7000 in a year and a half while we put legalization on the 2000 ballot.

- Alaska has more voters registered as undeclared or non-partisan than Republican or Democrat combined. 50.5% are undeclared/non-partisan; 25% Republican; 16% Democrat. A whopping 59% are registered as something other than a Republican or a Democrat.

- A victory in Alaska can be had for tens of thousands of dollars instead of the hundreds of thousands it will take in other states.

- Our initiative is a winning issue.

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THE EDITOR

How to not sound like Saddam Hussein

Here's a quiz: Which of the following commentaries about the September 11 terrorist attacks were written by libertarians? A) "Arrogant America . . . caused all peoples of the world to suffer from humiliation, starvation, and terrorism. It is now harvesting what it planted and reaping the fruits of its crime . . ."

B) "Occupied Palestinian territories, Iraq, Serbia, and other places . . . have felt the brutal, cold-blooded hand of the U.S. government or its allies. U.S. governments have directly and indirectly killed civilians for decades in the Middle East and elsewhere. It goes on routinely today."

C) "The U.S. government remembers with pride its . . . interference in other countries' affairs. However, [on September 11] Americans suddenly found themselves in the middle of a battlefield. Why did Washington statesmen bring about such hatred against their own people?"

D) "America is a target because what [it has] been doing overseas outrages millions of people . . . People around the world hate the U.S. for the same reason many Americans hate the perpetrators of the World Trade Center and Pentagon assaults: [The] killing of innocent men, women, and children . . ."

Hmmm. . . They all sound kinda libertarian, don't they?

They're not: Only statements B and D were written by libertarians — the former by Sheldon Richman (Future of Freedom Foundation); the latter by Jarret B. Wollstein (ISIL).

Where did the other two come from?

Statement A was published in the *Al-Iraq* newspaper in Baghdad, Iraq; statement C in the *Resalat* newspaper in Tehran, Iran.

Here's the scary thing: The libertarian comments sound alarmingly like the pronouncements published in the propaganda mouthpieces of Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein and the Iranian Ayatollahs.

That worries me. When it's impossible to distinguish between the language of libertarians and the venom pumped out by America-hating, totalitarian regimes like Iran and Iraq . . . well, there's something wrong with our rhetoric.

I don't mean to single out Mr. Richman or Mr. Wollstein. Both are excellent writers. Both have made admirable contributions to the libertarian movement. But their comments are indicative of a certain libertarian tone-deafness.

As Libertarians, we know our nation's meddlesome foreign policy played a role in the terrorists' decision to launch the September 11 attacks. (I'm not saying our foreign policy *justified* the attacks; just that terrorists cite U.S. foreign policy as a rationale for their actions.)

As Libertarians, we know a non-interventionist foreign policy would *reduce* the chance of future bloody terrorist attacks.

Whether or not you agree with the military strikes against the terrorists in Afghanistan, the fact is that if the U.S. didn't have troops in 140 foreign nations and territories — and hadn't given away \$1 trillion in foreign aid — we would be a less tempting target.

But it's not enough for us to simply make that argument. Our job doesn't end when we talk. Our job ends when people *listen*.

When we spout the rhetoric of Iran and Iraq, Americans will tune out. When we sound like we are justifying the actions of barbarous terrorists, Americans will reject the message we offer — a message that our nation *needs* to hear if we are to live in safety and security.

I'm not saying we can't make non-interventionist arguments. We can. We *must*. But we have to make those arguments using language, facts, and emotions that people will hear . . . and *embrace*.

Here's what I mean: According to the November 24 *Washington Post*, a man named Richard Lewis in Cherry Valley, Illinois went to a local shopping mall, shouted "Freedom and liberty for all!" — and then set himself on fire while throwing flaming objects at shoppers. He was subdued, arrested, and is now hospitalized in critical condition.

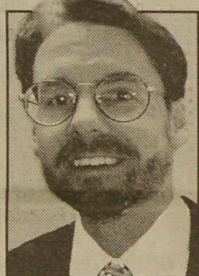
I don't know what madness motivated Mr. Lewis. But he was, in his demented way, shouting a libertarian-sounding message.

However, I'll bet customers at the mall that day were too busy dodging "flaming objects" to listen to what he was shouting.

I'll bet that no one said, "Hmmm. Freedom and liberty for all. Boy, that's a cogent political philosophy. It *really* makes sense!"

In the wake of September 11, Libertarians need to reach people . . . not *repel* people. We need to sound like Thomas Jefferson . . . not Saddam Hussein. We need to communicate . . . not aggravate.

Hurling flaming objects — or flaming rhetoric — is no way to convince fellow Americans of the merits of our position.



