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■ Libertarians (l-r) Joe Swyers, Ken Cary, Lisa Dowdney, and Carol Hill make up the seven-member Leadville, Colorado city council. Newcomers Hill and Cary were sworn into office on January 7.

## Libertarian majority sworn into office in Leadville, Co.

The four-person Libertarian majority on the Leadville, Colorado city council has been sworn into office — creating the first LP-controlled city council since the 1980s.

On January 7, Libertarians Carol Hill and Ken Cary took the oath of office in the historic mining town, which is located in the rugged mountains just west of Denver.

They joined incumbent Libertarian city councilors Joe Swyers and Lisa Dowdney on the seven-member body.

The four Libertarians make up the first Libertarian-majority city council in Colorado and only the second in the party's history. In 1987, Libertarians held every city council seat in the small hamlet of Big Water, Utah.

### A landmark

Longtime Colorado LP activist Steve Gresh, who witnessed the swearing-in ceremony, said the event was a landmark of "practical" Libertarian politics.

"What Leadville is showing Libertarians is it's possible to actually use practical, political ideas to gain con-

trol of a body of government," he said. "The Libertarians on the city council will provide an excellent model for us to follow. We'll have some real-world references, rather than just philosophical discussions about what Libertarians can do when they're in office."

Colorado Libertarian Ralph Shnelvar, who is considering a run for governor, said, "It was a historic evening. They look like the finest bunch of people I've ever seen on

a city council."

The four Libertarian officeholders took different routes to build their majority: Hill and Cary were elected to the non-partisan city council on November 6, 2001, Swyers is a registered Libertarian who served on the council since 2000, and fellow incumbent Dowdney registered as a Libertarian on November 8.

Swyers, the ranking Libertarian on the council and the owner of an of-

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## 'Public awareness' tops party survey of strategic goals

*In nationwide survey, LP members prioritize strategic goals, strategies*

By Bill Winter  
LP NEWS EDITOR

**I**ncrease public awareness of and support for libertarian ideas — that's the single most important goal that the Libertarian Party should focus on during the coming year.

And the most effective strategies to accomplish that goal include targeting opinion leaders, recruiting better candidates, and increasing the number of LP supporters.

At least, that's the opinion of more than 1,380 Libertarian Party members across the country, who responded in late 2001 to a comprehensive mail survey about the LP's Strategic Plan.

In the survey, LP members were asked to prioritize the party's six major political goals, which were developed by the LP Strategic Planning Team during a series of meetings throughout 2001.

Ranking the goals on a scale of one to six (with one being the most important), LP members said the party should focus on:

1. Increasing public awareness of, acceptance of, and support for Libertarian ideas. (Average score: 2.6, with

a lower score being more popular.)

2. (Tie.) Increasing the number of Libertarians holding public office. (Score: 3.5)

2. (Tie.) Increasing the Libertarian Party's support base — members, contributors, and volunteers/activists. (Score: 3.5)

2. (Tie.) Remaining the "Party of Principle" as we grow. (Score: 3.5)

3. Increasing the Libertarian Party's market share among youth. (Score: 3.8)

4. Strengthening Libertarian Party state and local organizations. (Score: 4.1)

### Stronger embrace

The results indicate that many LP members see a stronger embrace of libertarian ideas by voters as a key building block for political success, said LP Executive Director Steve Dabach.

"Based on these survey results, LP members clearly want the party and our ideas to be more visible, and to play a larger role in the political debate," he said. "They want Americans to be more aware of what Libertar-

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## Explaining the LP's Drug War Strategy

By Ron Crickenberger  
LP POLITICAL DIRECTOR

**I**s Drug Prohibition dying? If the Libertarian Party focuses resources against the Drug War, can we play a pivotal role to hasten its end? What will happen to the Libertarian Party if we succeed?

These questions provided more discussion, debate, and argument than any others during a year-long strategic planning process under-

taken by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC).

In 2001, the LP underwent the most extensive strategic planning effort in its history. More than 4,000 person hours were invested to produce an extensive plan with six main goals and 20 implementing strategies. Five of those goals, and 19 of the strategies primarily deal with making the Libertarian Party a more effective political organization.

One goal, and one strategy, dealt

with changing the world.

Goal 5 of the Libertarian Party's Strategic Plan is to: "Increase public awareness of, acceptance of, and support for Libertarian ideas." In other words, to move us toward a Libertarian society.

The Strategic Planning Team spent a great deal of time looking for a way to make the best possible progress toward achieving this goal. Was there any is-

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Sheriff Bill Masters promotes new book

**S**an Miguel County, Colorado Sheriff Bill Masters has launched the publication of his book *Drug War Addiction* with a media and speaking blitz throughout the state.

Masters, a Libertarian sheriff known for his blunt criticism of the War on Drugs, spoke at the University of Colorado in Boulder, appeared on local TV stations, and did a number of radio interviews in early December.

He was promoting *Drug War Addiction*, a 135-page softbound book published by Accurate Press.

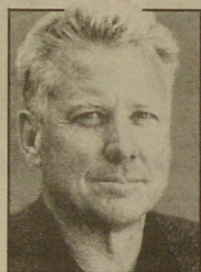
The non-fiction book, subtitled "Notes From the Front Lines of America's #1 Policy Disaster," criticizes the War on Drugs as "an addiction more harmful to the fabric of American society than drug use could ever be," and draws on Masters' 20 years of experience in law enforcement.

During his publicity tour, Masters appeared on WB2 TV News and 9News in Denver, on the "Uncle Nasty" show on KBPI Radio, and on the Reggie Rivers show on KHOW Radio. He was also interviewed by the *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Colorado Springs Gazette*.

On December 5, Masters spoke to 400 people at the University of Colorado in Boulder in an event organized by the CU Libertarians.

"The sheriff's speech was well-received; he got a standing ovation," said Colorado LP Publications Advisor Ari Armstrong, who accompanied Masters during his publicity tour.

Masters was elected sheriff of San Miguel County in 1980, and has since won five consecutive re-election races.



**Bill Masters: Promotes book.**

### Gary Johnson speaks at Mass. LP convention

**N**ew Mexico Republican Governor and anti-Drug War crusader Gary Johnson will be the featured banquet speaker at the Massachusetts LP convention on April 6.

Johnson, whose candid opposition to drug prohibition has earned him national headlines and the ire of some of his GOP colleagues, will address convention delegates on his "boldest proposal for ending the War on Drugs."

LP State Chair Eli Israel said he was "very excited" that Johnson chose the state convention as his "first Libertarian speaking venue."

"We hope it will be the first of many such appearances," he said. "This message is extremely important, and we are proud to give Governor Johnson an opportunity to deliver it to an enthusiastic and supportive audience."

Johnson's appearance has special significance because of unconfirmed rumors that he might be interested in seeking the LP's 2004 presidential nomination.

With a reputation as a tax cutter and defender of gun rights, Israel said Johnson definitely has clear "Libertarian sympathies."

But at this time, Johnson is the only one who knows what his political future holds, said Israel.

"I think that his willingness to appear at a Libertarian event is certainly thought-provoking," he said. "We've made it clear that he can expect a very warm reception at our convention."



**Gary Johnson: Speaks in Mass.**

### Libertarian opera needs production help

**A**n LP member has written and recorded a libertarian-themed "light opera," and is seeking help moving the project from paper to the stage.

Richard Fuerle, 60, who ran for governor and attorney general of Pennsylvania as a Libertarian in the 1980s, said he would like anyone who has a "connection" to a musical production company to contact him about producing his work.

"I'm just sending [the opera] around, hoping that I can connect with someone who can help me perform it," he said.

Called "Rebellion!" the opera is set during the Whiskey Rebellion of the 1790s in Pittsburgh, said Fuerle.

During the rebellion, farmers who were angered by an excise tax on whiskey began attacking government tax collectors. That revolt, viewed by some Libertarians as the first act of aggression by the fledgling federal government, was ultimately put down by President George Washington and a coalition of state militias.

"I lived in Pittsburgh for many years, and I feel a historical attachment to that event," said Fuerle. "And I think opera music is the most beautiful music there is."

Fuerle currently has 20 demo copies of the opera available on CD for distribution, but said he will create more if necessary.

For more information, e-mail: [rd fuerle@adelphia.net](mailto:rd fuerle@adelphia.net).

# In survey, LP members select 'public awareness' as #1 goal

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ians offer, and how we can benefit their lives.

"And LP members clearly believe that such enhanced visibility and understanding will be the 'air support' needed to help our candidates get elected, the party grow, and our affiliates thrive."

LP members were also asked to indicate which of the party's 20 major political strategies should be implemented to help achieve the six strategic goals.

In order of preference, the top 10 strategies selected were:

1. Target public opinion leaders to embrace and espouse libertarian ideas. (Selected by 60% of respondents as crucial to success.)

2. Increase the number of new people comprising the Libertarian Party's support base. (52%)

3. (Tie.) Recruit more and better qualified candidates. (49%).

3. (Tie.) Target existing independent groups to act in support of Libertarian Party efforts and provide opportunities for us to spread our message. (49%)

4. (Tie.) Target races and allocate resources for maximum effectiveness. (46%)

4. (Tie.) Define, develop, and promote the LP brand. (46%)

4. (Tie.) Develop and use high-quality presentations of Libertarian ideas, which present both direction and destination, to support the work of affiliates, campaigns, the national party, and individuals. (46%)

5. Provide training, training materials, and training support to Libertarian Party candidates and campaigns (e.g., campaign methods), Libertarian organizations (e.g., organizational matters), and individuals (e.g., communications skills). (43%)

6. Redevelop the Libertarian Party Platform, presenting both direction and destination, with an eye toward electoral success without compromising core beliefs. (41%)

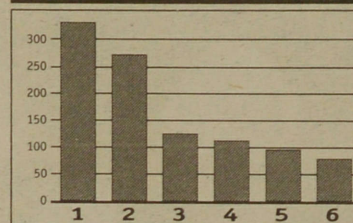
7. Focus resources to achieve the repeal of drug prohibition at the federal level by 2010 and get substantial credit for it. (39%)

Almost all of the top 10 most popular strategies focus on building

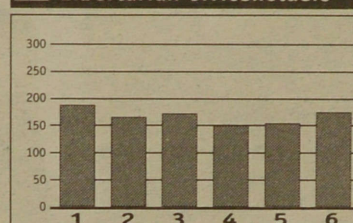
## How LP members voted

The following charts show a breakdown of how survey respondents ranked each of the six major goals. Each chart shows how many people ranked that goal as the #1 priority, the #2 priority, and so on.

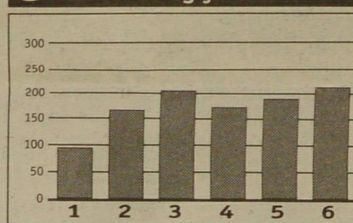
### 1 Increase public awareness of libertarian ideas



### 2 (Tie) Increase number of Libertarian officeholders



### 3 Increase the LP market share among youth

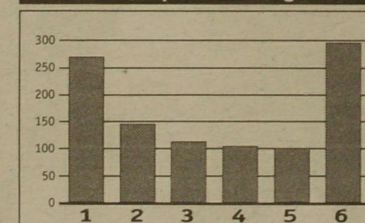


public recognition of libertarian ideas, or building the political infrastructure to then capitalize on that enhanced awareness, said Dasbach.

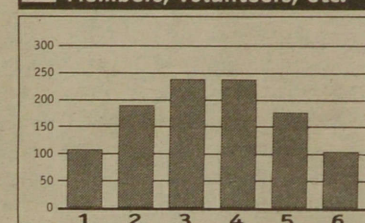
"At least five of these most-crucial strategies specifically stress the mechanics of building public acceptance of libertarian ideas: Targeting opinion leaders, working with sympathetic groups, building a 'brand identity' for the LP, creating better presentation materials, and redeveloping the party platform," he said. "These all strongly reinforce what LP members see as our most important goal."

"And a majority of the other most-popular strategies focus on creating a bigger, stronger, more capable

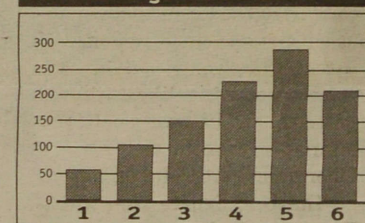
### 2 (Tie) Remain the "Party of Principle" as we grow



### 2 (Tie) Grow support base: Members, volunteers, etc.



### 4 Strengthen LP state and local organizations



party: Gaining more supporters, recruiting more and better candidates, targeting resources, and providing more training. It's clear that LP members embrace the nuts-and-bolts work of building a political party."

Trailing those top 10 strategies, according to survey respondents, were:

8. Encourage state, local, and campus Libertarian Party organizations and our entire support base to be involved in political processes at all levels outside of campaigns and elections. (37%)

9. (Tie.) Expand and strengthen Libertarian Party organizations at levels other than the affiliate level (e.g.

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# Jacob Hornberger announces bid for U.S. Senate in Virginia

*Future of Freedom president promises 'guerrilla' campaign*

**By Jonathan Trager**  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**V**owing to wage a "hard-hitting, take-off-the-gloves, guerrilla" campaign, Future of Freedom Foundation President Jacob Hornberger has announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate in Virginia.

The 51-year-old Hornberger, who sought the LP presidential nomination in 2000 and is known for his high-octane oratory, jumped into the race on January 1.

Hornberger said he wants to run "the only type of LP campaign that can succeed," given the party's limited resources.

Such an effort will forego media advertising, "massive" fundraising drives, road signs, and other traditional campaign trappings and will instead focus on a concentrated person-to-person strategy, said Hornberger.

"I've been watching this U.S. Senate race for 18 months, and I'm more convinced than ever that it provides us with an excellent opportunity to successfully wage a hard-hitting, uncompromising libertarian campaign that will advance both the libertarian movement and the Virginia Libertarian Party," he said.

The U.S. Senate race will mark Hornberger's first general election campaign for public office.

He ran an on-and-off campaign for

the 2000 LP presidential nomination, entering the race in April 1999, pulling out in June, and then re-entering again just four days before the national convention in July 2000. He ultimately garnered the support of 13% of the convention delegates, coming in third in a five-way race.

To win the nomination for U.S. Senate, Hornberger will need the support of a majority of the delegates at the 2002 Virginia LP convention. A convention date has not yet been set.

## CAMPAIGN

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But despite the fact that he is currently the only announced candidate for the LP endorsement, Hornberger might face an uphill battle.

Some Virginia LP members have expressed reservations about running a statewide candidate in November, suggesting it might be more fruitful for the party to focus on winning local races and recruiting members.

If he does not gain the LP endorsement, Hornberger said he will still run for the seat as an "independent libertarian," and will still ask individual LP members to help him get on the ballot.

However, he said it would be a "big mistake" for the Virginia LP not to run a candidate in the race, "if for no other reason than the greater dependency and depression it's likely to produce in future prospective petitioners when they discover that we passed up an excellent opportunity to win major-party status in the U.S. Senate race."

To gain major party status and automatic ballot access in Virginia, a candidate must win at least 10% of the vote in a statewide election.

In 2001, LP gubernatorial candidate Bill Redpath and lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Gary Reams won just under 1% and just under 2% of the vote, respectively.

#### Defeat Warner

Nevertheless, Hornberger said he aims not only to garner 10% of the vote, but also to defeat incumbent Republican John Warner and his yet-to-be-selected Democratic opponent in the election.

The 75-year-old Warner is unlikely to wage a campaign that will energize or inspire voters who are under 35 years of age, said Hornberger, and will probably take the race for granted.

"Warner is vulnerable despite — or perhaps because of — the obvious appearance that he is a shoo-in for re-election," he said. "If the Democrats do not run a substantial candi-



■ Jacob Hornberger (right) — shown here talking to LP activist Alan Perlman at the Illinois LP convention in April 2000 — said the Virginia U.S. Senate race is an "excellent opportunity to wage a hard-hitting, uncompromising libertarian campaign that will advance both the libertarian movement and the Virginia Libertarian Party."

date, it will be the closest thing to a two-person statewide race that Libertarians could ever hope for."

According to his preliminary campaign plan, Hornberger's campaign will be rooted in "simplicity," and will be divided into three stages:

■ **January to June.** During this initial phase, Hornberger said he will coordinate his campaign with the ballot drive.

While volunteer petitioners solicit the 10,000 registered voter signatures required to get on the ballot, Hornberger said they will also pass out an informational brochure, concentrating primarily on white, middle-class Virginians.

■ **June to August.** If petitioners get enough signatures to qualify him

for the ballot by the June deadline, Hornberger said he will take an unpaid leave of absence from his job at the Future of Freedom Foundation to campaign full-time.

At this time, the focus of the campaign will shift to predominantly African-American and Hispanic communities, he said.

In Hispanic areas, campaign volunteers will give out a brochure — written in Spanish — explaining the libertarian position on three issues: The Drug War, immigration, and welfare.

In African-American areas, a similar brochure will be distributed, but will focus on Social Security instead of immigration, said Hornberger.

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## Otto Guevara to speak at National Convention

**T**he most popular libertarian politician in Central America will speak at the Libertarian National Convention in July.

Otto Guevara, a libertarian congressman in Costa Rica, will be a featured speaker at the Indianapolis, Indiana convention, announced LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

He will be joined by two other newly confirmed speakers: Maricopa County, Arizona Judge John Buttrick and Big Water, Utah Mayor Willy Marshall.

"Convention delegates will have the opportunity to hear speeches from this diverse but highly engaging group of Libertarians," said Dasbach. "Each speaker has a genuine love of liberty, and a real political success story to share with convention delegates."

A candidate for president in Costa Rica in 2002, Guevara also helped found Movimiento Libertario, that nation's Libertarian Party, in 1996. He was elected to the national legislature as the party's top-of-ticket candidate two years later, thanks to

the country's proportional representation voting system.

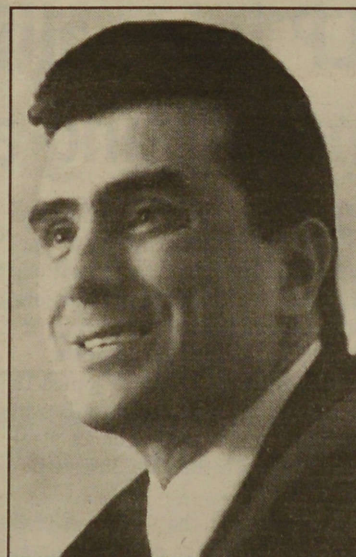
Since then, Guevara has enjoyed a surge in popularity. He has been named the country's "best congressman" in three national surveys of journalists, and in six polls of Costa Rican voters.

Although some analysts consider Guevara a long shot to win the presidency, Guevara expects Movimiento Libertario to pick up more seats in the national legislature during the February 2002 elections. [LP News went to press before election results were announced.]

#### Charismatic

"Otto Guevara is clearly one of the most effective, charismatic communicators in the libertarian movement today," said Dasbach. "Convention attendees will hear first hand how he and his team developed Movimiento Libertario into a major political party in Costa Rica."

In May 2001, John Buttrick was appointed to the Maricopa County



■ Costa Rican libertarian Congressman Otto Guevara, who will speak at the 2002 LP National Convention, has been voted "best congressman" in six national polls.

Superior Court by Arizona Governor Jane Hull, a Republican.

The catch: Buttrick beat out 39 other contenders for the position — all registered Democrats or Republicans — despite his Libertarian registration and active role in the LP.

"Frankly, we need more Libertarian judges like John Buttrick who can See **CONVENTION** Page 14

## Study: Libertarian Party is #1 in U.S. House races

**W**hen it comes to U.S. House races, the Libertarian Party is #1.

That's according to a survey in *Ballot Access News*, which revealed that the LP has run more "most-successful" U.S. House candidates than any other third party over the past five decades.

The Libertarian Party has run 18 of the 50 highest vote-getting alternative party contenders for U.S. House, according to the study by third-party expert Richard Winger.

By contrast, the Green Party and the Reform Party each ran only five "most-successful" U.S. House candidates, while the Natural Law Party ran four and the American Party ran three.

The study appeared in the December 1, 2001 issue of *Ballot Access News*, and mirrored a similar study in the previous month's issue, which revealed that the LP was the #1 third party based on the number of "most-successful" U.S. Senate and gubernatorial candidates.

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— Steve Dasbach

Both studies are good news for Libertarians, said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

"These studies conclusively prove that no other third party is in the Libertarian Party's league," he said. "Based on the one criterion that really matters — the number of voters who are willing to pull a lever for our candidates — the Libertarian Party

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Online presidential poll is underway

**D**on't look now, but the 2004 presidential campaign is underway. A new website — <http://cass.molp.org/polls.htm> — is now online, offering the first ongoing "straw poll" to gauge the popularity of potential candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

The site, created by the Cass County LP in Missouri, is an "early attempt" to drum up interest in the LP presidential race, said Mike Furgeson, coordinator of the project.

"We hope to help promote a long-term mindset for political success, and looking ahead to the 2004 presidential race is one good way to do that," he said.

