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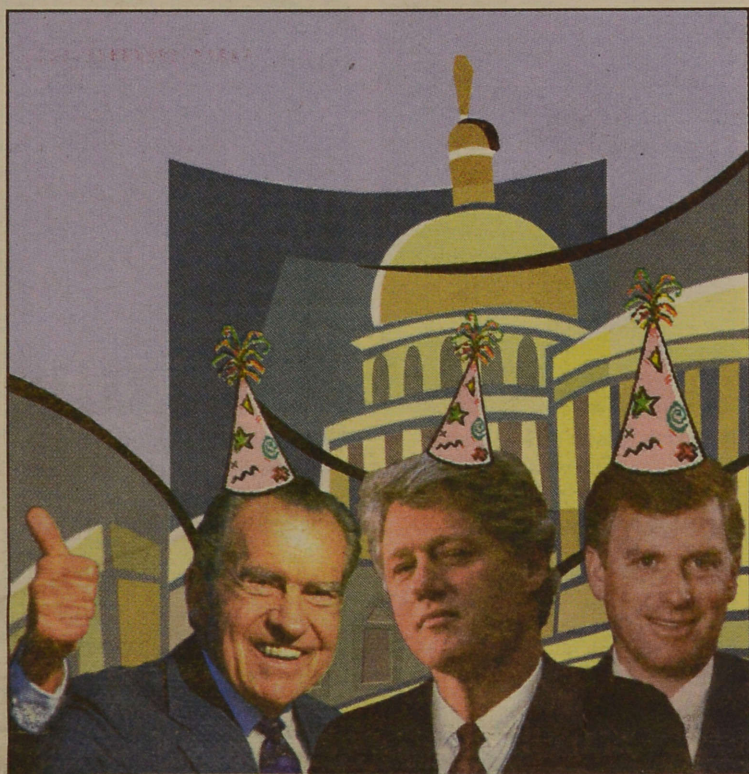
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■ Will Rogers once said: "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts." Libertarians watch the government, too. And sometimes a joke is the only appropriate response.

## The lighter side of American politics

*Just for fun: The best political jokes and quips*

**P**olitics is serious business. But that doesn't mean that Libertarians can't enjoy a hearty laugh about politics every now and then.

After all, our opponents are people like Al Gore, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Dan Quayle, and Ted Kennedy — politicians whose names are the punch lines for a million jokes.

Then there's the federal government, and its Brobdingnagian battalions of bureaucrats.

Between naps, our friends in Washington, DC have tried to force Hooters restaurants to hire men as "Hooters' girls," spent tax dollars to build a monument to Dr. Seuss, and argued that being surly at work is a protected disability under federal law.

Looking at Washington, DC's track record, it's no wonder Will Rogers was inspired to say: "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

Libertarians watch the government, too. And, with all due respect

to Mr. Rogers, sometimes a joke is the only appropriate response.

With that in mind, we're taking a break from the usual serious business of *LP News*, and presenting the lighter side of politics.

For your amusement, here's a collection of political jokes, dumb quotations from politicians, and a few of the cleverest political one-liners.

No heavy philosophy. No moaning about the lamentable state of the country. No profound policy proposals. Just humor. Enjoy.

**A** busload of politicians were driving down a country road when, all of a sudden, the bus ran off the road and crashed into a tree in an old farmer's field.

The old farmer, after seeing what happened, went over to investigate. He then proceeded to dig a hole and bury the politicians.

A few days later, the local sheriff came out, saw the crashed bus and  
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## 16 more Libertarians added to Election '02 victory tally

*Late local returns push to 43 the number of LP winners*

**A**t least 16 more Libertarians were elected to public office on November 5 — pushing to 43 the number of LP members who were victorious in Election 2002.

According to late returns that trickled in from around the country:

■ In Georgia, Jerry Meyer was elected to the Hoschton City Council, winning 39.3% of the vote in a three-way race for one seat. His opponents won 36% and 24.7% in a tight race.

While the office is non-partisan, "I identified myself as a philosophical libertarian" during the campaign, said Meyer. "I expect to keep my libertarian principles in mind on every vote we have."

The election had been scheduled to fill a vacant seat on the council.

### Run again?

"If I can tolerate the small town politics, I will run again for a regular four-year term next fall," said Meyer.

Hoschton is a small town (population: 642) located about 50 miles northeast of Atlanta.

■ In Florida, four Libertarians were elected as Seminole County Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors: Michael G. Isaacson (Group 2), William Mark Clifford (Group 3),



■ Jerry Meyer, who was elected to the Hoschton City Council in Georgia: "I expect to keep my libertarian principles in mind on every vote we have."

Michael Barr (Group 4), and Marcus Vahle (Group 5).

■ In Vermont, Harold "Rusty" Wescott was elected Justice of the Peace in the town of Poultney.

■ In California, Parke Boneysteele



was elected to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, David Lee picked up a seat in the Eden Township Hospital District Board (Alameda County), William Bunker was elected to the West Side Community Health Care District (Stanislaus County), and James Guadagni was victorious in his race for the Liberty Elementary School District Board (Tulare County). All four were non-partisan races.

### No opposition

■ Also in California, six other Libertarians were elected in non-partisan races where they faced no opposition: Robert Dickson (Timber Cove Fire Protection Division), John Ferguson (Spring Valley Community Planning Area), Tom Hohmann (San Dieguito Planning Group), William Stevens (Majestic Pines Community Services District), Dan Thornton (Valley Center Fire Protection District), and Gavin Wilkinson (Inyo Mon Resource Conservation District).

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## Election 2002: What we learned

By Ron Crickenberger  
LP POLITICAL DIRECTOR

**I**t's no secret that the past year has been tough for the Libertarian Party. In times of war or other national crisis, voters tend to "rally 'round the flag," and third parties historically suffer a decrease in support. Now our government even tells us that just to question its assault on our liberties means we are "aiding terrorists."

Donations to the LP, and to most non-profit organizations, have been way down since the September 11



terrorist attacks. Membership has fallen significantly as well over the last year.

This on top of the fact that we are already trying to do something that is so difficult that no one has succeeded in more than 100 years: Build a political party that replaces one of the current major parties.

Yet in this hostile atmosphere, and

with significantly diminished resources, the LP moved forward in most electoral categories.

We set new LP records for cumulative top of the ticket votes, cumulative gubernatorial votes, total number of candidates run, and wins in an even-numbered year.

We ran the biggest slate of third party candidates since before World War II. 1,645 candidates made the ballot for the Libertarian Party — more than twice as many candidates as all other nationally organized third parties combined — and 200 more

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### LP News names new 'official' cartoonist

**L**P News has a new official cartoonist: A Libertarian who uses humor to "come down on the side of limited government." Starting in the January 2003 issue, cartoons by Arizona Libertarian Russell Cox — who draws under the pen name of "Russmo" — will appear every month in LP News, said editor Bill Winter.

"It's a pleasure to offer the work of a Libertarian cartoonist, who wields a pen like a sword to puncture the buffoonery of bureaucrats and the hypocrisy of big-government Republicans," he said.

A registered Libertarian since 1993, Cox has been creating political cartoons since he was in college in the mid-1980s.

He joined the LP, said Cox, "because I grew tired of the Republicans I voted for not keeping their promises of shrinking government. I feel the Libertarian Party best represents my ideology."

In his cartoons, Cox said he tries to convey the Jeffersonian maxim: "That government is best which governs the least."

"I believe in less government across the board, and my cartoons reflect this belief," he said. "Most of the time I do this with humorous cartoons. Sometimes I just try to make a poignant statement. Sometimes I do it with sarcasm. But I always come down on the side of limited government."

Cox's work has been published in over 60 newspapers and magazines. To see other Russmo cartoons, visit: [www.Russmo.com](http://www.Russmo.com).

Cox will replace syndicated cartoonist "Rameriz," a libertarian/conservative who had been leaning too far in the conservative direction lately, said Winter.

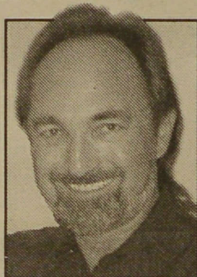
### New CD honors the Bill of Rights in music

**M**ost Libertarians live by the Bill of Rights. Now they can sing along with it, too.

That's because a Libertarian in Tucson, Arizona has created a musical CD celebrating the Bill of Rights.

Composed by professional music performer and teacher Dan Starr, the 11-track disc is entitled *I Will Live Free*, and features songs in a variety of pop styles that extol the freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. Each song is followed by a synopsis of each Amendment.

Starr, 50, said he created the CD to "deliver a blow to the enemies of freedom."



■ Dan Starr:  
Extols liberty.

"The most effective blow I can think of is to promote a Bill of Rights Culture, one in which every individual understands and insists on their rights and responsibilities," he said. "This CD is my way of promoting such a culture."

Starr said the idea was conceived early in 2002 by Aaron Zelman, executive director of Jews for the Preservation of Firearm Ownership.

By May, Starr had finished writing the music and lyrics, and found vocalists to sing each of the tracks. The disc was recorded in a Tucson music studio in July and released in late September.

The CD is a useful tool for liberty because music has historically been used to influence people's attitudes, said Starr.

"The philosophy of freedom could be explained in many ways, some of them too dry or preachy for many Americans," he said. "Music provides an already accepted 'carrier-wave' to deliver the lesson."

The CD costs \$17.91, honoring the year the Bill of Rights was ratified. For more information, visit: [www.jpfo.org/livefree.htm](http://www.jpfo.org/livefree.htm).

### LP offers new outreach tabloid newspaper

**T**he LP has produced a new tabloid newspaper designed to "expand the options" of Libertarians working to spread the word about the party.

The newspaper, called the *Libertarian Viewpoint*, includes articles explaining the LP's positions on various issues, as well as brief "Fact Files" that offer facts, soundbites, and perspectives about those issues. It also includes positive media quotes about the party.

Printed in full color with numerous photographs, the eight-page *Libertarian Viewpoint* is designed as a self-contained introduction to the party, said Bill Winter, the LP's former director of communications.

"This tabloid will expand the options of Libertarians engaged in outreach," he said. "It's a one-stop introduction to the LP. That's why it's perfect for including in an information package about the party, or for distributing at a Starbucks or a local community center."

The *Libertarian Viewpoint* offers Libertarian solutions to the problems of corporate welfare, crime, poverty, foreign policy, health care, education, the environment, and taxes, with text adapted from the party's popular "New Vision for America" booklet.

Samples of the *Libertarian Viewpoint* are available for \$1 each. Or, \$25 for 100 copies, or \$100 for 1,000 copies (includes shipping). Call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 221 to order, or for prices on 5,000+ copies.

# 16 additional Libertarians win office in November 5 election

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The 10 new California wins increase the number of election victories in that state to 26.

The large number of LP victories in California was the result of Operation Breakthrough, a statewide effort to recruit registered Libertarians to run for non-partisan local offices, said California LP State Chair Aaron Starr.

"Elected Libertarians in small offices will lay the groundwork for the eventual victory that we are destined to have in this country," he said.

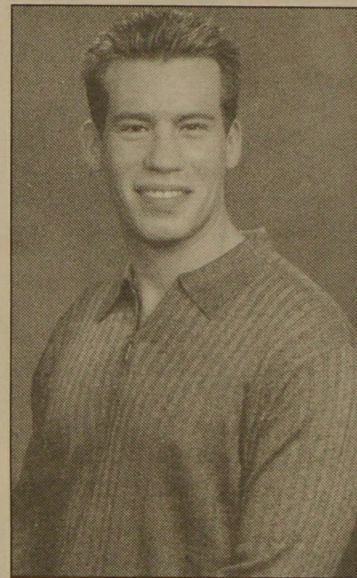
## 27 previous

The new Election 2002 winners join another 27 previously announced Libertarians who were elected in Colorado, South Carolina, North Carolina, Indiana, and Vermont.

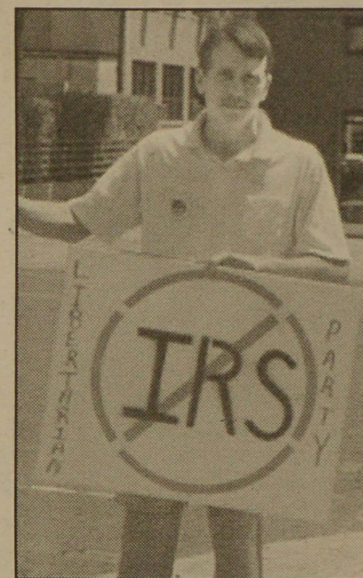
Around the USA, Libertarians won seats on city councils, township boards, and school district boards. Libertarians were also elected to recreation and park boards, county soil and water commissions, and resource conservation district boards.

The party's 43 victories in Election 2002 compare favorably to 1998, when 19 Libertarians won public office, and 2000, when 34 Libertarians were elected.

The late-breaking spate of elec-



■ Marcus Vahle: One of four Libertarians elected to the Seminole County Soil and Water Conservation District in Florida.