By Bill Winter

LP NEWS EDITOR

A First-Class proposal: It's time to privatize the U.S. Post Office

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

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Prior to September 11, the U.S. Postal Service had plenty of problems simply dealing with American customers.

Now, America's most familiar bureaucracy has to deal with terrorists as well.

Since anthrax-infected letters killed two postal workers and closed several mail processing facilities in October and November, the USPS has requested \$5 billion from Congress. The additional tax money is needed, say USPS officials, to cover associated clean-up costs, purchase irradiation machines, and address other safety expenditures.

It is difficult to blame the USPS for contaminated letters sent through the mail, or to argue that a postal service shouldn't have the necessary equipment to ensure safe mail processing and delivery.

Bigger picture

But before Congress simply throws more money into the bureaucratic black hole, it would be wise to look at the bigger picture.

The United States Postal Service is a \$65 billion operation. It employs more than 900,000 workers. Unlike most government agencies, it keeps financial records to document profit and losses.

Although the USPS resembles a large corporation in some ways, the service enjoys several legal advantages not available to private companies.

For example, the postal service enjoys a legal monopoly on first-class and third-class mail. The USPS is also equipped with its own police force, backing its monopoly status with the force of law.

In addition, the postal service is exempt from corporate taxation, as well as most government regulations. These include regulations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, including those that hold private employers liable for the so-called "repetitive motion" injuries of their employees.

Although its monopoly status benefits postal workers and bureaucrats, it harms consumers in the form of higher prices. In 2001, the stamp rate increased to 34 cents — the twelfth rate increase in postage since 1960 — and there is talk of another increase to 37 cents down the road.

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Despite the perpetual increases in postage rates, however, the postal service is still in the red. In fact, the General Accounting Office reports that three-quarters of the 28,000 post offices lose money each year — a net loss of about \$2 billion per year.

The future

Worse yet, the situation isn't looking much better for the future. With the rise of e-mail and electronic bill-paying options, the USPS will likely experience even greater losses as more consumers elect to pay their



be immediately implemented:

■ **Repeal Private Express Statutes.** Passed in 1845, these statutes effectively insulate the postal service from competition. Specifically, they declare that no private entity can deliver an envelope or package for less than \$3, or twice the applicable first class rate, whichever is greater.

An exception to these statutes allows private companies to carry "emergency mail" for next day delivery — which is why about 90% of all overnight mail presently goes by private carrier.

If the Private Express Statutes were ever a good idea — and they probably weren't — they certainly aren't good policy today. In fact, a September 1996 study of the General Accounting Office said, "it is not clear

whether the underlying economic basis for the Statutes created by the Postal Service . . . remains valid today."

If these statutes were repealed, there would be a dynamic competition among private companies to provide postal services. Even in remote regions of the country — or the world — private companies would compete to deliver the mail for a profit, just as Federal Express and the United Parcel Service do today.

This competition could even drive down prices, as innovative techniques and cost-cutting practices would replace the regimented style of the present postal bureaucracy. Less red tape means

lower prices for consumers.

■ **Privatize the USPS.** Cato Institute regulatory expert Ed Hudgins has said that "While a private company might not have caught an anthrax attack quicker than did the Postal Service, it would not be surprising if the USPS' institutional problems contributed to its slow reaction."

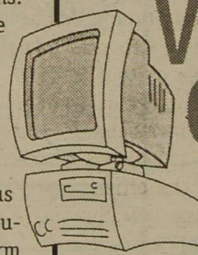
The "institutional problems" Hudgins is referring to is the irresponsibility inherent in the bureaucratic structure. For example, the postal rate commission found recently that "nonproductive time" accounts for 28.4% of mail-processing labor costs, and there is one manager for every 10 USPS workers compared to one manager for every 15 workers at private mail carrier companies.

Thus, it should be no surprise that the loudest opponent to privatizing the post office is the postal union leadership. In fact, Hudgins notes that about 76% of postal revenue goes only to cover labor costs.