The straw poll is designed to accomplish three goals, said Furgeson: To help LP presidential hopefuls gauge their chances of receiving the nomination, to promote the Libertarian Party and the libertarian philosophy to non-Libertarians, and to encourage visitors to support Cass County LP activities and candidates.

Visitors can cast a vote for one of 24 possible LP presidential prospects, write in a candidate, or select "none of the above."

The poll is unique, said Furgeson, because prospects that receive the fewest amount of votes each month will be dropped from the list, while write-in candidates who receive a significant number of votes will be added.

The poll will be updated monthly until July 2004, when the LP presidential candidate is nominated.

### Rizzo heads Israel for Chair campaign

**E**li Israel has appointed longtime Massachusetts LP activist Dave Rizzo as chairman of his campaign for LP national chair.

On January 7, Israel, the current State Chair of the Massachusetts LP, said Rizzo will have "overall operational responsibility and authority in the campaign."

Rizzo is a past member of the Massachusetts Libertarian State Committee, has run for State Representative, managed the successful 1998 LP gubernatorial petition drive, and has been a delegate to two LP National Conventions.

Rizzo said he accepted the campaign manager's position because "I've worked with Eli Israel professionally and as a Libertarian activist since I joined the LP, and there is no doubt in my mind that he is the best person to lead the Libertarian Party into the future."

Israel faces two other candidates for the national chair's position: Texas LP State Chair Geoffrey Neale and past executive director of the Massachusetts Libertarian Association George Phillis.

The national chair heads the Libertarian National Committee for a two-year term. The chair will be selected by delegates at the LP National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 3-7, 2002.

For information about the Israel for National Chair campaign, e-mail: [info@eliasisrael.org](mailto:info@eliasisrael.org). Or visit: [www.eliasisrael.org](http://www.eliasisrael.org). To contact Rizzo, e-mail: [drizzo@eliasisrael.org](mailto:drizzo@eliasisrael.org).

### 'Individualist feminist' is now online

**W**atch out Gloria Steinem — Ifeminists.com is on the scene. The website, operated under the Henry Hazlitt Foundation's Free-Market.net web portal, offers a gathering place for "individualist feminists" who reject traditional socialist feminism, said longtime Libertarian Wendy McElroy.

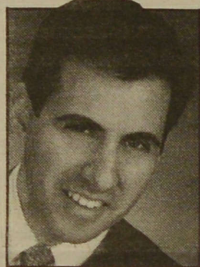
"This site is an all-inclusive online center where people looking for a new way to approach feminism can gather online, learn, and access a wealth of information," she said. "Ifeminists.com offers in-depth resources for everyone: activists and scholars, experts and beginners, and women and men."

Ifeminists.com features an interactive message board, a live chat room, links to news and commentary, and a comprehensive database of Ifeminist resources. It also distributes a weekly e-zine and profiles a noteworthy "individualist feminist" each month.

Unlike traditional feminists such as Steinem and anti-pornography crusader Catherine McKinney, Ifeminists.com "advocates the equal treatment of men and women as individuals under just law," and rejects a "paternalistic" government, according to the site.

Ifeminist.com is a "young, aggressive site" and a "resource that may be valuable to you personally, your state organization, or its newsletter," said McElroy. "Come visit us!"

McElroy, who is the editor of Ifeminists.com, is a Libertarian Party member and author. She has written several books, including *XXX: A Woman's Right to Pornography* (St. Martin's, 1995), and has contributed to *The Freeman*, *Liberty*, and *Free Inquiry* magazines.



■ **Eli Israel:**  
Appoints Rizzo.

# Senate candidate Rick Stanley arrested for civil disobedience

## Colorado candidate challenges Denver gun ordinance

**A** Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Colorado is heading to court for a showdown about the constitutionality of a Denver gun law, after he was arrested for carrying a weapon at a Bill of Rights Day celebration.

On January 30, LP candidate Rick Stanley is scheduled to appear in the County Courts Building in Denver to face criminal charges for violating a local ordinance that makes it illegal for an individual to "carry, use, or wear" any weapon.

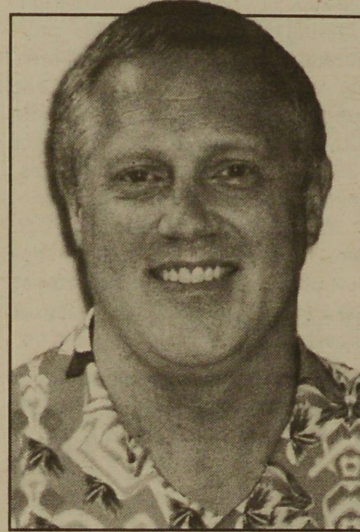
Stanley, 47, said he looks forward to the trial, because it will let him challenge the constitutionality of the law.

### Challenge it

"I committed an act of civil disobedience against an unconstitutional law so I can challenge [it] all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary," he said. "I want to prove a point: One man can make a difference. One man can change everything."

Stanley was arrested by Denver police on December 15, after he notified police in advance that he planned to violate the ordinance.

In his Bill of Rights Day speech to a crowd of about 250 people at the Civic Center Park across from the



■ **Colorado U.S. Senate candidate Rick Stanley:** "I want to prove a point: One man can make a difference [and] can change everything."

State Capitol, Stanley said he wanted citizens to launch a peaceful "Second American Revolution."

"Today I am taking a stand against an unconstitutional city ordinance," he said. "There are thousands of unconstitutional laws on the books. Now is the time to force their repeal. If we don't act now, our last, best chance to preserve liberty in America will be lost. Do not let that happen!"

Stanley then stuck a pistol into a holster on his belt, and was promptly handcuffed and arrested by police officers.

He was charged with violating Denver Revised Municipal Code 38-117.5(b), a misdemeanor which carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$999 fine.

Also arrested on a similar charge was Duncan Philp, a member of the Tyranny Response Team.

### Violating oath

As the police escorted Stanley to a squad car, some of the crowd members told the officers they were violating the oath they had taken to defend the U.S. Constitution.

Stanley spent about 28 hours in jail, before posting a \$1,500 bond.

In the aftermath of the arrest, Stanley said some of his supporters are comparing his civil disobedience against an "unjust" law to the action of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

"I would be proud if anyone considers my action comparable to [that] wonderful woman's act of disobedience," he said. "But that's not my motivation. My intent is to galvanize American citizens — who have become complacent, uncaring, and unmotivated — to do something about

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# LP joins alliance to fight new law restricting attorney/client privacy

**T**he Libertarian Party has signed onto an effort to oppose a regulation that permits federal law enforcement officers to monitor confidential conversations between attorneys and suspected terrorists.

On December 20, the LP joined 18 other civil liberties organizations in denouncing the regulation in a report filed with the U.S. Justice Department.

Authored by the American Civil Liberties Union, the document urges Attorney General John Ashcroft to rescind the regulation, which the coalition calls "an unprecedented frontal assault on the attorney-client privilege and the right to counsel guaranteed by the Constitution."

LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach said the Libertarian Party joined the campaign because confidential attorney-client conversations are a cornerstone of a fair judicial system, and a check on "overzealous" government prosecutors.

"The Libertarian Party wholeheartedly supports the position that conversations between an attorney

**THE ALLIANCE**  
has urged Attorney General John Ashcroft to end the 'assault' on the Constitutional right to counsel

Specifically, the regulation states that if the Attorney General believes there is "reasonable suspicion" that a person in federal custody might use communications with attorneys or their agents "to further or facilitate acts of terrorism," the Justice Department shall "provide appropriate procedures for the monitoring or review of communications between that inmate and attorneys or attorneys' agents who are traditionally covered by the attorney-client privilege."

### Too much power

Such language is dangerously vague, and gives the government too much power, said Dasbach.

"The regulation is extremely broad, and there are no concrete definitions given for some of the ambiguous terminology," he said. "Essentially, this regulation allows the Attorney General to interpret terms such as 'reasonable suspicion' and 'acts of terrorism' as he sees fit. That is a dangerous precedent for civil liberty."

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and a person accused of a federal crime should be private," he said. "Such protections exist to safeguard the innocent from overzealous government officials, and are a bedrock of our Constitutional system."

The regulation, which appeared in the Federal Register on October 31, directs the Bureau of Prisons to facilitate the monitoring or review of communications between detainees and attorneys.



# An Open Letter to Readers of Libertarian Party News

by Michael Cloud

How do we reach 1,000,000 voters with our Libertarian message?

Where do we begin? What must we do? What is the first step?

## The Problem

Most voters in America have never heard our Libertarian case. Most voters have never read a Libertarian book, never listened to a Libertarian on Talk Radio, never heard a Libertarian speech.

Some voters have heard what the News Media says about libertarianism. Or what a Big Government political commentator says about Libertarians.

We have not been rejected by voters. **Most voters have never heard the case for libertarianism.**

With your help, we can change this. My Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign Team has developed a strategy and plan to make this happen. The first part of our plan is stunningly simple. It begins now.

## 300 Speeches in 150 Days

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300 speeches X 60 people per audience = 18,000 people who will hear our Libertarian message. Live, up close, and in person.

## The Challenge

I'll deliver a powerful and persuasive 15-minute Libertarian speech making the case for individual liberty, small government and personal responsibility.

To audiences who have never heard our Libertarian message.

After the speech, I'll answer their questions and invite them to get involved in my Libertarian campaign for U.S. Senate — and the Libertarian Party.

We'll hand out campaign fliers. Invite them to look us over. Invite them to Libertarian meetings and gatherings. Ask them to volunteer.

This will be important with Gun Clubs,

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This will be crucial with College Students in Political Science and Economics classes.

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An exciting and intriguing 15-minute Libertarian speech will whet their appetite.

## College Credits?

Many college science courses have 2 requirements: class and lab.

Many college political science courses have 2 requirements: class and field study.

Imagine 50 to 250 college students fulfilling their political science requirements by working 20 to 40 hours on my Libertarian campaign for U.S. Senate.

Imagine 50 to 250 college students learning about libertarianism while working with Libertarians and returning to class with libertarian books, ideas, and evidence.

## Student Campaign Volunteers

Perhaps 250 of my speeches will be to college political science and economics classes. With 20 to 70 students per class. 5,000 to 17,500 students.

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My job is to recruit and enroll these students — the most receptive, most supportive students — into my Libertarian Campaign for U.S. Senate — and into the Libertarian Party.

My Libertarian Campaign for U.S. Senate will educate and activate dozens, perhaps hundreds of College Student Volunteers. They will hand out Libertarian Campaign fliers. They will inform and educate their classmates, friends, and families.

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## The First Step

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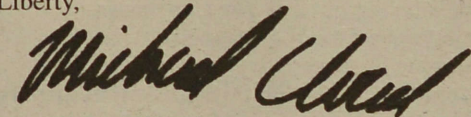
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## TALKING POINTS

# Why '3 strikes' laws are lethal, & welfare for billionaire Ted Turner

### Smart card, dumb INS

According to a November *Los Angeles Times* report, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has issued 5 million "smart cards" to permanent residents since 1998 (containing all the unique personal information now being discussed to improve security against terrorism) but has not yet acquired any machines that can read the cards.

— **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**  
December 23, 2001

### Are they hiring?

In Montgomery County, Maryland, police paid informers to hire prostitutes for sex during investigations. The men went into massage parlors, had sex, and then reported their activities. The police then raided the parlors, arresting the women working there.

— **REASON**, January 2002

### ID card nonperson

Proponents of a national ID card [to combat terrorism] say opposition to the idea stems from a historic resistance to strong centralized government. There is, of course, some validity to that. But [there] is more...

To begin with, the notion of individual sovereignty should not be dismissed, even in wartime. It is a strength, not a weakness, of our system that citizens are free to conduct their lives without incessant monitoring by state and federal agencies, and without the police power to detain and interrogate at will.

The fact that cops in Belgium are empowered to stop anyone at any time and demand identification, or that Kenyan citizens are required to carry their ID cards at all times, is a favorable reflection on liberty in America, not a chink in our armor.

Second, the notion that a national identification system would not be subject to abuse is absurd.

Any huge system of electronic identification, administered by the federal government, would not only put private information in the public domain, but be vulnerable to hackers and routine incompetence. Imagine running afoul of such a system by mistake, and trying to undo the damage that is done.

If a national ID card is as comprehensive as proponents say it would be, one system error could transform a law-abiding citizen into a nonperson — unable to withdraw money from the bank, or cross the lobby of an office building — for weeks and months at a time.

— **PHILIP TERZIAN**  
*The Washington Times*  
December 27, 2001



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### Losing the Drug War

The United States has spent nearly \$1 billion to fight drugs in Colombia, but the country's cocaine production has more than doubled in the past five years.

— **THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
December 31, 2001

### Illegal wiretapping?

Boston police say they pulled a rock musician over because his Porsche had a noisy muffler and a broken license plate light.

The musician thought his long hair, leather jacket, and sports car were the more likely reasons, so he secretly recorded the officers as they questioned him for 15 minutes about whether he had drugs in his car. They also threatened to jail him.

He later took the tape to police headquarters to file a complaint — which led to his being convicted of illegal wiretapping. When he appealed, the state supreme court ruled against him.

One dissenting justice noted that "this is apparently the first time that a citizen of Massachusetts has been convicted because he recorded a police officer performing an official function in a public place in the presence of a third party within the sight and hearing of passersby."

— **PLAYBOY**  
December 2001

### A growth industry

In the past three years alone, the government has extorted twice as much in antitrust fines from businesses as it did from 1996 back to 1890, when the Sherman Antitrust Act was created. This is a growth industry that America's ailing economy can do without.

— **CAPITAL IDEAS**  
November/December 2001

### 3 strikes, you're dead

Since the early 1990s, the states have passed many get-tough-on-crime laws, boosted spending to double prison and juvenile detention space, and improved policing. Contrary to many government programs, these measures mostly worked and deserve much of the credit for our one-third drop in crime over the last decade.

But not everything has worked. Between 1993 and 1995, 24 states passed "three strikes and you're out" laws.

Here's the problem with the new statutes: While these laws may encourage some career criminals to cease and desist, those who continue to commit crimes face little or no additional sanction for committing a more grievous crime.

That behavior may cost the lives of more victims and crime scene witnesses. Under some circumstances, the criminal can reduce his chances of apprehension and conviction by killing a witness, without any practical disincentive in terms of a more severe punishment.

If apprehended and convicted of a third serious violent crime, for instance, the penalty would amount to that for homicide anyway, whether the criminal takes a life or not. So, too often the criminal will kill in order to reduce the chances of being caught.

Since 1991 the national murder rate has declined 40%. But it has not fallen as much in three-strikes states, a difference of roughly 10 percentage points between three-strikes and other states. On first examination of the data, that amounts to at least 1,400 extra murders per year in the three-strikes states.

Thomas Marvell and Carlisle Moody, two veteran economists at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, have carefully explored this connection between homicide and three-strikes laws in their January 2001 article in the *University of Chicago's Journal of Legal Studies*. They conclude, "Given their unintended consequences in terms of human lives, we see no justification for three-strikes laws."

The authors base this strong conclusion on their analysis of the data from all 50 states during the years 1970-1998. The basic finding is that three-strikes laws produce a 10-12% increase in homicides within the first two years after passage of the laws, while over the longer haul the increase rises to as much as 29% more homicides. That makes the long-run impact 3,300 more homicides each year.

— **INTELLECTUAL AMMUNITION**  
November/December 2001

### Federal insecurity

Estimated number of mock commando raids on U.S. nuclear-weapons facilities that have been staged since 1995: 100

Minimum number that succeeded in breaching security: 50  
— **HARPERS MAGAZINE**  
December 2001

### The rich get richer

A September Associated press review of the department of Agriculture records revealed that more than 60% of federal farm subsidies given out last year went to just 10% of farmers, almost all of them well-to-do in the first place.

Among the recipients were farms owned by David Rockefeller, Ted Turner, Sam Donaldson, and basketball star Scottie Pippen.

Asked one farmer, "Why are we giving millions of dollars to millionaires?"

— **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**  
December 23, 2001

### Gas attack

Scientists in New Zealand have concluded that the biggest cause of global warming is not the burning of coal or oil, but the discharges of flatulent cows and sheep.

A research team fitted sheep with a device to measure the amount of methane released when they belched and broke wind, as part of a project to reduce greenhouse gasses by 10%.

The scientists concluded that methane released by the country's 45 million sheep and 8 million cattle accounted for 44% of domestically produced greenhouse gasses.

Methane is the largest contributor to New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions and the country has the world's highest per capita methane production, amounting to six times the global average.

— **THE SCOTSMAN** (U.K.)  
December 20, 2001

### Helping the poor

The president's Social Security reform commission [released] its final report [in December, and it included] recommendations to create personal retirement savings accounts. Critics of such a plan say [it] would hurt low-income Americans.

But in the Cato Institute study, "The Impact of Social Security Reform on Low-Income Workers," Federal Reserve Bank economist Jagadeesh Gokhale shows that the lack of property and inheritance rights in the current program actually harms poor and minority workers and helps maintain wealth disparities.

"As a result, the distribution of bequeathable wealth among retirees in the United States is highly unequal," he writes.

"In contrast, a system of individual accounts would allow workers to accumulate real and bequeathable wealth and would lead ultimately to greater equality of wealth. Social Security privatization therefore becomes the truly progressive option for reform — one that is most likely to benefit the poor."

Many modest households — particularly minority households and those with low earnings — currently save very little and therefore own almost no financial wealth at retirement, Gokhale explains.

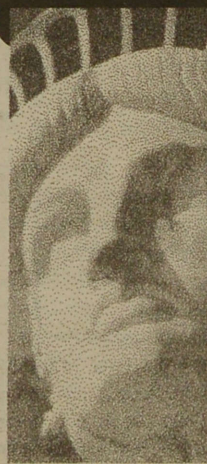
"Because it generates an asymmetric impact on retirement saving by low and high lifetime earners, Social Security may be reducing or eliminating the inheritances of children in poor households but not of those in rich households," he writes.

"In turn, this may reinforce the chance that the children of the poor, in contrast to the rich, themselves arrive at retirement with low levels of bequeathable wealth."

— **CATO INSTITUTE NEWS MEMO**  
December 6, 2001

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there is my country."**

— **THOMAS JEFFERSON**



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## AFFILIATE NEWS

# LP activists fight vote soliciting, pay hike, and martial arts licenses

### ■ GEORGIA

#### State LP launches bid to 'defend freedom'

The state LP has launched a campaign to "Defend America's Freedom" in the face of several federal "anti-terrorism" measures that party leaders say threaten civil liberties.

Libertarians will use radio advertising, telephone calls, direct mail, special events, and other methods to alert Americans to the dangers of military tribunals and other "police state" tactics, said LP State Chair **Helmüt Forren**.

"Every inch of freedom we lose to government zealots bent on controlling our lives — far beyond any reasonable necessity to effectively deter terrorism — is a mile worth of effort that we must exert to recover it," he said.

"We must act now, and act big, to slow down this sudden spiral. Otherwise we may never be able to turn this country around."

### ■ GEORGIA

#### LP blasts U.S. House for 'greedy' pay raise

State Libertarians have chided U.S. legislators for fattening their own wallets at a time when most Americans are hurting from a lack-luster economy.

"Despite an economy in recession and ever-increasing layoffs throughout Georgia and the rest of the country, the greedy politicians have chosen to take more money from hard-working Americans to satisfy their own gluttonous desires," said LP State Chair **Helmüt Forren**.

On December 31, the U.S. House allowed an automatic pay raise to take effect, increasing the salary of each House member by \$4,900 to \$150,000 per year.

Even more appalling, said Forren, is that eight members of the 13-member Georgia delegation who voted in favor of the pay increase are Republicans.

"Bipartisan greed is alive and well when it comes to Congressional pay raises," he said. "The hypocrisy of the Republicans, who only give lip service to the principles of limited government, is too much to bear."

### ■ ILLINOIS

#### DuPage Co. LP files suit over primary elections

DuPage Libertarians will pursue legal action against a county board of elections that ruled the party cannot run candidates in the March 2002 primary election.

The LP had sought to run 16 can-



#### The Hoosier Libertarian goes to press

■ **Mark Schreiber (left) and Sheri Conover Sharlow examine negatives of the Hoosier Libertarian, an outreach newspaper produced by Indiana Libertarians, before it goes to press. Schreiber is the publisher; Sharlow is the editor.**

The newspaper, which is being distributed around the state by LP activists, "is not designed to convert people to libertarianism," said Schreiber, who is also the chairman of the Hamilton County LP. "It's designed to get them to trust Libertarians."

The first edition of the *Hoosier Libertarian* focuses on the Bill of Rights, said Schreiber, because potential voters should associate Libertarians with the Bill of Rights.

"We want to force the Republicans and Democrats to run against the Bill of Rights," he said.

The newspaper also featured articles on libertarian Republican **Barry Goldwater**, the 9-11 terrorist attacks, a political quiz, and local LP contact information.

didates for the office of precinct committeeman.

