

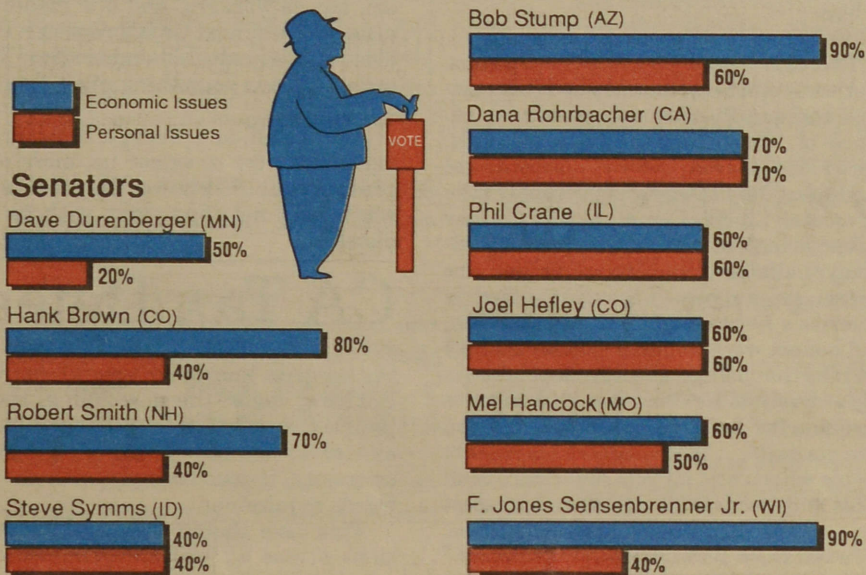


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New Index: Few Friends of LP on Capitol Hill

Congressmen Who Voted Most Libertarian



By Don Ernsberger

A detailed analysis of the voting patterns of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives now available to Libertarians indicates that there are no senators who have maintained a libertarian voting pattern during the first session of the 102nd Congress, and only about five representatives are worthy of the "libertarian" label.

The best showings in the Senate included Sens. Hank Brown of Colorado and Robert Smith of New Hampshire, while Reps. Bob Stump of Arizona, Dana Rohrabacher of California, Phil Crane of Illinois, Joel Hefley of Colorado, and Mel Hancock of Missouri fared the best in the House.

The voting index that uses 10 key votes on economic liberty and 10 on personal

liberty and non-intervention shows that the bulk of the members of Congress are openly hostile to the views of the Libertarian Party.

All libertarians who want an accurate analysis of the voting patterns of their senators and representatives now have access to the 1991 guide. Last year the guide included only U.S. House of Representatives voting records, but this year's new guide includes both Senate and House records.

For years published index ratings of Congress have remained along traditional conservative/liberal lines. Consequently, educational publications, such as Congressional Quarterly, and resource journals have had only conservative/liberal ratings to present to their readers.

With this in mind, the Libertarian Rating Index of the U.S. Congress was prepared. It cuts across conservative rating systems which reward voting patterns based upon restrained federal spending on domestic programs, expanded military spending, and repressive social legislation, as well as liberal rating systems which do the opposite.

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CA Libertarians Score Victory as High Court Rejects Sales Tax Hike

Three San Diego Libertarians have won a battle in their war with the tax juggernaut. Dick Rider, chairman emeritus of the San Diego LP, Pat Wright, California state chair, and Steven Currie, vice chair for San Diego, took their tax-fighting case all the way to the California Supreme Court and won.

In July 1988, the three Libertarians filed a lawsuit against the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for instituting an unlawful tax. The Board of Supervisors wanted to collect \$1.6 billion over 10 years in increased sales taxes to fund jails and courts in San Diego. The supervisors put a citizen ballot measure on the June 1988 ballot. Votes for the measure totaled 50.6 percent of the total votes cast.

However, in California, because of the landmark Proposition 13 and a subsequent law, Proposition 62, the plaintiffs maintained that this was a special tax and required a two-thirds majority vote to be put in place. The Libertarians filed a suit within one month of the vote.

In March 1989, a Riverside County judge found for the Libertarians and struck down the tax increase. In September 1990, however, the county appealed to the 4th Dis-

trict Court of Appeals in San Bernadino, where the lower court's decision was reversed.

The Libertarians then appealed to the state Supreme Court. Gov. Pete Wilson had urged the Supreme Court justices to uphold the tax, saying their decision could affect local government finance "for decades to come." But on Dec. 19, 1991, the Court, in a 5-2 decision, again ruled in favor of the Libertarians.

"Hot damn! Even Santa couldn't have brought me a better Christmas present," said Rider.

Now the courts need to decide how to return the \$350 million that has been unlawfully collected from San Diego residents. Of course, the county bureaucrats are attempting to block any return of these funds. The Libertarians' attorneys are currently filing injunctions to release these funds back to the populace.

Local officials across the state are up in arms over the ruling. While it has been well established that a county Board of Supervisors can't raise taxes without support of two-thirds of the voters, politicians have been getting around this by creating

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Barry Now in NEWS

The NEWS is pleased to announce that this year we will be running on a regular basis a humor column by Pulitzer Prize winner Dave Barry.

This month you will find his "Year in Review" on page 6. His regular columns are considerably shorter than this extended piece.

Barry, a writer for The Miami Herald and author of a humor column syndicated by Tribune Media Services, began his writing career in West Chester, PA, when he went to work for the Daily Local News in 1971. After a brief stint with the Associated Press, Barry taught effective writing seminars for business people while writing a syndicated column until 1983, when he went to work full-time for The Miami Herald.

A graduate of Haverford College, Barry has written a number of popular books, including "Babies and Other Hazards of Sex," and "Dave Barry Slept Here: A Sort of History of the United States," published by Random House. His most recent book, "Dave Barry Turns 40," has been hailed by the critics as "containing a tremendous amount of white space."

In 1986, Barry won the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Distinguished Writing Award for commentary. In 1988, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for commentary, based on his columns written for The Miami



Herald. The Washington Journalism Review's 1989 Readers' Poll named Barry as the best humor columnist in America.

In an interview with Playboy magazine in May 1990, Barry described himself as an "anarchist."

Barry lives with his wife, Beth; their son, Robby; a large main dog, Earnest; and an auxiliary dog, Zippy, in Miami.

Is 'Libertarian' Becoming a Household Word? Maybe . . .



From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

Let me set the record straight for anyone who is confused.

One: Lenora Fulani is not the 1992 Libertarian Party presidential candidate. She is the candidate of the New Alliance Party, and has filed as a Democrat in the New Hampshire primary.

Two: David Duke is not a philosophical libertarian, or a Libertarian at all, for that matter. He was the Populist Party's presidential candidate in 1988, and has filed as a Republican in the Massachusetts primary and several Southern primaries this year.

Three: Lyndon LaRouche is not any kind of a libertarian. He ran for president in the 1988 primaries, as a Democrat. He is currently in prison serving a 15-year term for misuse of his contributors' credit card information during that campaign. Doesn't sound like a libertarian to me.

So why did the Associated Press announce, on Dec. 2, 1991, that Fulani, "a Libertarian Party presidential candidate," had filed for federal matching funds?

Why did Duke himself say, in a Dec. 4, 1991, press conference aired on C-SPAN, "I'm basically a libertarian as far as my attitudes are concerned?"

And why did the Jan. 13, 1992, issue of Time magazine identify LaRouche as a "wild-eyed libertarian" who had filed for the New Hampshire primary from his prison cell?

Libertarians have spent lots of time in recent weeks trying to figure out the answer to these questions, as well as the broader question, "What does all this mean in terms of our strategy?"

Some say such incidents show that the word "Libertarian" is coming into common usage in America—and that that is good news to a party that has suffered for years from the fact that many people had never heard of us, or confused us with "Librarians," "Liberians," or "Libertines."

Others say that we have diluted the Libertarian message so much in recent years, in a desperate attempt to gain popular acceptance and attract new members, that no one really knows what "libertar-

ian" means any more.