As a result, Rep. Phillip M. Crane (R-IL) and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) have sponsored legislation that would transfer the assets and liabilities of the USPS to employees. Although the legislation also maintains the Private Express Statutes for five

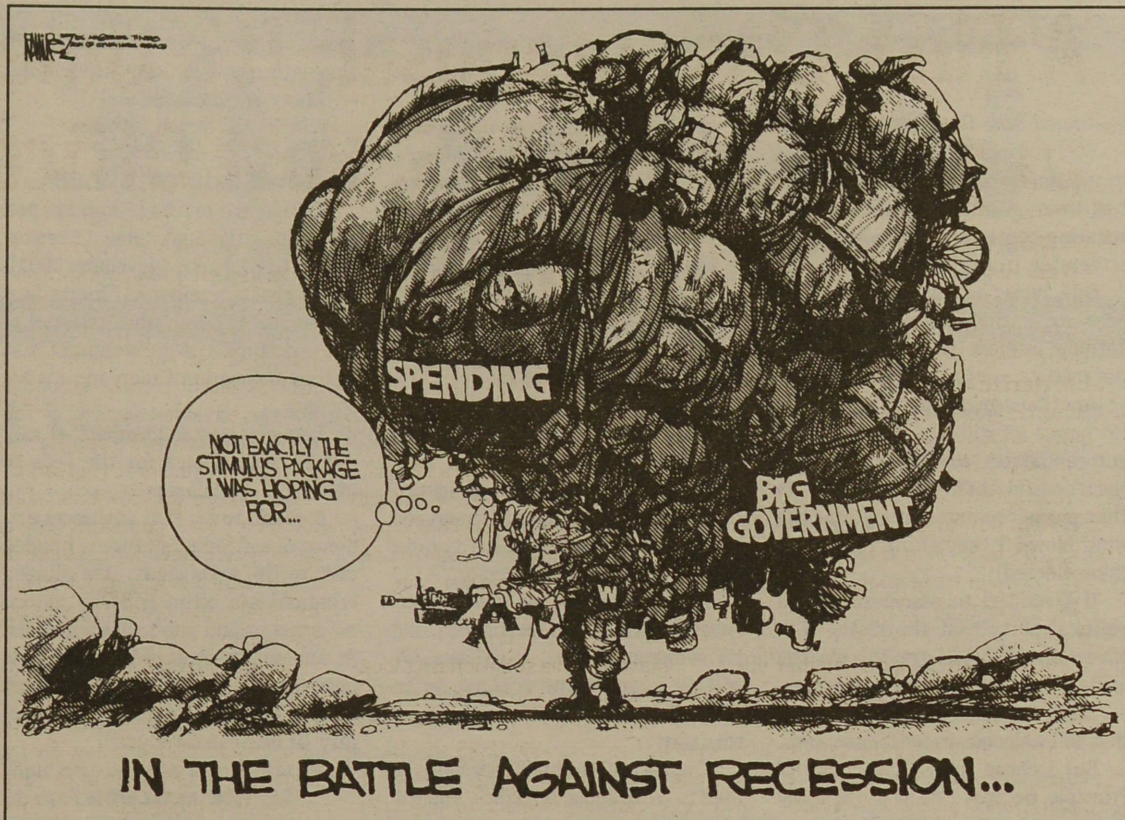
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■ Iraqi propaganda

I have often enjoyed reading Mary Ruwart's articles, but in her Forum article ("Lady Liberty vs. Big Brother," December 2001), she lost a lot of credibility with me by repeating Iraqi propaganda.

The blockade of Iraq, whether you agree with it or not, is not killing children as she stated. Food and medicine are allowed in and enough oil is allowed out to pay for them. There has been no credible proof of any children dying as the result of the blockade. If food and medicine aren't getting to the people, it is by Saddam Hussein's own doing, not ours.

In the essay right below it by Jeff Jared, he compounds the problems by stating that our embargoes of Iraq and Cuba are killing women and children. This sexist statement (aren't the men starving too, Jeff?) simply isn't true either. Cuba can and does trade with other countries. There are no starving women and children in Cuba. Supplies may be tight, but Cuba just simply doesn't have the money to buy more food.

We see pictures of starving people in Somalia; we don't see pictures of starving people in Iraq and Cuba.

If you disagree with the blockade/embargo, then state logical reasons why they shouldn't exist. Don't insult me and damage the credibility of the LP by repeating false propaganda. I set higher standards for the Libertarian Party.

— **LARRY HENSON**
Memphis, Tennessee

■ A war, not a crime

I could not believe that two-thirds of Libertarians want to classify the attacks of 9-11 as "crimes," since to

do so is patently absurd [The Pulse, December 2001]. I mean, that this is war is a slam-dunk, a no-brainer.

I am thankful the official position of the party disagrees with these idiots, but I fear for our future. Every time a Harry Browne spouts his nonsense on the airwaves, we lose another few thousand potential members. (I am very sorry I voted for the man, and even sorrier to have to say

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it.) This is one time the general population has much more sense than most Libertarians.

I myself was so outraged when I saw Browne on *Hannity and Colmes* that I went on the LP website immediately to see if the party's position was the same. If it had been, I would have resigned my membership, and I've voted with the party since Hoppers. (I found the official statement on the wimpy side, but marginally acceptable.)