However, the county election board ruled the LP is not an "established party" in DuPage County — and can't run partisan candidates for any office — because an LP candidate did not garner at least 5% of the vote in the previous statewide election.

"They are afraid of allowing any third parties the chance to organize here," charged **Ted Semon**, chairman of the DuPage Political Action Council.

LP attorney **Andrew Spiegel** said the party plans to file a circuit court appeal, and possibly a federal civil rights lawsuit, in the near future.

### ■ MARYLAND

#### State Chair invited to be regular radio guest

LP State Chair **Nick Sarwark** will be a regular guest on a monthly radio show segment for MetroTalk radio in Baltimore.

Sarwark said the show is a "great opportunity" to advertise the Libertarian Party to listeners who may not

be familiar with the party and its platform.

The political segment, which airs on the first Sunday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 in the Washington DC metropolitan area, will also feature representatives from the state Republican and Democratic parties.

However, during his first appearance on the show on December 2, Sarwark said the scheduled Republican failed to show up at the studio.

"It was pretty funny — the host was blasting him on the air," he said. "I told him that Republicans have a hard time keeping their promises."

### ■ NEW MEXICO

#### Libertarian protests new courtroom gun ban

The Second Amendment does not end on a courthouse's steps.

That's the message Libertarian **Tony Seno** delivered to Lincoln County commissioners in December.

"Government can make a lot of laws about a lot of things, but government cannot deny me the right to bear arms," he said.

Seno's comments come after a dis-

trict court judge banned firearms from the courthouse in November. County commissioners had requested the ban.

But, brandishing a copy of the Constitution, Seno said the order was contrary to the "supreme law of the land," and consequently had "no standing."

"I think someone needs to get arrested over all of this — and it isn't me," he said. "All I am doing is exercising my Second Amendment right."

### ■ NEW YORK

#### Libertarian: Legalize free-market gypsy cabs

A Queens Libertarian has called on city government officials to legalize "gypsy cabs" and commuter vans — saying the city's public transportation system needs a healthy dose of free market competition.

On December 19, 2000 U.S. Senate candidate **John Clifton** urged the government to allow jitney vans and cabs to compete with government buses.

"Busy Queens commuters want better service than that provided by the [Metro Transit Authority] and the Taxi & Limousine Commission's sparse, crowded, wait-till-you-die-standing-up buses and taxis," he said.

The reason why gypsy cabs and commuter vans are illegal, said Clifton, is because the city does not want to compete with private businesses and risk losing money to companies that better satisfy consumers.

"The city calls it stealing when it loses passengers to the vans," he said. "Does Burger King steal revenue when it competes with McDonald's?"

### ■ NEW YORK

#### Libertarian karate chops martial arts license idea

A state legislative proposal to require government certification for all martial arts instructors will restrict free trade and limit students' choices, LP State Chair **Richard Cooper** has charged.

The bills, Senate Bill S3836 and Assembly Bill A6533, would require all martial arts instructors — including those teaching introductory self-defense techniques — to have state-issued licenses.

But Cooper said the bills give legislators "open-ended powers" to regulate martial arts in the state.

"Why single out the martial arts in search of special licensing requirements?" he asked. "We face a solution in search of a problem."

New York ranks only behind California in the number of martial arts instructors.

### ■ OREGON

#### State party 'recycles' its cost-cutting budget

With the state government facing a \$1 billion budget deficit, the Libertarian Party has re-released its 2001 budget — and again urged legislators to consider its proposals to cut spending.

The Libertarian budget, which suggests ways to trim \$3.3 billion from the state's 1999-2001 biennial

budget of \$29 billion, was presented to the state senate Interim Committee on Economic and Job Stimulus on December 13.

The LP budget had been released in April, but is more relevant than ever now that the state government budget is spiraling into deficit, said LP State Chair **Mitch Shultz**.

"We hate to say we told you so [about the need to cut state spending]," he said. "But we told you so."

The LP now plans to publicize the budget with a speaking tour around the state, culminating in a press conference in Salem, said state LP Executive Director **Richard Burke**.

"Lawmakers may not like our budget as a whole, but we're hoping lawmakers find a few items in it which will help them reduce spending," he said. "We need to take some steps in the right direction."

### ■ OREGON

#### LP officeholder stops costly water district plan

State LP Executive Director **Richard Burke** has helped derail — at least temporarily — an expensive measure to create a "Unified Water District" in the greater Portland area.

Burke, who serves as a Tualatin Valley Water District commissioner, said the proposal would have forced residents in his district to share resources with Portland residents, and would have ultimately driven up rates.

"Our residents would have been forced to subsidize Portland, which has poor infrastructure," he said. "Portland ratepayers should be the ones to foot the bill for any improvements in their water distribution."

Although Portland commissioners are still trying to develop a plan to share assets among various districts, Burke said he would continue to speak out against any such plan at future meetings.

"I will continue to do what I can to stem attempts at regional centralization," he vowed.

### ■ PENNSYLVANIA

#### LP candidate files suit over vote soliciting

A Libertarian candidate for judge of elections in Allegheny County has filed a lawsuit claiming poll workers "electioneered" for office on behalf of his opponent.

Filed in November by registered Libertarian **David Posipanka**, the lawsuit charges write-in candidate **Christine Delgado** with illegally soliciting votes at the polling place in the town to Homestead.

The two candidates were competing for the Ward 3, District 2 judge of elections position.

Although the office is small and "largely ceremonial," Posipanka said

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he filed the lawsuit as a "matter of principle." The suit seeks to have the election overturned, and attorney fees paid.

"The big picture is that everyone is entitled to an open, fair election, and that's all Mr. Posipanka wants," said **Cristopher Hoel**, who is Posipanka's attorney. "The conduct described in the complaint is serious."

A court hearing has been set for January 14.

#### ■ TEXAS

### Lubbock County LP runs ad to recruit candidates

"Do you believe in private property rights?"

This was the question the Lubbock County LP asked in a newspaper advertisement. And it was the question that helped Libertarians recruit 14 candidates for local office, said LP County Chair **David Delamar**.

In the ad, "I basically printed a list of offices up for election, and then interviewed respondents to see if they had Libertarian leanings," said Delamar.

The ad, which appeared in two local publications, helped recruit candidates for state representative, state senator, state board of education, county commissioner, county treasurer, county clerk, U.S. Congress, and others, said Delamar — for a cost of only \$250.

Thanks to the "enormous success" of the experiment, "Lubbock has become an incubator in Texas for Texas candidates — and every candidate we have will challenge the incumbent Lubbock Demopublicans on their big government, tax and spend policies," he said.

#### ■ UTAH

### Town decriminalization ordinance is rescinded

An ordinance that effectively legalized the possession of a small amount of marijuana in Big Water has been repealed because of pressure from local law enforcement.

Spearheaded by Libertarian Mayor **Willy Marshall** in November, the ordinance allowed individuals to plead guilty to possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and pay a \$10 fine. But the measure was rescinded



### Allegheny County (PA) Libertarians celebrate victories

■ **Pennsylvania Libertarians** (l-r) Robert Hill, Harold Kyriazi, Ray Mierwald, Henry Haller, Patricia Arndt, Andrew Poole, and Greg Teufel gather at an Allegheny Co. LP meeting on December 19, 2001.

The event was held to publicly celebrate the growing political success of the county party and to celebrate the holiday season, said Kyriazi.

"The festivities included a ceremony honoring the seven Allegheny County Libertarians who were elected to public office [as Inspectors of Elections in November]," he said.

Of the Libertarians shown above, Hill was elected Inspector of Elections in Monroeville (Ward 1, Dist. 3); Mierwald in Pittsburgh (Ward 15, Dist. 2); Arndt in Swissvale (Dist. 2); Poole in Mt. Lebanon (Ward 2, Dist. 7); and Teufel in Pittsburgh (Ward 14, Dist. 4). Henry Haller is standing in for his wife, Jean Haller, who was elected in Pittsburgh (Ward 7, Dist. 10), and Kyriazi was a candidate recruiter. Also elected was William Shirk in West Mifflin (Dist. 9).

less than a month later, after the county sheriff charged that it "violated state law." He threatened to end his law enforcement contract with the town, said Marshall.

Despite the setback, Marshall said his ordinance had been the "right thing to do."

"Our ordinance made justice affordable for everybody" and made the "punishment fit the crime," he said. "Current marijuana laws in the state of Utah are cruel and unusual."

Also, noted Marshall, "County prosecutors aren't forced to abide by our town ordinance."

Under Utah law, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana is punishable by up to six months in jail, a

\$1,000 fine, and a six-month driver's license suspension.

#### ■ VERMONT

### Grassroots Party activist joins Libertarian Party

A former candidate of the tiny Grassroots Party has joined the Libertarian Party — and helped organize a new LP affiliate in Poultney County.

**Joel Williams**, who ran for state governor on the Grassroots ticket in 1998 and 2000, joined the LP in the spring of 2001, saying Libertarians are "better organized" than his former party.

With affiliates in two states, the Grassroots Party focuses mainly on marijuana legalization, although the party platform also endorses lower taxes and greater civil liberty.

"Both [the Grassroots Party and the Libertarian Party] are 'Bill of Rights' parties," said Williams. "But the Libertarians seem to have a broader grasp [of issues] and to be better organized."

Williams helped set up the organizational meeting for the Poultney County LP in December. The Vermont LP currently has affiliates in about 30 cities and towns.

LP State Chair **Brendan Kinney**

said Williams' defection to the LP is an example of how "after the last two national elections, people are [more] ready to find a home with the Libertarian Party."

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### Libertarian influences new commission charter

The Kitsap County LP has helped a county commission draft a new charter, after political gridlock had stalled the process.

The members of the commission — called Freeholders — could not decide whether the county commissioner office should be partisan or non-partisan, or whether to have district or countywide voting, said LP County Chair **Lowell Deitz**.

"I sent an e-mail to the commission informing them that [Libertarians] supported a non-partisan county commissioner office and voting for the office within districts," he said. "And both those suggestions were adopted."

Deitz said this is proof that local Libertarians are capable of impacting current events.

"You just have to keep your ears open for the opportunities," he said. "The little effort I put forth was from the comfort of my own home!"

## Hornberger announces Senate bid

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Hornberger also said he will meet with editors of Hispanic newspapers to seek their early endorsement.

■ **August to Election Day.** During the final three months of the campaign, Hornberger said he will focus on hitting "targets of opportunity."

During this last phase, he said he will concentrate on giving speeches, participating in candidate forums, and giving newspaper interviews.

In all of these situations, Hornberger said he will primarily emphasize the moral foundation of libertarian principles, and secondarily stress the benefits of a free society.

Consequently, Hornberger said he hopes to keep Warner and his Democratic opponent on the defensive, and to garner free media coverage with his "aggressive" tactics.

#### Guerrilla campaign

"What the party needs most at this point is a dynamic, energized guerrilla-style campaign that is apt to catch the opposition off guard," he said. "With \$30,000 and volunteers, I am certain that I can run the type of guerrilla campaign that I have in mind."

"Of course, no one can guarantee results. But I'm confident that every Virginia Libertarian will be pleased with [my campaign] when it's over."

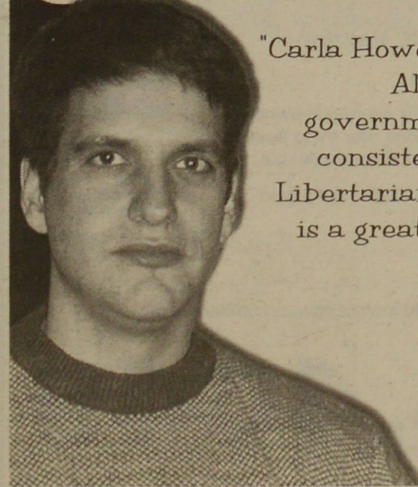
To get on the ballot in Virginia, a statewide candidate needs to collect 10,000 signatures, including at least 400 from every Congressional district. Hornberger has personally pledged to get 4,000 signatures.

Hornberger was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1972 and the University of Texas School of Law in 1975. From 1975 to 1987, Hornberger practiced law in Laredo, served on the board of trustees for the Laredo Legal Aid Society, and was the local representative for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

He became the program director at the Foundation for Economic Education in New York in 1987. In 1989, he founded the Future of Freedom Foundation, a libertarian think tank known for its "no compromise" attitude.

Hornberger also won the 1996 Thomas Paine award from the LP for excellence in explaining libertarian principles, served three terms on the LP Platform Committee, and delivered a keynote speech at the 1996 LP national convention.

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## THE REVIEW

### The environmental truth

■ *The Skeptical Environmentalist* by Bjorn Lomborg. Cambridge University Press. 496 pages. Softbound. \$27.95. Available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Reviewed by Michael D. Mallinger  
COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

**B**jorn Lomborg's new book, *The Skeptical Environmentalist*, provides a comprehensive debunking of the environmentalist movement's major claims.

A professor of statistics at the University of Aarhus in Denmark, Lomborg follows in the footsteps of the late economist Julian Simon in analyzing environmental trends. Unlike Simon, Lomborg believes areas exist in which stringent government regulations are necessary. However, he still offers a scathing rebuke of key leaders of the environmental movement, whom he believes manipulate statistics to deceive the public.

He wastes no time in attacking his critics. On the very first page, he targets the flagship publications of the environmentalist machine — the Worldwatch Institute's annual State of the World book series.

Although he credits State of the World for being "one of the world's best-researched publications," Lomborg shows that they ultimately fall short of the goal of providing an accurate portrait of the world's environmental problems. This, he states, is due to the games its authors play with numbers.

Understanding data is crucial to obtaining an accurate picture of global environmental trends, according to Lomborg, and using global figures forces scholars to account for both positive and negative trends for any given issue. In other words, if food production simultaneously rises in one country and falls in another, a global analysis is necessary to determine the overall trend over time.

But this is what many environmentalist groups, including the Worldwatch Institute, fail to do, writes Lomborg, citing numerous examples of short-term negative trends that have been exploited by environmentalists to scare the public. He believes that to understand any international environmental trend we must be willing to investigate data covering the entire globe over long periods of time.

In the book, he applies this principle to every major environmental issue, including population growth, food production, natural resource depletion, chemical risk analysis, and global warming — leading to some surprising conclusions.

"Whether we are talking about food, raw materials or energy, no shortages of resources seem to be forthcoming, no serious problems for the continued growth of production and welfare are in the offing," Lomborg writes. "We have seen that problems with pollution do not give us reason to believe that economic growth is in the process of destroying the Earth — rather the contrary."

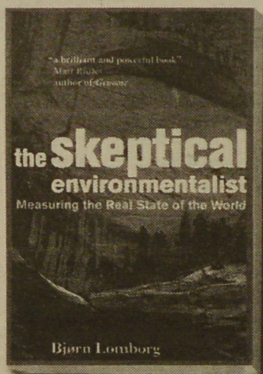
For example, in the area of population growth, he documents how infant mortality has declined steadily around the globe since the 16th century. In the area of food production, he points out that the number of people starving throughout the world has continued to drop despite the fact that population in developing countries has doubled. He asserts that no "wall" limiting higher agricultural yields appears to be in sight.

Echoing a point made years ago by Julian Simon, Lomborg points out that prices of almost all raw materials have dropped over the last century — despite enormous increases in economic growth and production. More importantly, he notes that many resources are actually more abundant due to discoveries of new supplies and substitutes.

*The Skeptical Environmentalist* is exactly that, the work of a scholar who took the time to examine the data and found that most environmentalist claims simply do not hold water.

Lomborg is far from being a free market economist. However, his critique is a valuable amendment to the trail-blazing work of Julian Simon and other proponents of true analysis. Those seeking a fresh look at the state of the planet would do well to heed his words.

■ This review is reprinted from the September/October 2001 CEI Update. Michael D. Mallinger is a research associate at the Washington, DC-based Competitive Enterprise Institute.



## Indiana LP member's business raided for selling products that aren't illegal

Mark Niemoeller is victim of expanded drug war focus

By Jonathan Trager  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**A** Libertarian Party member is vowing to rebuild his company — and his life — after federal drug agents raided his business, seized his property, and froze his bank accounts worth almost \$1 million.

"I am devastated by the whole situation," said 46-year-old Mark Niemoeller. "I have never had a run-in with the law before. I am beside myself."

Niemoeller operates a mail-order business from his homestead in rural Columbus, Indiana.

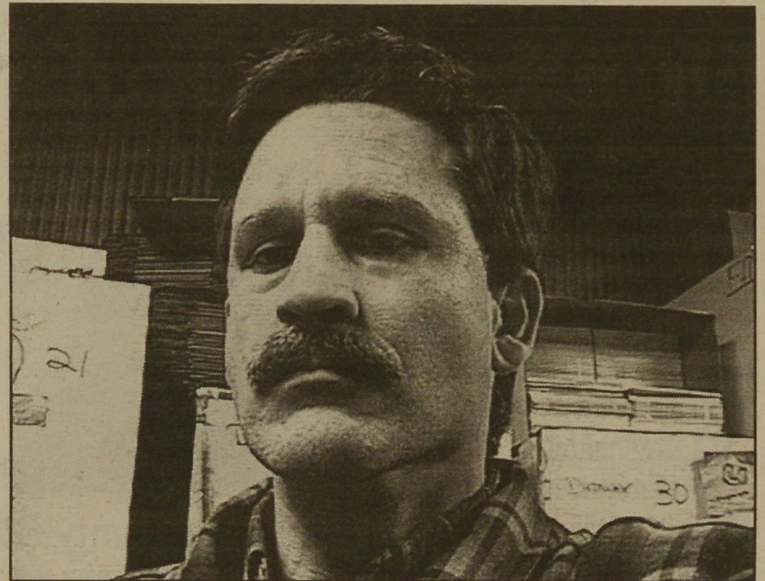
His company, "JLF Poisonous Non-Consumables," offers herbal products, botanical materials, fragrances and chemicals at its website, [www.jlfcatalog.com](http://www.jlfcatalog.com).

And everything that JLF sells is legal, said Niemoeller.

### Strange situation

"I may stock unusual products, but everything I sell can be bought and sold on the open market in this country," he said. "Nothing in my inventory is illegal, so this is a very strange situation."

On the morning of September 7, Niemoeller said he awoke to a "constant pounding" on his front door. Upon opening it, a swarm of Drug



■ Mark Niemoeller, whose website business, [www.jlfcatalog.com](http://www.jlfcatalog.com), was raided by the DEA: "I am devastated by the whole situation. I have never had a run-in with the law before."

Enforcement Agency and Food and Drug Administration agents barged into his home with a warrant to search the premises.

"I was extremely nervous," he said. "My mouth was dry, and I was shaking a little. I have never had a run-in with the law before."

Within minutes, Niemoeller said agents had loaded his two computers and business paperwork into his van, as well as more than 40 gallons of

oils and chemicals in his inventory.

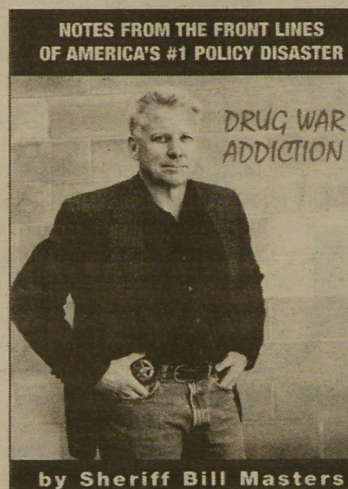
The bulk of the seized products were saffron oil, and 1-4 Butanediol, a legal substance analogous to GHB. The drug GHB was added to the federal controlled substances list in 2000.

The agents informed Niemoeller they would be filing criminal charges against him for violating federal controlled substance laws — and drove

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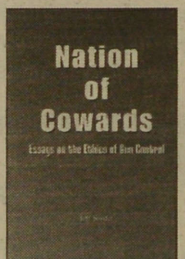
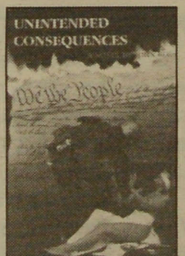
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## 75,629 Certified Signatures Send End the Income Tax Initiative to Voters

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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.

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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?

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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

**T**he 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.

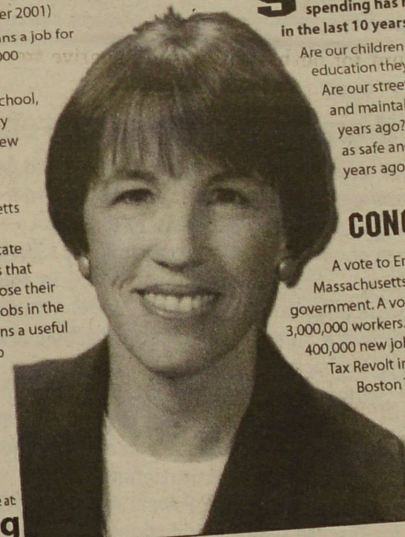
They remove the waste. They get rid of departments and divisions that keep failing. We must DOWNSIZE Massachusetts government. We must get rid of the Big Government Programs that do not work. Remove the Big Government Programs that make things worse, create new problems, squander and waste, and divert 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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## THE ISSUES

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### Federal education bill won't raise test scores

The education bill signed on January 9 by President Bush will cause test scores to plummet and America's children to become more ignorant, Libertarians predict — because that's what has happened after the enactment of every federal education bill over the past 30 years.