And still others say that reporters and editors know very well what Libertarians believe, and who our candidates are, and that statements such as the one in Time are deliberate attempts to discredit or smear the LP.

I don't believe the theory that we have been "watering down" the libertarian point of view.

David Duke is no libertarian, but he is an astute, smooth-talking politician. I think he knows very well what "libertarian" means, and that he chose to identify himself as a libertarian because he perceived that that label would make him attractive to his potential constituency. (Of course, just about any label is more appealing than "neo-Nazi," which is the label most people pin on him.)

But I do think that Duke's (albeit completely inaccurate) choice of the label "libertarian" indicates that the concept of a libertarian political view is understood and accepted in political analysis. And that may be the start of the libertarian view being included in popular political debate.

I think the Associated Press story about Fulani was an honest mistake. The AP issued a correction as soon as we made them aware of their error. (Unfortunately, instead of saying, "The LP candidate is Andre Marrou, not Lenora Fulani" they said, "Lenora Fulani is the candidate of the New Alliance Party." But it was, technically, a correction.)

And though I am willing to consider that a reporter might purposefully write misinformation about the LP, and that his or her editor might let that misinformation get into print, I'm not convinced (yet) that that happened in the Time case.

But why is such blatantly inaccurate information getting into print?

I think the key is that we are living in the "sound-bite" age. And it is very hard to encapsulate the libertarian political view

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in a 30-second sound bite. What many reporters remember about the Libertarian Party is that we are "different," "not like the Democrats or Republicans," and therefore "strange." And so, without thinking, they apply the word "libertarian" to any politician who is "different" or "strange."

Think about the last time you tried to explain to a friend (or a reporter) what the Libertarian Party stands for. In 25 words or less.

It's not easy.

The Advocates for Self-Government sponsors seminars that help both libertarians and non-libertarians explain the essence of libertarianism in 30 seconds. Here's the answer 1984 LP presidential candidate David Bergland presents in the Advocates' Liberty Communicator Course: "Libertarianism is what you probably already believe. Libertarian values are American values. Libertarianism is America's heritage of liberty, patriotism, and honest work to make a better life. It's the idea that being free and independent is a great way to live . . . that each of us is unique with great potential . . . that you own yourself . . . that you have the right to decide what's best for you. Americans of all races and creeds built a great and prosperous country with these libertarian ideas. Let's use them to build America's future."

Here's a shorter definition I used in a news release last October: "Libertarians hold views similar to those of our Founding Fathers, that people should be free to interact peaceably with each other and that governments should be limited to protecting people from force or fraud."

Political scientist Bill Evers included this one in a letter chastising Time magazine for the LaRouche error: "Libertarians are latter-day followers of the beliefs of Thomas Jefferson. Thus, they uphold civil liberties and free enterprise and favor the smallest possible government."

In this limited space, I can't really go

into the theory of how to structure your own answer, except to say that it has to be an answer you are comfortable saying, one that comes from your heart, and one that will appeal to your particular audience.

If you want help developing your own answers to the question, "What is Libertarianism?", I suggest you contact the Advocates, or Bergland's Orpheus Publications, and get their instructional tapes on the subject.

But I think that the real lesson we need to learn from this recent spate of inaccurate and misleading publicity is that WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

We must be able to explain our philosophy better, to our friends, our acquaintances, our co-workers, and our media contacts. So that next time a reporter writes about us, he or she remembers that "libertarian" means something more than just "different."

And that if, and when, a reporter does maliciously try to smear us, more of the general public knows the real story, whether or not they agree with us completely.

CA Tax Defeat

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tax agencies known as "special districts." But now, under the new ruling, the Supreme Court has found that if a taxing agency is "essentially controlled" by a city or county, it must comply with the two-thirds requirement.

This case should have wide implications across all of California. Now the courts will rule on a case-by-case basis to determine if other such agencies are "essentially controlled" by the county governments or not. Several other lawsuits have been filed against similar increases, including one brought by Libertarians John Vernon and Ted Brown in Los Angeles County. Their arguments were rejected by an LA County judge, but the case awaits an appeal. The state Supreme Court rulings should significantly help this and other similar cases.

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And when they fail to persuade, they blame the listener. The other person isn't rational enough or intelligent enough or good enough. It's always his fault.

That is the road to permanent failure.

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In 1977, I published 'How To Get Converts Left & Right' in "Reason" Magazine. I followed this up with 'The Late, Great Libertarian Macho Flash' in 1978. 'The Militant Mentality'. 'The Myth of Mushrooms In the Night'. 'Leveraging Liberty With Language'. 'Intellectual Judo'.

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This Is No Time to Jump Ship

By Karl Hess
NEWS Editor Emeritus

There are a number of earnest efforts being made by several committees and groups to turn members of the LP into Republicans. The message seems to be that libertarianism is such a powerful position that it will convert the Republican Party from Rockefeller liberalism to classical liberalism. Hmmmm.

Now let's look at that again. If libertarianism is such a powerful force why does it need the Republican Party to make its impact felt? The fact seems to be that libertarian ideas are now influential around the world. If there is one group that is hanging back more than most, it would be—the Republican Party of George Bush!

Libertarians who want to help assure that Bush-Rockefeller liberalism will not continue to dominate the Republican Party need to do whatever they can not to support the Republican Party, but to defeat it. So long as George Bush owns the party it will stand for just about everything that libertarians are against. The end of privacy, endless foreign adventurism and intervention, state power crushing individualism, debauched money, wars against drugs and the Bill of

Rights, the whole wretched statist mess.

If you can think of a way to install, say, Jack Kemp or any other near-libertarian as head of the Republican Party without dethroning Bush, then you should let us know the drill.

The various Republican-Libertarian committees can only offer the vague hope that a few libertarians can swing the entire GOP toward liberty. This is rather like saying that war resisters should join the military as privates on the vague hope that they can turn the generals into doves. The generals here, like the generals in Eastern Europe, will become doves only when their budgets run dry. And even the Democrats are more enthusiastic about that than are the Republicans.

Libertarians have far more than political strength already. In the area of ideas they are winning new ground every day. The Cato Institute, the Pacific Research Institute, Center for Independent Thought, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, Foundation for Economic Education, Free Press Association, Institute for Humane Studies, Libertarian Familist, Mackay Society, Mont Pelerin Society, Political Economy Research Center, the Heartland Institute, the International Society for

“The message seems to be that libertarianism is such a powerful position that it will convert the Republican Party from Rockefeller liberalism to classical liberalism. Hmmmm.”

Individual Liberty, Agorist Institute, Reason and Liberty magazines, and many, many others here and abroad have made libertarian ideas into popular and mainstream ideas around the world.

Strong arguments can and have been made that libertarians shouldn't even want political power and that a libertarian political party is a contradiction in itself. I am deeply sympathetic to those arguments. I have joined the LP, and continue to support it, because of a practical way I can see to rectify that apparent contradiction. Every LP political victory, in my view, is a golden opportunity not to *take* political power but to **weaken** it—revoking rules, regulations, and laws wherever possible. The libertarian and Libertarian Party work toward a Fully Informed Jury Amendment is one example of that dynamic.

The LP also offers another strength that has to do with the bedrock of principle and the dissemination of it. Student organizing is “future organizing.” Having a political party involved often makes campus work more defensible and familiar. It offers a focus for local political (anti-political) activity that is important. Nothing, in fact, is more important than student organizing. It is today's and tomorrow's libertarian students who will be tomorrow's leaders in the revolt of liberty against politics!

At any rate, I cannot see that this is a good time to jump ship and join the old and established parties.

The Libertarian Party, enlivened by the popularity of libertarian ideas, is healthier than it ever has been. We should dig in our heels and urge that Republicans join us—not the other way around.

Can Libertarians Work for Freedom in the GOP?

By Joseph Knight

Some Libertarians believe they can be more effective by working within one of the major parties. This perception is enhanced by the seemingly slow progress of the LP. The prospect of immediate results has attracted several frustrated libertarian activists to the major party strategy. But use of the Republican Party to implement liberty is not a sound strategy and will probably be detrimental to the libertarian movement in the long run.