■ William Cole (shown at a Tax Day protest) was elected to the Seminole County Soil and Water Conservation District in Florida.

tion wins reinforces the view that the Libertarian Party "moved forward this year, albeit slowly," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"[We] ran more candidates than ever, and our cumulative vote total will be much higher than in '98 [the last non-presidential election year]," he noted. "In one sense, we did bet-

ter than the Democrats. They have fewer elected officials coming out of the election; we will have a few more."

In all, 3,912,814 votes were cast for non-federal, statewide LP candidates. Another 751,191 votes were cast for Libertarian candidates for U.S. Senate in 21 states.

## Ron Paul named Washington, DC 'gadfly'

**R**on Paul has been called many things: A presidential candidate by Libertarians. A Republican Congressman by his constituents in Texas. And "Dr. No" by his critics.

Now he has a new title: Washington Gadfly.

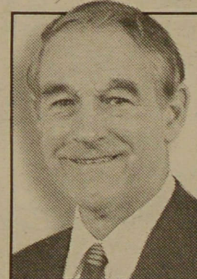
Paul was named one of the "10 Gadflies Washington Could Not Do Without" in the November 25, 2002 issue of *Insight* magazine.

As a gadfly, Paul is one of the people in the nation's capital who is "committed to [a] cause" and who "by sheer persistence can annoy the country onto the right track," accord-

ing to writer Hans Nichols.

Paul made the Top 10 list because he is "one of the few staunch defenders of privacy [in Congress] — the last line of defense in keeping the government in check as new antiterrorism legislation is put into place," wrote Nichols.

Paul also tried to force Congress



■ Ron Paul: He's a Top 10 gadfly.

to formally declare war against Iraq, if it was going to support military action against Saddam Hussein — an action that "forced opponents who had read the Constitution to concede that Paul probably was, technically, right," wrote Nichols. "As Paul sees it, the resolution that Congress passed was not up to constitutional standards and might have been written by Caspar Milquetoast."

Also on the Top 10 gadfly list were Larry Klayman (chairman, Judicial Watch), U.S. Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY), Grover Norquist (president, Americans for Tax Reform), and Ralph Nader ("consumer advocate").

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# Pundits say Libertarian candidates cost Republican Party three high-level offices

By Bill Winter  
LP NEWS EDITOR

The Libertarian Party didn't win any high-level offices in the November election — but it did cost Republicans two gubernatorial seats and one U.S. Senate seat, several influential political pundits have charged.

The accusation prompted a debate — complete with insults and countercharges — that spilled over from the pages of newspapers and magazines onto the Internet.

In the days following the November 5 election, at least five conservative writers argued that Libertarians were "spoilers" who caused Republicans to lose seats in close races.

According to *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist Mark Steyn on November 10, "The [Democrats] net gain in the gubernatorial races was due to four states — Alabama, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wisconsin — where anti-tax Libertarian candidates siphoned off enough votes from the GOP to deliver the state to the Democrat."

While Steyn was wrong on at least two counts — in Oklahoma, no Lib-

ertarian ran for governor, while in Alabama, the Democrat later conceded the race — the numbers in the two other states seem to support his claims:

■ In Oregon, Libertarian Tom Cox won 47,444 votes (5%), far more than the Democrat's 33,000-vote margin of victory.

■ In Wisconsin, Libertarian Ed Thompson won 185,352 votes (10.4%), substantially more than the Democrat's 68,000-vote margin.

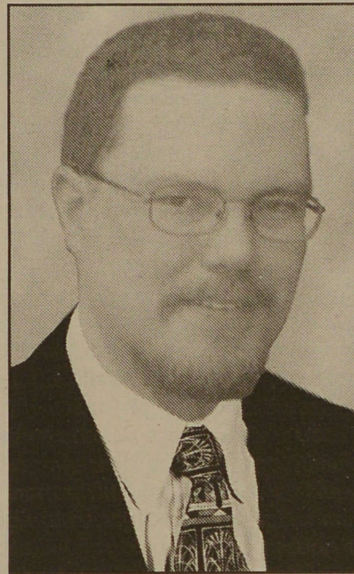
In the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, columnist Jack Kelly repeated Steyn's erroneous claim that the LP cost Republicans four governor's seats.

## Drained away

"Had it not been for votes drained away by Libertarian candidates, Republicans likely would have won ... gubernatorial races in Wisconsin, Arizona, Oklahoma, and Oregon," he wrote on November 17.

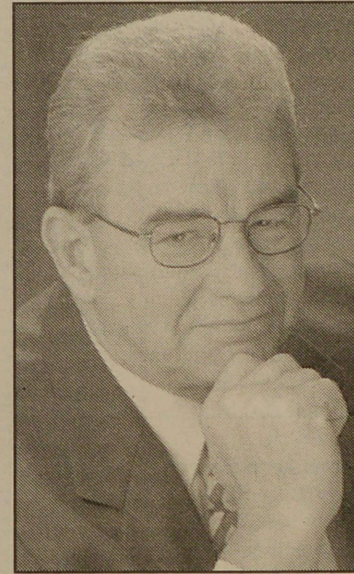
"The Republican triumph would have been greater if Libertarians hadn't played the spoiler role for the GOP that the Green Party played for Democrats in 2000."

Meanwhile, in the November 16



■ Oregon LP gubernatorial candidate Tom Cox won 47,444 votes, far more than the 33,000-vote margin of victory in the race.

*New York Times*, John J. Miller wrote that the LP's U.S. Senate candidate in South Dakota was the cause of Republican John Thune's 524-vote loss to a Democrat.



■ Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson won 185,352 votes, substantially more than the 68,000-vote margin of victory.

In that race, Libertarian Kurt Evans won 3,071 votes (1%) — more than the margin of difference in the razor-tight race.

"It marks the third consecutive

election in which a Libertarian has cost the Republican Party a Senate seat," wrote Miller. "If there had been no Libertarian Senate candidates in recent years, Republicans would not have lost control of the chamber in 2001, and a filibuster-proof, 60-seat majority would likely be within reach."

## Suspended campaign

Ironically, a week before Election Day, Evans had suspended his campaign and encouraged voters to support Thune. The state LP executive committee issued a statement distancing itself from that decision, and urging South Dakota citizens to vote for Evans "because he is the best man for the job."

In the November 20 issue of the right-wing *Weekly Standard*, writer Rachel DiCarlo also charged that Libertarians cost Republicans a number of victories "in some of the nation's excruciatingly close" races.

In addition to Wisconsin and Oregon, DiCarlo argued that in Oklahoma, independent candidate Gary Richardson — "who ran on a Liber-

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# Libertarians' #1 goal for the upcoming year

Ben Stein, the quiz show host and author, once said, "The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want."

In this, the first *LP News* issue of the new year, we decided it was time to find out exactly what libertarians want.

So, we asked a number of prominent libertarians to describe their top goal for the new year.

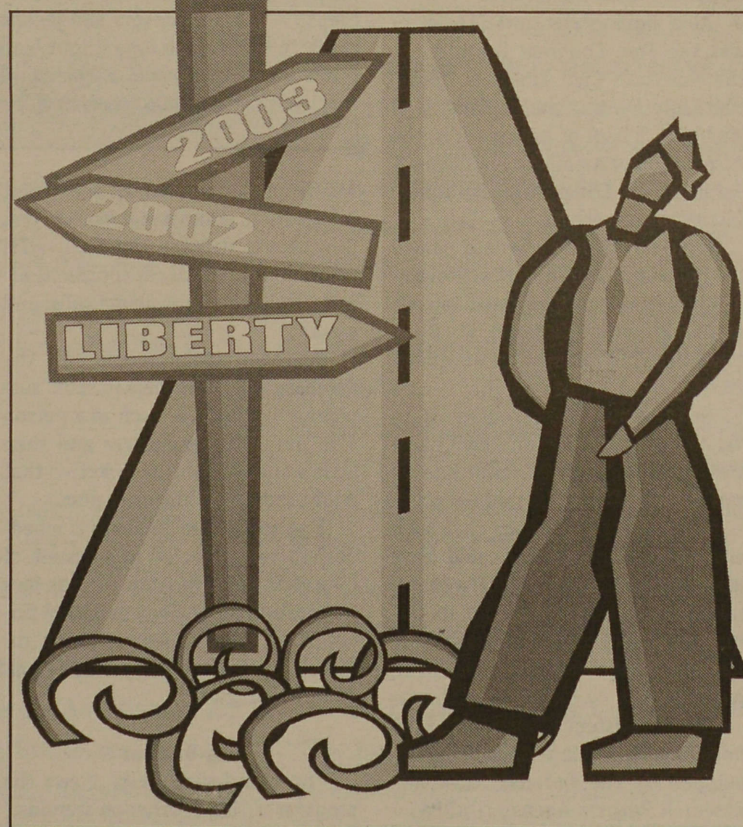
What, we asked, is the *one thing* that you would like to see happen (or help make happen) during 2003?

Your chosen goal, we said, could relate to the national Libertarian Party; to a state or local LP; to a specific campaign or political issue; to an individual Libertarian; or to a libertarian organization.

Our only restriction: It had to be some kind of explicitly libertarian goal — either political, structural, organizational, or tactical.

Here's what they had to say:

The one thing I'll be working on is to show the non-libertarian public that libertarians are regular people just like they are. This means my focus locally will be putting on fun, family-oriented social events that have little or nothing to do with politics, except being sponsored by the local LP. Our first event will be an



afternoon of frisbee golf at the frisbee golf course in Huntington Beach in January. These kind of events will hopefully energize and excite our large member base who we never see. We will be promoting these events on

our website, our local newsletter, and probably in our state paper too. But most importantly, we will be announcing these events in our local newspapers and other free general forums. The goals are to increase the

number of people who have fun at libertarian events. People who are having fun will be more likely to come back and bring their friends.

— DOUG SCRIBNER (California),  
Third Wheel Group

My one goal for 2003 as a city councilman is to continue to push the idea that government exists to do some very limited things,

i.e., protection of life, liberty and property and, as a city government, provide services that aren't available in the open marketplace.

— JOHN MCALISTER, City Council,  
Gahanna, Ohio

For the last 22 years, the International Society for Individual Liberty's strategy has been that of a libertarian "Johnny Appleseed," building and supporting freedom movements in over 80 countries throughout the world — including the Middle East and other world hot spots. Our goal (now underway) is to establish a Libertarian Peace Institute designed to provide ongoing dialogue with top-level libertarian academics



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— Doug Scribner

and peace activists — and to provide unique insight into the causes of international conflicts. Reports can be found in our newsletter and award-winning website.

— VINCE MILLER (California),  
International Society for  
Individual Liberty

I would like to see a name brand candidate for the Libertarian presidential nominee. Someone, say, of the stature of a Clint Eastwood or a Ross Perot. This would do wonders to create awareness of the Libertarian Party and bring in thousands of potential new donors and members. One thing Libertarians are lacking is money and

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Michael Cloud earned best result in 70 years

**M**assachusetts LP candidate Michael Cloud won the highest vote percentage of any candidate for U.S. Senate from a nationally organized third party in seven decades, according to third-party expert Richard Winger.

Cloud won 18.74% (368,304 votes) in a two-way race against incumbent Democrat John F. Kerry in the November 5 election.

"Michael Cloud's 19% is the highest percentage for the U.S. Senate nominee of a nationally organized minor party since 1932, when the Prohibition Party nominee for U.S. Senate from California got 25.8%," said Winger.

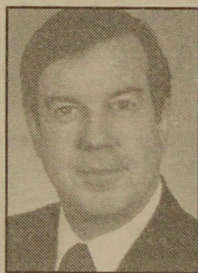
By comparison, in the 2002 election, the average Libertarian in a U.S. House race against one major-party opponent won only about 10%, noted Winger, the publisher of *Ballot Access News*.

And the other best-performing minor party candidate in a U.S. Senate race — a Reform Party candidate in Mississippi running against an incumbent Republican — won only 15%, he said.

Cloud's 18.74% was also the best U.S. Senate result for a Libertarian in party history.

His vote total would have been even higher, said Cloud, but the *Boston Globe* — the state's most influential newspaper — refused to cover his campaign.

"Without the *Boston Globe's* McCarthy-style blacklisting of my U.S. Senate campaign and our Libertarian issues, I could have gotten 30% to 35% of the vote," he said.



■ **Michael Cloud:**  
Best in 70 years.

### Watchdog Network News gets launched

**A** California Libertarian has launched a libertarian-oriented news service to counter "anti-Libertarian bias" in the national media.

Called Watchdog Network News (WNN), the free service will produce professional-looking news clips for libertarian public access television shows across the country, said WNN founder B.J. Wagener.

A primary goal of the service will be to build a nationwide audience for ignored Libertarian news, said Wagener, "somewhat like what [Internet news site] WorldNetDaily.com has done with contributing reporters around the nation, only on a public access TV venue."

"Watchdog will report facts, but from a libertarian-friendly point of view," he said. "[It will cover] the news the national media ignore."