"The real education crisis in America is that politicians never seem to learn," said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party executive director.

"They haven't learned that government-run schools are the cause of student failures, and that the only way to improve education is to decrease the role of the federal government, give more power to parents, and move toward a genuine free-market system in education."

Yet decreasing federal power wasn't one of the so-called reforms in the education bill that Bush praised at signing ceremonies on Tuesday in Ohio, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

The legislation, which passed Congress last year with broad bipartisan support, mandates annual math and reading tests in grades 3-8, gives local school districts more "flexibility" in spending federal aid, and gives parents the right to transfer children from one government-run school to another.

But the widely praised initiative is doomed to failure, predicted Dasbach, because history shows that more federal involvement in schools actually *decreases* student achievement.

According to Department of Education figures, between 1970 and 1995, federal education spending nearly doubled from \$19 billion to \$35 billion. Yet SAT scores fell by an average of 50 points. And since 1960, federal education spending has more than tripled, yet SAT scores have fallen by 100 points.

"The evidence is clear: More federal funding and involvement equals *lower* test scores," Dasbach said. "The new budget increases funding for the Education Department, which has already squandered \$550 billion since 1980, by a whopping 40%. Which means that George W. Bush has signed a bill that will make the problem *worse*."

### Bioterrorism bill grants too much power

A new proposal that would grant governors the power to declare a "bioterrorism emergency" — then seize property, order public quarantines, and ration food, guns, and alcohol — appears to be a classic case of government overreaction, say Libertarians.

"This proposed legislation, which has been introduced in a dozen states already, gives governors astonishing powers, under vaguely defined guidelines, to combat a bioterrorism emergency that may never happen," said Steve Dasbach.

"Even in light of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Americans should be very reluctant to grant governors these sweeping powers. Just because something is done in the name of 'combating terrorism' doesn't make it right, or necessary, or constitutional."

The draft Model State Emergency Health Powers Act (MEHPA), written by the Centers for Disease Control, is designed to help state governments cope with a sudden outbreak of smallpox, anthrax, or other bioterrorism attack. Health experts predict that every state will consider the 40-page model legislation at some point this year.

The legislation:

- Gives governors the power to declare a public health emergency, without consulting public health officials, the legislature, or the courts.

- Defines infectious disease as any "disease caused by a living organism," which "may, or may not, be transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person." The definition is so broad that it could include the outbreak of a dangerous flu or virus.

- Allows public health officials to mandate quarantines for people suspected of having an "infectious disease," and require vaccinations and medical exams. Doctors could also be forced to provide them.

- Permits states to mobilize the "organized militia" to seize control of any private property the governor deems "reasonable and necessary" to cope with the emergency, such as "communication devices, real estate, fuels, food, clothing, and health care facilities."

The problem with granting governors such awesome powers is that the definition of an "emergency" is so vague, said Dasbach. According to MEHPA, a public health emergency is "an occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition . . . caused by bioterrorism . . . that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities."

"Is a significant number five, the number of Americans already killed by the anthrax attacks?" he asked. "Is it 500? Is it 5,000? Unfortunately, if your state passes this legislation, a bioterrorism attack will be whatever your governor says it is."

## Ca. Libertarians score one victory, one setback, in 'Energy Tax Revolt'

Operation Energy Tax Revolt, the ongoing campaign by California Libertarians to slash energy taxes across the state, scored one major victory and one "frustrating" setback in January.

In Culver City, Libertarian volunteers collected signatures in a January 5 drive to put an energy tax-cut initiative on the November election ballot. The activists gathered over 1,000 signatures — almost double the 557 signatures required.

If approved by voters, the initiative will save local taxpayers \$10 million per year by slashing taxes on electricity, water, cable, and telephone usage, said LP State Chair Aaron Starr.

### Hugged and kissed

"One resident of the city not only signed the petition, she also hugged and kissed the volunteer circulating it," he said. "The entire event was a lot of fun."

The Culver City initiative was narrowly tailored to the realities of local politics, said Starr.

Although 168 California cities impose a utility tax on residents, Starr said Culver City's 11% tax is "particularly harsh."

However, if Libertarians tried to completely eliminate the tax, "the city would argue they would not be able to provide any services, and that baby seals would be clubbed," he said. Instead, Starr drafted an initia-

**FOR A CITY CLERK to throw out not one, but two petition drives on a minor technicality is ridiculous.**

— David Molony

tive to cut the tax to just 1% — the average rate of 10 localities close in size to Culver City, population 39,000.

"Now city officials are going to have to explain why residents should be taxed at a higher rate than those in cities of the same size," he said.

Starr said the signatures were immediately turned in to the City Clerk, who approved the petitions for signature validation.

Meanwhile, the LP did not fare as well in Bellflower, where the local government has now twice thwarted the party's effort to put a cap on the energy price level subject to taxation.

On January 3, the city clerk invalidated the 740 signatures Libertarians had gathered to put such an initiative on the November 2002 ballot. City law requires 510 signatures.

The clerk said the petition sheet

the activists had used in their December 8 drive did not conform to city law, which requires the title and summary of the initiative to appear in a particular place on each sheet.

"It's a frustrating situation, but this is how government officials tend to act when they're faced with the possibility of losing revenue," said LP state Executive Director David Molony. "For the city clerk to throw out not one, but two petition drives on a minor technicality is ridiculous."

The rejection came just weeks after the city clerk threw out 939 signatures Libertarians had gathered for a similar initiative in November 2001.

LP members had given notice of the petition drive by advertising in a local publication, as required by city law. But the city clerk invalidated the signatures, claiming the newspaper did not qualify as a local publication because its printing facilities were located outside city limits.

### Second drive

In response, LP State Chair Aaron Starr wrote a new initiative that applied to gas as well as electricity, and launched the second drive.

"We figured if they want to play hardball with us, we'll play hardball with them," said Starr.

Operation Energy Tax Revolt is a statewide LP campaign to slash the "windfall" revenue local governments collected from utility taxes after energy prices soared last year.

The Advocates for Self-Government says

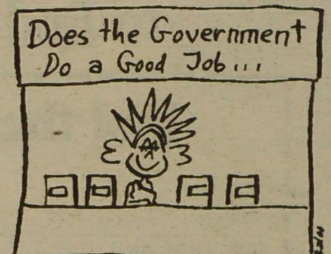
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# Eli Israel

## For Libertarian National Chair

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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

"When I was state chair, one of my goals was for Oregon to become as successful as Massachusetts..."

Adam Mayer  
Former State Chair,  
Libertarian Party of Oregon

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Richard Prawdzienski,  
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"Eli has the drive, business sense and principles that the Libertarian Party needs as we prepare for the next presidential cycle..."

Chuck Williams,  
Chair, South Carolina LP

### Eli Israel: A Libertarian National Chair Who Can Make a Difference

Is the Libertarian Party too big or too small?

Do we have too many Libertarian candidates or too few?

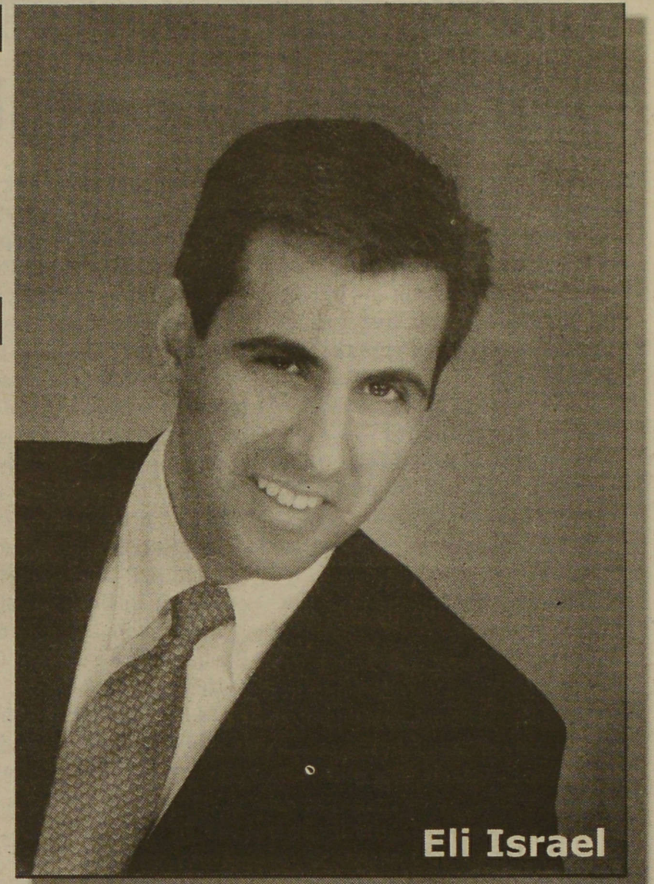
Are our candidates too well-trained or not trained enough?

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Eli Israel is committed to a bigger Libertarian Party.

Eli Israel is dedicated to more and better Libertarian campaigns.

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### For Libertarian National Chair



## Guevara, Buttrick, Marshall to speak at '02 Convention

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overturn unconstitutional laws that legislatures dominated by Democrats and Republicans have enacted," said Dasbach. "At the convention, he'll be able to talk about his first year in office and the state of criminal justice in America."

### Elected mayor

An LP member for 20 years, Willy Marshall was elected mayor of Big Water in November 2001.

He immediately helped pass an ordinance that allowed citizens arrested for possessing a small amount of marijuana to plead guilty and pay a \$10 fine. (The measure was repealed in December, after the local sheriff's office threatened to cancel its law-enforcement contract with the town.)

"Willy Marshall doesn't just develop Libertarian solutions to problems — he lines up the votes required to enact his proposals," said Dasbach. "You will find his common-sense insights on real-world politics informative and entertaining."

Guevara, Buttrick and Marshall join other already confirmed speak-

ers, including radio talk show host Neal Boortz, 2002 Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson, and San Miguel Co. (CO) Sheriff Bill Masters.

Convention packages include:

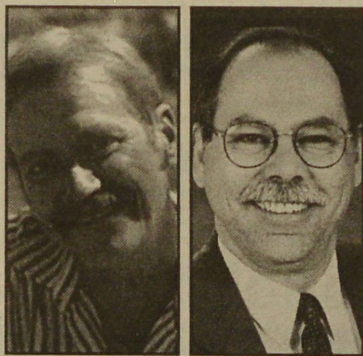
■ **Gold Package:** The "all-access" package that includes Convention Hall pass, workshops, panel speakers, business sessions, three breakfasts with speakers, the Gala Banquet with speaker (Neal Boortz), and two luncheons with speakers. Cost: \$339. (Price after April 15: \$379.)

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■ **Speakers Package:** Convention Hall pass, workshops, panel speakers, and business sessions. Cost: \$89. (After April 15: \$99.)

Party members who register before February 15 will be entered into a raffle to win a free package (which-



■ **Big Water, Utah Mayor Willy Marshall (l) and Maricopa County, Arizona Superior Court Judge John Buttrick have been confirmed as speakers at the 2002 LP National Convention.**

ever delegate package they order), get a free upgrade to a suite, and receive an invitation to the exclusive "Torch Club" reception.

Delegates to the 2002 National Convention will elect 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.

The convention will be held on July 3-7, at the Indiana Convention Center and the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown Hotel.

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

## U.S. Senate candidate arrested for gun protest

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the erosion of freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights."

Civil rights attorney Paul Grant will represent Stanley at the January 30 hearing, and said he is optimistic about the outcome because the state constitution explicitly confirms the right to keep and bear arms.

"There's absolutely no way a judge should be able to uphold Denver's ordinance in light of the state constitution," said Grant. "Jurors must realize how important this case is."

The Colorado constitution states, "The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property . . . shall be called in question."

### Not violate rights

Stanley said he hopes the trial will allow him to make the point that politicians cannot legislatively violate the right to keep and bear arms.

"The Second Amendment does not say that people can apply for permission to keep and bear arms," he said. "You — not the government — can decide what kind of gun you need, and when you need it, and how

**THE SECOND**  
**Amendment does**  
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**for permission to**  
**keep and bear arms.**  
— Rick Stanley

you want to carry it."

Stanley is the only announced candidate seeking the Colorado LP's nomination for U.S. Senate. State LP delegates will select a candidate at their May 2002 convention.

Stanley is a businessman with 27 years' experience, and is the owner and CEO of Stanley Fasteners and Shop Supply.

For more information, or to make a contribution to the Stanley for U.S. Senate campaign, visit: [www.Stanley2002.org](http://www.Stanley2002.org).

## Indiana LP member's business raided for selling 'almost illegal' items

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off in his vehicle. After the raid, Niemoeller tried to hire an attorney to help him reclaim his property. However, he quickly discovered the government had frozen his bank accounts, rendering him unable to afford legal representation.

One of the frozen bank accounts had more than \$750,000, said Niemoeller — the bulk of the business profits he had saved over the course of 15 years.

"It felt like I had been raped," he said. "I can't very well put on a defense without any money. I don't know where to go or what to do from here. I feel like I'm trapped in a nightmare."

And Niemoeller isn't the only one trapped in this Drug War nightmare.

### "Almost illegal"

Steve Dillon, a Libertarian attorney who specializes in drug cases, said Niemoeller's story is just one example of how the federal government is not only arresting Americans for illegal drugs such as cocaine and marijuana — but is increasingly targeting individuals for possession of "almost-illegal" items.

For example, Dillon and partner Ross Thomas have represented a wholesaler of pipes and bongs who had millions of dollars seized by federal agents in the summer of 2001. The charge: That such products could be used to consume an illegal drug.

They also represented an individual who was arrested for possessing batteries and ephedrine pills —

**SINCE JOHN ASHCROFT took over as Attorney General, crackdowns such as these have become more common.**

— Steve Dillon

both of which, while completely legal, can be used to manufacture illegal methamphetamine.

In addition, in October, the Drug Enforcement Administration ruled that consumer products made from hemp — such as clothing, snacks, nutritional supplements, toiletries, and bird food — are illegal if they contain even minuscule, trace amounts of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. The DEA also said it may ban hemp products like hand cream, soap, and shampoo.

"Since [John] Ashcroft took over as the U.S. Attorney General and [Asa] Hutchinson took over as the head of the DEA, crackdowns such as these have become more common," said Dillon. "The federal government knows that public support for the Drug War is rapidly fading, and they are determined not to let it die."

However, Dillon said the Niemoeller case is exceptional, given

the "unusual" nature of the items involved.

A typical item in Niemoeller's catalog is the Amanita Muscaria mushroom, which does not contain the schedule I drug psilocybin, unlike other mushroom varieties.

Other "borderline" items in the JLF catalog include opium poppy seeds, and mushroom spore kits. Each could be used for illegal purposes, but both are exempt from the federal controlled substance lists.

And everything he sells comes with warnings that items should not be ingested, said Niemoeller.

"I make it clear that the products are to be used as potpourri, incense, religious sacraments, or for scientific or research purposes," he said. "The name of the business is JLF Poisonous Non-Consumables, for God's sake."

In 1998, however, federal agents began to investigate JLF after receiving a letter from a parent whose daughter died after ingesting one of Niemoeller's products.

According to the case discovery papers, agents started ordering products from Niemoeller's catalog, keeping careful records of the transactions.

The investigation culminated on September 6, when a U.S. magistrate signed a search warrant permitting agents to search Niemoeller's premises within the next 10 days.

"They tell me my property hasn't been forfeited — only seized," said Niemoeller. "Is that supposed to make me feel better? I don't have access to

it and they haven't told me how I can get it back, so it's all the same to me."

Niemoeller said he posted a letter on his website immediately following the raid, feeling an obligation to give his customers an honest explanation for why orders were delayed or unable to be filled.

### Down by 90%

Consequently, business sales are down by about 90%, said Niemoeller.

"No one wants to deal with someone whose business is under investigation by the government," he said. "Can you blame them? Customers that I've had for years have just up and

deserted me."

By January, Niemoeller still had not had any of his property returned to him — even though he had not yet been formally charged with a crime — and said he would continue to search for a new attorney who would help him retrieve his property on a pro-bono basis.

If he doesn't find one, he said he will have to continue to "fight the system" on his own.

"I'm not going to give up, that's for sure," he said. "The government hasn't completely shut me down yet, and I'm not going to let them get away with stealing my property. This is America."

**Michael CLOUD**  
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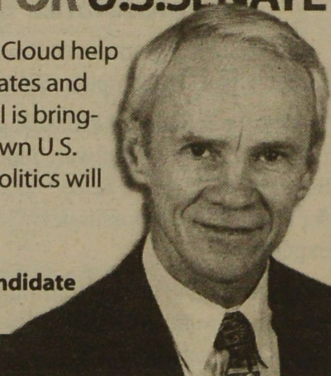
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# Alaska Libertarians lead effort to legalize “medical marijuana delivery devices.”

## 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 hole 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.

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Al Anders, Chair  
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- First state to elect Libertarians. In the 80's when other states could not even put Libertarian candidates on the ballot, Alaska elected three Libertarians to the state legislature and another Libertarian as the mayor of Kenai.

- 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.

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# Explaining the LP's Drug War Strategy

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sue where the trend of public opinion was in a Libertarian direction? If so, was there a way for us to exploit that issue to significant benefit for the party?

After extended discussion, it was clear that the Drug War was the one issue that seemed to fit all the criteria to be a "wedge" that we might effectively exploit.

The Strategic Planning Team then adopted Strategy 18: "The Libertarian Party will focus resources to achieve the end of drug prohibition at the federal level by 2010, and get substantial credit for it."

What were the criteria we used to evaluate various issues — and that led us to choose ending drug prohibition as a focus for the party?

## Trends in our direction

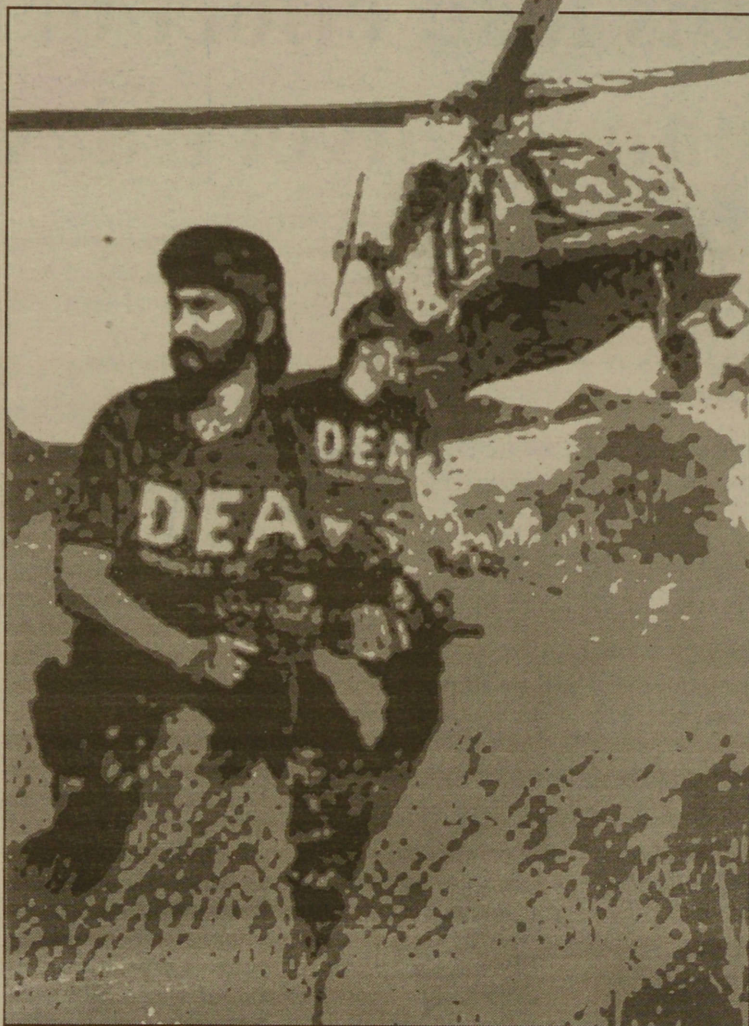
The first thing we looked at was polling data. Drugs consistently rates as a top five public concern in every poll taken. It is also an issue where every poll taken shows a high level of dissatisfaction with the current efforts of our elected officials. Surveys show that three-quarters or more of the public thinks the Drug War is a failure, with nearly that many thinking it can never be won.

That does not mean that ending drug prohibition is currently a majority position. But the trend of public opinion is clearly in our direction. Pew Research polls show the level of support for all the traditional governmental methods of dealing with drugs has plummeted in the last three years. More importantly, the number of people favoring decriminalization of marijuana has risen from 43% to 61% in just the last year.