The Republican Party is not true to any ideology. While Republicans most often espouse right-wing philosophies, they are in fact merely one of two large gangs competing for power to satisfy the agendas of various special interests.

The legacy of the Democratic Party is the massive federal bureaucracy, the welfare state, and increasing gun control. However, the legacy of the Republican Party is even worse: Watergate; wage and price controls; the Meese Commission; the war on drugs; the largest deficit of any government in the entire known history of the human race; military intervention around the world; and a stacked supreme court that believes it's OK for the state to determine what is or isn't an acceptable sexual practice, that there is no constitutional right to pri-

vacy, that “public policy” is superior to rights guaranteed by the constitution, and that coerced confessions are acceptable as evidence in court. Yet, proponents of the Republican strategy would have us believe that the Republican Party is somehow “more libertarian” than the Democratic Party.

Let's face the obvious. The Democrats are America's socialists and the Republicans are America's fascists. Neither major party is very libertarian.

A caucus of “libertarians” within the Republican Party will have only limited impact. This is because the Republican leadership will expect and assume that all Republicans will rally behind candidates regardless of who they are or what their philosophy is. While a “libertarian” Republican movement will probably have little direct impact on the GOP, it may well blunt the growth and sap the strength of the Libertarian Party. Republican leaders may even toss their “libertarians” a few bones to encourage this until the LP fades away or becomes irreparably weakened. Then it will be back to business as usual with the “libertarian” Republicans regarded as just another nuisance fringe.

Libertarians trying to work in the Republican Party will end up compromising with conservatives for the sake of economic freedom at the expense of



personal freedom.

A strong, growing third party may influence major party policy, however. A threat from a minor party (real or perceived) may induce the major party to adopt some libertarian positions. Minor parties have historically affected major parties in this way. But the GOP will perceive no threat from the LP if libertarians join the Republican Party instead.

Proponents of the Republican strat-

egy try to portray the LP as hopelessly doomed to eternal marginality. They ignore the LP's growth of recent years and the growing vote tallies. They ignore the elected politicians' defections from the Republican Party. They ignore the ballot access victories. They ignore the new attention the LP has been receiving from the news media. They are willing to sacrifice the long-term prospects of the libertarian movement, as manifested in the LP, for a few short-term Republican “bones.”

The 1992 LP presidential ticket has the opportunity to accomplish a great deal: massive education, new members, and perhaps credibility from a new high-water mark in votes. While LP members are campaigning for Andre and Nancy, will the “libertarian” Republicans be campaigning for the lying lips of George Bush and his New World Order simply because Bush is “more libertarian” than the Democrat?

Libertarians can work for freedom in the GOP just as they can flush dollars down a toilet or waste resources in numerous other ways. But if libertarianism has a future, it's with the Libertarian Party.

Joseph Knight is the field organizer for the Libertarian Party. To contact him, call and leave a message at 505-326-6320.

Keep Ballot Access on Front Burner

While ballot access efforts for this fall's election continue—and LP presidential candidate Andre Marrou is firmly committed to being on the ballot in all 50 states—LP members need to start taking a special interest in their local ballot access efforts.

And if the LP is already qualified in your state, you might think about adopting another state where ballot status is still in question.

Each state party must pay particular

attention to filing deadlines, making sure they do not wait until the last minute to send in papers to their state election officials.

It is also important for every LP member to make efforts to collect signatures on their own. Contact your state party and find out how to get signature petitions, then get out there and do your part to get the Marrou/Lord ticket, as well as your local candidates, on the ballot.

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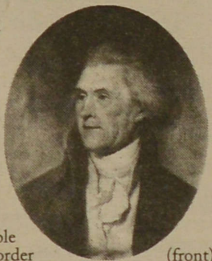
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1991—One More Time

By Dave Barry

JANUARY

1—The new year dawns with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein arrogantly thumbing his nose at international law. Little does this homicidal bully realize that, although he is riding high now, before the year is over, he will be, um, almost a year older.

16—War erupts in the Middle East as massive allied air forces attack Iraq with extremely sophisticated computerized weapons capable of hitting, with pinpoint accuracy, any target except Saddam Hussein.

17—The Iraqi air force, rising to the challenge, flies to Iran.

19—The air war over Iraq heats up as the U.S. Air Force introduces a Frequent Combat Flier Program, under which after a certain number of sorties, pilots may bomb the target of their choice. Many choose Sam Donaldson.

22—The U.S. Commission On Making It Even Less Convenient To Mail A Letter Than It Already Is announces that the new first-class stamp will cost 29 cents. Other ideas under consideration include a requirement that all mail must have rhyming addresses, and stamps made of live stinging insects.

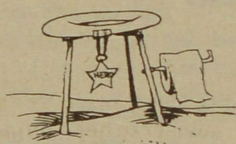
FEBRUARY

7—True Item: In Keithville, LA, as many as 50 people, including sheriff's deputies, game wardens, and wildlife officials, spend most of the night trying to rescue what appears to be a black bear caught high in a pine tree. Finally, after nearly eight hours, during which a veterinarian fired a number of tranquilizer darts, the rescuers chop the tree down and discover that they have saved a heavily sedated black garbage bag.

8—Tensions mount in the Persian Gulf as a grim-faced Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf orders his troops to shoot the next member of the press corps who asks him when the ground war is going to start.

20—The Bush administration, in a sweeping reform designed to restore public confidence in the troubled U.S. banking system, orders air bags installed on automatic teller machines.

23—Ground fighting begins. Hopes are aroused for an early end to the war when 3,500 Iraqi troops surrender to an allied portable field toilet.



26—Allied forces push deep into Iraq, toward Baghdad, drawing ever closer to accomplishing the mission of eliminating Saddam, this tyrant, this murderer, this international cancer, this... Wait! Holdit! New orders from Washington! The new mission is to mail Hussein a certified letter notifying him that he lost the war.

MARCH

3—Shocked at the devastation they find in Kuwait, the allies begin a massive humanitarian airlift of emergency replacement gold plumbing fixtures for the royal palace. A grateful world learns that members of the Kuwaiti royal family have escaped injury despite being just 2,000 miles from the thick of the fighting, trapped in European hotels with only minimal polo facilities.

7—The House of Representatives, re-

sponding to ridicule and complaints from taxpayers, votes to withdraw a \$500,000 grant that was to have been used to restore the birthplace of Lawrence Welk. "We need new priorities," admit chastised House leaders. "We're now thinking maybe Barry Manilow."

12—Saddam claims that he never got any letter about losing the war. The U.N., after three days of debate, votes to turn the matter over to a collection agency.

21—True Item: In the wake of the Alar pesticide scare, the Colorado State Legislature, pressured by agricultural interests, passes a bill that would make it possible to sue people for making libelous statements about vegetables. This is seen as a blow to the U.S. humor industry, which depends heavily on Dan Quayle jokes.

27—In a move with complex legal ramifications, the California Legislature votes to ban smoking in the past.

APRIL

1—The U.S. economy is definitely on the mend, announce President Bush's economic advisers, after a two-hour meeting with the Easter Bunny.

8—In the first concrete example of the "peace dividend," the Pentagon announces that hundreds of U.S. missiles, no longer needed to defend against Soviet attack, will be fired at U.S. savings-and-loan institutions.

9—In Palm Beach, tireless social activist Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-UMB) leads a fact-finding mission of the Select Subcommittee on Fermentation and Nocturnal Reconnaissance.

11—As the federal income-tax deadline draws near, the Internal Revenue Service offers a convenient new program, called "Don't Sweat It!," under which taxpayers, instead of filling out lengthy and complex forms, will have the option of simply shooting themselves in the head.

MAY

4—White House aides become alarmed when President Bush, on his routine jog, suddenly begins speaking in complete sentences. He is rushed to Bethesda Naval hospital, where doctors begin a series of tests to determine how come, if it's a NAVAL hospital, it's nowhere near the water.