Initially, WNN will produce 2-3 minute news clips in a professional studio with content that is "pro-liberty," said Wagener. The tape clips will be mass produced in various video formats for distribution.

The service will also serve as a conduit for the 2004 LP presidential candidate to reach out to voters in all 50 states if he or she is excluded from the televised presidential debates, said Wagener.

Hopefully, WNN will motivate more Libertarians to utilize their ability to use public access television to help spread the libertarian message, said Wagener.

"I perceive that many folks intrinsically sense that the news is slanted," he said. "WNN is an antidote."

For more information, or to become a WNN reporter, e-mail WNN contact Alice Lillie at [aliceprez@aol.com](mailto:aliceprez@aol.com).

### Poll: Ed Thompson could have doubled vote

**W**isconsin gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson would have done twice as well as he did in the November election if voters thought he had a realistic chance to win, according to a new poll.

Thompson, who won 10.5% (just over 183,000 votes) in the eight-way race for governor, would have won 23% if state voters thought he could win, said a poll conducted by Scott Rasmussen Public Opinion Research.

"This poll shows that voters' support for my campaign is much higher than the 10.5% of the vote I received on Election Day," said Thompson.

The poll of 1,000 voters was conducted about a week after Election Day, and had an error margin of plus or minus 3%.

The poll revealed that had Thompson not been on the ballot, his vote would have been divided up almost evenly among the Republican, Democrat, and Green candidate.

About 30% of Thompson supporters said they would have cast a vote for the Republican; 30% for the Democrat; and 27% for the Green. Another 10% would not have voted, and 4% were not sure.

Overall, the survey also found a very high level of support for a minor party candidates: 72% of voters said they liked having a Libertarian and Green candidate on the ballot.



■ **Ed Thompson:**  
Vote doubled?

# Party continues campaign against Total Information Awareness plan

**A** lobbying campaign to persuade the U.S. Senate to block the Pentagon's Total Information Awareness (TIA) program came up short — but the Libertarian Party has vowed to continue to try to kill the massive surveillance system.

In mid-November, the Libertarian Party joined an emergency coalition of more than 30 organizations to try to scuttle the TIA project, charging that it was an "Orwellian intrusion" into the lives of American citizens.

The TIA program will create a massive database that the federal government will use to try to "detect patterns" of terrorist activity.

On November 18, LP Communications Director George Getz signed a letter, drafted by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), that urged U.S. Senators to pass an amendment to the then-pending Homeland Security Act that would halt the development of the program.

#### No oversight

The letter, addressed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, noted that "there are no systems of oversight or accountability contemplated in the TIA project."

The letter noted that several major newspapers — including the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* — oppose the TIA system as an assault on privacy rights.

"We urge you to act immediately to stop the development of this unconstitutional system of public surveillance," said the letter.

Also signing the anti-TIA letter was the Free Congress Foundation, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Eagle Forum, the University of Michigan School of Information, the Association of American Physicians & Surgeons, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, and others.

However, the U.S. Senate passed the Homeland Security Act on November 19 without the proposed amendment. President George W. Bush signed the bill into law on November 25.

Because the TIA program is so dangerous to the nation's civil liberties, Libertarians will continue to work to try to stop it, said Getz.

"The threat to privacy that such an un-American system could have is far-reaching," he said. "The Libertarian Party remains firm in its opposition to any government database that amasses personal information on Americans."

The TIA system, which has a \$200 million budget this year, is being developed by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

According to news reports, the project is currently in the development and testing stage, and will not be implemented for several years.

When completed, it will feature a database that includes the telephone, bank, and medical records of every

## Here's what critics are saying

**T**he Total Information Awareness (TIA) system will create a massive database — of gun purchases, ATM withdrawals, medical records, phone calls, drivers licenses, and so on — that the federal government will use to try to detect patterns of terrorist activity. Here's what critics are saying about the program:

■ **Charles Pena**, senior defense policy analyst at the Cato Institute:

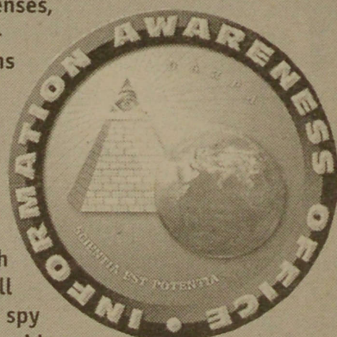
"In its zeal to give the illusion of homeland security and trying to catch terrorists, the federal government will instead create a surveillance state to spy on its own citizenry. And in casting a wide net, such action will likely violate the guarantee of the Fourth Amendment for 'people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures.'"

■ **The Washington Post:** "Anyone who set out to invent a government program with the specific aim of terrifying the Orwell-reading public could hardly have improved on the Information Awareness Office."

■ **The Center for Democracy and Technology:** "Such advanced data mining could give the government access to the personal details of millions of Americans' lives, with chilling effects on privacy and speech and implications for travel, employment, and other areas where screening is performed."

■ **Boston Globe columnist Derrick Z. Jackson:** "At best, a gargantuan database will make the government a wasteful busybody on the most benign of your transactions. At worst, if Americans know en masse that their unauthorized biographies are lurking in a Pentagon database, there is no telling what the effect will be on free speech, as people fear being tagged as un-American by surveillance officials who wake up on the wrong side of the bed."

■ **The New Orleans Times-Picayune:** "You don't have to be obsessed with black helicopters and jackbooted federal agents to worry about where this technology might lead. Unscrupulous officials could misuse it. Over time, agencies might use the technology for purposes other than stopping terrorism."



American, as well as airline ticket information, educational records, gun purchases, drivers licenses, ATM transactions, rental car contracts, arrests, flying lessons, phone calls, and e-mail.

Pentagon spokespeople said the database will allow them to spot "suspicious" activity — such as a person who purchases explosives and then buys a one-way airline ticket — that might indicate a terrorist plot.

Eventually, the database is scheduled to be connected to a system of biometric identification such as face recognition technology or digital fingerprints. The project is being directed by former Navy Rear Adm. John Poindexter.

#### Big Brother

The Libertarian Party views the program as "Big Brother on steroids," said Getz.

"This project sends a message that every American should find repugnant," he said. "Namely, that politicians and bureaucrats view America as a sea of criminal suspects whose private behavior must be tracked,

catalogued, and analyzed, just in case they commit a crime. So much for the presumption of innocence and the right to privacy."

Although the U.S. Senate refused to pass the amendment that would have blocked funding for the Total Information Awareness system, Getz said it may still be possible for public pressure to kill the program.

"We hope that a public outcry similar to that which crushed the proposed Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS) earlier this year will also rise up to defeat this legislation," he said.

"The Libertarian Party urges everyone to contact their representatives in Washington, DC, and speak out against the Terrorism Information Awareness system immediately."

Since no legislation has been filed to abolish the TIA, Libertarians should call their U.S. House Representatives and U.S. Senators, and ask them to introduce such a bill, he said.

To contact Congress, call the U.S. House switchboard toll-free: (888) 449-3511. For e-mail or mailing information, visit: [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).



# Carla Howell's Ballot Initiative Gets 45.4% 885,683 votes to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts

**C**arla Howell's Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax faced across-the-board opposition from the political establishment in Massachusetts.

## The Opposition

Every Democrat and Republican candidate for office in Massachusetts publicly opposed Carla Howell's Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

Every union, "public interest" group, special interest, lobbyist, and "business coalition" railed against Carla Howell's Ballot Initiative.

Every newspaper in Massachusetts editorialized against Carla Howell's Ballot Initiative.

## The Polls

The *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald*, WHDH-TV News, and Suffolk University did pre-election voter polls on our Ballot Initiative.

The *Boston Globe* Poll claimed our Election Day vote would be 34%.

The *Boston Herald* Poll said 34%.

WHDH-TV News/Suffolk University Poll showed us at 25%.

All 3 Polling Organizations claimed to be accurate to within 4.9%.

Then WHY did we get 45.4% of the vote? 45.4%!

Why did we come within 4.7% of winning on Ballot Question 1?

All 3 Independent Polling Organizations claimed that support for

Ballot Question was between 11% and 20% LOWER than the Election Day vote. All 3 radically UNDERSTATED voter support for Ending the Income Tax.

## Election Day

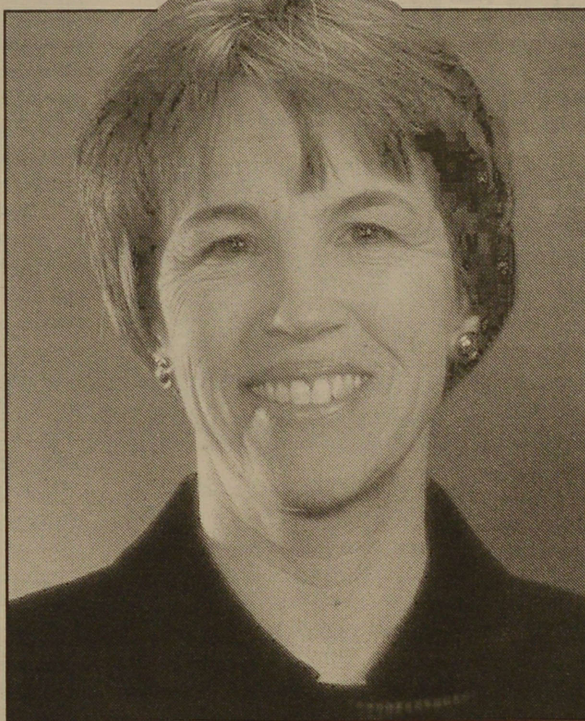
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## Post-Election Stunner

■ The *Wall Street Journal*: "An amazing 46% of voters in the state formerly known as Taxachusetts voted to abolish the income tax."

■ Ron Kaufman, former George Bush, Sr. White House Political Director, said this on *Firing Line*: "With all due respect, the one message that you all missed was this election, Americans want tax



On Election Day, 881,738 Massachusetts residents — 45.4% of the voting public — cast votes for Carla Howell's initiative to End the Income Tax.

cuts. In Massachusetts, liberal Massachusetts, 46% of the voters wanted to abolish the income tax."

■ The Small Business Survival Committee called our results "impressive."

■ Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service wrote: "Although a proposal to repeal Massachusetts' state income tax fell short, by 55-45 ratio, political observers say the relatively close margin on behalf of such a sweeping tax reduction in a liberal state sent a clear message to lawmakers who may be pondering tax hikes to close budget deficits first."

■ The *Boston Globe* wrote: "The biggest surprise Tuesday night didn't turn out to be the Governor's race, after all, it was the big vote in favor of eliminating the income tax."

■ Wayne Woodlief, in the *Boston Herald*, wrote: "Governor-Elect Romney — and the Legislature — will be under enormous pressure to resist higher taxes, in the wake of the stunning 45% vote in favor of abolishing the state income tax. That's 885,683 citizens willing to strip almost \$9 Billion out of a \$23 Billion budget if the tax had been ended this year. Carla Howell and her Libertarians, who sponsored referendum Question 1, did their job."

■ The *New Bedford Standard Times* wrote, "The put-the-brakes-on-government theme was picked up in the referendum questions, where a total repeal of the state income tax came within a statistical whisker of passing, despite the universal condemnation of the political establishment."

(November 6, 2002)

**A**FTER ELECTION DAY, the News Organizations below reported on the vote total and impact of Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Massachusetts Income Tax.