I have not heard one person who wants to classify the attack as a crime to be handled by "bringing the perpetrators to justice" explain how they propose to do that without dispens-

ing with the Taliban, the army protecting bin Laden and his Al Qaeda network. What that position really means in the real world is that we do nothing. Do you hear me people? Nothing.

(I mean, I almost choked when Browne, pressed for an answer to what we should do, mumbled something about requesting that the Taliban turn over bin Laden.)

And exactly who do we capture and bring over here for trial (just try picturing that circus), assuming we could actually get our hands on anyone. Just Osama? Osama and a lieutenant? Osama and two, three, or four lieutenants? I guess we grab Osama and a couple of his buddies and then hunker down and wait for the next few thousand to be butchered?

I tell you, we are in big trouble over this... very big trouble.

— **WALTER BALES**
Anaheim, California

■ Steadfast policy

Despite the horrors of the September 11 tragedy, the Libertarian Party's platform and statement of principles have not changed. Since its founding 30 years ago, the LP's position on foreign affairs has stood firm and steadfast: That the U.S. government should maintain a policy of armed neutrality, and refrain from meddling in the internal affairs of other countries.

Only the LP has repeatedly warned that our government's incessant policy of taking sides in every squabble around the globe — at taxpayer expense, no less — would only serve to make enemies. There can never be liberty under a government perpetually at war.

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The perfect speaker

Question: What do a brawny movie star, a Texas congressman, and a sarcastic magician have in common?
Answer: Each would be a great speaker at the 2002 Libertarian National Convention, to be held July 3-7 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

At least, that's the viewpoint of the respondents to this month's unscientific Pulse survey, which asked *LP News* readers: Which one speaker would you most like to see at the convention?

In addition to movie stars, congressmen, and magicians, *LP News* readers also suggested singers, sitcom actors, authors, journalists — and even a baseball player.

The most popular answer, with 36.8% of the vote: Some kind of entertainer. The most cited reason: A celebrity might draw more media for the LP.

Tied for second (with 32.1%): A politician, whether Republican, Libertarian, or Libertarian/Republican. Someone with real political experience, said respondents, would be able to explain the challenges of trying to implement pro-freedom policies.

Another 32.1% suggested a media figure, arguing that journalists and writers can best articulate Libertarian ideas.

Here is a representative sampling of the responses:

■ **L. Neil Smith, Lew Rockwell, Alan Bock, and Jacob Hornberger.** Because they are committed to pure Libertarian principles, they articulate the principles well to substantial audiences each has developed, and — most importantly — they understand that compromising principle is neither virtuous nor good politics.
— **CARL VASSAR**, Trumbull, Connecticut

■ **Kurt Russell!** In the commentary track on the *Big Trouble in Little China* DVD, Russell and [director] John Carpenter played with the idea of doing a political attack/satire movie together. Kurt will also have a role as a Libertarian Sheriff in Bob Gale's upcoming *Interstate 60*, to be released in 2002.

— **IAN BERNARD**, Sarasota, Florida

■ One tree towers above the scrubland below: **Ron Paul.** No Libertarian politician comes within sight of matching his record. Admittedly, he wins as a Republican libertarian, not as a Libertarian. He achieves this without trimming his ideological sails, campaigning with as much libertarian fervor as the average Libertarian candidate.

— **BRUCE EARNHART**, Dayton, Ohio

■ **Tom Flynn** or **Joe Barnhart** of *Free Inquiry* magazine. Since we are living in the shadow of September 11, perhaps it would be good to have a speaker who can shed some rational light on those events.

— **DIANNE PILCHER**, Arlington, Virginia

■ **Gail Norton** would be an interesting and engaging speaker at the LP 2002 convention. Long ago she was a Libertarian Party delegate at a convention that voted to abolish the Environmental Protection Agency. Let's get her back, as a speaker, and have her update us on how she is shrinking government right now.

— **AARON BITERMAN**, Beverly, Massachusetts

■ **Drew Carey** is one of the most visible Libertarians on the planet. If he is truly devoted to the Libertarian ideology, he would be willing to donate his time and grant the party some well-deserved media attention.

— **DAVID HELFTER**, Fargo, North Dakota

■ **Penn Jillette.** He is a very interesting person and magician with a twisted streak. He also is a fellow at the CATO Institute. I think he could be very informative and very appealing at the same time.

— **FRANK SARWARK**, Tempe, Arizona

■ Let us invite entertainers to speak at the convention. How about **Kurt Russell** and [baseball player] **Mike Piazza**? High profile folks should draw far more coverage from mainstream media.