13—New York City's financial outlook appears bleak as a new study shows that the city's largest remaining industry is people asking each other for spare change.

24—U.S. taxpayers start to see some concrete benefits from the Gulf war victory as Washington and New York get into a major rivalry over who's going to have the biggest parade.

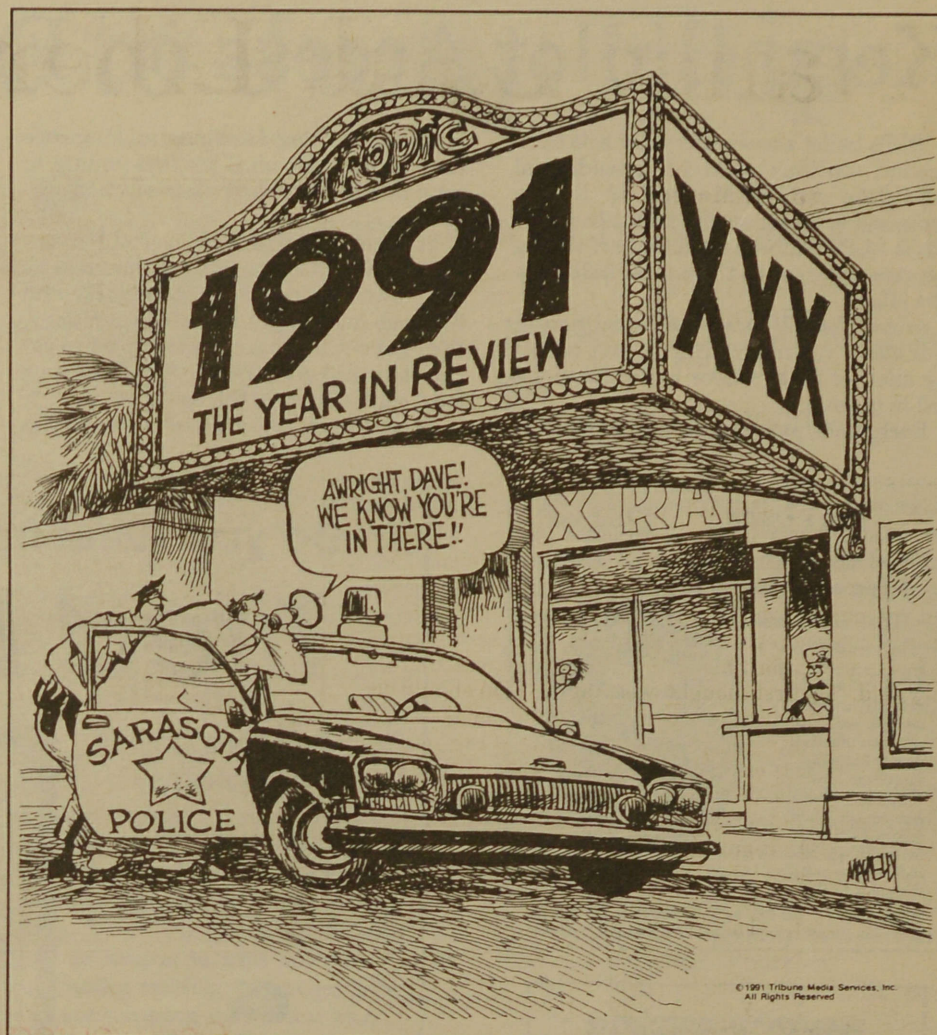
30—True Item: Officials in Berkeley, CA, search for a radioactive cat after a box of kitty litter sets off a radiation alarm at a landfill.

JUNE

2—As the big New York-Washington victory parade rivalry escalates, the Pentagon is forced to reinstate the draft in order to provide enough marchers.

17—The Army Corps of Engineers begins work on the \$57 billion Trans-New Hampshire Canal, which will enable indispensable White House Chief of Staff John Sununu to get to the ski slopes via aircraft carrier.

19—In another great victory for the War on Drugs, Medellin drug cartel kingpin Pablo Escobar turns himself in to the Colombian legal system, which technically



could sentence him to as much as two weeks in the hotel of his choice.

22—Thurgood Marshall announces his retirement from the Supreme Court after realizing that for six months he has been hearing cases in his bathrobe.

29—True Item: The only version of Colombia's proposed new constitution, which is being written on a computer, is completely wiped out when a technician accidentally erases it.

30—Congress hires the Colombian computer technician to keep track of the federal deficit.

JULY

3—True Item: Searchers in New Mexico use airplanes and helicopters to hunt for a radioactive goat. The "Atomic Goat," as it is known, was one of 62 goats fitted with collars filled with radioactive isotopes as part of a \$116,000 federal experiment to track coyotes by following the radiation they emitted after eating the goats. Wildlife experts are concerned that the Atomic Goat might contaminate the environment.

5—True Item: The director of the Crypto-Phenomena Museum in Malibu, CA, announces that, in examining NASA satellite photographs, he has discovered a rock formation on Mars that looks like Sen. Kennedy.

6—NASA announces that further analysis of satellite photographs reveals that a rock formation shaped like Sen. Kennedy's pants has been found on Uranus.

14—A scandal begins to burgeon in Washington when a sharp-eyed federal investigator happens to walk into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International to buy a money order and notices a sign that says, "Ask About Our Covert Sale of American Arms to Iran!"



17—True Item: The U.S. Senate, emitting a ray of sunshine that briefly pierces the growing public gloom over the economy, votes itself a \$23,000 pay raise.

18—President Bush signs a historic treaty with Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev under which both superpowers will, for the first time, eliminate some nuclear weapons.

19—The historic arms-reduction treaty hits a snag when it is learned that all the Soviet nuclear weapons have been traded to Mexico for fresh vegetables.

20—The world breathes a sign of relief when the U.S. agrees to lend the Soviets \$27 billion to build new nuclear weapons, which will then be destroyed in accordance with the historic treaty.

21—Emerging superpower Mexico announces that it wishes to have Texas and California back.

29—In Sarasota, FL, Pee-wee Herman reaches puberty and is arrested.

AUGUST

3—True Item: Officials at the Oak Ridge, TN, National Laboratory issue a warning that radioactive leopard frogs are on the loose. The frogs, about two inches long, grew up in a holding basin for waste water from nuclear research. According to news reports they are "safe unless eaten."

8—Police officers in a Sarasota, FL, movie theater arrest Mister Rogers and charge him with two counts of manipulation of hand puppets.

15—The Supreme Court rules that John Sununu is so essential to the government that he should be surgically attached to the president. "He'll be like a giant wart," states Chief Justice William Rehnquist, "but less attractive."

22—A Soviet coup against Mikhail Gorbachev collapses when thousands of Moscow citizens, in a dramatic confrontation with Red Army tank units, realize that the tank engines have all been traded to Italy for cheese.

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Nancy Lord: Libertarian, Naturally

By Kathleen J. Richman

Vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord's road to libertarianism is a bit unusual among LP members.

She didn't pick up the philosophy from Ayn Rand or Murray Rothbard; she wasn't even one of those people who was "born a libertarian." According to Nancy, she came around to the validity of the ideas quite naturally, by running into the government at every turn as she set about the normal process of living.

"Early in my career, I worked for a large drug company, and I was uncomfortable with certain practices there," Nancy said. "My first thought was that the FDA should do something about it, but I decided I could do more by starting a consulting business and helping plaintiffs sue drug companies. It wasn't long before I learned that the FDA often stood behind the drug companies against the injured parties. As long as the companies could show they had followed FDA regulations, they were safe."

Soon Nancy found that in starting her consulting business, she had broken regulations she didn't even know existed, and the flood of ridiculous and burdensome regulations that stand in the way of small business convinced her that government was the problem, not the solution. As a law student, Nancy saw how government has ignored the constitutional restraints intended by the Founding Fathers.