<i>The New York Times</i>	WPTV (Florida)
Associated Press	<i>St. Petersburg Times</i> (FL)
ABC News	<i>Insight on the News</i> (D.C.)
Fox News	SierraTimes.com
<i>USA Today</i>	<i>Charlotte Observer</i> (NC)
<i>Miami Herald</i> (Florida)	ChronWatch.com
CBS News	Cybercast News Service
CNN	<i>Rocky Mountain News</i> (CO)
MSNBC	Montana Forum (MT)
<i>Forbes</i>	<i>Cleveland Plain Dealer</i>
<i>National Review</i>	(Ohio)
<i>The Economist</i>	<i>Charleston Post Courier</i>
Reuters (UK)	(South Carolina)
United Press International	<i>Los Angeles Daily News</i>
<i>Salina Journal</i> (KS)	(California)
<i>The Desert Sun</i> (CA)	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>
<i>Oakland Tribune</i> (CA)	(California)
<i>San Mateo County Times</i>	<i>Financial Times</i> (UK)
(California)	<i>Manchester Union Leader</i>
<i>Tri-Valley Herald</i> (CA)	(New Hampshire)
<i>Baltimore Sun</i> (MD)	<i>Santa Fe New Mexican</i>
<i>Billings Gazette</i> (MT)	(New Mexico)
<i>Ventura County Star</i> (CA)	<i>Independent</i> (UK)
<i>Richmond Times Dispatch</i>	<i>Sarasota Herald-Tribune</i>
(Virginia)	(Florida)
<i>Winona Daily News</i> (MN)	<i>Albuquerque Tribune</i> (NM)
KFMB (California)	<i>Knoxville News Sentinel</i>
<i>Belleville News-Democrat</i>	(Tennessee)
(Illinois)	Stuff.co.nz (New Zealand)
<i>Columbus Ledger-Enquirer</i>	WPVI (Pennsylvania)
(Georgia)	<i>Arizona Daily Sun</i> (AZ)
<i>Grand Forks Herald</i> (ND)	<i>Providence Journal Bulletin</i>
<i>Wilkes Barre Weekender</i>	(Rhode Island)
(Pennsylvania)	<i>Sacramento Bee</i> (CA)
<i>Macon Telegraph</i> (GA)	<i>San Angelo Standard Times</i>
<i>Piedmonter</i> (CA)	(Texas)
<i>Fort Wayne Journal Gazette</i>	KFOR TV (Oklahoma)
(Indiana)	Scripps Howard News
<i>Wichita Eagle</i> (KS)	Service
<i>Duluth News Tribune</i> (MN)	<i>Raleigh News</i> (NC)
<i>Walnut Creek Journal</i> (CA)	<i>Salt Lake Tribune</i> (UT)
<i>Biloxi Sun Herald</i> (MS)	<i>San Gabriel Valley Tribune</i>
<i>Fort Wayne News Sentinel</i>	(California)
(Indiana)	Crosswalk.com
<i>Aberdeen American News</i>	<i>Athens Banner-Herald</i> (GA)
(South Dakota)	<i>Piedmonter</i> (CA)
<i>Stamford Advocate</i> (CT)	<i>Sarasota Herald-Tribune</i>
<i>Hartford Courant</i> (CT)	(Florida)
WSB (Georgia)	Salon.com
WSOC (North Carolina)	<i>Minneapolis Star Tribune</i>
KFOX (Texas)	(Minnesota)
WFTV (Florida)	<i>Albany Times Union</i> (NY)
<i>Dayton Daily News</i> (OH)	WJAR-RI
<i>Austin American</i>	<i>Planet Ark</i> (NY)
<i>Statesman</i> (Texas)	<i>Woonsocket Call</i> (RI)
KTVU	<i>Concord Monitor</i> (NH)
<i>Montgomery County</i>	<i>Boulder Daily Camera</i> (CO)
<i>Record</i> (Pennsylvania)	<i>South Florida Sun-Sentinel</i>
<i>Tuscaloosa News</i> (AL)	(Florida)
<i>Times Daily</i> (AL)	<i>Louisville Courier Journal</i>
<i>Centre Daily Times</i> (PA)	(Kentucky)
Stateline.org	<i>The Guardian</i> (UK)
<i>Kennett Daily Dunklin</i>	<i>Arizona Republic</i> (AZ)
<i>Democrat</i> (Missouri)	<i>The Globe and Mail</i>
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(Missouri)	<i>Washington Times</i>
PokerMag.com	<i>Newsday</i> (New York)



## TALKING POINTS

# Getting a job in a layoff-free zone; Paul Revere and preemptive strikes

### ■ The Coffee Cops

Several Iowa City residents have filed a petition asking the city to restrict coffee sales. The proposed ordinance would require that all coffee sold be brewed from coffee beans that are organic, fair-trade, and shade-grown.

Violators would be fined between \$250 and \$1,000 or jailed up to three days.

The city manager or a designated representative would be authorized to enter any business that sells coffee and inspect the premises to determine if the vendor is in compliance.

— REASON.COM

November 19, 2002

### ■ Church of Silly Laws

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concluded in May that Costco Wholesale Corp.'s firing of Kimberly M. Cloutier for refusing to stop wearing an eyebrow ring at work constituted religious discrimination in that Cloutier is a member of the Oregon-based Church of Body Modification. The church says piercings and tattoos "are essential to our spiritual salvation."

Based on the EEOC ruling, Cloutier, 27, of West Springfield, Mass., filed a federal lawsuit against Costco for not "accommodating" her religious practice, as required by law.

— NEWS OF THE WEIRD

November 3, 2002

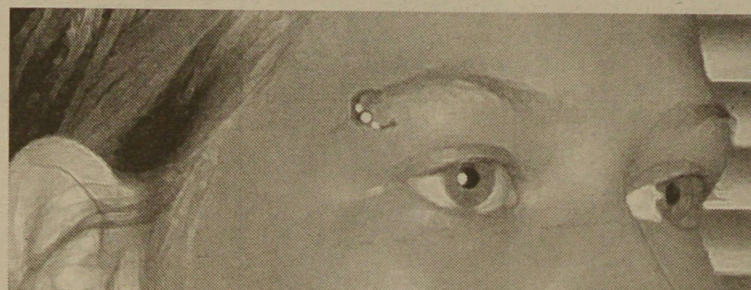
### ■ Inflationary cocktail

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) released a study in May 2001 projecting an overall [healthcare insurance] premium increase of 13.7% for 2002. PwC attributes 15% of that increase to government mandates and regulations, 7% to litigation, and 5% to fraud and abuse.

Taken together, mandates, litigation, and abuse account for 27% of the increase in healthcare costs in this country, more than any other factor. Other lesser factors leading to health care inflation include new pharmaceuticals and medical devices (22%), rising hospital expenses (18%), general inflation (18%), and increased consumer demand by a growing senior citizen population (15%).

The PwC study also reveals how 15% of the current \$67 billion increase in health spending during 2001 is directly attributable to laws passed by legislators.

Over the last 40 years, 1,500 unfunded insurance mandates zipped through state legislatures because politicians saw them as an easy way to garner constituents' votes without having to raise state taxes or spend



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more on public health issues. Now, that massive cost-shift has come back to haunt us.

Mandates require health insurance benefits to include everything from pastoral counseling, in vitro fertilization, and sperm bank deposits to wigs for cancer patients.

When combined with procedural mandates like "community rating" (insurers may not base premium cost on risk factors like lifestyle choices) and "guaranteed issue" (wait until you get sick to buy health insurance), these become the ingredients for an inflationary cocktail.

— CONRAD MEIER

Health Care News

November 2002

### ■ Layoff-free zone

The economy may be in the doldrums, but Congress has become virtually a layoff-free zone. Only eight of the 389 House incumbents who sought re-election were defeated, and half of those ran against other incumbents because of redistricting.

Politicians crave job security, but a system built around safe seats deprives most voters of a meaningful choice.

— WALTER SHAPIRO

USA Today

November 8, 2002

### ■ The Fear Factor

Polls and newspaper opinion pages indicate that Americans increasingly fear that the White House's encroach-

ments on civil liberties [following the 9/11 terrorist attacks] run against this country's democratic values. In a recent *USA Today/CNN/Gallup* Poll, 62% of those surveyed said that the government should take steps to prevent future terrorism — but not if it means violating basic civil liberties. In January, only 49% said so.

Public opinion analysts say the new attention to civil liberties suggests that Americans have moved past the shock of the attacks and are balancing their desire to boost national security with their support of individual freedom.

"The fear factor has eased," says Karlyn Bowman of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC. "People are saying airport searches are OK, but not unchecked wiretapping. One of the dramatic changes after Sept. 11 was the spike in trust in government. That has now come back to its usual levels."

— JOAN BISKUPIC

USA Today

November 1, 2002

### ■ Power over you

If the Homeland Security Act [becomes law] here is what will happen

to you: Every purchase you make with a credit card, every magazine subscription you buy and medical prescription you fill, every Web site you visit and e-mail you send or receive, every academic grade you receive, every bank deposit you make, every trip you book and every event you attend — all these transactions and communications will go into what the Defense Department describes as "a virtual, centralized grand database."

To this computerized dossier on your private life from commercial sources, add every piece of information that government has about you — passport application, driver's license and bridge toll records, judicial and divorce records, complaints from nosy neighbors to the F.B.I., your lifetime paper trail plus the latest hidden camera surveillance — and you have the supersnoop's dream: a "Total Information Awareness" about every U.S. citizen.

This is not some far-out Orwellian scenario. It is what will happen to your personal freedom if John Poindexter gets the unprecedented power he seeks.

The Latin motto over Poindexter's new Pentagon office reads "Scientia Est Potentia" — "knowledge is power." Exactly: the government's infinite knowledge about you is its power over you.

— WILLIAM SAFIRE

The New York Times

November 14, 2002

### ■ Our traditions

[The] proposed preemptive strike against Iraq is sharply at odds with this nation's historical image of itself.

On the world stage or the silver screen, Americans don't shoot first.

The roots of our antipathy to starting fights are quite literally as old as the republic. The Declaration of Independence includes no fewer than 27 accusations against George III ("He has refused his assent to laws... He has dissolved representative houses... He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns and destroyed the lives of our

people") in an effort to prove that Americans weren't the ones who started the American Revolution.

The unwillingness to fire the first shot "really is our tradition and a highly exceptional one at that," says David Hackett Fischer, author of *Paul Revere's Ride* and Warren professor of history at Brandeis University.

"Before Paul Revere rode out" to spread the alarm before the Battle of Lexington and Concord that began the American Revolution, "he checked to make sure the British had fired first," Fischer says. "He wanted to make sure his side was in the right."

— KEN RINGLE

The Washington Post

November 19, 2002

### ■ Only 26%?

Percentage of Americans who say they believe "almost nothing" Al Gore says: 26.

— HARPER'S MAGAZINE

November 2002

### ■ Worse than Clinton

Do Republicans really support smaller government?

Republicans controlled both Houses of Congress from 1995 through 2001 during which time the federal budget grew from \$1.4 trillion to \$2.1 trillion (about \$100 billion annually).

Since Republicans took control of the House in 1995, federal discretionary spending has grown by a rate of about 7% annually.

Social welfare programs under Bush have grown by \$96 billion in just two years, versus \$51 billion under six years of Clinton, according to economist Stephen Moore of the Club for Growth.

— LEW ROCKWELL

LewRockwell.com

November 9-10, 2002

### ■ Historic spending

With the 2003 federal budget almost done, there's now a price tag for [the] 2000-2003 spending spree: \$782 billion in new spending. [That's] \$782 billion above what Washington spent in the previous four years.

With the exception of World War II, on a per-household basis, 2000-2003 will become the largest four-year federal spending spree in American history.

— BRIAN RIEDL

The Washington Times

November 6, 2002

### ■ OPEC for politicians

Fearful that they might be missing a chance to collect more taxes, bureaucrats from 31 states recently met in Chicago to create a new system for taxing Internet purchases. They claim they are trying to simplify their respective sales taxes.

The state politicians call this proposal the Streamlined Sales Tax Project [SSTP]. It should be called the "OPEC for politicians."

The extension of sales-and-use taxes to out-of-state sales, no matter how simplified and harmonized, represents a huge threat to taxpayers and economic prosperity.

— VERONIQUE DE RUGY

The Cato Institute

November 19, 2002

**"Crisis is the rallying cry of the tyrant."**

**— JAMES MADISON**



Today, as the government tells us that the "crisis" of terrorism requires us to give up more of our rights, groups like the Libertarian Party — that remember the prophetic words of Madison — are more important than ever. Help keep the party strong. Help us help America resist the cry of the tyrant. Name the LP in your will or insurance policy. For a discussion of that option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (865) 584-5192. Or e-mail: dmartin301@comcast.net



# Did Libertarians cost the GOP seats?

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tarian platform" and won 14.1% of the vote — cost the Republican the governor's seat.

Taking a more vitriolic tack was Chuck Muth, executive director of the American Conservative Union.

In an op-ed piece in the November 23 *Rapid City Journal* (South Dakota), he charged that voters who supported Libertarians "subscribe to the political strategy of burning the village down in order to save it."

Since voting for Libertarians might cause a "government-loving incumbent liberal" to win, only "numb-skulls" would not choose to vote for a Republican candidate, wrote Muth.

Libertarians who don't agree with his diagnosis suffer from "outright stupidity," he opined.

"Serious liberty-minded people who truly want to change public policy need to join with conservatives in the GOP" and "play in the big leagues with the big boys," he wrote.

## Difficult to say

But did the Libertarian Party really cause Republican candidates to lose in the 2002 election? It's difficult to say definitively, said LP Communications Director George Getz.

"The numbers certainly show that the LP held the balance of power in those races," he said. "But whether that translated into a Democratic victory and a Republican loss is less clear.

"In Wisconsin, for example, Ed Thompson was running a campaign that appealed in many ways to traditional liberal sensibilities — so it's possible that he cost the Democrat more votes than the Republican."

However, said Getz, the more Republican candidates backpedal on their promises to reduce taxes and curb excessive government spending, the more likely voters are to support genuinely small-government Libertarian candidates.

"I'll say something that I've said before to Republicans: If you keep your promises, you might keep your jobs," he said.

The LP's 1996 and 2000 presidential candidate, Harry Browne, also argued that Republicans' support for "ever-growing big government" — and not the presence of Libertarian candidates on the ballot — was the real reason for the GOP defeats.

In a November 21 column on [www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com), Browne wrote: "We're told that, with all their faults, the Republicans are the 'lesser of two evils.' But where Republicans and Democrats are concerned, there is no lesser of two evils.