Another "trend point" in our direction is the passage of 14 statewide prohibition reform initiatives in the past three election cycles. At least a dozen communities have passed local decriminalization measures in the last few years.

Add Governor Gary Johnson's outspoken support for legalization, and Hollywood's damning indictment of the Drug War with the movie *Traffic*, and it is clear that the public may be ready for a new strategy.

The trend toward reform is even stronger worldwide than here at



home. Britain has just decriminalized marijuana. Portugal decriminalized all personal drug use in 2000. Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, and half of Australia have adopted marijuana decriminalization in recent years, and passed significant prohibition reforms for other drugs as well.

Mexico's President Vincente Fox has endorsed worldwide legalization of drugs, as has the President of Uruguay. Canada has just legalized medical marijuana, and is debating full legalization.

In fact, it is the efforts of the U.S. alone that are perpetuating the Drug War worldwide. While drug use remains technically illegal in most countries, there is de-facto decriminalization in much of the world, as the drug laws are given very low priority, and arrest and prosecution are rare compared to the U.S.

We also looked at the contrast the Drug War provides. Contrast of issues is one of the essential elements of any winning campaign. The LP is already clearly identified as opposing the Drug War, whereas both major parties are clearly identified as supporting it. The Drug War is the issue that provides the clearest "contrast" between us and the other parties. On so many issues like gun rights, taxes, regulation and Social Security, it can

be difficult for most of the public to differentiate us from one of the major parties.

This is also the issue that is the most difficult for our opposition to co-opt, even as it becomes more obvious that the Drug War is losing public support.

The Drug War also carries great emotional weight — it's not abstract like taxes and Social Security. It involves real people getting killed and jailed. With over 500,000 people in jail for non-violent drug crimes, it truly does have Civil War status as to the number of people affected.

## Unique factors

So it was a unique combination of factors: great popular concern, great dissatisfaction with current policy, great emotional weight, a trend of public opinion and worldwide legislation on our side, effective positioning and contrast, and politicians in both major parties who are out of step with the desire of the public for more effective solutions, that led to the strategy's adoption.

We phrased the goal as, "Ending Prohibition at the federal level" for some powerful tactical benefits. There is a widely known historical precedent — the repeal of Alcohol Prohibition. It allows "states' rights" people to come on board. It allows

politicians who know the Drug War can never work to vote for reform measures they would otherwise be afraid to vote for, since control of drug laws would just return to state governments. Even today there are areas where the sale of alcoholic beverages is illegal, which is likely to be the case with drugs for decades after the federal war is over as well.

## What it means

What will a "Drug War Focus" actually mean?

Just what will it mean for the Libertarian Party to "focus resources to achieve the repeal of drug prohibition at the federal level?"

Does this mean we will become a single-issue party? Not at all.

The best example is our previous focus on the "Know Your Customer" banking regulations. "Know Your Customer" would have required banks to monitor all of their customers' transactions, and report anything "irregular" to the government.

In championing this issue, we did not do less on other issues. We took advantage of a window of opportunity, developed a lot of new resources quickly by taking the lead on the issue, and stopped the invasive regulation in its tracks.

When the "Know Your Customer" campaign was over, we had not only achieved a significant public policy victory, we came away with more resources to fight other battles. We got new members and contributors. We had a 120,000 person e-mail list of people interested in defending privacy. We built coalitions with other groups. And we increased our political clout by being publicly credited as the principle group to stop the unpopular regulations.

We did not become known as the "Privacy Party." We did become better known as a party that is effective at fighting for personal privacy.

In the same way, we hope that by utilizing the Drug War Strategy we will bring in new resources that will enable us not only to fight more effectively against drug prohibition, but against other intrusions on our

liberties as well.

Far from turning us into a single-issue party, focusing on the Drug War allows us to address numerous issues in a more effective way, as part of a comprehensive plan for change.

We'll be able to address:

- Property rights and ending asset forfeiture.
- Privacy rights, and the monitoring of our bank accounts.
- Racial profiling and the targeting of African-Americans.
- Medical rights and the FDA.
- Self-ownership.
- An effective answer to the problem of violence and property crimes.
- The right to self-defense.
- Ending the rampant corruption of our police due to Drug War bribes.
- The right to work, and ending denial of professional licenses to drug arrestees.
- The economy, and the tens of billions wasted on ineffective Drug War measures.
- Foreign policy, and ending intrusions into other countries under guise of the Drug War.
- Fighting terrorism by a better use of resources

And candidates will of course be free to address whatever issues they prefer. This will be a focus, not a mandate.

## Our Weapons

What will it actually entail for the party to focus on the issue? What will people see us doing? What are some of the tactics to be used?

We'll be doing the basic things you would expect in such a campaign. We'll provide quality advertising and promotional materials, along with advertising supplements for candidates running on drug reform. We'll devote much of our campus outreach efforts to the drug war.

We'll work to combine drug policy reform initiatives with our candidate ballot drives, to qualify the initiatives (and our candidates) at less cost. Libertarian Party candidates can then run advertising in support of the initiatives at the reduced candidate rates mandated by law.

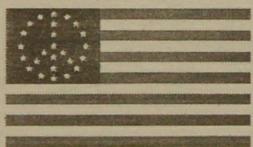
We're also working to develop model legislation that Libertarians can present to city councils to enact reform measures on the local level.

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## U.S. Congress 2002



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On Monday, January 7, **ILANA FREEDMAN** officially announced her candidacy for US Congress in the 5th Congressional District in Massachusetts. In spite of a raging snow storm, Freedman made her announcement to an enthusiastic, standing-room only crowd.

The Lowell Sun wrote, "Freedman has only been living in Billerica since 1999, but in that short time, she has gained tremendous recognition."

Freedman faces incumbent Martin Meehan, a big government, bring-back-the-bacon Democrat who ran on a term limits pledge in 1990 but broke that pledge when he ran for his 5th term in 2000.

He claims to be a champion of "campaign finance reform" but he privately boasts to his contributors that his \$2.3 million war chest discourages opposition. His constituents have had enough of this arrogance and they are ready for change.

So **ILANA FREEDMAN** is taking her Libertarian message to the people and they are responding enthusiastically!

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- encourage private sector investment in economic recovery, instead of big government programs that redistribute hard-earned income and don't work;
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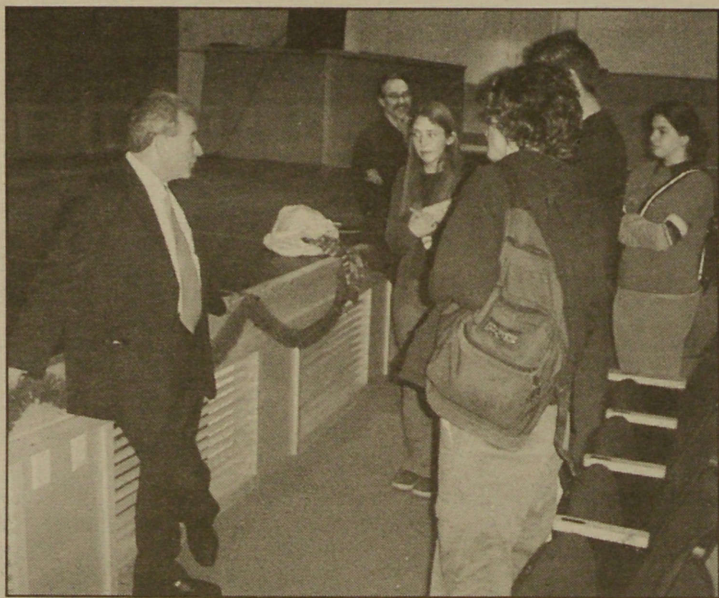
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## Thompson campaigns, earns coverage

■ Libertarian candidate for governor of Wisconsin, Ed Thompson, talks politics with students at Monona Grove High School during a campaign appearance on January 6.

Since his official campaign announcement on November 15, Thompson has earned an "incredible amount of early positive media coverage," said Adam Dick, the operations manager of the campaign.

"Thompson has received more media attention than most third party gubernatorial candidates receive through an entire election cycle," he said. "The coverage is not showing signs of letting up."

Over the past few months, the campaign was featured on Wisconsin Public Television, the *Capital Times*, radio talk show host John Sylvester's show, *wispolitics.com*, the *Baraboo News Republic*, and the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, among others.

"I know we can win this race and put a Libertarian in the governor's mansion," said Thompson, who also serves as the mayor of Tomah. "We just need to keep building on the campaign's early momentum and never let up."

## Libertarian-majority city council sworn into office in Leadville, Co.

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fice supply and art supply store, said the Libertarian majority proves that "we can do it — we can win. This will give Libertarians some experience in dealing with the wide range of issues that face [city] councilors."

With his three Libertarian allies, Swyers said he will work to restrain the budget, reduce the burden of property regulations, and repeal an ordinance that restricts fireworks.

Hill, a bookstore manager, said she was "excited" about serving with a Libertarian majority.

"If we play our cards right, we can accomplish a lot," she said. "If we do it right, I think [city residents] will come to understand they are much more libertarian than they realize."

### Very pleased

Colorado LP State Chair John Berntson said the party was "very pleased" with the election of the Libertarian majority and their formal ascension to power.

"We keep hearing a Libertarian can't win an election," he said. "How about this? Not just a single officeholder — a majority! This is a real breakthrough."

Denver Post columnist Bob Ewegen said Leadville was an appropriate town for a Libertarian majority.

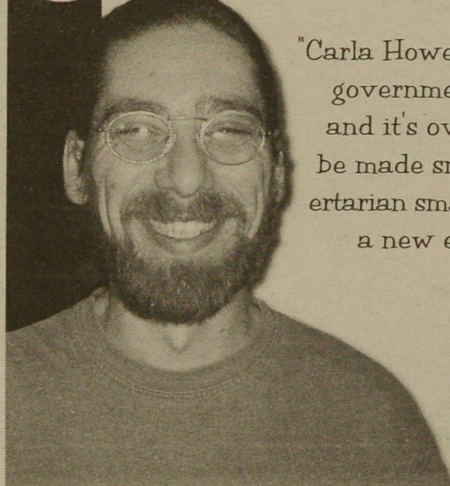
"A Libertarian Leadville is fitting

because Colorado mining towns originally reflected Libertarian principles in both their laissez faire economies and their thriving red-light districts," he wrote on November 17. "Leadville may soon provide a practical example of how to convert Libertarian poetry into real world politics."

Located at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet, Leadville is America's highest incorporated city. It has a population of about 2,800.

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# Carla Howell



"Carla Howell actually is calling the government for what it is. It's big, and it's over-sized and it needs to be made small. Carla Howell's Libertarian small government will bring a new era of open government."

— JASON GOLDSTEIN  
Libertarian Entrepreneur

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## LP joins alliance to fight regulation that restricts attorney/client privacy

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In addition, the ACLU argued that the regulation violates the Fourth Amendment and the Sixth Amendment.

"The Attorney General's actions set a terrifying precedent that threatens to remove a cornerstone of our system of checks and balances — the right to a competent legal defense," said David Fathi, ACLU staff attorney and primary author of the report.

### Legal Aid Society

Also signing on to the report were the Center for Democracy and Technology, the NAACP, the Arab American Institute, the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, the National Black Police Association, the World Organization Against Torture, the Legal Action Center, the Electronic Privacy Information Center, and the Legal Aid Society of New York.

This is not the first time the LP

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— Steve Dasbach

has joined a coalition to defend civil liberties.

In September, the LP joined a group spearheaded by the Free Congress Foundation to denounce John Walters' nomination as the new director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

And in May, the party joined about 40 organizations in signing a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill opposing a proposal to permit various governments access to private bank account records. The idea had been proposed by the international Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### Fight threats

The Libertarian Party will continue to work with other organizations to fight threats to Americans' freedoms, said Dasbach.

"Sometimes, only pressure from a large number of like-minded organizations can force the government to back down," he said. "When it comes to defending freedom, we will work with almost any organization that supports that goal."

To view the ACLU report, visit: [www.aclu.org/safeandfree/122001comments.pdf](http://www.aclu.org/safeandfree/122001comments.pdf).

## LP is #1 in House races

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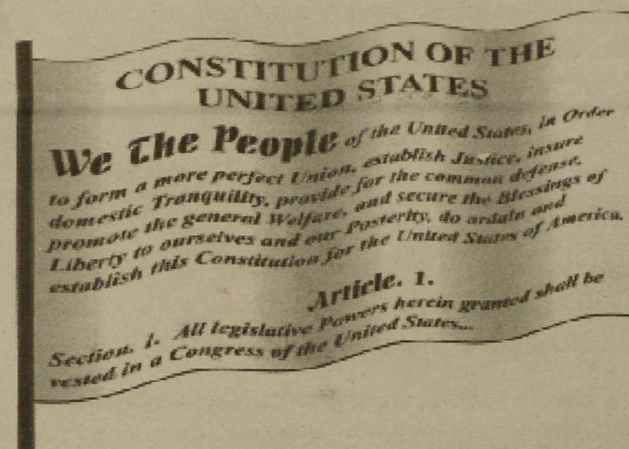
is the most successful third party of the latter half of the 20th Century."

The *Ballot Access News* study featured minor-party candidates — any candidate other than Democrat or Republican — who won the highest vote percentage for any U.S. House race in each of the 50 states, 1948-2000. Winger compiled the list by researching the election results for every U.S. House race (including special elections) over a 52-year span.

Despite the positive results of the study, Libertarians should not rest on their laurels, cautioned Dasbach.

"Now, we need to start electing Libertarians to the U.S. House," he said. "That is the real measure of success — and Libertarians shouldn't be satisfied until we achieve it."

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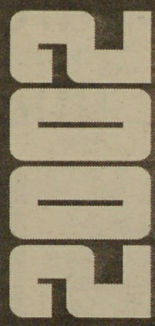
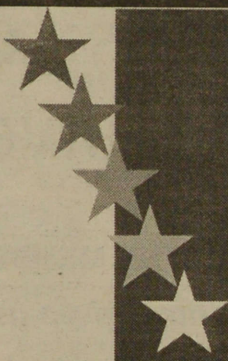
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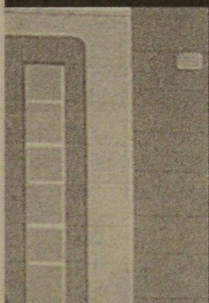
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## THE VOLUNTEER

# What it takes to be a successful leader

**E**ditor's note: What separates the energetic state affiliate from the stagnant one? The victorious campaign from the defeated one? The successful project from the "what-the-heck-went-wrong?" one? In many cases, it comes down to leadership: One or more individuals who have a vision, make a plan, and follow through.

Here is a list of 15 characteristics and behaviors shared by all successful leaders — whether in or out of the Libertarian Party.

Here is what it takes to be a successful leader:

**1. Leaders set a vision.** All organizations on the path to somewhere have a vision; a vision articulated to the stakeholders involved. Do you have a vision? When was the last time it was updated?

**2. Leaders control their attitude.** Your success in life is based more on your mental attitude than your mental capability. You make yourself with your disposition. Attitude is shown in tone of voice, facial expressions, handwriting, posture, handshake, your voice mail messages, decision making, delegating, and management style. Have you looked in the mirror lately?

**3. Leaders are tenacious.** They keep going until something stops them, and then they still keep going. Accomplishing things takes time — but people want determined leaders. When you get knocked down, do you get back up?

**5. Leaders continuously improve themselves.** You have to get better and better, or you will be left behind. You should be continuously in an improving mode. Listen to the advice of others and try to act on it. Devote ample time to learning and talk to a wide variety of people. Find

out what you need to know, and then learn it.

**6. Leaders are original.** You must set the standards for those you lead. Imagination is important. You do not follow; you have better ways of doing things. You ask: "Is it a change? Does it improve things? How can we adapt that and take it one step better?" Or do you discourage others?

**7. Leaders are publicly modest.** Secure people can be publicly modest. Insecure people are not. Leaders graciously accept nice things people have to say about them, but they don't always believe it. Leaders give and share credit more than deserved. How much credit do you give others?

**8. Leaders are decisive.** Leaders listen to their team. They ask: "How do you like to have things happen? How would you approach this? What do you think would work best here? What have you seen work in this situation?" How much time do you spend asking questions? Or do you have all the answers?

**9. Leaders are gutsy and a little wild.** Leaders take risks. They believe "No guts, no glory." How much risk are you willing to take?

**10. Leaders have a sense of humor.** They use that sense of humor. Secure people can laugh at themselves. The typical child laughs 400 times a day — but adults laugh only about 15. How much time do you spend getting people to laugh, or even smile?

**11. Leaders are competitive.** Life is a constant challenge. Leaders understand competition is a good thing for personal and professional growth because it sharpens skills and gets the blood flowing. How much time do you spend rallying your troops for

**Author Unknown**



battles? Or do you fight them all by yourself?

**12. Leaders fight for their people.** Leaders know that if you want your team to be there for you, you must back them. They recognize they get back what they give. Do you fight for or with your people?

**13. Leaders admit mistakes, but are not apologetic.** Leaders understand as long as people are involved, mistakes will happen. They seek to take corrective action, and move on. Do you admit your mistakes or are you above doing that?

**14. Leaders are straightforward.** Leaders of any size organization are busy — and hate it when people beat around the bush. Do you dance around the subject, or do you get to the point?

**15. Leaders are nice.** Leaders make tough decisions, but have a kind personality.

## 'Public awareness' tops strategic goals survey

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local, city, county, campus). (33%)

9. (Tie.) Motivate the Libertarian Party support base to increase activism by recognizing and rewarding both effort and success and by making involvement in the Libertarian Party an enjoyable, positive experience. (33%)

10. Define and codify relationships between (and expectations among) national, state, local, and campus Libertarian Party organizations. (27%)

11. Develop and implement an internal program of ideological education. (26%)

12. Track the performance of core and critical activities in state and local Libertarian Party organizations; encourage and support these organizations in creating and executing plans to improve performance. (24%)

13. Increase the commitment of those already within the Libertarian Party's support base. (23%)

14. Coordinate campaign activities within and among campaign levels. (22%)

15. Strive to achieve a left/right [ideological] balance among the Libertarian Party support base. (19%)

16. Develop an awareness that success requires adequate resources of all sorts. (16%)

During 2002, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) and the party's Washington, DC office will work to begin turning many of the

party's goals and strategies into political reality, said Dasbach.

At its December meeting, the LNC passed a \$3.3 million budget that allocated \$75,000 to begin work on creating an LP "brand" identity; \$94,000 in candidate training for LP candidates; \$200,000 to begin implementing the Drug War Strategy; \$552,000 for direct-mail prospecting to increase LP membership; \$30,000 for campus and youth outreach; and \$24,750 for enhanced affiliate party support.

"Our members have given us a strong signal about what they want the party to do in 2002," said Dasbach. "Working with our state and local affiliates and with individual LP activists, our job is to start turning these goals and strategies into reality."

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— Steve Dasbach

## Why Libertarians Fail What I Learned From My Campaign for County Office

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- ★ What is the purpose of a Libertarian campaign?  
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- ★ How do the LP Platform and the Membership Model for LP growth hinder local success?
- ★ Where is the political party part of the LP?
- ★ Are Libertarians Waiting for Godot, or have they just given up?