Nancy was born Feb. 8, 1952. She was raised until her teenage years in a single-parent household headed by her mother in Silver Spring, MD, and then by her mother and stepfather. She attended the University of Maryland where she earned a BS degree in 1973 and a medical degree in 1978. She received her law degree in 1990 from Georgetown Law Center, where she studied with the aid of a John M. Olin Fellowship in Law & Economics. She specializes in criminal and constitutional cases. One of her most important courtroom victories was a decision that limited the application of D.C.'s sodomy laws.

Nancy recently married Michael Tanner, a leading player in her Washington, D.C., mayoral campaign and someone she names as a major influence on her political views. Tanner recently joined the Georgia Public Policy Foundation as its director of research, after spending five years with the American Legislative Exchange Council in Washington, D.C.

Nancy said her earliest political views were "always anti-authoritarian. When I was younger, it took a revolutionary perspective in the anti-war movement and the civil rights movement, as well as the women's movement." She said she read Karl Marx and Leon Trotsky, "more out of a sense of rebellion against the status quo than from any reasoned attraction to communism."

Her involvement in the LP came about primarily as the result of a paper she wrote on drug legalization and her subsequent activism on the issue. Through this, she met LP National Director Nick Dunbar and Me-Me King, a LP national office staffer at the time, who currently serves as special assistant to the candidates for the Marrou/Lord Campaign.

When she first mentioned to King a possible interest in being a candidate, Nancy said she received tremendous enthusiasm and support, and her 1990 campaign for mayor of Washington, D.C., was launched. Nancy fell into campaigning like she was born for it. She inspired a great deal of interest and impressed voters and media alike at a level not seen in Washington since the 1980 Ed Clark for President campaign. Nancy was one of the most credentialed candidates the Libertarian Party has offered. Her medical and legal background gave her views on drug legalization an authoritative ring, and she fielded the tough questions on the issue with grace and confidence.

Her campaign issued attractive, professional-looking literature, as well as two 30-second television commercials that spoke forcefully to the issues of the war on drugs and economic stagnation. In addition, the campaign is-



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sued a D.C. budget proposal that was published by the City Paper, a popular free weekly, and an in-depth economic plan for the District, which focused on removing barriers to new entrepreneurs, reducing taxes, increasing tenant management/ownership of public housing, abolishing rent control, ending the war on drugs, encouraging educational diversity by giving control of each school's programs to the principal and teachers, and allowing students and their parents to decide which school they will attend.

The Washington Post had this to say:

A Refreshing Change

Even though she remains the longest of long shots, Libertarian Nancy Lord has emerged as the Daniel Patrick Moynihan of the D.C. mayoral campaign this year, continuing to produce some of the most interesting ideas of any candidate.

Last week, Lord wrote a lengthy treatise in the City Paper on the District's budget problems that argued for a significant downsizing of the D.C. government and a redirection of resources away from what she believes to be the destructive 'war on drugs.' While not without its flaws, the paper was far more detailed and comprehensive than any statement on the budget from Democratic nominee Dixon or Turner, the Republican nominee.

Now, Lord has issued 'Freedom & Free Enterprise: Bringing Economic Opportunity to the District of Columbia.' Among her controversial proposals: eliminating many of the city's licensing laws, reforming property taxes to put a heavier burden on undeveloped land and the abolition of rent control.

Nancy put in long, hard hours, shaking hands at every opportunity, speaking at forums, walking in parades, and appearing on local talk shows.

"She's a tireless campaigner," Me-Me King said. "Nancy is willing to meet the people on the street. It's getting out

there with the people that Libertarian candidates need to do more of."

Nancy admits to enjoying the campaign trail, but gave much credit to those who worked on her mayoral campaign, adding that "if the mayoral campaign hadn't been run so well, I could easily have become discouraged."

Libertarians are happy that she was not discouraged. As vice presidential candidate, Nancy is again working long hours and, this time, traveling around the country, acting as an extremely effective spokesperson for libertarian ideas and policies. Already her campaigning has taken her to California, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, Nevada, Ohio, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Washington state.

Nancy said what she enjoys most about being a candidate is "the opportunity to meet people from many walks of life, learning how everybody is damaged in one way or another by government," and the opportunity to take the LP's message to people outside of the party. Nancy has a strong desire to take the libertarian message to minority groups that have traditionally been ignored by the LP. Her efforts in this area paid off during her mayoral campaign when she won the endorsement of the Coalition On Racial Equality (CORE).

Nancy's campaign style—which can be warm, cool, and authoritative all at the same time, with an honesty unique among politicians—has made Nancy one of the LP's most effective campaigners and a force to be reckoned with on the talk show circuit.

Since her mayoral race, Nancy has appeared regularly on national news commentary shows such as CNN's Crier & Co. and Sonia Live. (A very impressed talk show host interviewing Nancy recently suggested that Nancy should host her own show!)

When asked what she attributed this success to, Nancy drew a blank. "I honestly don't know. Perhaps part of it is my heartfelt anger at the situation. My years of experience as an expert witness have been an asset—I'm very comfortable answering questions from hostile questioners."

Nancy's compelling style and personality proved real winners at the Chicago nominating convention, where delegates were sufficiently impressed to draft Nancy as a last-minute entry into the race for the LP's vice presidential nominee. Once she entered the race, the momentum was clearly behind her, and Nancy was noticeably moved by the outpouring of affection and support from the convention delegates.

When asked what issue she feels most passionate about, Nancy answered quickly: "The economy, the crushing of the entrepreneurial spirit by government. Once you really understand how the system works, you know that the dream [of making it rich through hard work and ingenuity] doesn't really exist. You know the government is going to take most of your money."

One of her strongest issues in her mayoral campaign was her opposition to the many stifling economic regulations that strangle small entrepreneurs. She credits James Shabazz, founder of the Organized Vendors for Economic Cooperation and an adviser to her campaign, with helping her to understand the economic problems of the inner city poor who want simply to try to make a better life if the bureaucracy would only get out of their way.

Nancy credits a number of people with influencing her political views, including Tanner; Shabazz; King; Thomas Krattenmaker, a constitutional law professor; Watergate counsel Sam Dash, one of her criminal law professors; Kevin Zeese and Arnold Trebach of the Drug Policy Foundation; and Eric Sterling, chairman of the National Drug Strategy Network and a strong supporter of her career.

Nancy has a deep love for animals. She and Michael share their home with her dog, Gideon, and cat, Hors d'oeuvre. Nancy's hobbies include painting and photography; however, she admits she hasn't found much time for either in quite a while. With the schedule she will be keeping until November 1992, those hobbies will probably have to lie dormant a while longer.

As she concentrates her efforts in the coming year on the Marrou/Lord presidential campaign, she may well help put the Libertarian Party on the political map.

Kathleen J. Richman lives in Virginia and worked on the Lord mayoral campaign in D.C.

Dave Barry Looks Back at 1991

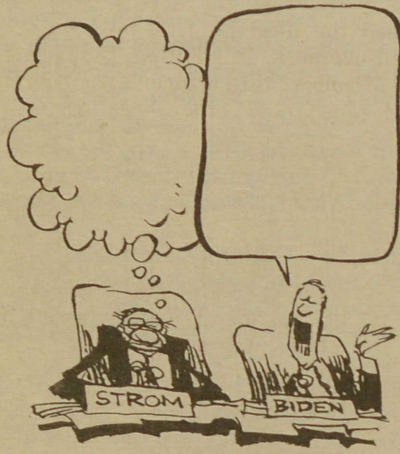
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23—In a sweeping post-coup reform move, Gorbachev abolishes the Communist Party and fires thousands of entrenched, hard-line Kremlin bureaucrats, all of whom are immediately hired by the Internal Revenue Service.

SEPTEMBER

1—Mario Cuomo hints that he will run for president.

13—After three grueling days of Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the Clarence Thomas nomination, Chairman Joseph Biden completes his first question. Sen. Strom Thurmond asks him to repeat it.



17—A California library releases photographs of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which for years have been kept under wraps by a small group of scholars, possibly because the opening lines are:

"There once was a gent from Gomorrah,
Who looked down and saw, to his horror..."