— **BARRY ROWE**, Melbourne, Florida

■ Have **Jesse Ventura, Gary Johnson, Willie Nelson, and Woody Harrelson** speak. If we focus on ending the war on drugs then Johnson, Nelson and Harrelson will attract national attention.

— **HARDY MACIA**, Grand Isle, Vermont

■ **Matt Drudge**, because of his tremendous new journalistic method (including politics), not because he almost brought Clinton down.

— **TODD KIGHT**, Des Moines, Iowa

■ **Jack Powelson**, author of *The Moral Economy and Centuries of Economic Endeavor*. Jack brings to his classical liberal economics not

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only a thorough understanding of history, but also a spirituality often lacking in academic work and libertarian politics. A member of the Society of Friends (Quakers), Jack also edits the *Classic Liberal Quaker*, an online newsletter.

— KAT DEBURGH, Washington, DC

■ **Alan Keyes.** Though not a Libertarian, he shares many of our concerns. Dr. Keyes is a thoughtful and eloquent speaker who can lend sharp perspective to issues. In addition, his notoriety could help draw attention to the party.

— DAVID HINES, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ Only one libertarian I've heard of speaks from deep in his soul and being, from deep in his inner knowingness built out of personal experience of government tyranny. I nominate **Russell Means** as a speaker who would fire up the convention delegates and any TV watchers like none other.

— BRIAN ENIGENBURG, Salt Lake City, Utah

■ **Penn Jillette.** Not only is he entertaining and a hardcore Libertarian, he's also an H. L. Mencken research fellow at the Cato Institute. Oh yeah, and he's a magician too. With any luck, he'd bring Teller as well, another Mencken Fellow, and we'd get a few tricks out of the deal.

— NICHOLAS SARWARK, Takoma Park, Maryland

■ **Ray Kurzweil,** author of the best-selling and controversial book *Age of Spiritual Machines*, is America's pre-eminent futurist, inventor, and technologist. He paints an optimistic view of the future where huge innovations in technology are made possible and safe by human ingenuity, compassion, and market incentives, not big government.

— MARC BRANDL, Washington, DC

March Question: Platform Changes?

There's a National Convention coming up (July 3-7, 2002, in Indianapolis, Indiana) — and that means platform debate. Perhaps even all-out platform war! As happens at every National Convention, delegates will get the opportunity to add, delete, or modify platform planks. Some issues are *guaranteed* to generate fierce debate: The party's position on abortion. (Should we be "pro-life"? Or "pro-choice"? The controversial "Child's Right" plank. (Do children have the same rights as adults?) The party's "open-immigration" policy. (A principled position? Or electoral suicide?) In addition, some issues have suddenly become much more important: The proper response to terrorist attacks. American foreign policy. The War on Terrorism. Whatever the issue, the debate will be *crucial* because the delegates' decisions become the "official" position of the party. Those platform positions may make voters decide to support — or *not* support — our candidates. Given that, what should delegates do to the LP platform?

■ **QUESTION:** Which one platform issue should delegates at the July National Convention add, delete, or change? And how? And, finally, why is that particular issue important to the future of the party? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** February 8, 2002

Feb. Question: Focus on Drug War?

As part of its Strategic Planning process, the Libertarian National Committee decided to make ending the Drug War one of its primary political strategies. Specifically, the party wants to end Drug Prohibition at the federal level by 2010. But should the Drug War be a "signature issue" for the party? Some Libertarians say yes: They say the War on Drugs is one of the greatest threats to liberty, since it spawned asset forfeiture laws, racial profiling, drive-by shootings, and much more. Further, public opinion seems to be changing on the issue, and the Drug War could be our "wedge issue" to pull voters away from the Rs and Ds. That may be so, say other Libertarians, but polls say a large majority of Americans want drugs to remain illegal. And if the LP gets branded as the "Pro-Drug" party, it will hurt our credibility and make it harder for local Libertarians to get elected.

■ **QUESTION:** As one of its primary political goals, should the Libertarian Party try to end the War on Drugs within the decade? Should this be a "signature issue" for the party? Why or why not? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** January 8, 2002

ENTRY GUIDELINES: Include your name and your city/state; anonymous answers won't be tallied. Enter just once per month.
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Yet, as I read the MailBox letters in my November LP News, I see letters from so-called Libertarians advocating continued U.S. military intervention in the Middle East.

One letter-writer said the U.S. needs to be there because it's in our national interest (the same argument the statist use to justify welfare).

Another argued that the LP needs to change its military stance so that our candidates will get more votes (never mind that the Republicrats change their promises every time the wind blows if they think it will get them elected).