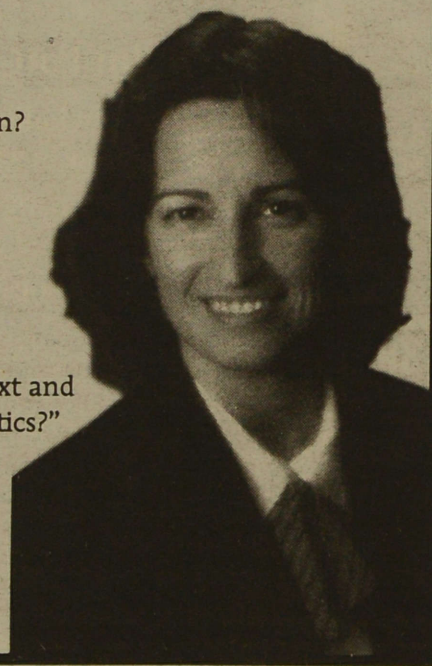
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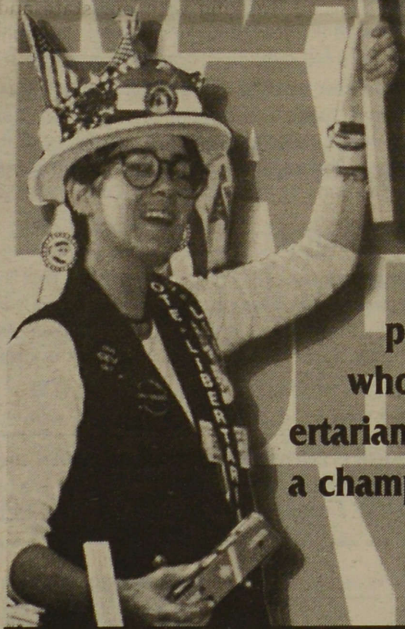
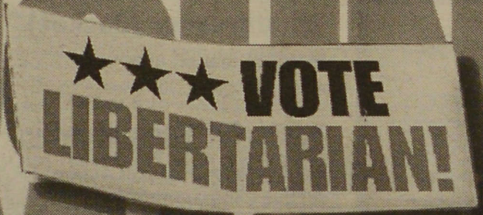


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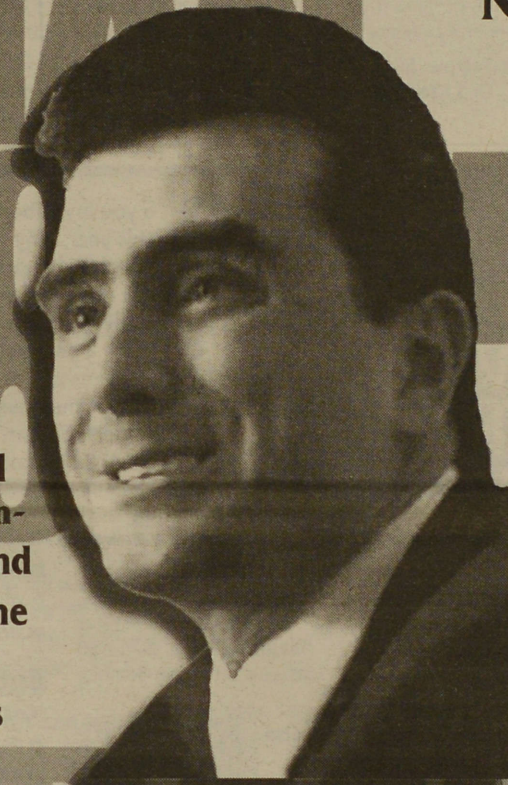
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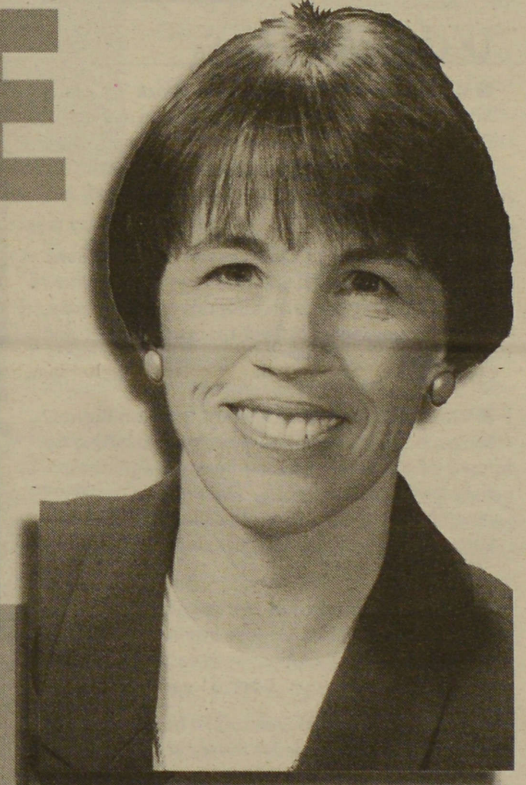
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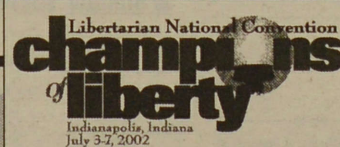
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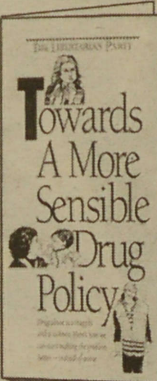
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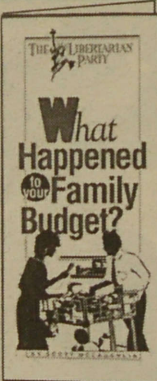
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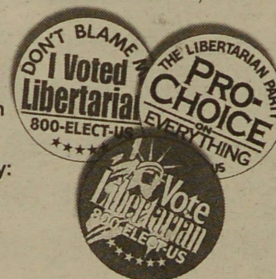
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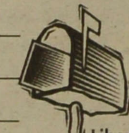
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### Birthdays, candidates, and Albanian radio

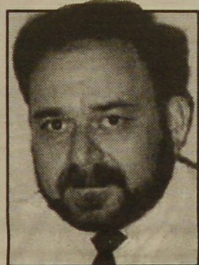
■ In Georgia, **Garrett Michael Hayes** has announced he is seeking the LP's nomination for governor. "Now, more than ever, it's time for the people of Georgia to tell Big Government, 'Enough is enough!'" he said. "That's why I'm running for governor." In New Jersey, attorney **Liz Macron** has announced that she will run for U.S. Senate in 2002. In Virginia, **Dan Carey** has announced his candidacy for Virginia Beach city council. In Texas, **Tim Turnipseed** is running for state representative in the central Lubbock County district; **Robert Restivo** is running for state representative (District 72); and **John Ensor** is running for state Senate (District 28).

■ In Indiana, **Dave Danz** has been elected the Wayne Township Director of MCANA (Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations). In Maine, **Gary Ham** has been appointed to the State Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels by Governor Angus King. The regulatory board oversees the "construction, installation, alteration, repair, use, and operation" of steam-pressurized boilers and similar machines.

■ **Media news:** The party's media contacts had a foreign flavor over the last few months: In December and January, Radio+2 in Albania, *Le Libérateur* newspaper in France, and the *People* newspaper in Mombasa, Kenya contacted the party for information. The party also scored a major TV appearance: LP Executive Director **Steve Dasbach** was a guest on CNN's *Crossfire* on December 26, to discuss airport security. "The *Crossfire* appearance was a nice, slightly late Christmas present for Libertarians," said LP Press Secretary **George Getz**.

■ In New Hampshire, four Libertarians have announced they will run for office in 2002:

**John Babiarz** (governor), **Ken Blevens** (U.S. Senate), **Dan Belforti** (U.S. House, District 1), and **Rosalie Babiarz** (U.S. House, District 2). In Alabama, **John Sophocleus** has announced his campaign for governor, while **Larry Darby** has announced he is running for attorney general. In Alabama, the LP will run its largest-ever slate in 2002, party officials announced at a press conference in Montgomery on January 7. Libertarians will run four candidates for statewide office and for "many" legislative and statewide offices. The Alabama LP won "major party" status in 2002, when its candidate for state Supreme Court won 20.3% of the vote.



■ **John Sophocleus:**  
In governor's race.

■ On the Libertarian National Committee, **Della Croft** of Pennsylvania has been named new Region 8 Alternate. (She replaces **Carl Milstead, Jr.**, who resigned.) Region 1 Alternate **Thomas Knapp** and Region 2 Alternate **Tim Wisnowsky** have also resigned. [At LP News press time, no replacements had been named.]

■ In Indiana, **Mark Schreiber** has been selected as new vice chair of the state LP, while **Rick Bowen** was elected as Chair of the newly organized Elkhart County LP. In Pennsylvania, **John Famularo** has been named state LP executive director. In Virginia, **Ken Morrison** was elected as Chair of the Prince William County LP, while **Anne Rocktashel** was named as Chair of the Loudoun County LP.

■ In New Hampshire, **Rich Tomasso** was named "Libertarian of the Year" for 2001. In Indiana, Hamilton County LP Chair **Mark Schreiber** and LaPorte County LP Chair **Greg Kelter** created a political action committee: The Libertarian Trust Fund PAC. In Illinois, **Jim Tobin** filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court for his ballot access lawsuit against the state Board of Elections. The suit alleges the board illegally kept the would-be gubernatorial candidate off the 1998 ballot.

■ In Washington, DC, the **Marijuana Policy Project (MPP)** celebrated its seventh anniversary on January 29. Also in Washington, DC, Joan Kirby has been hired as director of media relations for the Cato Institute. The "new and vastly-improved" **International Society for International Liberty (ISIL)** website is up and running at [www.ISIL.org](http://www.ISIL.org). It features a library of famous quotations, a collection of links to international libertarian organizations, and the ISIL Store.

■ In Indiana, **Rick Bowen** has formed an exploratory committee to run for Elkhart City Council in 2002. In California, four candidates have announced plans to run for State Board of Equalization in 2002: **Elizabeth Brierly**, **Bill Thomason**, **J.R. Graham**, and **Ken Weissman**. In Colorado, **Bob Glass** has withdrawn his name as a Libertarian candidate for governor. In Wisconsin, **John Sylvester**, the most popular radio talk show host in Madison, has endorsed Libertarian **Ed Thompson** for governor. In Tennessee, **Joshua Williamson** has announced plans to run for U.S. House (District 2).

## CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

# David Eisenbacher hopes second time is charm in city council race

By Jonathan Trager  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Winter 2001 marked the beginning of a new life for David Eisenbacher.

In December, Eisenbacher's wife gave birth to their first child, a healthy baby boy they named Caleb. That day, the 30-year-old Eisenbacher said he realized that "fresh starts" are an important part of life.

And come April 2002, Eisenbacher expects another fresh start as well.

That's when he hopes to be elected to a seat on the city council of Troy, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit with about 85,000 residents.

This will be the second time Eisenbacher has run for city council. In 2001, he narrowly lost his first bid for a council seat, coming a mere 391 votes shy in an election in which 20,000 votes were cast.

However, Eisenbacher said the birth of his son took the sting out of losing the race.

"I found out my wife was pregnant just two days after the election," he said. "So my disappointment was overcome by my joy of having gained a child. It helped keep my spirits up to mount another run for office."

### Taxes and spending

The city of Troy is in Oakland County — the third richest county per capita in America. Because of voters' concern over taxes and spending, Eisenbacher said Troy has typically been a Republican stronghold.

But that could change in the upcoming election, said Eisenbacher.

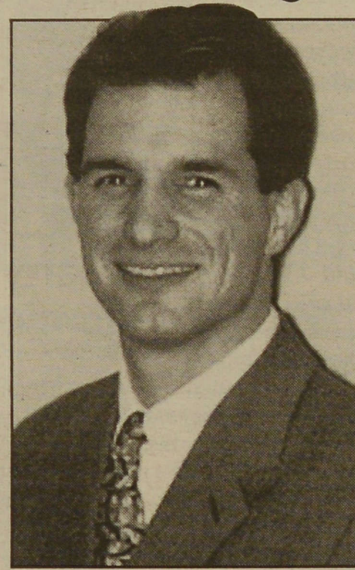
The mayor of Troy has already endorsed his candidacy, he said, as has the city's representative in the state legislature. Both are Republicans.

"The true fiscal conservatives are endorsing me because they know I'm going to follow through on my word to protect property rights," he said. "Some Republicans have a habit of getting elected and then voting like Democrats on tax issues."

If elected, Eisenbacher would be the second Libertarian on the city council. LP member Martin Howrylak was elected to the council in 2000.

In addition, Eisenbacher said there are already two libertarian-leaning Republicans serving on the seven-member body. With Eisenbacher onboard, he said Troy residents would have a city council that consistently defends the rights of property owners — something the present city council has failed to do.

For example, said Eisenbacher, the council recently enacted a wetlands ordinance that effectively prohibits



■ **David Eisenbacher:** He lost his first race for Troy, Michigan city council by just 391 votes. This year, in his second bid, "Everyone I have spoken to so far has been very supportive," he said.

property owners from building on privately owned land.

"Had I been elected to the council last year, hundreds of citizens wouldn't be facing property confiscation under this ordinance," he said.

And Eisenbacher said if he is elected to the council, he would work to significantly reduce the bureaucracy.

Specifically, Eisenbacher said he would try to repeal a pension that city council members recently voted themselves, and would work to privatize the local water park, which he said loses roughly \$100,000 per year.

Getting on the ballot won't be difficult, said Eisenbacher. A Troy city council candidate needs only about 75 signatures by January 21.

However, he said he will need to

raise about \$15,000 to win one of the two open seats on the council this time around — about \$6,000 more than he raised for the last election.

"Last time I was only running against one incumbent, and this time both of my opponents will be incumbents," he said. "It will be a challenge, but I believe I'm up to it."

To achieve his fundraising goal, Eisenbacher said he would solicit funds from the Libertarian Victory Fund (LVF), as he did in 2001.

LVF Director Chris Azzaro said his PAC would support Eisenbacher again.

"In 2001, David Eisenbacher was the Libertarian Victory Fund's first-ever targeted campaign," he said. "This year, with a bigger and stronger organization, we're ready to do whatever it takes to help boost him to victory."

### 5,000 votes

Eisenbacher said he would go door-to-door during his campaign to try to garner the roughly 5,000 votes he estimates will be necessary to win.

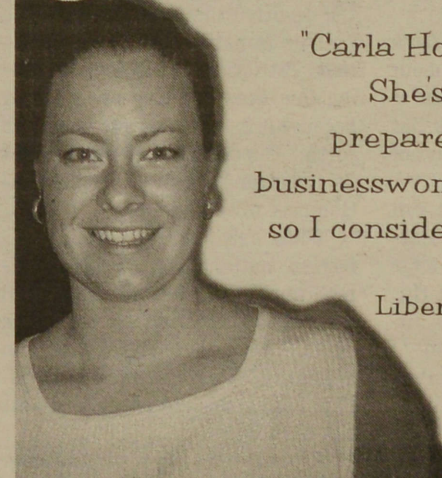
"Everyone I have spoken to so far has been very supportive of my candidacy," he said. "About nine out of 10 of the people who have signed my petition have agreed to put a yard sign for me on their lawn. They agree that new ideas and a fresh view are important, and that the current council is not always open to new ideas."

Eisenbacher joined the LP in 1998. That year, he got almost 20% of the vote running a "minimal" campaign for Oakland County commissioner against a Republican incumbent.

Professionally, Eisenbacher works as a program manager for an automotive corporation.

For more information, visit: [www.eisenbacher.org](http://www.eisenbacher.org).

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## THE FORUM

# What has the war in Afghanistan really accomplished for the U.S.?

On September 11, foreign terrorists killed several thousand people by destroying the World Trade Center and damaging the Pentagon.

Some people considered this a criminal act — not an act of war by a foreign nation. They said the U.S. government should concentrate on finding, capturing, and bringing to trial anyone connected with the attacks.

The people who wanted war said this approach was laughable. They demanded that the doves lay out a fool-proof plan that would guarantee the capture of Osama bin Laden and anyone else involved in the attacks.

Of course, no one could do that. And so the warmongers carried the day — and the U.S. went to war against Afghanistan.

Now, four months later, what has been achieved?

### Wiped out

Afghanistan has been bombed and bombed and bombed, just as many people wanted. The entire village of Kama Ado was wiped out, for example, killing 115 people. Reporters visited the remains and saw the fragments of U.S. Air Force bombs. Another bombing, at Qalaye Niazi, killed at least 50 civilians, apparently because a local anti-Taliban tribal leader, trying to intimidate local citizens,

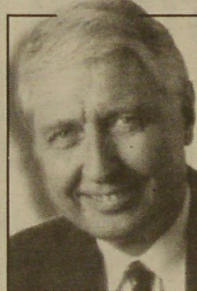
told the U.S. military that Al-Qaeda forces were there. (For some reason, these events hold little interest for the American news media.)

Throughout Afghanistan, thousands of people have died from the U.S. bombing — even though American TV news channels rarely report these deaths. No one has claimed that a single one of the dead people had anything to do with the September 11 attacks.

Hundreds of thousands of Afghans have fled their homes — trying to get into Pakistan to escape the bombing. Imagine how you'd feel if you had to leave your home and all your possessions to avoid being killed.

Tens of thousands of Afghans are starving to death — in many cases eating grass to stay alive as long as possible. Afghanistan has always been a poor country; now it is a devastated one.

Because of the destruction, Afghanistan will have to be rebuilt — at a cost of billions of dollars. And guess who's going to pay for it?



By Harry Browne

That's right — you and I.

Tens of millions of people around the world have been added to those who believe the U.S. is a big bully that tyrannizes small countries.

According to the brave warriors, all these tragedies are the necessary collateral damage that occurs in a war. After all, you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.

(Did you ever notice that the people who believe this rarely volunteer their own eggs? It's almost always someone else who must suffer the "collateral damage"?)

But where is the omelet?

Despite all the deaths and destruction, the devastation hasn't produced the capture of a single person claimed to be involved in the September 11 attacks. In fact, the only arrest so far of an actual suspect occurred in the U.S., not in Afghanistan.

### Right choice?

On September 12, America faced two choices:

Treat the attacks as a crime, recognizing the possibility that the perpetrators might never be captured.

Treat the attacks as war — and rain death and destruction on a backwards, third-world country that was powerless to fight back.

Because choice #1 couldn't guarantee the capture of those responsible for the September 11 attacks,

the bombing of Afghanistan will make would-be future terrorists think twice about attacking us.

But why should the bombing intimidate a terrorist? After all, terrorists don't care when innocent people die. And no evidence has been presented that anyone involved in the September 11 attacks has been killed by the bombings.

Certainly Osama Bin Laden has no reason to feel intimidated by the American response. After all, the September 11 attacks caused us to spend tens of billions of dollars in warfare and new security procedures, give up portions of the Bill of Rights, and delegate vast new powers to the government. What more could he want?

Lastly, has the bombing of Afghanistan at least given people the feeling they've avenged the Americans who died on September 11?

No. Revenge can be achieved only by hurting those who have hurt you — not by killing innocent bystanders.

The U.S. war on Afghanistan has produced nothing but misery.

**I DON'T KNOW about you, but I feel no pride in knowing my government has slaughtered innocent people in my name.**

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TV news clips show happy Afghans shedding their beards and veils — while providing little or no coverage of the refugee camps and villages where people are starving.

Even if we could be sure that a majority of Afghans — or even all of them — approve of what the U.S. has done, the question remains: is it the responsibility of America to replace all the world's tyrants? If so, when does the bombing of Saudi Arabia or Zimbabwe begin? And is the U.S. going to invade China to supervise its "human rights" activity?

### What to Do

We will end the terrorist threats to America only when America changes its foreign policy.

Our president must assure the world that he's repudiating the foreign policy of his predecessors — which rained bombs on countries like Serbia, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, and the Sudan — and has propped up tyrannical dictators in countries like Iran, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia — and invaded countries like Iraq, Nicaragua, Somalia, and Lebanon.

When America becomes a friend to the world, rather than a dictator, evil people will no longer be able to rally the support they need to commit evil acts against us.

When America is no longer a threat to the world, the world will no longer threaten us.

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America went to war and decimated another nation. But that choice didn't produce the capture of a single perpetrator.

And so we have nothing to show for all the death and devastation — nothing except the increased hatred of millions more people around the globe.

We're told the U.S. has simply acted in self-defense. After all, America was attacked.

But what we've seen wasn't retaliation. If you hit me and I hit you back, I'm acting in self-defense. But if you hit me and I respond by hitting your sister, that isn't self-defense — it's aggression against your sister.

The U.S. has not retaliated against the people who caused the September 11 attacks. It has attacked an innocent nation and achieved nothing for it.

And if retaliation is the right way, why is President Bush pressuring India and Israel not to retaliate for terrorist acts?

Our government says the war in Afghanistan is wiping out Al-Qaeda, so that there can be no more terrorist acts. But our government also says Al-Qaeda has members in 60 countries around the world. Does that mean there are only 59 more countries to bomb?

So long as we're bombing defenseless countries, there will be widespread resentment against the U.S. — and there will be terrorist acts against us, with or without Al-Qaeda.

It is also said that, if nothing else,

# The choice between patriotism or nationalism

Last year, my 88-year-old father went to his eternal resting place. I will miss hearing his voice and seeing his smile, because I loved him very much.

I did not love him because he was powerful. He wasn't.

I did not love him because he was wealthy. He wasn't. I didn't love him because he was generous and gentle, although he was both.

I loved him because he loved and nurtured me and because he was my father.

On September 11, our American family was viciously attacked and our sense of loss, love, and patriotism is being expressed in a degree that has not been expressed since the days of World War II.

Unfortunately, patriotism's evil twin — "nationalism" — is also being expressed with even greater force and effect. It is imperative, in this time of national danger, that the differences be clear and understood.

G.K. Chesterson once observed that Rudyard Kipling, the chief literary proponent of British imperialism, suffered from a "lack of patriotism."

Wrote Chesterson: "He admires England because she is strong, he does not love her because she is English."

In this same way many Americans admire, even revere, America because it is rich and powerful, not for the values and principles that make it great. For them, America must be "the greatest nation on earth" to justify the devotion they feel.

This is nationalism, not patriotism. Patriotism is like love of family. One does not love one's family because it is "the greatest family on earth." You don't feel that your family is better because of its domination over other families.

While patriotism is a form of affection, nationalism is a form of affectation; grounded in rivalry and defined by the nation's status in the world. Nationalism is arrogant and aggressive, by nature, whereas patriotism is tolerant and peaceful unless forced to fight.