"The Democrats talk about civil liberties and peace, but vote for any monstrous new invasion the Republicans want. The Republicans talk about economic freedom, fiscal responsibility, and gun rights, but vote for every new boondoggle the Democrats want."

In fact, wrote Browne, most Republicans are "poster boys for the 'Republican revolution' — which is about speaking in favor of freedom while doing everything possible to



take it away, talking about fiscal responsibility while voting for every spending bill that comes down the pike, speaking reverently of the Constitution when campaigning and vio-

lating it when in office."

*Reason* magazine's Brian Doherty echoed the same sentiments in a November 19 column.

"A Republican-dominated federal government is giving us more federal land grabs, secret arrests, restrictions on political speech, and increased warrantless searches of phone and Internet lines," he wrote. "The libertarian-minded have very little reason to feel loyalty to Republicans."

## CORRECTIONS

■ In the December *LP News*, incomplete vote totals for Texas were published. The final numbers are: Scott Lanier Jameson (U.S. Senate) 35,538 (0.78%); Barbara Hernandez (Land Commissioner) 180,870 (4.12%); Jon Roland (Attorney General) 56,880 (1.26%); Eugene Flynn (Chief Justice, State Supreme Court) 80,185 (1.83%); Quanah Parker (State Supreme Court) 102,926 (2.35%); Nazirite Flores Perez (Railroad Commissioner) 110,160 (2.50%); Stephan Kinsella (Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1) 71,422 (1.65%); Vincent J. May (Commissioner of Agriculture) 52,234 (1.17%); Bowie Ibarra (Comptroller of Public Accounts) 53,614 (1.19%).

■ Also in the December issue, the Biblical quote, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants" was incorrectly attributed on page 6. In fact, it is from Leviticus 25:10.

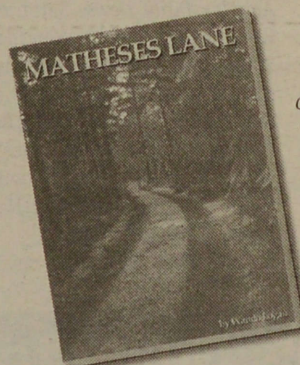
# Dear Freethinker

You've probably heard people refer to you as "a loner" or "peculiar" just because you spend your free time as you choose — and because you choose to spend your free time with only the few persons you really like.

Maybe people have even called you "odd" or "weird" or "crazy" just because you find solitude and your own thoughts to be the best of all companions.

Possibly, during a mellow moment of concern for your fellow man, you have considered the unthinkable: making a public apology for your unique lifestyle.

Then, you'll undoubtedly welcome a unique book:  
MATHESSES LANE  
penned by Wanda Logan



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Matheses Lane is a fictional work of satire. It is both controversial and revolutionary. It exposes all so-called mental illness as nothing more than a delusive state of consciousness.

It associates the laws of genuine metaphysics with the teachings of original Christianity — the Doctrine which clarified a crucial point: "God gave man a sound mind," as explained by an Apostle.

Matheses Lane will not leave you where it found you.



## AFFILIATE NEWS

# Recalling corrupt politicians, and stopping two proposed tax hikes

### ■ ALASKA

#### Libertarian group files lawsuit over initiative

A Libertarian-led organization has filed a lawsuit to place on the ballot an initiative to legalize selling marijuana paraphernalia in Anchorage.

On November 19, Citizens for Implementing Medical Marijuana (CIMI) attorney Karen Bretz filed the lawsuit in district court.

The legal action was taken after the city government refused to certify the initiative, said CIMI Chair Al Anders.

In April 2002, CIMI had submitted more than 9,800 signatures to qualify the paraphernalia initiative for the April 2003 ballot. But the city government said not enough signatures had been gathered. Politicians also later claimed the language of the measure was false and misleading.

With the lawsuit, "I feel confident the initiative will eventually make it onto the ballot, whether in 2003 or 2004," said Anders.

The Anchorage government passed an ordinance prohibiting marijuana paraphernalia soon after voters passed a 1998 initiative to legalize medical marijuana.

### ■ CALIFORNIA

#### Congressional candidate honored by Muslim group

A Libertarian candidate for U.S. House was honored by the Bay Area chapter of the American Muslim Association for his "conviction in supporting and promoting Muslim civil rights."

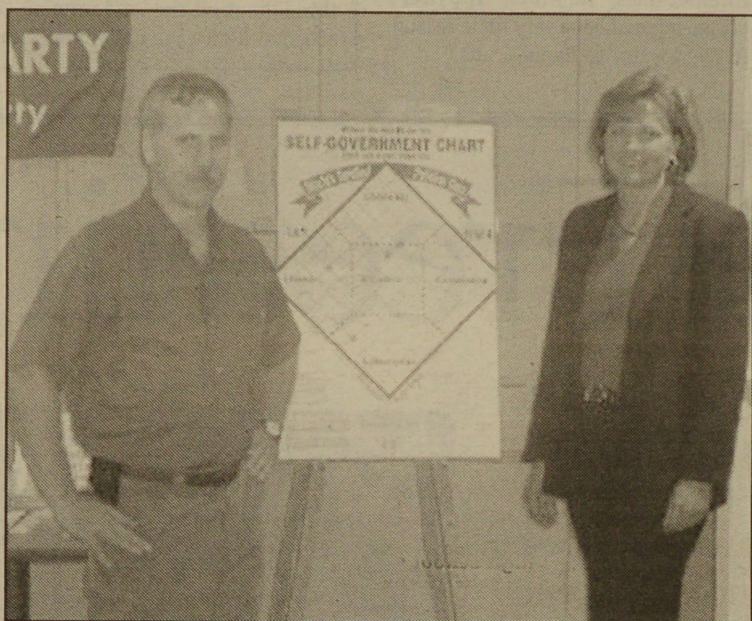
**Maad Abu-Ghazalah**, a Palestinian-American who ran for the U.S. House (District 12) seat and was described as a "rising star of Muslim politics," was recognized in November.

Abu-Ghazalah received 7% of the vote against Democratic incumbent Tom Lantos in the 2002 election.

"Although I am honored by the recognition, I don't think it is time to rest on our laurels," said Abu-Ghazalah. "We must continue to organize to protect our civil liberties."

That's why Abu-Ghazalah said he will continue to be politically active.

"It's important that Muslims and other groups that feel politically dis-



#### Community college outreach in New Jersey

■ **Hunterdon County LP Chair Hal Shute and Connie Coty staff an outreach booth — and offer passersby the opportunity to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz — at Raritan Valley Community College in New Jersey.**

The outreach event was held on September 19. The college, located in North Branch in central New Jersey, has 11,000 students.

The Hunterdon County booth was one of an estimated 600-1,000 Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) events conducted in 2002, said Sharon Harris of the Advocates for Self-Government.

"OPH is a marvelously successful tool for reaching the public, finding liberty-minded people, and recruiting them into libertarian organizations (like local LP groups)," she said.

enfranchised understand that the battle cannot be won overnight," he said. "The key is to stay true to one's message."

The AMA has chapters in 30 states. It seeks to "organize the American Muslim community in public affairs, civic discourse, and party politics."

### ■ ILLINOIS

#### Cease homeschooling harassment, says party

Libertarians have called on school officials to stop "harassing" homeschoolers.

In November, the party blasted Bruce Dennison, the superintendent for Bureau, Stark and Henry counties, who sent truant officers to visit 22 families with homeschooled children.

The officers demanded that the parents attend a "pre-trial" hearing to determine if they are violating state law by educating their children at home.

"No charges have been filed against the families, but threats of criminal charges loom large," said LP State Chair **Austin Hough**.

According to a 1950 Illinois Supreme Court decision, *People v.*

*Levisen*, a home school is viewed as the equivalent of a private school, which is required only to teach the same curriculum as a public school.

"The Libertarian Party of Illinois calls for an immediate stop of the harassment of homeschooling families," said Hough. "[And we pledge our] support to those families being bullied."

### ■ ILLINOIS

#### In testimony, Libertarian knocks new tobacco tax

**Jeff Trigg**, the secretary of the state LP, told a state committee in Chicago that an ongoing effort to convince people to stop smoking by raising tobacco taxes is "social engineering."

Speaking on behalf of the non-partisan Heartland Institute and the LP, Trigg told the Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health (ICSH) Cessation Subcommittee, "I can not

find in our constitution where it says government has the responsibility or the power to accomplish the goals of [stopping people from smoking]."

At the December 3 public hearing, Trigg also charged that government-funded anti-smoking groups want to increase their funding "by taking more money out of the hands of hardworking Americans. [Such] tax increases are unfair and excessive. I believe [anti-smoking campaigns] should be left up to the private sector instead of raising taxes even higher."

After a series of public hearings, ICSH will make recommendations on how to best "promote tobacco use cessation" in the state.

### ■ MASSACHUSETTS

#### Governor snubs offer to cut government waste

**Carla Howell**, who spearheaded the Question One initiative to slash the state income tax, made Governor-elect Mitt Romney an "offer he can't refuse" by volunteering to serve as a "non-partisan friend of the taxpayers" to cut waste in government.

"I have the tools and temperament necessary to do a comprehensive investigation and funding inventory to identify billions of dollars of waste that are marbled into Massachusetts government spending," she said in a faxed letter on November 11.

If Romney grants her open access to government financial records and cooperation from all departments, Howell said she would be able to eliminate the state's \$2 billion budget deficit without tax increases.

"Give me the authority — and I will show you the waste," she said.

Howell, who has an MBA from Babson College, is a professional management and strategy consultant.

In an apparent snub, Romney did not respond to the offer.

### ■ MASSACHUSETTS

#### Question 1 vote sparks worldwide news coverage

The close vote on the Libertarian-sponsored Question One initiative — which would have abolished the state's income tax — not only shocked the Massachusetts political establishment, it also generated headlines around the world.

In the days following the narrow 54.6% to 45.4% defeat of the measure, news stories about the vote appeared in *USA Today*, the *New York Times*, the *Associated Press*, the *Los Angeles Daily News*, *Salon.com*, the *Washington Times*, *Newsday* (New York), the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Miami Herald*, *National Review*, and the *Grand Forks Herald* (North Dakota).

The story was ubiquitous on television news broadcasts, with mentions on ABC News, Fox News, CBS News, CNN, and MSNBC.

The story even made news around

the globe, including the *Independent* (UK), *Reuters* (UK), *Stuff.co.nz* (New Zealand), *The Globe and Mail* (Canada), and the *Financial Times* (UK).

The story generated so much interest, said **Carla Howell**, who spearheaded Question One, because "we shattered the pretense that big government is our only option by nearly winning our initiative to slash 39% of state government revenue. Ending the income tax — a cornerstone plank of the Libertarian Party platform — can no longer be cast as a pipedream now."

Had it passed, the initiative would have saved state taxpayers up to \$9 billion annually, and would have returned \$3,000 per year to the average state taxpayer.

### ■ MICHIGAN

#### Libertarians celebrate defeat of new arts tax

Oakland County and Wayne County Libertarians joined forces with the Small Government Alliance PAC to defeat a proposed local "culture tax."

On November 5, the measure — titled Proposal K — went down to defeat after 54% of Oakland County voters and 43% of Wayne County voters opposed the new tax. Wayne County requires a 60% vote for any proposed tax increase to be approved.

The measure would have slightly boosted property taxes for 10 years, raising about \$46 million a year to fund music, science, historical, and arts programs.

To fight the tax, LP members and the Small Government Alliance (SGA) ran a series of local newspaper ads.

"We knew that we only needed to influence enough people to repeat the results of the 2000 arts tax proposal that also failed," said SGA President **Tim O'Brien**. "As it turned out, we got an even larger margin this time."

### ■ NEW JERSEY

#### Reject dumb 'smart gun' plan, says LP member

Smart gun, dumb idea.

That was the gist of LP member **Terry Wintroub's** testimony on November 7, when the Lawrenceville native told the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee that it should refrain from enacting a "smart gun" statute in the state.

Smart guns are weapons equipped with an identifier that allows only the registered owner to fire it. The law would prohibit the sale of non-smart guns three years after the technology is commercially available.

During his testimony, Wintroub debunked a number of claims made by a spokesperson for Ceasefire New Jersey, an advocacy organization that lobbies for stricter gun control laws.

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law-abiding citizens, said Wintroub. "[This bill] will achieve little if any public policy goal," he said. "[And it will] further the goals of gun-haters by handing them a substanceless but symbolic political victory."

#### ■ OKLAHOMA

### State LP collects cash for charity coat drive

Demonstrating that the LP isn't "all hat and no cattle," state Libertarians participated in a charitable "Coats for Kids" drive.

During the October/November 2002 drive, LP officers solicited funds from LP members and raised nearly \$1,000 for needy children, said State LP Communications Director **Clark Duffe**.

"There is a perception that the Libertarian Party is 'all hat and no cattle' — that we talk about how private charity will take care of the truly poor, but that we don't follow talk with action," he said. "This project showed otherwise."

In addition, Duffe said the effort garnered the LP publicity on the Mike McCarville radio show and a certificate of appreciation from the Coats for Kids headquarters.