20—President Bush, in Portugal to discuss how the U.S. can help fight a fungus that threatens the olive crop, angrily denies the charge that he is neglecting domestic issues. "I'm very concerned about the United, um, whaddycallem, States," he says. "Barbara and I have a summer house there."

27—The Senate Judiciary Committee concludes Round One of the Clarence Thomas hearings and votes unanimously to reconvene in October "for the purpose of behaving like the most flagrant collection of dorks on the planet."

29—Mario Cuomo hints that he will NOT run for president.

OCTOBER

1—True Item: An audit shows that in one 12-month period, members of the House of Representatives wrote 8,331 bad checks against the House's private bank.

3—True Item: An audit shows that members of the House of Representatives owe more than \$300,000 in overdue meal tabs to the House's private dining room.

4—The War on Crime scores a major victory when Congress passes a bill mandating the death penalty for anybody who attempts to audit the House of Representatives.

9—Round Two of the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings begins with several hundred witnesses, including Mike Tyson, testifying that Anita Hill probably had romantic fantasies about them, thus raising the question of how she found time to get a law degree.

12—Gerald Rivera testifies that both Anita Hill AND Mike Tyson had fantasies about him.

13—A clearly exhausted Sen. Orrin Hatch reveals that he has had fantasies regarding Long Dong Silver.

21—Mario Cuomo hints that maybe he already IS president.

22—True Item: A drowsy Key West, FL, woman, reaching under her pillow to grab her asthma spray, instead pulls the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver, which she keeps there for protection, and shoots herself in the jaw.

24—In the War on Crime, the Florida State Legislature passes a law requiring a three-day waiting period for the purchase of asthma spray.

NOVEMBER

1—The Middle East peace talks go smoothly until four minutes into the historic session, when the two sides exchange gunfire in a dispute involving the prune Danish.

2—The peace talks conclude on a hopeful note, with survivors on both sides agreeing to meet again in a location that has more plasma.

5—Concern grips the White House when Pennsylvania voters, in a Senate race that is seen by many as a referendum on the Bush presidency, vote overwhelmingly to secede from the union.

10—Mario Cuomo hints that, in a past life, he was the queen of Scotland.

16—Faced with a choice between David Duke and Edwin Edwards, Louisiana vot-

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Faced with a choice between David Duke and Edwin Edwards, Louisiana voters, in a heartwarming demonstration of common sense and good old-fashioned American decency, move to Ohio.”

ers, in a heartwarming demonstration of common sense and good old-fashioned American decency, move to Ohio.

30—In politics, the name "Mario" becomes a source of vast amusement for the White House brain trust, especially spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater, who is apparently unaware that his own name is "Marlin Fitzwater."

DECEMBER

2—In a development with serious implications for the U.S. educational system, red-faced officials of the National Association of Mathematics Teachers announce that they have done some checking, and it turns out that eight times seven is actually 53.

3—In the most important American military triumph since the Gulf war, a U.S. Army division removes John Sununu from the White House.

10—In an unprecedented procedure, a team of surgeons in Minneapolis removes a fertilized egg from a woman's womb, places it in a special container, flies it to Disney World, takes it on the Space Mountain ride, and successfully returns it to the woman's womb. "We don't yet know the PURPOSE of this procedure," states the lead surgeon, "but we're confident that it will cost a LOT of money."

17—Winston B. Doorminder, a U.S. Treasury Department employee, is idly punching some figures into his calculator and discovers that U.S. taxpayers have put enough billions into the savings-and-loan "bailout" program to give \$1.2 million to every S&L depositor who ever lived. He is immediately arrested.

18—A new scientific study shows that you, personally, whoever you are, could stand to lose a few pounds.

26—Mario Cuomo hints that he is a mutant named "Zomax" who has the power to communicate with trees.

Libertarians Have No Sense of Humor?

By Marc Montoni
LPHQ Staff

The national LP is required by law to request on membership applications the occupations and employers of its contributors. Since an answer, much less an honest answer, is not required from the contributor, scarcely a day goes by at LPHQ when we don't get a sarcastic reply.

One of our favorites, of course, is the one where the respondent tells the FEC, "NOYFB," on both lines. Others use the wasted space in a creative fashion by altering their professions or employers into libertarian messages: like the recent one from an employee of a pharmaceutical company who listed his occupation as "drug dealer." Others write in "tax slave," "wage slave," "peon," "bum," etc. Or the employee of Chase Bank who listed his occupation as "trilateralist flunky." There was a sheriff's secretary who listed her occupation as "government nanny." And the architect who listed his employer as Ellsworth Toohey; and the S&L clerk who listed his employer as Neil Bush.

A bit of explanation—political parties are required by federal laws to request this information from their contributors. Their justification is that politicians would be less corruptible if their contributors are openly reported. Libertarians aren't fooled, of course. For now, unless members wish us to waste their money by paying fines to the government, we will continue to ask for this information of our contributors—and our contributors should feel free to answer as seriously or honestly as they care to! So keep 'em coming—the staff enjoys the laughs.

28—President Bush, in another foreign-policy triumph, is elected to the British parliament. The rest of us are stuck here. But other than that, and the economy's being in the toilet, and the fact that the country would be better off if all three branches of the federal government were replaced by a tub of live bait, it hasn't been such a bad year, has it? Plus, how can it possibly get worse? Never mind. Happy New Year.

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New Index Identifies Few Friends of Liberty

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This rating index will be updated each year to provide new analysis of congressional actions which involve individual liberty in both the economic and personal areas of life.

A Look at the Senate

Based on the index system, not a single senator emerges as a "libertarian" based upon their voting pattern during 1991.

A number of Republican senators rate high on economic liberty, such as Sen. Hank Brown, Sen. Robert Smith, and Sen. Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming, but each of these senators rates below 50 percent on personal issues.

Some of the senators that the public thinks of as solid "free enterprise" conservatives, such as Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), Sen. Connie Mack (R-FL), and Sen. Steven Symms (R-ID), fail to even top 50 percent on economic liberty.

Among the younger, more "progressive" Republicans who have an image of "conservative and tolerant" among some libertarian-republican groups, we find very poor ratings. Sen. David Durenberger (R-MN), Sens. Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood (R-OR), and Sen. James Jeffords (R-VT), all with "progressive" images, fail to clear 50 percent on personal liberty and all rank below 40 percent on economic liberty votes.

Among the Democrats, things are even worse. A few Democrats known as civil libertarians reach around 50 percent in personal liberty, but, because of the crime bill and the gun control focus of the past session, do no better. On economic liberty votes, these same Democratic senators

come in at the bottom. The average Democratic senator ranks about 25 percent on both scales.

A Look at the House

Things have improved a little in the House from last year's rating. About five representatives have emerged with "libertarian" ratings (over 50 percent in each index area). Among the maverick members of the GOP, three separate patterns have developed.

Several new representatives, such as Rep. Dick Zimmer (R-NJ), Rep. Frank Riggs (R-CA), and Rep. Fred Grandy (R-IA), have captured an image of being a new breed of free enterprisers with social tolerance—moderate on foreign affairs and generally conservative on economic issues. This image does not stand up, however, in the 1991 votes, as these representatives tend to fall below the 50 percent line in both areas, and they remain as middle-of-the-road moderates on all the tough issues.

A second group that continues to rank high on our index is the small group of old guard right-wingers, like Reps. Phil Crane, Bob Stump, and Ron Marlenee (R-MT). These representatives vote against every bill that costs money, except, of course, defense bills. This gives them a very high economic rating, and coupled with their dislike for gun legislation and anti-discrimination laws, a moderate personal liberty rating.

Another maverick is Rep. Dana Rohrbacher, who votes for economic liberty positions and has lately been critical of U.S. defense spending and overseas troop levels. Rohrbacher rates 70 percent in both

“Among the younger, more “progressive” Republicans who have an image of “conservative and tolerant” among some libertarian-republican groups, we find very poor ratings.”

index fields.

The highest rating this session goes to Rep. Bob Stump who rated 90 percent in economic liberty and 60 percent on personal liberty.