A patriot, as any family member

By David T. Terry



may criticize or even laugh at the pretentiousness of his country. A nationalist cannot acknowledge that his country's policies are determined by fallible human beings, and sometimes those policies and their consequences are horribly wrong.

### At peace

A patriot knows that the rest of the world cannot become a mirror image of America, and the ideals of this nation cannot be cloned abroad — any more than our mountains and prairies can be. He desires to remain free and at peace with his neighbors and wants his government to be strong enough to defend itself, not strong enough to become the world's policeman.

The nationalist believes that the American ideals of "freedom and democracy" must enjoy universal approval and when they don't, it is due

to the acts of evil men. They believe it is the mission of this country to spread these ideals and impose them by force if necessary.

I am grateful my father was not a rich and powerful man, otherwise he may not have had the opportunity to be a father and teach me greatness by example. I wish my country was more like my father.

In this period of war hysteria, the angry and outraged patriot, seeing his country under attack, may succumb to the seductions of nationalism. This is the true danger to our nation and one we must vigilantly guard against.

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# Explaining the Drug War Strategy

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## Incumbent Killers

But the best weapon we have to quickly affect the tenor of debate on America's drug policy is our so-called "Spoiler Effect."

The "Spoiler Effect" exists where Libertarian candidates control more swing votes than the margin of victory between the major party candidates, or where they have the potential to control which of the two major party candidates wins through other means, such as by running attack ads against the incumbent.

We will focus our "Spoiler Effect" to attempt to remove the worst drug warriors in Congress and in state legislatures. Former Libertarian State Legislator Don Gorman has called this tactic, "the biggest stick the Libertarian Party has."

It is important not only to defeat the drug warriors, but to defeat them *because* they are drug warriors. We'll run hard-hitting negative advertising, and campaign in the incumbent's best districts. Our goal is for some of the worst drug warriors to say to their former colleagues, "I lost because of those damn Libertarian drug reformers." We'll be announcing our congressional targets in an upcoming issue of *LP News*.

Just one or two such defeats will have a significant chilling effect on pro-Drug War rhetoric. And taking out a few every election cycle for several cycles will effect a major change in the makeup of the U.S. House.

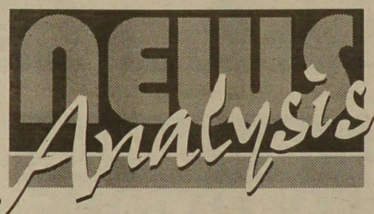
In 1916, the Prohibition Party elected just one Governor and one Congressman. This invoked enough fear that the Volstead Act (implementing alcohol prohibition) was passed in the following Congressional session. The election to a similar higher office of just one or two Libertarians could have a similar dramatic effect on the rate of reform.

## Missing element

We are the missing element in the drug reform movement's strategy. Our full participation is *vital* to the success of prohibition repeal efforts. If current elected officials were truly interested in doing the will of the people, medical marijuana — which has public approval rates of at least two-to-one in every poll taken — would already be the law of the land.

For there to be real drug policy reform, the following must happen: 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. There is no other way.

In addition to providing the fear factor of losing their re-election chances over the Drug War issue, we



can provide positive reinforcement as well, by demonstrating that candidates can get elected and re-elected, even though strongly associated with drug reform.

Can all these factors converge by 2010 to achieve the repeal of drug prohibition at the federal level? We'll have to try the strategy to find out.

Only once since the founding of this country has a new party (the Republicans) succeeded in replacing an old major party (the Whigs). And this happened because of the slavery issue — an issue that was so big, so emotional, and so difficult for the major parties to deal with that it created an opening for a new party.

The Drug War is finally being seen for what it is — a cruel vendetta against people whose only crime is to relieve their physical and emotional suffering. By focusing on the Drug War, we can change our image of being "out-of-touch" to one of common sense and compassion.

For 30 years our candidates have paid the principled price for this just-now-changing climate of public opinion. They bought it with their dollars, blood, sweat, time, and tears.

Now, for the first time, the possibility of a major breakthrough on one of our issues is in sight.

Would you like to help the Liber-

tarian Party in its efforts to stop the drug war? Go to [www.LP.org/issues/drug-war-task-force.html](http://www.LP.org/issues/drug-war-task-force.html) and sign up for alerts and action items. You can also download a complete copy of the Drug War Focus Strategic Plan.

Got questions about the strategy? Contact Libertarian Party Political Director Ron Crickenberger at: E-mail, [RonCrickenberger@hq.LP.org](mailto:RonCrickenberger@hq.LP.org).

■ **Author's Note:** Thanks to Dan Fylstra, Jim Turney, and Dan Karlan for some of the text in this article. For the complete text of the LP's Strategic Plan, visit: [www.dehnbases.org/lpus/library/spt/](http://www.dehnbases.org/lpus/library/spt/).

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## THE CHAIR

# Making party activism more positive and fun

From the Strategic Planning Team report: Strategy 20: "Motivate the Libertarian Party support base to increase activism by recognizing and rewarding both effort and success and by making involvement in the Libertarian Party an enjoyable, positive experience."

In Strategic Planning Team meetings last year, the point was made repeatedly: We should strive to make participation in LP activities a more pleasant experience, and we must do a better job of recognizing and rewarding the efforts and successes of our members.

As part of the implementation of the strategic plan, I accepted responsibility for championing this strategy. Thus, allow me to offer some simple suggestions as to how we can help make involvement in the LP an enjoyable, positive experience.

**■ Improve the treatment of activists within the organization.** At the risk of sounding remarkably trite, it is very important to treat our LP colleagues with courtesy and respect. Since many Libertarians are politically active out of a sense of duty rather than enjoyment of political activity, it usually doesn't take much to cause those Libertarians to discontinue their political efforts.

I know of several examples where poor treatment at the hands of colleagues led LP members to cease their efforts or leave the LP. While such incidents seem to occur less frequently as time goes by, such poor treatment occurs often enough to be a substantial problem.

Fortunately, improving the treatment of activists is easy; in many cases, it is as simple as showing basic courtesy by thanking people for their efforts, or by not berating them in public. I spend a nontrivial fraction of my time as chairman thanking people for their work for liberty because (1) I am genuinely grateful for their work, and (2) activists who feel underappreciated frequently become ex-activists. Those I contact seem genuinely pleased that their work has been recognized.

Another way to make activists feel more appreciated is to establish a program of awards and rewards. In my experience, most people find the acclaim of their peers to be deeply satisfying. Moreover, some people are more likely to take action when they know their work will be recognized. For example, the Advocates for Self-Government has generated additional activism with its "Lights of Liberty" awards.

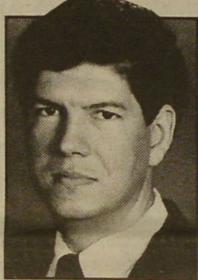
Specific ways of rewarding LP activists include establishment of a "Hall of Fame," determining an "Activist of the Month" and "Activist of the Year," holding special receptions/meals for certain classes of activists (e.g., candidates, campaign staff), and awarding "Life Member" status based upon outstanding accomplishments. Such awards should be heralded in the organization's newsletter. In addition, state parties may wish to establish a "local organization of the year" award to recognize outstanding groups.

**■ Share information about your successes.** As the saying goes, "Nothing succeeds like success." In my opinion, Libertarian activists frequently suffer burnout because they invest enormous amounts of money and effort without seeing tangible signs of success. One way to help counteract that problem is to help members learn about our successes. To do so, activists should endeavor to ensure their successes are reported in some manner. In addition, wider circulation of information about our successes should encourage members to duplicate those successes in other localities.

Unfortunately, many victories we win go unreported outside the area in which those victories were achieved. For example, during a luncheon in late December with several Libertarian activists in Columbia, South Carolina, I learned that two attendees had managed to keep a considerable amount of acreage in their county out of the clutches of zoning. As it turned out, many South Carolina activists at the luncheon were also unaware of this victory.

**■ Hold more social functions.** Many Libertarian organizations undervalue the worth of social functions. In groups with which I have been associated, we have sponsored social functions to make newcomers feel welcome, reward people for their hard work, and provide the opportunity for members to enjoy the company of their colleagues. My experience is that such functions help build team spirit and make it easier for newcomers to become involved.

Making participation in the LP an enjoyable experience is my favorite type of strategy: low risk, high reward. Let's make it happen now.



By James W. Lark

LP NATIONAL CHAIR

# Moving schools in a free-market direction with four fast reforms

**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

The report card is in — and government schools are failing miserably.

According to the government's own 2000 National Assessment of Education Progress report, only 30% of students are proficient in science at their grade level, while about one of four high school graduates are functionally illiterate.

By themselves, these statistics are disconcerting. But they are downright alarming considering that the "dumbing down" of the educational system has occurred while government funding of education has skyrocketed.

Since the inception of the Department of Education in 1980, more than \$550 billion has been routed through the federal bureaucracy. And according to the National Center for Education Statistics, per pupil expenditure at all levels has nearly tripled — from almost \$2,300 to almost \$6,700 — during that same time period.

Yet standardized test scores have not increased proportionately. In fact, the average SAT score has declined dramatically — almost 100 points — since the federal government got heavily involved in education in the 1960s.

## What's wrong?

So what's wrong with American education?

One way to understand the issue is to think of education as a product. In this case, schools are the suppliers, and students and parents are the consumers.

When individual consumers aren't satisfied with a product in a free market, they no longer patronize that particular supplier. Consequently, a private education market would use competition amongst schools to drive down prices and spur constant innovation, thus benefiting students and parents.

On the other hand, when individual consumers aren't satisfied with a government product, they have no choice but to keep paying for it. In fact, the worst performing government schools often receive more funding, thus providing a perverse incentive for continued failure.

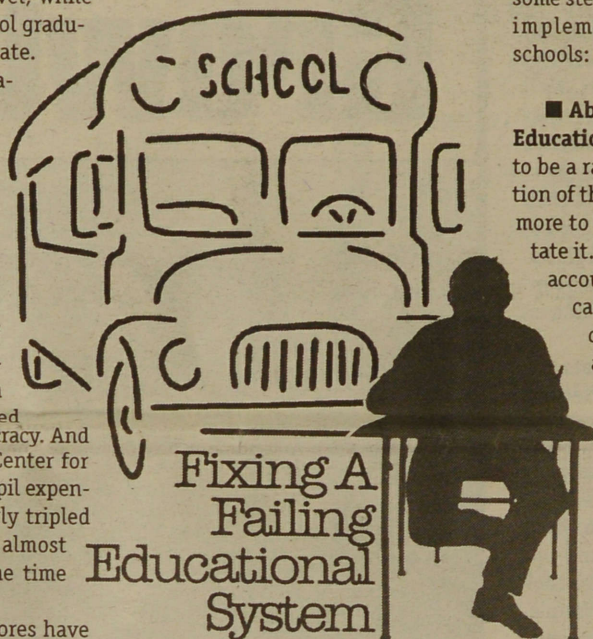
At one time the Republican Party seemed to understand this, and advocated abolishing the Department of Education.

But now that George W. Bush is

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president, the GOP loves the idea of a growing federal education bureaucracy. In December, a bipartisan Congress overwhelmingly passed a plan that greatly expands the role of the federal government in the academic realm.

Specifically, the bill allocates \$26.5 billion in 2002 for education — a whopping 40% increase over funding for the 2001 fiscal year.



However, more money does not necessarily translate into more learning. The state of Iowa has the top performing public schools in the nation, but ranks 32 out of the 50 states in per-pupil expenditures, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council.

At the other end of the spectrum is the District of Columbia, which has the second-worst performing schools in the country (next to Louisiana), yet is fifth in per-pupil spending.

And remember how Bush campaigned on instituting a voucher pro-

gram? That one quasi-free market provision in his plan seems to have gone the route of the dodo bird, having been stripped away by Congress at the behest of the teachers' unions.

The only significant "reform" in the bill is the imposition of federal testing standards, which drive educational accountability upward instead of toward the grassroots level. Now, federal politicians and bureaucrats will be responsible for the educational progress of children — instead of parents.

Instead of the Bush bill — which gets an "F" when it comes to positive education reform — here are some steps that could be immediately implemented to transform our schools:

**■ Abolish the Department of Education.** Although this may appear to be a radical idea, careful examination of the DOE shows the agency does more to hamper learning than facilitate it. The federal government only accounts for about 6% of all education spending — but it accounts for about one-third of all regulations.

The most expensive program the Department of Education administers is Title I, which costs \$10 billion annually. Essentially a welfare program, Title I subsidizes underachieving schools at the expense of better ones, and is long overdue for elimination.

In addition, the DOE inspector general admitted to Congress in April 2001 that during the last three years of the Clinton Administration, the DOE "misplaced" as much as \$450 million. Getting rid of the DOE would help eliminate the waste and fraud inherent in every federal bureaucracy.

**■ Eliminate state restrictions on non-governmental schools.** "Alternative" educational institutions — such as private religious schools, charter schools, magnet schools, and even home schools — are not owned and operated by the government, but are burdened with bureaucratic red tape just the same.

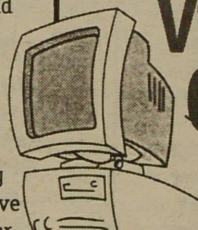
Such regulations range from how many teaching hours are required and which subjects must be covered, all the way to requirements that private schools must serve hot lunches to be "accredited" by the state.

Yet, according to the Digest of Educational Statistics, private schools still cost 35% less than government schools. Greater increase in flexibility for non-governmental schools could mean even lower prices.

And eliminating the myriad education regulations created by state bureaucrats could result in a further flowering of the variety of private schools available to students and parents.

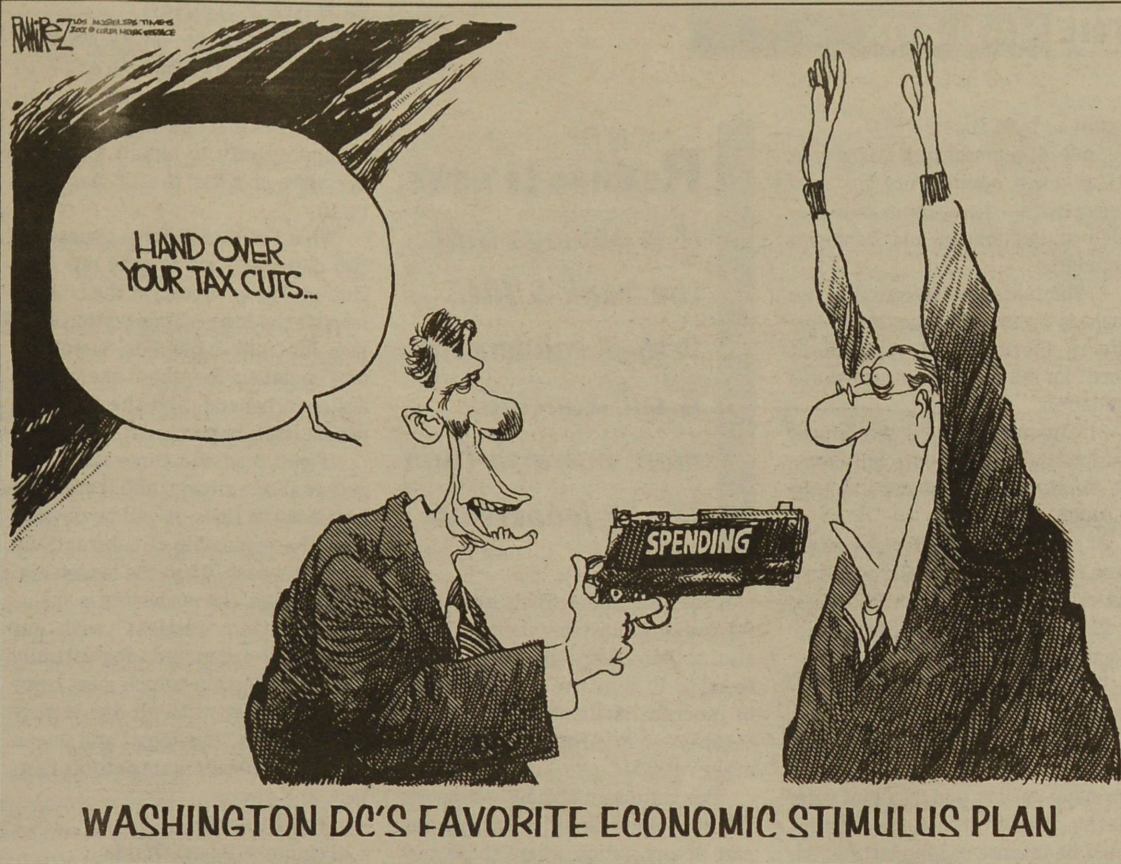
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## THE MAILBOX

### ■ A rhetorical point

Are there any reasonable moderates left in the Libertarian Party or were they all killed on 9-11?

We have a very vocal faction of pacifists who apparently believe that even the most measured military response to the atrocities in New York and Washington are some kind of fascist plot to destroy the Bill of Rights. This, in spite of the fact that the sole reason for the existence of the federal government is to protect the lives and liberties of American citizens from acts of criminal violence.

There is also another faction that would repudiate fundamental libertarian principles rather than offend the sensibilities of nationalists and war mongers.

In my opinion, the editorial ("How not to sound like Saddam Hussein," From the Editor, January 2002) is a low point in journalistic political correctness. Since when should Libertarians shy away from the truth, because a non-libertarian may not approve?

I will concede that there are more and less confrontational and abrasive means to present our message, but the message must not be diluted out of fear that no one will listen. Contrary to your inference, it is not our job to make others listen. We simply don't have the power to do that.

The fact is, most people become receptive to our ideas the more they hear them. If the libertarian message is "homogenized, pasteurized" and packaged like those of the major parties, how will anyone ever be aware there is a difference?

It is not that libertarians are "spouting" the rhetoric of Iran or Iraq, but that they are utilizing our

rhetoric in the same way a mobster might use the Fifth Amendment protection against self incrimination.

Are we to reject the Bill of Rights, because the guilty are protected as well as the innocent? There is nothing wrong with the Bill of Rights and there is nothing wrong with our rhetoric.

— DAVID T. TERRY  
McMinnville, Oregon

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### ■ Fresh air

I really enjoyed reading the [From the Editor column] in the January issue comparing libertarian rhetoric to Iraqi and Iranian commentary.

It was a breath of fresh air.  
— JOSH CORN  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

### ■ Loud actions

[In the "From the Editor" column], you say you don't like "flaming rhetoric," but you put ax lady Carla Howell's campaign against the Massachusetts income tax on the front page of the *LP News*.

Thankfully, your actions speak louder than your words.

— CHARLIE KENNEDY  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### ■ Right on target

I have read Dave Walter's article in the Forum, January 2002 issue of *LP News*.

In my opinion, it was right on target! We need to concentrate on getting our people in office, wherever we can, whenever we can.

Why waste buckets of money in a futile effort to win the presidency, when the same money, spent on local races, would give us far better visibility and a far better platform from which to publicize our beliefs and platform?

— JAMES E. GOSS  
Roswell, New Mexico

### ■ Wrong strategy

I share Dave Walter's frustration, but I'm not enthusiastic about the strategy he recommends. I would much prefer that the Libertarian Party lead a movement, state by state, to do away with federal popular elections entirely.

Imagine each state's electors being appointed by its legislature, with or without guidance by popular vote.

Then, instead of trying to buy votes via expensive campaigns, candidates would communicate directly (and cheaply) with the electors, who later would vote in accordance with the 12th Amendment.

Voila — a simple, inexpensive election process that:

1) Provides candidates representing the LP and other minor parties  
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## THE PULSE

### Not a signature issue

Libertarians agree that America's Drug War is a disaster and must be stopped. But should the LP make ending the Drug War its "signature issue?"

The response of 60.5% of respondents to this month's unscientific Pulse survey: Not right now.

Their reasoning: Most Americans do not support ending the Drug War completely, and elevating the issue to primary status could hurt the credibility of Libertarian candidates. Libertarians should not run away from the Drug War issue, most said, but the party should focus on issues that have less potential to alienate voters.

By contrast, 31.6% of respondents argued that since the Drug War directly endangers so many Americans, it is crucial for Libertarians to make ending it the top priority. Also, they said, the Drug War is the issue where Libertarians stand in starkest contrast to Democrats and Republicans.

Nevertheless, most of the "Just Say Yes" to the drug war strategy supporters said the LP should emphasize the practical benefits of ending the war — not the right of people to shoot heroin.

Another 7.9% gave an ambiguous answer, or did not specifically answer the question.

Here is a representative sampling of the responses:

■ No. Ending the drug war is my highest priority, but if you come across to voters as a one-issue party, you'll only appeal to one-issue voters. If you're going to run my country, you need to be able to handle all the issues that come up that affect a nation.

— M. BRUCE WATERS, Boulder, Colorado

■ No! Politics is the art of the possible. The public thinks we are eccentric enough without our pushing an issue that is not a clear political winner. We need to adopt as "signature issues" only those political positions that will "clearly benefit the majority of voters" if we are to outgrow our invisibility.