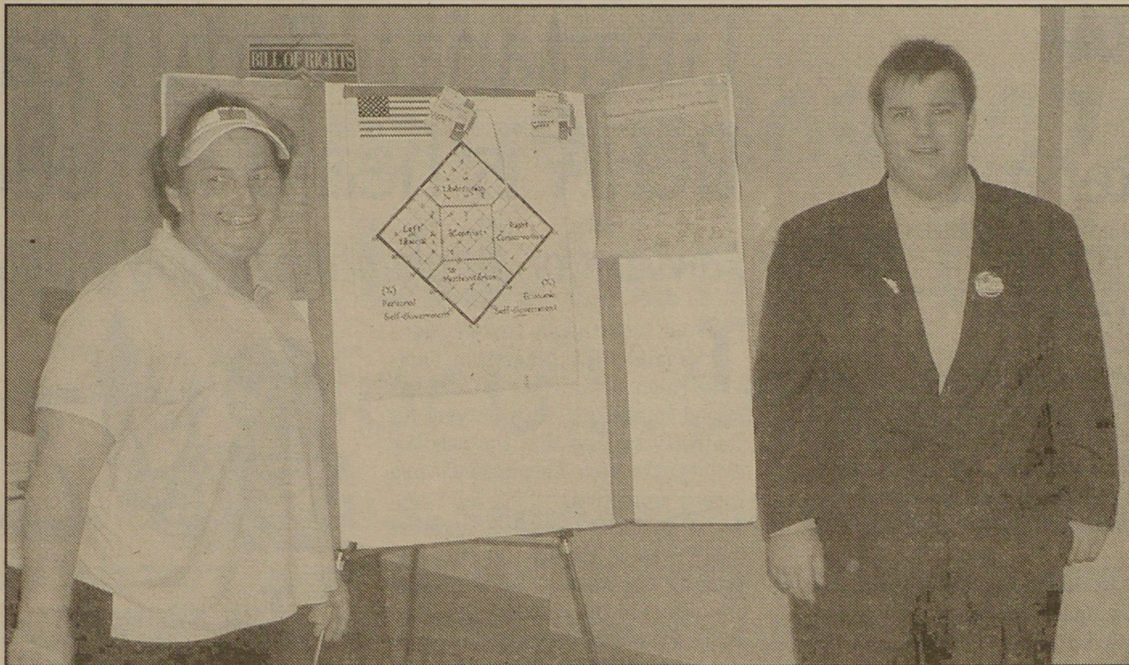
"If followed up by continual community involvement in good causes, this will expand our sphere of influence," said Duffe. "We will become the political party that actually does something — besides whine about needing more tax money to solve societal woes."

#### ■ TEXAS

### Travis County LP fights city smoking ordinance

Travis County Libertarians have struck a blow against "heavy-handed legislative nonsense" by opposing a proposed ordinance that would ban smoking in almost all business establishments.

"Politicians do not seem to recognize the property rights of Austin residents," said LP County Chair **Pat Dixon**. "I call on the people of Austin to oppose this further intrusion of government into our lives."



### Quizzing the Junior State of America at a California convention

■ California LP State Executive Committee member **Philip Heath** and his mother, **Kaylyn Heath**, set up a World's Smallest Political Quiz display for a Libertarian Party outreach booth at the Junior State of America convention in Garden Grove.

The convention, which attracted about 1,400 attendees, was held at the Hyatt Hotel on November 23. "We helped the convention goers understand the benefits of voting for our party and ended the day with a good stack of names of those who want further contact with us," said California Libertarian **Dave Hollist**, who volunteered at the event.

Also working at the outreach booth was **Rick Newhouse**.

The Junior State of America is the largest student-run high school organization in America. It offers debates, speeches, problem-solving exercises, and political simulations for students interested in politics and government, foreign affairs, the law, and education.

According to Dixon, Austin's mayor, **Gus Garcia**, is basing the ordinance on one in nearby Round Rock. That ordinance bans smoking in all restaurants, and requires bars to meet stringent ventilation regulations.

Dixon, who is a non-smoker, said his position on the issue does not stem from a pro-smoking bias, but rather from a pro-liberty orientation. "I prefer to patronize restaurants with a pleasant environment, and avoid those that I dislike," he said. "We do not need to have our common sense replaced by heavy-handed legislative nonsense."

#### ■ TEXAS

### State party plans drive after losing ballot status

The state LP has lost its ballot status after failing to get enough votes to retain it — which will force the party to plan a "grueling" petition drive for ballot access in 2004.

In the November 2002 election, LP gubernatorial candidate **Jeff Daiell** received about 1.5% of the vote. State law requires third parties to garner at least 2% of the vote in the governor's race or 5% of the vote in another statewide race to retain ballot status.

As a result, the Texas LP must gather 50,000 petition signatures of registered voters to gain ballot access in the next presidential election.

LP State Chair **David DeLamar** said the LP was "basically stampeded by a herd of elephant straight-ticket voters" in the election, coupled with an unusually large Republican turnout.

The LP will try to convince the state legislature to eliminate the

straight-party option on ballots in the future, said **DeLamar**.

#### ■ VIRGINIA

### LP member ends illegal anti-gun library policy

A Williamsburg Libertarian has convinced a local public library to drop its illegal ban on carrying guns inside the facility.

At a Virginia LP central committee meeting on October 12, held in the library, LP activist **Leonard Harris** was asked to leave the premises by members of the library staff. Harris was legally carrying a Karr P-9 handgun for protection purposes.

Harris informed the staff members that such a policy violates state law, which allows citizens to openly carry guns in public buildings. However, the staff members insisted that Harris leave, and he complied.

Harris then telephoned **Philip Van Cleave**, president of the Virginia Civil Defense League, who contacted the Williamsburg police department and succeeded in rescinding the building's "no gun" policy.

"I'm quite happy about the fact that they actually changed the policy, and I'm glad they are finally obeying state law," said Harris.

#### ■ VIRGINIA

### County Libertarians help defeat transportation tax

Libertarians in the Hampton Roads area are "ecstatic" after helping to defeat a referendum item that would have increased the local sales tax to finance road improvements.

The measure, which would have boosted the sales tax from 4.5% to 5.5%, was soundly defeated in the

November elections by 62% to 38%.

Local LP Vice Chair **Sanford Pankin**, who headed a group called the Coalition Opposing Sales Tax for Transportation (COSTT), said his group ran television commercials, printed and distributed anti-tax literature, and put up campaign signs to help defeat the measure.

The victory garnered the LP publicity in the *Virginia Pilot* and *USA Today*, said Pankin, as well as on local radio and television.

"I'm jubilant over the results because many people worked very hard for this campaign to be successful," he said. "I think we definitely sent a message against increasing taxes."

#### ■ VIRGINIA

### Student sparks debate over marijuana proposal

A Libertarian student senator at George Mason University has caused controversy by proposing a resolution in support of marijuana decriminalization.

**Nathan Larson**, a senior in the school of management, introduced the resolution to the student senate on November 21. The measure, SB 6, was tabled until a later meeting, when the senate will vote whether to put it before the students as a referendum.

The bill, which calls on the Vir-

ginia Assembly to "eliminate all criminal penalties for possession of marijuana," came under fire from several other student senators who said the measure is "seriously inappropriate" for discussion at a college.

But Larson, who ran for office on a platform of introducing the legislation, said the bill is "really not all that radical."

"This referendum is a chance for students to voice their opinion," he said.

#### ■ WISCONSIN

### Thompson quits tavern group over endorsement

LP gubernatorial candidate **Ed Thompson** has resigned from the Tavern League of Wisconsin (TLW), charging that the organization "put political games above principle" in the 2002 election.

On November 14, Thompson submitted his letter of resignation to **Jerry Hinderman**, TLW president. The letter was faxed to the organization's headquarters in Madison.

In the letter, Thompson, who is the owner of Ed's Tee Pee Supper Club in Tomah, chided the TLW for endorsing his opponent, incumbent Governor **Scott McCallum**, in the election.

"Instead of doing the right thing and supporting a fellow tavern owner who would stand up for taverns and small businesses, the TLW became just one more in a list of organizations supporting the political establishment's candidates," he wrote.

Thompson noted that he would meet with other tavern owners to discuss creating a new association of Wisconsin tavern owners that will "promote our interests and provide for our mutual support."

#### ■ WISCONSIN

### Central Wisconsin LP assists recall campaign

Libertarians are lending their technological expertise to help a campaign to recall an allegedly corrupt state senator.

The Central Wisconsin LP has posted at its website ([www.cwlp.org](http://www.cwlp.org)) a petition to recall State Senator **Chuck Chvala** [D-Madison], who has been charged with 20 felony counts for extortion and misconduct. If convicted, he faces 85 years in prison.

**Floyd Hagerty**, who is coordinating the website campaign, said Libertarians want to help rid Wisconsin of corrupt politicians.

"The government has been going downhill in this state for a long time and the people seem to be turning a blind eye," he said. "They think politicians are supposed to be corrupt and that is the way things work."

In its first month, the recall campaign attracted 1,000 volunteers.

**John Finch**, who is spearheading the effort for Citizens for Ethical Government, said support for the recall crosses all party lines.

"It's Democratic. It's Republican. It's Libertarian. It's independent," he said. "You name it, they're signing [the petition]."

To force a recall election, citizens must collect 14,477 signatures by December 28.

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## THE REVIEW

### Bowling a gutter ball

■ *Bowling for Columbine*. Written and directed by Michael Moore. Released by United Artists.

Reviewed by Ari Armstrong  
COLORADO FREEDOM REPORT

What are we to make of a documentary that claims to discuss violence in America, but fails to even mention a policy responsible for raising U.S. homicide rates by 25%? At the end of his film *Bowling for Columbine*, director Michael Moore bowls a strike. Unfortunately, his film is less successful. He heaves mightily and knocks down a few pins, but he also rolls some gutter balls.

Economist Jeffrey Miron of Boston University found "drug and alcohol prohibition have substantially raised the homicide rate in the United States over much of the past 100 years" by an estimated 25-75%. Why? Prohibition creates violent black markets. It's a simple theory supported by the evidence.

So in his rambling exploration of many other facets of violence in America, why does Moore completely ignore the domestic consequences of prohibition? Such an omission is inexcusable, and it indicates Moore's social agenda trumps any serious effort to come to grips with the problem.

That said, at times Moore's work is chillingly poignant. During one segment, he shows frame after frame of botched U.S. foreign policy moves. The U.S. helps kill or otherwise remove one leader of a struggling nation, only to see the rise of an even worse leader. The U.S. has supported both Saddam and the Taliban, though in retrospect that support seems to have been unwise. Moore's critique of American "foreign entanglements" mirrors libertarian concerns.

On the morning of the Columbine murders, Moore points out, President Clinton was on television announcing the latest American bombing raid in Kosovo. Just an hour later, Clinton was back on TV discussing the suburban terror. Is senseless violence on the personal level linked to the mass-violence of the state? It's possible, but Moore doesn't demonstrate a causal connection.

Moore notes the Columbine killers also attended a morning bowling class, so why not blame bowling? Moore's comparison is silly, but he does raise the excellent point that people shouldn't look for scapegoats following a tragedy.

Which brings us to another of Moore's gutter balls. Scapegoating is precisely what Moore does, only his victim is the American gun owner. At one point, Moore places a picture of the young victim of the Buell school shooting against a ledge of Charlton Heston's house. Moore seems to think Heston is somehow to blame for the death, and he asks Heston to apologize.

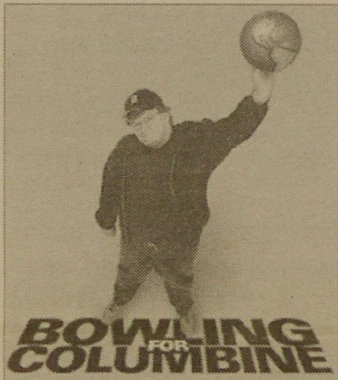
Moore also took a couple Columbine victims to K-Mart and used media pressure to convince the chain to stop selling ammunition. He describes this as an "overwhelming victory." Yet his self-serving media stunt accomplished exactly nothing.

In his incoherent badmouthing of corporations, Moore neglects to remind us that his film was released by a large corporation, and his work was advertised by corporate media outlets. This doesn't prove Moore's case is wrong, but it does prove he's not self-reflective.

Many of my gun-owning friends are doctors, lawyers, professors, and professionals. Does Moore interview anybody representative of the American gun owner? Of course not. Does he interview any scholar who is an expert on crime and firearms, such as David Kopel, John Lott, Gary Kleck, or Don Kates? Of course not. To do so would be to treat the matter seriously.

Moore thinks America is a nation of fear and paranoia. Yes, some Americans have problems with violence, bigotry, and paranoia. However, the vast majority of Americans, including the vast majority of American gun owners, lead basically responsible lifestyles. This basic fact seems not to assist Moore in his quixotic crusades.