Rep. Mel Hancock, a leader of a taxpayer group in his own state, rated 50 percent in personal liberty and 60 percent in economic liberty.

These three groups taken together, however, total only about 25 votes on a good day.

Among the “regular” Republicans, there are about 100 representatives who will generally vote whatever way the White House dictates, and whatever way House Minority Leader Rep. Bob Michel (R-IL) leads them. In the 1991 session, compromise, concession, and lack of imagination were the guiding principles of the GOP leadership.

Among the Democrats, a few civil liberty representatives kept up a brave fight on crime bill excesses and “War on Drug” follies, but these members always collapse on discrimination laws and gun control. Their economic ratings are always near zero.

Guidelines

In preparing the 1991 index, 10 key votes were chosen for each of two separate areas of legislation. The first area was economic liberty. The major areas of congressional attention in the first session of the 102nd Congress focused on banking reform, unemployment insurance, the job discrimination bill, and on general spending action. Accordingly, 10 bills were selected that focused on these areas plus the vote on free trade with Mexico and several interesting property rights issues.

The other area of indexing was personal liberty and U.S. intervention policies. The year opened with the debate on the Persian Gulf war and with the collapse of the U.S.S.R. Several key debates also addressed the need for U.S. military stationed overseas. In addition, the biggest issue of concern to libertarians was a number of votes linked to the 1991 crime package that threatened civil liberty. Votes over gun control and the War on Drugs were also used.

It should be noted that votes involving defense spending and defense policy were carefully chosen to reflect real elimination of both spending and intervention, rather than traditional liberal switches from military to welfare programs. Further, votes that involved support for President Bush's vetoes were avoided, and the more important closer votes on real spending cut amendments were often used.

The complete ratings, including breakdown of the 40 bills used and complete voting records, are available for \$5.00 from Don Ernsberger, 865 Meadowood Lane, Warminster, PA 18974.

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LPLAC Gets New HQ

The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County, CA, has moved into new headquarters thanks to a donation of two rent-free offices.

Businessman Randall Young, who recently joined the LP after leaving the Republican Party, is providing the office space at 11500 W. Olympic Blvd. in West LA. Young also made a similar gift to the Orange County LP.

In addition to the offices, the arrangement comes complete with a receptionist, and access to conference rooms and fax and photocopy machines.

Although the new offices are rent-free, operating expenses will still need to be met.



The local LP intends to use the offices as its base for operations during this important election year.

Other members have also donated items for the office. Phil Meyers has contributed furniture for the office, and Ernest Kestone provided a computer and filing cabinets.

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Cruelty

When they declared independence from Britain, our Founding Fathers listed their grievances with England's King George. Among other things, they accused him of "cruelty scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation."

Recently, I read about unbelievable suffering during the Persian Gulf war. During the ground offensive to liberate Kuwait, U.S. Army bulldozers buried alive thousands of Iraqi soldiers in their trenches.

Can you think of an act more cruel? Can you think of an act less worthy of a civilized nation?

Jeff Bullock
Downingtown, PA

Press Coverage

While there was much to be troubled with about the look "Inside the Mind of the Marrou/Lord Campaign" we received from Perry Willis (Dec. 1991 NEWS), one of the most troubling aspects revealed the campaign's position on publicity. Willis says, among other things, that if the press gets our beliefs garbled, we hurt. The depth of the "Mind" was clearly revealed in the twice-made statement, "Bad coverage is bad coverage."

Recently we were lambasted from the floor of Congress by a U.S. Congressman. If we could get such treatment as part of the daily agenda of Congress, the goals Willis dreams of would actually be achievable. If we could get as much negative publicity for Marrou/Lord as David Duke received, we too might even end up with 39 percent of the vote.

At some future point in our development when we have achieved a whole new level of market penetration, we will only want good press. At this point, we need all the press we can get—even if they spell our name wrong.

Jerry Collette
Sherman Oaks, CA

Television

Recently Libertarians have said TV is the way to reach people and have the message heard. The recent C-SPAN coverage of the convention and subsequent 10,000 calls to the 800-number are cited as an example.

The citation is an unintentional distortion as it excludes some key facts. First, C-SPAN was shocked by the response; no one frequently watches C-SPAN. What happened is intense publicity of the C-SPAN coverage that increased C-SPAN viewership. Computer bulletin boards announced the coverage. Calls to national talk radio shows did the same. People who were curious were invited to tune in. Remember this when you remember the 10,000 calls.

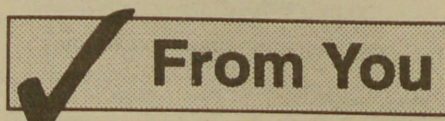
We did what advertisers do before the Super Bowl game. They announce that they will feature a new innovative ad for a new innovative product during the game and people then actually watch the ads.

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there, does it make a sound? If the LP is on TV but no one is watching, has it done any good?

John M. Sulak
Port Orange, FL

Write Him

I'm serving a 71-month sentence for cultivation of marijuana. If I hadn't been an active supporter of the Oregon Marijuana Initiative and the National Organization for



Letters from members and readers

the Reform of Marijuana Laws, my case would have stayed in state court and I'd have been able to have the case thrown out under Oregon's rules of evidence. I'd love to hear from my fellow libertarians (small I) out there.

Michael Wolf Segal
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Sheridan, OR 97378-5002

Oglesby and More

I want to compliment LP NEWS for the excellent interview with Carl Oglesby. I am very impressed with the man. I tend to agree with him and I think what he is doing is very important.

I first heard of Mr. Oglesby in Chip Berlet's briefing paper, "Right Woos Left: Populist Party, LaRouchian & Other Neo-fascist Overtures to Progressives, and Why They Must be Rejected," published by Political Research Associates (PRA). The paper said that "Oglesby considered working with LaRouchian Herb Quinde to unravel the story of the recruitment of the Gehlen Nazi spy apparatus into U.S. intelligence." He [Oglesby] concluded that Quinde never sent him any useful information, but still tried to convince him [Oglesby] to depend on the LaRouche information network.

Oglesby went on to say that he would never publicly associate with the LaRouche group in fear of it damaging his credibility. Hooray, Carl!

I'm very interested in hearing Carl Oglesby's views on the JFK assassination, Jim Garrison, and the secret government. Please keep up the excellent work in LP NEWS and keep us informed on Carl Oglesby. Thanks!

On a different note, I would like to thank Daniel F. Walker of Atlanta for the great idea he expressed in his letter to the NEWS (Jan. 1992) of firing off letters to national media forums to request interviews with Marrou and Lord. I am in the process of sending letters to media outlets like "Face the Nation," "PrimeTime Live," "Crossfire," "Larry King Live," etc.

Hal Dunn
Temple Terrace, FL

Editor's Note: For a few addresses where you can write, see the box on this page.

Nature of Involvement

I agree with Mark Richards (Dec. 1991 NEWS) that coercion is not good and that Martin Luther King, Jr. advocated government coercion. Richards makes a serious error, however, in claiming that getting the federal government involved in state segregation laws creates a big government injustice.

It is not the involvement of the federal government that creates the larger problem, it is the nature of that involvement.

If the federal government had simply nullified any law or regulation (of federal, state, or local government or public institution) that required or favored segregation or racial quotas, any Libertarian would applaud.

Millard H. Perstein
Sedona, AZ

Faith and Freedom

I am squarely Libertarian and stand firmly

on Libertarian principles. Still, something really bothers me about the Self-Government movement that I see. It's not the positions that we take, but why we take those positions.

We Libertarians are always talking about "Natural Rights," but why? We seem to want to give no credit to any higher being.

Our Founding Fathers, that we Libertarians hold in such high regard, knew what freedom was based upon. They knew that freedom was not based on just "natural order." They knew that someone made "natural order" and "natural laws." That was one thing in common with all American patriots. They knew that all people were created in the image of God, and given free will, and if God respected his creation, then we, the creation, should respect the other creations of the image of God . . .