If I wanted to associate with a political party that thinks the U.S. government should try to rule the world — at taxpayer expense, no less — there are other parties out there that will welcome me with open arms.

But I chose the LP, the Party of Principle, because I know it will stand firm on this, and all other issues.

I don't know who these people are who call themselves Libertarians yet write to the LP News saying we should be more like the Republicrats, or how they got this far without reading the platform. But all I have to say to them is: You are in the wrong party.

— DAVID M. WOODS
Houston, Texas

■ After the strikes

After enough military strikes have been made to satisfy America's need for revenge, bring the troops home from all around the world, stop interfering in the internal affairs of other nations, especially Arab-Muslim countries, stop giving the people's money to foreign powers — and the terrorists will go away.

— DON ASHCROFT
Bridge City, Texas

■ No aid to Israel

Americans apparently have thought for many years that their government can go around the globe murdering people whenever it feels like, in places like Kosovo, Iraq, and Serbia, to name a few. Also, to aid and abet the murder of Palestinians for the last 30 years by giving Israel \$3 billion per year, which they use to buy Apache helicopters and other hi-tech weapons in order to kill rock-throwing Palestinians.

Perhaps the events of September 11 indicate this may not necessarily be the case any more.

For those who wildly cast around looking for somebody to blame for the September 11 attacks, you can start with the Senators and Representatives who have voted to give your hard-earned money to Israel for no good reason, other than to buy us the hatred of her Arab neighbors.

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— BRIAN LEROHL
Fairview, South Dakota

■ Crush terrorists

As Americans, we are devastated by those cowardly attacks on New York and Washington.

Americans of all political identities will resolve to support strong and brutal action towards those two-bit pirates who hijack democracy.

As Libertarians, we have differences, but are united for America, and for avenging our fallen citizens. We will all support our commander in chief, George W. Bush, politically in this matter.

The nation's full military must be used to crush those terrorists, and the

nations who support them, by any means necessary. By the grace of God, this nation will win over its enemies.

— JERRY W. ESKRIDGE
Port Royal, South Carolina

■ Revealing evidence

A comment on the LP opinion poll concerning the September 11 terrorist attacks [LP News, November 2001]. I note that a number of Libertarians in the poll favored full disclosure of the evidence the government has against Osama bin Laden and his associates.

I am going to suggest that it may not be a good idea for the Feds to give such a disclosure.

It seems to me that whenever evidence of a criminal nature is handed over to the news media, the alleged criminals are often tried by partial newscasters and public opinion polls. As angered as we are with such mass murder, the accused should at least receive due process and an impartial jury (if one can be found).

We also do not want to give high-
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—Ray Ledford, Vice Chair, Libertarian Party, Tennessee

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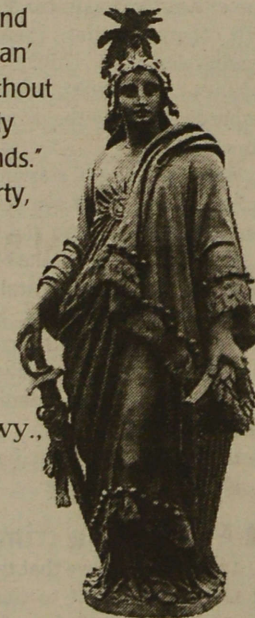
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2. Double the tools, training, and funding of the national party. We must help each state double their tools, training, and funding.
3. Work to ensure, through positive leadership and cooperation, that national, state, and local Libertarian parties actively support both our flagship campaigns – high-profile, party-building races – and grassroots campaigns – electable Libertarians in winnable races.
4. Promote a Libertarian Party culture of productivity, teamwork, and action.
5. Working together as partners, our local, state, and national parties must double the number of elected Libertarians.

Elect Eli Israel, Libertarian National Chair, and I will do everything I can to accomplish these critical objectives by Election Day 2004."

Libertarian Activism

Eli Israel is Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts.

Before this 3-year stint as Chair, he served as Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts for 2 years.

In 1998, Eli Israel was the Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

In the last 5 years, he's raised over \$180,000 for the Libertarian Party and Libertarian candidates.

He's a Member-At-Large of the Libertarian National Committee, the governing body of the Libertarian Party. This year, he was elected to the Executive Committee.

For 5 years, Mr. Israel has worked as an activist at all levels of the Libertarian Party. Convention organizing. Membership growth. Candidate recruitment, training, and support. Coalition building. Petitioning. Grassroots local committee organizing.

Professional Background

Eli Israel is a graduate of Brandeis University, where he earned a B.A. in Computer Science with Honors in 1985.