■ **About the reviewer:** Ari Armstrong is publisher of the Colorado Freedom Report ([www.co-freedom.com](http://www.co-freedom.com)). This review appeared in the November 13, 2002 edition of the Colorado Freedom Report.



## Libertarian Party's case against BCRA is heard in federal court

Lawyers for 80 plaintiffs say law violates First Amendment

The Libertarian Party's fight against the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) has moved into court, with lawyers for the party arguing that the new law violates the First Amendment's free speech protections.

On December 4 and 5, a three-judge panel at the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, DC heard oral arguments in the case *McConnell vs. FEC* — the first court challenge to the statute since it was passed in late 2001. Mitch McConnell is a Republican U.S. Senator from Kentucky.

Amidst a courtroom packed with dozens of legal staffers, journalists, and onlookers arrayed on wooden pews, attorneys for both sides made their cases before Judge Karen LeCraft Henderson, Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, and Judge Richard J. Leon.

#### Prohibits soft money

The plaintiffs in the case argued that the BCRA, which prohibits unregulated "soft money" donations to national political parties and bans issue ads 60 days before an election by many lobbying organizations, tramples on the First Amendment.

Meanwhile, Justice Department lawyers who are defending the BCRA countered that the law is narrowly tailored to root out "the appearance of corruption" in the U.S. political



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—Ken Starr

system and is necessary to restore voters' faith in democracy.

Leading off the presentation was Ken Starr, who represents more than 80 plaintiffs in the case, including the Libertarian Party. Starr gained notoriety as the independent counsel in the Monica Lewinsky investigation during the Clinton administration.

Other co-plaintiffs in the case in-

clude the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Civil Liberties Union, RealCampaignReform.org, the National Rifle Association, the National Right to Life Committee, the ACLU, the Republican National Committee, and the AFL-CIO.

Starr argued that not only does the BCRA launch an unprecedented assault on free speech, it also contains a "sweeping definition of federal election activity that overrides the prerogative of the states."

Under the BCRA, state party organizations must register with the Federal Elections Commission in order to contribute funds to a national party or participate in activities related to a federal election.

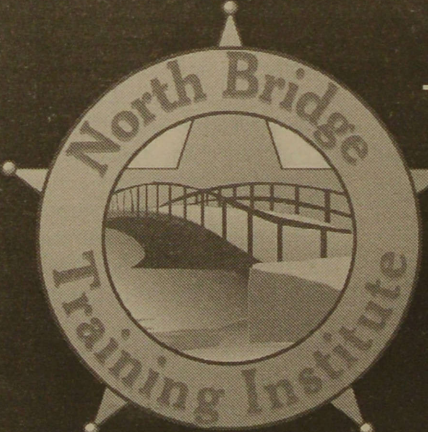
"The Supreme Court has been insistent on remaining true to our system of federalism in these kinds of cases," noted Starr.

#### No "strict scrutiny"

Because the statute was so broad, added Starr, the requirement of the statute to pass the "strict scrutiny" test could not be met.

"Clearly, the other side knows that it cannot meet the strict scrutiny requirement, and that's why they are trying to reduce it," he said. "But strict scrutiny of review must be the standard in this case."

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### It's time to end NATO, not expand it again

**I**nstead of welcoming new countries into NATO at a summit in Prague, President Bush should have pulled the U.S. out of the alliance and saved Americans billions of dollars, Libertarians said.

"NATO might as well stand for Never-ending American Taxpayer Obligation," said Geoff Neale, national LP Chair. "There's no reason Americans should pay to defend rich European nations like France, England, and Germany against a Soviet threat that no longer exists."

Bush used the two-day NATO summit in November to welcome into NATO new members — including Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — which he said will "bring new life to the transatlantic alliance."

But the last thing NATO needs is new members, said Neale.

"This alliance was created after World War II to protect Western Europe from a belligerently communist U.S.S.R.," he said. "Yet instead of letting NATO expire when the Soviet Union collapsed, politicians have put it on life support by constantly finding new missions."

For example, NATO has thousands of troops on humanitarian missions in Bosnia, Macedonia, and Albania — deployments that cost Americans an estimated \$13 billion per year, Neale noted.

"Humanitarian missions should be performed by humanitarian organizations," Neale said. "If wealthy European nations want to spend billions on such missions, that's their business. But there's no reason to force Americans to pick up the tab for an international welfare program masquerading as a military alliance."

### America doesn't need the Cell Phone Cops

**N**ew York City politicians are considering the nation's first proposal to outlaw cell phone calls during movies, concerts, and Broadway plays — but Libertarians said social pressure is a better way to deter such rude behavior.

"Picture Miss Manners with a gun, and you have some idea why this proposal is an overreaction," said George Getz, LP communications director. "Civilized people can deal with minor annoyances without further empowering the Nanny State."

The New York City Council is expected to consider a bill that would impose a \$50 fine on anyone who makes or receives a call, or fails to turn off the phone's ringer, during an indoor performance at a theater, art gallery, concert hall, or library.

If passed in New York, the "cell phone etiquette" law could spread rapidly to other states. Last year, after New York became the first state to ban using a cell phone while driving, 31 other state legislatures considered similar regulations.

But the real question raised by the New York proposal, Libertarians say, is: "Should bad manners be illegal?"

"There are other ways to deter someone who's gabbing on a cell phone during a movie," said Getz. "Give them a dirty look. Ask them to stop. Or ask the manager to do so. When it comes to making people behave, social disapproval works more efficiently than another law."

### Homeland Security won't make U.S. safer

**I**f Congress really wants to help protect national security, it should have summoned the courage to say "no" to Bush's homeland security bill, the Libertarian Party said.

"We already have several departments of homeland security: The Pentagon, the FBI and the CIA," said George Getz. "But instead of holding those agencies accountable for their failures, Bush prefers to create another bureaucracy. How will this make America safer?"

In November, Congress passed Bush's proposed Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security, which will combine 170,000 employees from 22 federal agencies at an annual cost of \$37 billion.

"This proposal was popular because politicians reflexively enlarge government when a crisis occurs," said Getz. "But as September's Congressional hearings into intelligence failures showed, federal bureaucracies were an *obstacle* to preventing terrorist attacks."

The hearings revealed that the CIA knew before the 9/11 attacks that al-Qaeda operatives had entered the country, yet failed to notify the FBI, and that intelligence agencies intercepted dozens of electronic messages from the hijackers but were unable to read them because they lacked Arabic translators.

Bush should have responded to those revelations by demanding more accountability, said Getz — not more bureaucracy.

"Why haven't the directors of these agencies been fired for the failures that contributed to the deaths of 3,000 Americans?" he asked. "And why isn't Bush crusading to make those agencies more accountable rather than hiding them inside another impenetrable bureaucracy?"

# Discover Liberty is short of goals, but reaches thousands of people

**T**he Advocates for Self-Government's ambitious Discover Liberty project fell short of its goals — but still generated thousands of new libertarian prospects and was a valuable learning experience.

That was the analysis of Advocates President Sharon Harris, who oversaw the year-long project that ended in July 2002.

"Discover Liberty 2002 was a success in many ways, even though we didn't achieve our goals," she said. "We reached many thousands of people, created new material such as the special Discover Liberty website, and learned an enormous amount from the undertaking."

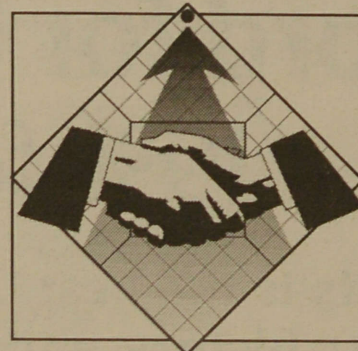
#### Biggest in history

Discover Liberty — which had been planned as the biggest "one-on-one" libertarian outreach effort in history — was a plan by the Advocates to coordinate 2,000 Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) outreach booths in 50 states over a 12-month span.

Had it reached its targets, those 2,000 OPH booths would have invited 250,000 people to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz (which charts a person's political beliefs on a four-way map), and discovered 72,500 new libertarians.

However, only 600-1,000 OPHs ended up being scheduled, said Harris, 20,024 quizzes were taken by booth visitors, and 6,215 people scored in the libertarian quadrant.

Given those numbers, she said, "We think the experience was a qualified success. Even though we didn't



**"WE THINK THE experience was a qualified success."**

— Sharon Harris

accomplish 2,000 OPHs, we did oversee over 600."

The project fell short of its goals, said Harris, because:

■ The Advocates never managed to recruit enough state and regional coordinators, or to furnish enough support to the 37 state coordinators who had signed on.

"Our state coordinators were eventually left largely on their own, with insufficient contact and encouragement from a national structure," said Harris. "It is a major reason, we think, that the numbers — initially pretty strong — didn't grow as we'd hoped."

"The Advocates staff was already extremely busy with numerous other tasks, and we just didn't finish the job of creating the national structure

that would have kept the national Discover Liberty network going and growing."

■ A planned campus outreach project never materialized.

"Our plans for this fell through totally," said Harris. "We never put together the student network to encourage OPHs among student organizations."

Despite the setbacks, Harris said there were a number of "success stories" that emerged from Discover Liberty — including numerous LP state parties that exceeded their OPH goals.

Leading the list of Discover Liberty "state stars" were Alaska (OPH goal: 5; accomplished: 18), Colorado (28/41); Georgia (50/51); Montana (5/9); New Hampshire (9/23); Vermont (5/10); and Washington state (41/93).

Other energetic state parties included: Alabama (organized 26 OPHs), Illinois (62), Maryland (24), New Mexico (9), North Carolina (42), Virginia (25) and Wisconsin (17).

#### Years to come

"We'd like to say thank you to everyone who participated in Discover Liberty 2002!" said Harris. "You made a difference. The libertarian movement will benefit from your work for years to come."

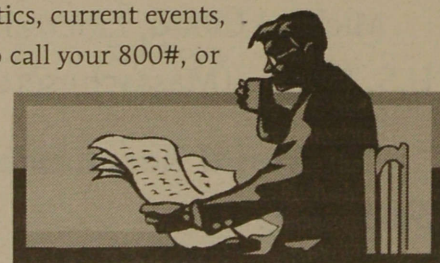
Harris said she isn't sure if the Advocates will conduct another Discover Liberty project in the future.

"At this point, we're still assessing it all," she said. "But one thing we're sure of: It was a great, exciting, bold effort, and we're proud we went for it."

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# Jokes and witticisms: The lighter side of politics

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asked the old farmer where all the politicians had gone.

The old farmer said he had buried them.

The sheriff asked the old farmer, "Were they ALL dead?"

The old farmer replied, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them politicians lie."

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"Politicians are interested in people. Not that this is always a virtue. Fleas are interested in dogs."

— P. J. O'ROURKE

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"I've got a lot to learn about Washington. Why, yesterday I accidentally spent some of my own money."

— SENATOR FRED THOMPSON

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A state government employee sits in his office and out of boredom decides to see what's in his old filing cabinet. He pokes through the contents and comes across an old brass lamp.

"This will look nice on my mantelpiece," he decides, and takes it home with him.

While polishing the lamp, a genie appears.

"For setting me free, I am granting you three wishes," says the genie. "So tell me what are they?"

"I wish for an ice cold beer right now!" says the excited government worker.

He gets his beer and drinks it. Now that he can think more clearly, he states his second wish. "I wish to be on an island where beautiful young girls reside."

Suddenly he is on an island with gorgeous females eyeing him lustfully.

He tells the genie his third and last wish, "I wish I'd never have to work ever again."

POOF!

He's back in his government office.

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"Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them." — LILY TOMLIN

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"I owe the government \$3,400 in taxes. So I sent them two hammers and a toilet seat."

— MICHAEL MCSHANE

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It was election time and a politician decided to go out to the local reservation and try to get the Native American vote. They were all assembled in the Council Hall to hear the speech.

The politician had worked up to his finale, and the crowd was getting more and more excited. "I promise better education opportunities for Native Americans!"

The crowd went wild, shouting

"Hoya! Hoya!"

The politician was a bit puzzled by the native word, but was encouraged by their enthusiasm. "I promise gambling reforms to allow a casino on the reservation!" he said.

"Hoya! Hoya!" cried the crowd, stomping their feet.

"I promise more social reforms and job opportunities for Native Americans!" he said.

The crowd reached a frenzied pitch shouting, "Hoya! Hoya! Hoya!"

After the speech, the politician was touring the reservation, and saw a tremendous herd of cattle. Since he was raised on a ranch, and knew a bit about cattle, he asked the Chief if he could get closer to take a look at the cattle.

"Sure," the Chief said, "but be careful not to step in the hoya."

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"For every action there is an equal and opposite government program."

— BOB WELLS

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The last four ex-U.S. Presidents are caught in a tornado, and they whirled off to the Land of Oz. They make it to the Emerald City and come before the Great Wizard.