— RICK NEWHOUSE, Garden Grove, California

■ Yes. Of the goals and strategies given for consideration, the only one that "moves public policy in a libertarian direction" directly is ending the drug war. Remove this last good one and the Libertarian Party is reduced to a glorified debating society. I say keep the strategy.

— LUKE BRYAN, Laurel, Maryland

■ No. Even if the LP were to adopt the drug war as a signature issue, does anyone honestly think the LP would gain credit for ending the drug war? Prop. 215 [legalizing medical marijuana] in California was passed mostly because of individual LP members, yet the LP didn't gain credit for passing Prop. 215. Our focus as a party should not be on a specific signature issue from our platform.

— AARON BITERMAN, Beverly, Massachusetts

■ Yes. We must deal with this issue sooner or later. We may as well attack it head on now. That way we can get credit for leading the charge rather than following the crowd. Besides, individual LP candidates in individual situations can choose to distance themselves from the official LP position; it happens now sometimes with abortion.

— RICH MORONEY, Davenport, Iowa

■ No. Libertarians should concentrate on medical marijuana and reforming mandatory minimums, since these issues resonate well with the public. Most people favor medical marijuana and a good number are open to reforming mandatory minimums, but still don't want all drugs legalized. Pushing for total drug legalization right now will hurt our chances of getting Libertarians elected to office.

— KRIS CUDNOHOSKI, Green Bay, Wisconsin

■ No. Focusing on the War on Drugs as a signature issue is an absurd idea and a total waste of \$200,000. If we are to focus on a signature issue, it should be abolishing the income tax and dismantling the IRS.

— ROBERT MAYNARD, Williston, Vermont

■ Yes. I was a Democrat at one time, until I realized that the war on drugs runs counter to both the laws of supply and demand as well as the Bill of Rights. This issue will attract support from young voters and independents who consider the Democrats to be the lesser evil.

— ALEXANDER SMALL, Goleta, California

■ Yes, it should be a signature issue. The War on Drugs is the Republican's biggest screw-up, ruining millions of lives in too many ways to discuss in a sound bite. Fixing that problem would put the LP on the political map in a big and very positive way.

— JERRY RIVARD, Stratford, Connecticut

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■ Absolutely not. This issue does not affect the majority of Americans. The party needs to emphasize something that the larger majority of the public agree on. That one big issue should be privatization. There's hundreds of examples of the government's inability to run a business that we can use to show that privatizing government-run services can positively affect every citizen.

— KEVIN KURZAWA, Westminster, Colorado

■ No. Attempting to change laws before our views are widely understood and popular would be a mistake. The LP goal should be more community outreach and (positive) media attention.

— KARLA SANGER, Seattle, Washington

■ Yes. 800,000 of our neighbors in prison for narcotics possession is a major human rights disaster, and an economic drain.

— MIKE STONE, Danbury, Connecticut

■ No. Although the War on Drugs is the worst domestic disaster in history, the American people are not ready for a complete end to all drug prohibition yet. We should work with the Greens to end the war on cannabis first, and make that a signature issue. First battles first.

— JAMES MAYNARD, Keene, New Hampshire

■ Maybe. Ending The War On Drugs should become an LP signature issue only after polling data indicate a substantial shift in the opinion of the masses.

— HYMAN CRIPPEN, Huntington Beach, California

■ No. Ending the War on Drugs is a good idea but it shouldn't be our signature issue. If the Libertarian Party wants a signature issue it should be this: Repeal the 16th Amendment. This is the only single issue which will shrink our government to constitutional size.

— MICHAEL COOK, Sterling, Virginia

## April Question: Party Slogan?

**C**alling all creative Libertarians! As part of the new strategic plan adopted by the Libertarian National Committee, the LP will begin the process of researching and building a "brand identity" for the party. If things go well, that brand identity will eventually come to represent the public image of the party; in short, what voters think when they hear our name. The "brand" will have many aspects: Which issues we stress. What arguments we use. What our advertising says and looks like. What personal traits we want voters to associate with Libertarians. And, perhaps, what pithy "slogan" decorates our brochures, newspaper, advertisements, and other outreach material. That's where you come in. Right now, the unofficial slogan of the LP is "The Party of Principle." Should we stick with it? Or is it time for a new slogan that better sums up what we stand for, who we are, what we offer . . . and better "markets" the party to voters? If so, what should that new slogan be?

■ **QUESTION:** What should the Libertarian Party adopt as its official slogan? And why? (Keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** March 8, 2002

## March Question: Platform Changes?

**T**here's a National Convention coming up (July 3-7, 2002, in Indianapolis, Indiana) — and that means platform debate. 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 Rights" 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 — such as the proper response to terrorist attacks and American foreign policy. Whatever the issue, the debate will be *crucial* because the delegates' decisions become the "official" position of the party. 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

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(or, indeed, representing no party at all) as much opportunity to "sell" themselves to the electors as is provided to Republican and Democrat candidates.

2) Eliminates voting controversies (such as occurred in the 2000 election in Florida) and consequent "need" for federal election reform and regulation.

3) Eliminates any possibility of winning the popular vote but losing the election (as experienced by Gore in 2000).

Of course, what I advocate might often force selection of the president and vice president by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, respectively; but that's OK.

Would voters resent disfranchisement?

Certainly many would, for awhile. But given the choices offered by the two major parties, and resultant voter apathy, I don't think resentment would be intense or long lasting. After all, few resent being unable to vote for supreme court justices; so I don't think federal elections would even be missed for long.

And doing away with seemingly endless, expensive campaigns should garner far more support for than opposition to elimination of federal elections.

— MICHAEL J. GONSIOR  
Cody, Wyoming

### Where's Rush?

Re: The January Pulse: What, nobody wants to hear Rush Limbaugh at the LP convention? Nobody wants the publicity and creative tension?

— ANDREW LOHR  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

### Forceful action?

Your January 2002 "Political News" article about my campaign for LNC Secretary mischaracterized my opposition to the October LNC resolution, leaving the impression I was opposed to a resolution you described as "supporting 'appropriate and measured' action" against the September 11 terrorists.

In fact, I wrote in my press release, the only source of information that you used: "The Libertarian National Committee recently violated the Libertarian Party Principles and Platform by supporting an unconstitutional war."

I am protesting that the LNC voted to support the U.S. government taking "forceful action against terrorists." Its resolution said: "Such criminals must be rooted out and destroyed before more innocent people die. Their training camps and weapons

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must be eliminated. Their supply infrastructure must be shattered." It also noted: "Every precaution must be taken to minimize injury or death to innocent civilians and non-combatants — in Afghanistan and in other nations."

This statement obviously supports the U.S. government bombing any part of any nation where those suspected of terrorist connections or intent are living, working or passing through — and without a Constitutional declaration of war, which our platform clearly calls for.

That the LNC claims the Libertarian Party supports this massively interventionist policy undermines our claim to be a party committed to protecting America through non-intervention.

Also, to correct another error, as my press release said, I was chair of the Libertarian Party of DC from 2000-2001, not 1999-2001.

Finally, the correct URL for the Secretary campaign section of my website: is [www.carolmoore.net/4secretary](http://www.carolmoore.net/4secretary).

— CAROL MOORE  
Washington, DC

■ **Editor's Note:** The resolution passed by the Libertarian National Committee called for an "appropriate and measured" response "against the perpetrators responsible for the [September 11] terrorist attacks." It also noted: "If military action against the government of Afghanistan is indeed appropriate, then the U.S. Congress should establish this by debating and passing an official declaration of war."

### More hawkish

Due to a snafu, my LP News for October, November, and December all arrived together in the mail of December 24th. Not a problem; rather, an opportunity to obtain a broader overview of what the LP has been up to.

What I've read in three issues over two days leads me to only one conclusion: The good folks at the LP News haven't the foggiest conception as to how our "rank & file, 9-to-5, work-a-day" members feel about the various issues in general, and the 9-11 terrorism issue in particular.

If you read the three issues together at one sitting, and if you read between the lines, it will be obvious that the readership is substantially more "hawkish" than the leadership.

Moreover, the readership is apparently getting "restless" with our theoretical-orientated, dogmatically correct leadership, which must come to realize that, with all due respect to libertarian "theology," and Queen Ayn, party members are patriots first, last, and always.

— FRED BLUESTONE  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

### Blame America?

I have always been a Libertarian; of course, I did not know I was one until someone pointed out that my views were very libertarian.

It was an eye opener to discover that others espoused the same "radical" (*sarcasm*) ideas as I. I wasted no time in becoming an official card carrying member of the Libertarian Party.

However, since the September 11 attacks on U.S. soil, I have taken umbrage with the Libertarian Party's willingness to join in with the coward-like "blame America" crowd. Military might is always acceptable when it entails self defense.

The United States is hated not because of our foreign policies — our foreign policy is basically to aid our "allies" when they are in need, such as Israel, the only "true" ally the United States has — the United States is hated because of the very principles that the Libertarian Party prescribes, principles that have created the most powerful, productive, innovative and wealthy nation the world has and will ever see.

Anyone who is not willing to de-  
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fend these values has no values, and they cannot call themselves a Libertarian.

— **MARK SPINELLI**  
Chicago, Illinois

### Who's to blame?

I do not think our country is responsible for the 9-11 terrorist attacks, and I believe that the Libertarian Party does not think so either.

Suggesting that the U.S.A. is more likely to be the target of terrorists when the federal government practices an interventionist foreign policy is not a claim that the U.S. is responsible for terrorist attacks. Furthermore, it is not a claim that an interventionist U.S. foreign policy is the only reason for the murderous decisions of terrorists.

In much the same way, if someone suggests that if I walk through a dangerous part of town, I am more likely to be mugged, he is not claiming that I am responsible for the actions of the mugger. Furthermore, it is not a claim that my walking through the bad neighborhood would be the only reason for a criminal attack on me.

However, choices — in foreign policy by the U.S. federal government

and in walking routes by me — can create predictable dangers. Pointing out those dangers is worth doing so that we may evaluate the costs and benefits of different choices.

— **ALAN F. BARKSDALE**  
Huntsville, Alabama

### Primary function

Kudos to Joey King ("Pacifist Apology," The MailBox, December 2001). Defense of its citizens is not just a legitimate function of government, it is its primary function.

Regardless of how disgruntled someone may be with U.S. foreign policy, terrorism is an unacceptable and punishable response; they will have to find some other way to make their case. And if they can't make their case without terrorism, maybe they don't have one.

I, too, am dismayed by recent pacifist statements by Browne, Dasbach, et al. They revealed muddled thinking, avoidance of relevant facts, a misunderstanding of history and a lack of common sense, instead of the cold logic I have come to expect from Libertarians.

Yes, the U.S. has made foreign policy mistakes (the preceding administration having provided the most recent examples), but so has

every other nation.

While we don't need to get involved in every little dust up in the world, we are nevertheless obligated to be involved in those situations that could adversely affect the short-term and long-term well-being of our citizens. All adult nations expect other adult nations to do that; if a few less-evolved fringe radicals are offended by that, so be it.

— **GENE STOVER**  
Porterville, California

### Short-sighted

I was astounded to read in the *LP News* [December 2001] that the New Mexico Libertarian Party would not support Russell Means because he was not running officially as a Libertarian. I thought we were the Party of Principle!

If Means espouses libertarian principles, then he should be supported. It is not much different than the New Hampshire representatives who ran under dual tickets.

If we believed in short-sighted power politics we would stay Demopublicans.

— **MITCH OLINGER**  
Hartville, South Carolina

### Pet peeves

As Libertarians, we often focus on the really "big" issues, like gun control, drug legalization, taxation-as-theft, etc. But there are a lot of

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"little" acts of intrusion that we experience on a regular basis which often go unnoticed, but which should annoy us enough to reaffirm our (sometimes flagging) commitment to freedom.

These are a few of my Libertarian Pet Peeves:

1. Why do we now have to give our fingerprints when we attempt to cash a check? This bugs the hell out of me! Since when did financial institutions assume the prerogatives of law enforcement agencies?

When I asked the teller why I had to supply my thumb print, she just shrugged and said, "I don't know; but don't worry, the bank never does anything with them."

Yeah right, when have I heard that before! Why am I treated like a com-

mon criminal in order to lay my hands on my own hard-earned cash? And if you don't trust that I'm not defrauding you, why accept checks in the first place?

2. Why do I have to pay the state \$25 for a plastic card that identifies me as who I am? I know who I am. My momma knows who I am. My friends and colleagues know who I am. Not only do we have to pay the state, but it makes us wait in line for an hour before paying it? Excuse me, but does anyone else see a problem here?

3. Why are there so many little "fees" applied to my utilities bills that I've never heard of? Why can't I seem to get any good answer as to what exactly they're for?

4. Why is it that "lifetime" warranties usually last only about three years? I'm not a lawyer or anything, but isn't this kind of a breach of contract or misrepresentation or something? Isn't fraud a form of force?

5. Why did the FCC (if not them, then some government agency did it, I'm sure) ban the movie *Lolita* — which is drawn from classical literature — but allows movies like *Baby Boy* and *Belly*, which, in my opinion, have no plot and even worse subject matter? Why can't we create and listen to the kind of art we're willing to pay for? Why is the state always trying to be a father figure to us?

Every time I think about these sorts of things, it makes me want to continue to be a libertarian, even despite the fact that I sometimes question the validity of libertarian philosophy and personalities.

The more I think of these realities, the more I'm convinced that Libertarianism is the only political system that respects human dignity and freedom.

— **ERIC BRYANT**  
Austin, Texas

### Why stop with Israel?

While I agree with Brian Lerohl [The MailBox, January 2002] that foreign aid is a losing proposition for the U.S., why stop it just for Israel? How about our aid to Egypt and to the Palestinians?

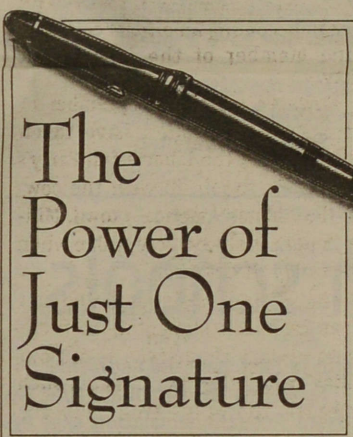
His assertion that it was our aid to Israel that cost us so much on September 11 is just not true. Bin Laden himself has said that it was our meddling in Iraq and Saudi Arabia that brought on the attacks.

It is wrong to blame Israel for killing "rock-throwing Palestinians."

It's not the rocks; it's the suicide bombers that kill Israeli civilians. The one thing we agree government should do is to protect its citizens.

If we use the Israeli government's response to Palestinian terrorism as justification to stop aid to Israel, we should use Palestinian terrorism to justify stopping aid to them.

Even if we don't stop aid to  
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## THE MAILBOX

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Israel, we should stop it to the Palestinians.

— MARTIN COHEN  
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania

### ■ Anti-Israelites

I have become concerned about some of the letters and columns in the *LP News*.

When I joined the Libertarian Party, it was my understanding that the LP opposed foreign aid. I thought this position was merely one piece of a consistent philosophy that people should not be forced to pay for something they don't want, regardless of whether that something was a pyramid scheme retirement plan, incarceration of people whose sole crime is using a non-preferred drug, or assisting a foreign government.

More and more, however, it seems that the LP position (and that of its members) is simply anti-Israel.

Let's see. "Occupied Palestinian territories . . . have felt the brutal, cold-blooded hand of the U.S. Government." " . . . [A]id and abet the murder of Palestinians." Silly me, I thought we considered self-defense legitimate.

I'm sure the anti-Israelites have many sound reasons for excusing Mr. Arafat from adhering to even the most basic parts of the treaties he's signed, while at the same time demanding that Israel refrain from any act of self-defense.

But I digress from my question. If the LP position is that a "world po-

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liceman" foreign policy has an unavoidable side effect of making the U.S. a target, so be it.

If the LP position is that one country where Jews don't encounter anti-Semitism is one too many, then I want out. Which is it?

— LEONARD A. EPSTEIN  
Derry, New Hampshire

■ **Editor's Note:** Letters in *LP News* reflect only the views of the individual letter-writers. The Libertarian Party is not "anti-Israel."

### ■ Arming passengers

There has been an idea floating around the outer limits of the libertarian movement that has great potential to discredit our cause, and stems from a lack of thought. I'm referring to the "armed passenger" strategy for airline security.

Granted, in a pure anarcho-capi-

talist, or even a strict minarchy, airlines and airports would have the legal right to allow armed passengers. There are only two problems with this policy. No airline or airport would be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, and very few passengers would want to fly on such a plane. The reason should be obvious. It's absurdly dangerous.

Think about it for a minute. Modern airplanes cruise at high elevation, where the air is too thin to support human life.

Imagine what could happen if a vigilante, perhaps some paranoid crackpot, were allowed to carry a large caliber gun on the plane — capable of accidentally hitting the pilot or puncturing the thin aluminum of the aircraft. That sucking sound would be the air leaving the plane, and people would be scrambling for the oxygen mask instead of trying to be heroes.

What if the terrorists have more guns or skill than the passengers, and win the shootout? Remember, the aggressors may be suicidal.

Congressman Ron Paul's proposal — made pre-September 11 — would allow airline pilots to be armed. In addition, we should adopt a few pages from the El Al Airline security policy, which has resulted in zero hijackings in over three decades. Observe and screen the passengers, and have armed security on board. It only costs them \$90 million a year.

It's time to start thinking in terms of emphasizing policies which can work, and have a greater than zero chance of being adopted by Americans in the 21st century.

— KEVIN BJORNSSON  
Seattle, Washington

# Fixing America's broken schools

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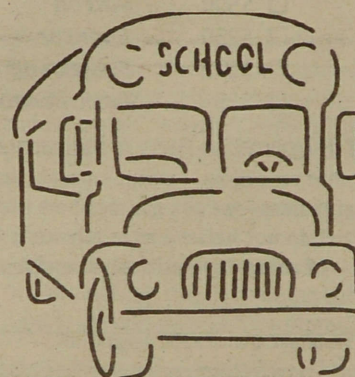
■ **Enact fundamental tax reform.** Serious tax reform would permit parents to buy the best education for their child directly — instead of having to go through government bureaucrats.

One proposal popular amongst many Libertarians is the "universal education tax credit." Under this plan, taxpayers are permitted to purchase scholarships — available to their own children or the entire community — which are credited against their state income tax liability.

For example, a program instituted in Arizona in 1997 allows taxpayers to donate up to \$500 for scholarships and receive that money back, dollar for dollar, at tax filing time. The program has raised more than \$32 million and funded more than 19,000 scholarships — 80% of which have gone to children from "financially needy" families.

Such a change would create what Sheldon Richman of the Future of Freedom Foundation called "Parent Power" — the ability of parents to directly buy the educational services that are best for their children.

■ **End compulsory union membership.** There are many dedicated



and talented educators in America. Unfortunately, they are often required to join unions like the National Education Association, which use dues payments to block market-based reforms, and to support anti-reform political candidates.

One example of the union's anti-parent, anti-reform agenda: In a 2001 survey, half of the parents in the Los Angeles Unified School District system gave the system a grade of C or worse. But when a November initiative offered some parents the opportunity to break away from the city system and form their own school district, the local teacher's union spent \$125,000 to defeat it.

In 2000, unions similarly helped defeat comprehensive education re-

form in Michigan and California.

Repealing the National Labor Relations Act (the legislation that established collective unionization in America) would hasten much-needed educational reforms.

### The system

America's education problem does not stem from a lack of money — the problem is with the system. Take it from Albert Shanker, former president of the American Federation of Teachers:

"It's time to admit that public education operates like a planned economy, a bureaucratic system in which everybody's role is spelled out in advance and there are few incentives for innovation and productivity," he said.

"It is no surprise that our school system doesn't improve: It more resembles the communist economy than our own market economy."

Unless we want the American educational system to go the way of the Soviet Union, we must institute reform that will truly "leave no child behind."

And that will only happen when parents decide to take control of the situation — rather than leave it up to the "wisdom" of government officials.



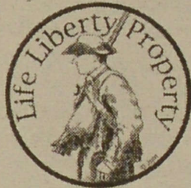
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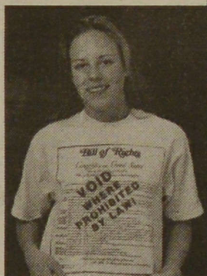
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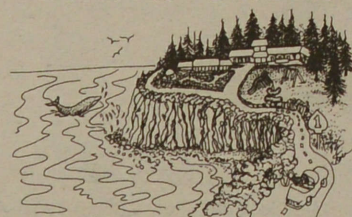
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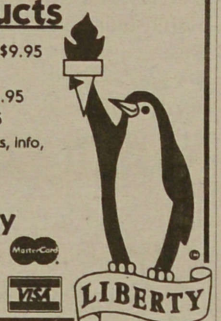
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