He's the founder of ProManage, a management consulting practice for the software industry. Prior to going into business for himself, he served as Director of Engineering for CableSoft Corporation. He has 16 years of business experience.

Eli Israel, 38, lives in Burlington, Massachusetts, with his wife of 11 years, Eve Maler. She is also a dedicated Libertarian activist.

What Activists Say About Eli Israel

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Adam Mayer
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Chair, Oklahoma LP

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Chuck Williams,
Chair, South Carolina LP

Eli Israel: A Libertarian National Chair Who Can Make a Difference

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Do we have too many Libertarian candidates or too few?

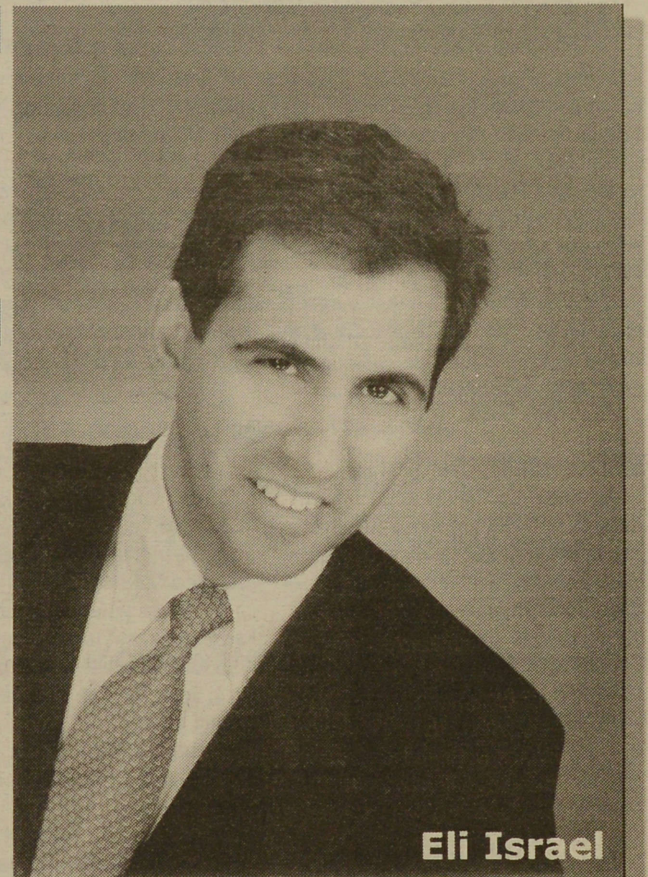
Are our candidates too well-trained or not trained enough?

Are our Libertarian campaigns too effective or not effective enough?

Eli Israel is committed to a bigger Libertarian Party.

Eli Israel is dedicated to more and better Libertarian campaigns.

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Eli Israel

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priced defense attorneys an unfair advantage. A multi-billion dollar terrorist could essentially get away with mass murder if his legal team received evidence against him before he was even brought to trial.

This could be the reasoning of those who want to prosecute bin Laden and his cohorts.

— **ROBERT J. HOWARD**
Houston, Texas

■ The cart, the horse

In their Las Vegas meeting last August, the LNC produced their very complicated set of goals and strategies, the first goal being: "Increase the number of Libertarians in elected office to 500 by 2004." [LP News, November 2001]

We've got the cart before the horse! The first goal should simply be: "Increase the number of Libertarians!" We have got to build on the number of voters before we can get our candidates elected! I know this is the slow, unattractive way that requires hard work, but it is the only way. Sorry, but "first things first" is still the rule.

But page 23 of your November issue provides a ray of hope with an on-target article by Dave Hoesly of Rochester, NY. It tells of recruiting new members by scanning the editorial pages for letter writers with Libertarian views, and then what to do

about it. This is mining where the gold is, but it's a slow, one-by-one proposition, one of a number of ways to increase our membership.

Until we face reality and roll up our sleeves for the grunt work, we will continue on the path of running candidates before we have the voters. And, it won't work.

— **RICHARD E. HALL**
Palm Bay, Florida

■ Maximizing the return

Recently I received a request to prioritize the following six strategic plan goals.

1. To increase the number of Libertarians holding office.
2. Strengthen the Libertarian Party state and local organizations.
3. Increase the LP's support base.
4. Increase the LP's market share among youths.
5. Increase the public awareness of, acceptance of and support for Libertarian ideas.
6. Remain the party of principle.

These goals should be prioritized relative to an ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is to change public policies, so they are committed to a government limited to the function of defending our individual rights.

We need to remove the initiation of physical force or fraud as a legal means to achieve anyone's ends.