Notice, I am not stating that Libertarians need an official religion. I am a non-denominational Calvinist. I belong to no church. American Revolutionary patriots were of varied faiths—Jewish, Puritan, Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican. But, they all trusted the creator. Our movement will never succeed unless we follow their example.

Jake Ketscher
Bettles, AK

SNL

Here's an idea—let's try to get Andre Marrou to host "Saturday Night Live" (SNL) between now and the election. It can be done with dignity. John Anderson appeared on SNL during the 1980 primaries and his campaign soon skyrocketed (and don't forget what "Laugh-In" did for Nixon!)

There are plenty of baby boomers who continue to watch SNL religiously—and many are politically homeless. What better way to get them roused again. Television is still where the revolution will be fought . . .

Am I dreaming or are you with me?

Gerald Shaw
Lake Worth, FL

Objectivism

Dick Rider's piece on "Statist Charities" (Nov. 1991 NEWS) perfectly illustrates the conceptual worthlessness of Objectivism. He neatly paraphrases the Objectivist view of private charity thus: "people give to charity simply because they feel that is the best use of their funds, deriving the greatest personal satisfaction from that option. Thus donors make a 'selfish' decision." Since the selfishness of an action is also the Objectivist test of its worth, it follows that private charity is a good thing.

But wait!—by such logic, any action at all is "selfish" in the Objectivist sense. Any action can be said to be the decision which gives its maker satisfaction, at least at the moment when it is made. So every possible action is a good thing. Mother Theresa, Thomas Edison, and the "Son of Sam" all acted or act selfishly—each makes the best use of his or her own funds or time as defined by his or her own various personal satisfactions. Any conception that can make no distinction among these three persons and the phenomena that they represent can do nothing to improve our understanding of the world, much less to clarify a political program.

So perhaps inadvertently, Dick Rider put his finger on something of enormous importance. The vacuity of such formulae makes the whole Objectivist philosophy

excess baggage in the airplane of the anti-statist movement, baggage best discarded for aerodynamic efficiency.

Christopher C. Faille
Enfield, CT

Support Ballot Access

Across the U.S., a war is being fought. A war against big government and high taxes. The war is being fought for our side by the Libertarian Party ballot access petitioners.

As a veteran of a dozen ballot drives, I can assure you that petitioning is no easy job. I've petitioned from the high plains of Cheyenne where the deer and the antelope roam to the North Side of Chicago where Polish is the main language spoken.

Although I'm not on the petition trail now, my heart is with our courageous petitioners who brave the elements each and every day. They face ridicule and plain apathy from the general public. They face the blistering sun

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Thanks to Tom Isenberg of Washington state for gathering these addresses.

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one day and biting cold the next.

Don't fool yourself. Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord will not have a credible campaign without 50-state ballot status. And there's no way we'll achieve that goal without paid petitioners. If 50 states can't be funded, it could be your state that won't get on the ballot.

It's time to put a crowbar to your checkbook, and write a check out to the "Libertarian Party Ballot Access Committee," 1528 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Our petitioners are ready to do it. Will you let them?

Ken Zollner
Milwaukee, WI

Term Limits

Aside from trying to protect individual rights from the forces of majoritarianism, in which case more self-governance and less legislation by others is a more suitable remedy, I'm hard pressed to find a reason why any Libertarian would support term limitations of elected officials. Such limitations are antithetical to the very principle of deciding for oneself the behaviors in which one wishes to engage, with the stipulation that such behaviors not interfere with others' rights to do the same.

Term limitations arbitrarily restrict the number of years that the Andre Marrous, George Bushes, and Bob Kerrys of this country could serve, regardless of their

performance and, more importantly, regardless of the will of the voters. A possible response to this is that if more Andre Marrous were elected to office, there wouldn't be a need for term limitations. However, that still doesn't justify imposing more rules on what is at present our needlessly rule-laden lives.

Bill McLaughlin
Rockledge, PA

Abortion

In a recent fundraising letter, the Marrou/Lord Campaign mentioned its plan to "hammer home the message" on three issues, one of which is abortion. So it might be important to note a "botched abortion" in New York City that recently hit the headline.

According to the news, the doctor allegedly failed to check properly for gestational age and "ripped the arm off a fetus." The girl, born at a hospital the next day at 30-32 weeks of development, is okay except for her injury. [See: "Abortion Doctor Held as Baby Loses Arm," Nov. 20, 1991, New York Times.] . . .

In New York, abortion is illegal after 24 weeks. However, the LP platform gives unconditional support to abortion up until birth. If reporters ask Libertarian candidates to justify the LP's stand on "the right to reproductive choice" in light of the violence done to "Baby Venus de Milo," what are they going to say?

Babies tend to grow up. What are they going to say to Venus if she asks them?

Doris Gordon
Wheaton, MD

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Campaign Notes

Before looking ahead to Campaign '92, the NEWS received another report from last November's election.

In Las Cruces, NM, **James Nathan Post** ran for the city council. The race was non-partisan, but Post did declare his membership in the LP in all his campaign literature. Post reports he placed third in his race, with a very respectable 15 percent of the vote.

Post said all of the incumbents were re-elected, "but you may be reassured to know I came away from the campaign feeling they were a good group of people, and our city well served."

Post also said that he wanted to "encourage all Libertarians to consider running for your local offices."

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John Vernon, former California LP state chair, announced he will be running for the State Senate, District 20, in a special election to be held April 7. The seat is vacant because the former senator resigned his seat and pleaded guilty to a variety of corruption charges. Vernon is running a serious campaign, and the results should give some indication of how well the LP message is received by the voters during the current economic crisis.

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A ballot access reform bill was passed in Arizona during a special session in November. The bill will reduce the number of signatures from 21,109 to 14,073—a reduction of one-third. Even better news, already over 15,000 signatures have been collected and it appears that the LP will be on the ballot in the fall in Arizona.

The bill also reduces the number of registered voters needed to qualify for the ballot from 1 percent to two-thirds of one percent.

Most of the credit for the passage of the bill goes to **Don Markowski**, who

introduced and lobbied for the passage of this bill.

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In Illinois, **Blaise Grenke** has announced that he will be running for the U.S. House against Rep. Dan Rostenkowski. Grenke is a truck driver living in Bensenville. He is married and has two children.

"Congressman Rostenkowski has been in Congress longer than I have been alive," Grenke said. "It's time to send him home so that he can see the effect of the laws he has passed. It's time to elect a person who knows and has lived the problems of the average American citizen."

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David Ameringer, Wisconsin's LP candidate for state treasurer in 1990, announced his campaign for Washington County supervisor late last year.

Ameringer, 32, said his intention in this campaign "is nothing short of victory. This is a winnable race and I intend to win." The election is in April.

"My campaign will involve a lot of door-to-door contact, television ads, and radio ads," Ameringer said.

Washington County is a mostly rural county just northwest of Milwaukee. It includes some suburban areas as well as a part of the city of Milwaukee. If elected, Ameringer will be the third Libertarian supervisor in the state.

Ameringer's campaign for state treasurer in 1990 resulted in the state LP gaining recognized political party status.

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March 14-15, 1992:

Pennsylvania LP Convention; 215-453-8930. Speakers include Nancy Lord.

March 21, 1992:

LP of Georgia Convention, Atlanta; 404-320-1991.

April 3-5, 1992:

Illinois LP Convention, O'Hare Plaza Hotel, Chicago; 708-475-0391. Speakers include Andre Marrou, Nancy Lord, Aaron Zelman, and Eric Banfield.

April 10-12, 1992:

Michigan LP Convention, Ann Arbor; 313-475-9792.

April 11, 1992 (tentative):

New Mexico LP Convention; 505-984-0949.

April 11-12, 1992:

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June 5-7, 1992:

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June, 1992 (tentative):

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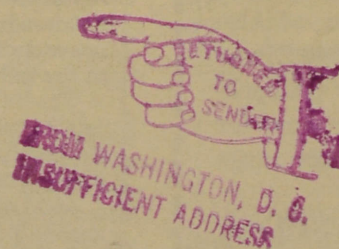
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