Our first priority and necessary requirement to achieve our ultimate

goal is "increase the public awareness of, acceptance of and support for libertarian ideas." The main obstacle that impedes us today is that most people do not agree with our ultimate goal and/or are not cognizant of how present policies are contrary to our ultimate goal.

We cannot honestly elect Libertarian governmental officials unless the voters are persuaded of libertarian principles and policies. Once we do this, everything else will fall in place. In the meantime, we will lose elections and get frustrated.

Thus, if we are to maximize the effects of our efforts, we should [support] goal # 5. How does one hour invested in one of the other goals compare with one hour trying to persuade people directly?

— **JAN HELFELD**
Falls Church, Virginia

■ Strategic balance

The six goals and 20 strategies in the LP strategic plan include only one substantive platform plank: Legalize drugs. We could easily add a second substantive plank which would involve more people and money, would balance a leftist plank with a rightish plank, and would face less competition from other parties.

Generalized, the plank would say: "Stop taxing anyone for any school if the person objects to the religious policies of the school." Since most Americans call themselves Christians of one kind or another, for impact here the plank would say, sloganized: "Stop taxing Christians for Godless schools."

I vote Libertarian because I'm a Biblical Christian. Since the LP wants to stop taxing everyone for any school, we already want to stop taxing Christians for public schools. Let's gain votes by saying so.

— **ANDREW LOHR**
Chattanooga, Tennessee

■ Wave the Constitution

Everyone is waving the flag nowadays. Wouldn't it be better to be waving the Constitution?

The flag means different things to different people. Perhaps there would be a market for a flag with the Constitution printed on one side (or two sides if it is too long?) and the Bill of Rights on the other?

Waving that flag would be sending a clear message.

— **JACK GARDNER**
Austin, Texas

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■ Defending Maher

Recently, many have pilloried [Politically Incorrect host] Bill Maher for his semi-libertarianism [The MailBox, November-December 2001].

We may want to reconsider this attitude. I doubt many of us can stand before the nation and say his mind with courage — however brash those words might seem after the fact. This has cost Mr. Maher considerable support from his less-than-politically incorrect audience and sponsors.

It begs this choice: As Libertarians we can kick him while he's down like everyone else — or we can help him to his feet and, perhaps, gain his thanks and reciprocal support.

Spend a moment to consider LP support to *Politically Incorrect*, which would bring us immediate "Freedom of the Press" recognition.

Some will argue that Bill doesn't deserve our assistance. But are we slapping a hand that could feed?

Bill Maher has had the courage to call a spade a spade, often a rarity in this era. As his enemy we can lose much. I call it wisdom to see him as an ally — if we have the foresight. Let us have the courage to make him one.

— **JOE HUTCHINSON**
Wellington, Colorado

■ Positive message

"The Libertarian Party is for good government" is a better message than "The Libertarian Party is against Big Government."

People want a balanced, positive message and messenger.

— **ROLANDO SAMBITAN**
Early, Texas

A privatized Post Office

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years and guarantees employee pensions, it is still a clever way to overcome the resistance such a proposal would inevitably draw from the union leadership.

Another approach that could be taken is modeled after Germany's ongoing privatization plan. The German mail service, Deutsche Post, was bought by private management. In November 2000, it sold 25% of the company on the stock market. By January 2003, the German postal monopoly will be completely repealed.

More business-like

Other measures designed to make the USPS more business-like are pending in Congress, but they are generally just band-aids on a gushing wound. Instead of trying to make the present service more "user friendly," Congress should be looking to use the unfortunate anthrax-related events as a catalyst for real reform.

And for those still not completely convinced that postal privatization is a good idea?

Listen to the advice from former



Postmaster General William J. Henderson.

"However radical the idea of privatizing the national postal service may seem to many Americans, it's a concept the rest of the world has been taking seriously for years," Henderson said in testimony before Congress.

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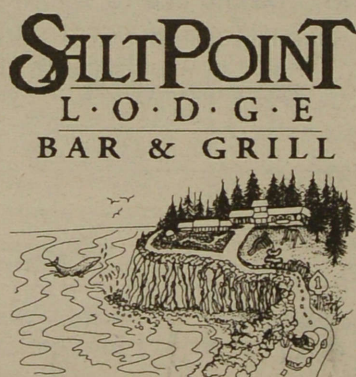
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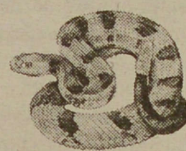
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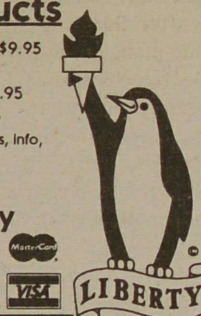
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