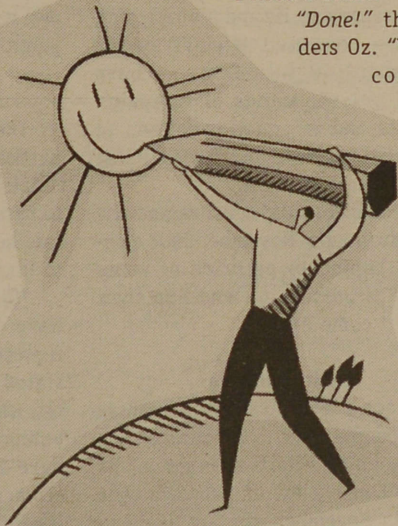
"What brings you before the Great and Powerful Oz!?" he thunders.

Jimmy Carter stepped forward timidly, "I've come for some courage."

"No problem!" roars Oz. "Who's next?"

Ronald Reagan steps forward. "Well... I think I need a brain."

"Done!" thunders Oz. "Who comes



next before the Great Oz?"

Up steps George Bush. "I'm told by the American people that I need a heart," he says.

Says the wizard, "Consider it done!"

There is a great silence in the hall. Bill Clinton is just standing there, but doesn't say a word.

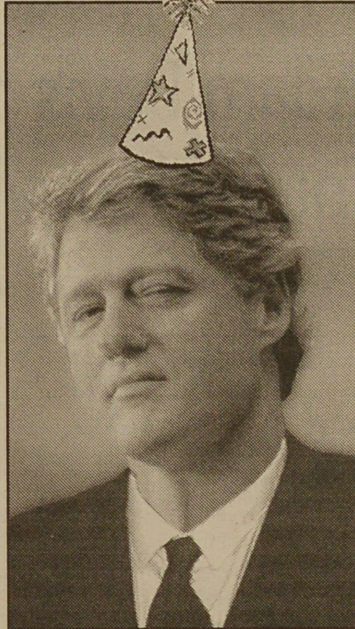
Irritated, the Wizard finally roars, "What do you want?"

Bill Clinton looks around. "Is Dorothy here?"

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"When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators."

— P. J. O'ROURKE



■ Did you hear the one about Bill Clinton in the Land of Oz? He turns to the Wizard and says...

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"A zebra cannot change its spots."

— AL GORE

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Four surgeons are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on.

The first surgeon says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table, because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered."

The second responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded."

The third surgeon says, "No, I really think librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

But the fourth surgeon shut them all up when he observed: "You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, and no spine, and the head and ass are interchangeable!"

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Former California Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, commenting on an earthquake: "This is the worst disaster in California since I was elected."

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"I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy. But that could change."

— DAN QUAYLE

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A little girl asked her father, "Daddy? Do all fairy tales begin with 'Once Upon A Time'?"

He replied, "No, there is a whole series of fairy tales that begin with 'If elected, I promise...'"

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"I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money." — ARTHUR GODFREY

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A visitor from Holland was chatting with his American friend and was jokingly explaining about the red, white and blue in the Netherlands flag.

"Our flag symbolizes our taxes,"

he said. "We get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bill, and blue after we pay them."

"That's the same with us," the American said. "Only we see stars, too."

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"We're enjoying sluggish times, and not enjoying them very much." — Former President George Bush, on the recession.

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Veni, Vedi, Clinti — I came, I saw, I lied.

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A man died and went to Hell. When he got there, he saw one sign that said Capitalist Hell, and another that said Socialist Hell.

In front of the Socialist Hell was an incredibly long line, while there was no-one in front of the Capitalist Hell.

So the man asked the guard, "What do they do to you in Socialist Hell?"

"They boil you in oil, whip you, and then put you on the rack," the guard replied.

"And what do they do to you in Capitalist Hell?"

"The same exact thing," the guard answered.

"Then why is everybody in line for Socialist Hell?"

"Because in Socialist Hell, they're always out of oil, whips, and racks."

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"Those who survived the San Francisco earthquake said, 'Thank God, I'm still alive.' But of course those who died, their lives will never be the same again." — U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

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"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it, and then misapplying the wrong remedies." — GROUCHO MARX

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A little boy wanted \$100 to buy a new bike, and his mother told him to pray to God for it. He prayed and prayed for two weeks, but nothing turned up. Then he decided perhaps he should write God a letter requesting the \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to God, they opened it up and decided to send it to the President. The President was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a check for \$5.00. He thought that this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and sat down to write a thank-you letter to God, which read:

Dear God: Thank you very much for the money. I noticed that you had to send it through Washington. As usual, they deducted \$95.00 for themselves.

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At Nixon and Jackie Kennedy happen to run into each other the eve of the 1960 election.

Hoping to unsettle Jackie, Mrs. Nixon said, "I slept with the future president of the United States last

night."

Mrs. Kennedy didn't miss a beat. "That Jack'll do anything for a vote," she said.

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"We've never had a president named Bob. And I think it's time." — 1996 Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole, on why he should be elected.

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"Outside of the killings, we have one of the lowest crime rates in the country." — Former Washington, DC Mayor Marion Barry

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Politics explained: **Socialism:** You have 2 cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor.

**Communism:** You have 2 cows. The government takes both and gives you some milk.

**Fascism:** You have 2 cows. You get to keep the cows, but the government takes the milk and sells it back to you.

**Nazism:** You have 2 cows. The government takes both and shoots you.

**Libertarianism:** You have 2 cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

**Surrealism:** You have 2 giraffes. The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

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"The first black president will be a politician who is black." — Former Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder

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"The President has kept all of the promises he intended to keep." — Bill Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos.

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A vacationer from New York found his way into a bar in Billings, Montana and began some serious drinking. After he was well past the legal limit, he stood up and shouted, "All Democrats are horses asses!"

Immediately, the barroom crowd set upon him and beat him to a bloody pulp.

After a few days of healing, the New Yorker returned to the same bar and, once again, had more to drink than was reasonable.

Staggering to his feet (but remembering what had happened last time), he shouted, "All Republicans are horses asses," whereupon the crowd descended upon him and beat him into silly putty again.

On his way to the hospital, he complained to the ambulance attendant, "Who the hell do these people vote for around here?"

"You don't understand," the attendant replied. "This is horse country."

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"Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation." — HENRY KISSINGER

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"There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you."

— WILL ROGERS



## POLITICS 2003

### Making history; spelling 'Libertarian' right

■ In Illinois, **R. Scott Bludorn** has announced his campaign for Village of Buffalo Grove Trustee. "We have determined this to be a very winnable race," he said. In Massachusetts, **James C. Perry** launched his campaign for a seat on the Billerica Board of Selectmen.

■ Bravo to **Radley Balko**, writing on FoxNews.com (November 21, 2002). In response to a *New York Times* op-ed, written by National Review's John J. Miller, that criticized libertarians for costing the Republicans several seats in the U.S. Senate, Balko wrote: "My gripe with Bush and Republicans is not that they haven't moved quickly enough to reduce the size and scope of government, or even that they haven't moved at all. My gripe is that they've moved backward. Bush and his comrades in Congress passed a campaign finance 'reform' bill that will restrict American political speech. They're preparing to add yet another Cabinet-level department. They've assigned a renowned liar and privacy opponent to oversee a massive database capable of monitoring almost every transaction made by anyone in the country. Republicans aren't interested in limiting the influence of government. They're interested only in getting re-elected, as Democrats are."

■ In Wisconsin, LP State Chair **Bob Collison** nominated **Adam Dick** to serve on the state Election Board. Dick was the chairman of the **Ed Thompson** for Governor campaign. The LP qualified for a representative on the board because Thompson received more than 10% of the vote in his campaign. Thompson said, "A Libertarian on the Elections Board will help bring accountability to Wisconsin politics that have recently been tarnished by allegations of corruption."

■ In Delaware, **Jim Holliday** has taken over as Chair of the New Castle LP. In Maryland, the LP is contacting the state Department of Elections to request that the party name field on voter registration forms be made longer than 10 letters. Currently, Libertarian is spelled "Libertaran" on the forms. In Virginia, **James Turbett** was elected as the new Chair of the Fairfax County LP.



■ **James Turbett:**  
Fairfax Co. Chair.

■ **Election 2002 roundup:** In South Carolina, Libertarian **Marva Y. Manigault** (candidate for education superintendent) helped make history on November 5: She was one of three African-American candidates on the statewide ballot — a first for the state. Third-party participation in U.S. House races was down slightly in 2002, according to the Associated Press. Only 315 "alternative" party candidates contested House seats, compared to 522 in 2000. (Of those 315 candidates, 219 — or 69.5% — were Libertarians.) The biggest drop-off came from the Natural Law Party, which ran more than 100 U.S. House candidates in 2000 but only a "handful" in 2002.

■ **Miscellaneous:** Another reason why Libertarians need to start winning more elections: David Haugh, a columnist for the *South Bend Tribune* in Indiana, writing about the long odds that the Notre Dame college football team will play in the national-championship Fiesta Bowl: It's so unlikely, he wrote, "that printing the scenario today, to be honest, feels a little like publishing the *Libertarian Party's Guide to Getting Elected*." Ouch.

■ **Popular culture:** A movie based on an **Ayn Rand** novella, *The Husband I Bought*, is slated for release in 2003, reports **Jon Osborne**, the author of *Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video*. He also notes that Fox TV plans a new political reality series called *American Candidate*. "The show will be a two-year production culminating in the selection of a 'people's candidate' to run for president of the U.S. in 2004," he says. "The application process is expected to get under way in January 2003, and the first of a minimum 13 episodes will likely air starting in January 2004. Needless to say, whoever wins will get tremendous free advertising."

■ **Media notes:** WorldNetDaily.com picked up an LP press release that complained about a proposed New York City law that would make it a crime to allow your cell phone to ring in a theater. The November 16 story quoted LP Communications Director **George Getz**, who said, "Picture Miss Manners with a gun and you have some idea why this proposal is an overreaction." Getz was also quoted in a November 20 CNN.com story about the controversy over the Pentagon's Total Information Awareness (TIA) system. Getz said, "So much for the presumption of innocence and the right to privacy. Unless this Orwellian project is dismantled, innocent Americans will suffer under the kind of high-tech, 24-hour surveillance that the KGB would have envied."

## CAMPAIGN 2003 REPORT

# Adam Davis plans ahead in campaign for Jacksonville, Florida city council

*Libertarian seeks spot on 19-member city council in April election*

By **Jonathan Trager**  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**M**any candidates for local office don't begin campaigning until a few months — or even weeks — before their election. Not Adam Nathaniel Davis.

Davis, 29, kicked off his campaign for the city council in Jacksonville, Florida over a year ago, announcing that he would seek a four-year term on the partisan body. The election will be held in April 2003.

Isn't that an unnecessarily long time to campaign for a city council?

"Not if I want to win," said Davis. "There is an absolute ton of work to be done and I have every intention of running a successful campaign. It is my early start that will serve as an advantage in all aspects of the race."

### No sleepy hamlet

Located in the northeast corner of Florida, Jacksonville is about 45 minutes south of the Georgia line. With a total population of about 700,000, the area is no longer a "sleepy southern hamlet," said Davis, but a burgeoning city facing many problems.

And considering that the city council's answer to those problems consistently seems to be bigger, more expensive government, Davis decided he had no choice but to launch his own bid for a seat on the 19-member council.

"Instead of merely complaining about the local government, I thought I would do something positive about it and actually run for office," he said. "There's a lot going on that I think is just outrageous."

During his campaign, Davis has personally visited more than 6,000



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residences in District 2, the area of about 30,000 voters that he is seeking to represent. He and his campaign team — composed of eight leaders and about 40 volunteers — have given out thousands of campaign packets and informational fliers to potential voters in an effort to boost his name recognition.

In addition, Davis canvassed the polls during the November 2002 elections, hoping to persuade as many voters as possible to lend him their support come April.

### Pledged to vote

"I got a lot of positive responses from people, and it encouraged me to step up my efforts even more," he said. "I met a lot of people at the polls in November who are likely to vote in the spring and have pledged to vote for me in the spring."

The current composition of the city council is split 12-7 in favor of the Republicans. But Davis, whose race currently includes an incumbent Republican and no Democrat, said that far too many important city council decisions pass with a vote of 19-0.

Davis said the bipartisan fashion in which the council frequently votes to make the government bigger and more intrusive "is disturbing, and the Republican in the race has done nothing to stand up for taxpayers in the district."

The campaign will focus on fiscal responsibility, said Davis — including opposition to direct subsidies to

private businesses and organizations. While Davis said he favors giving tax breaks to all individuals and businesses, he will not support "corporate welfare" in any form.

Davis is also campaigning against the land-acquisition "craze" that afflicted the Jacksonville government. More than 60,000 acres of land has been purchased by the city council over the years — more than any other municipality in America.

"The reason the city council gives for purchasing all this private property is for preservation," he said. "But many properties are actually bought well above market value from influential owners whose land has lost a lot of its value from when they first bought it."

Repealing intrusive ordinances is also on Davis' agenda. At the top of his list: A rule against cutting down trees on one's own property and the prohibition of alcohol within 1,000 feet of church.

"I'm telling people: 'If you've ever been dismayed by the expensive, expensive, or intrusive nature of Jacksonville's city government, you owe it to yourself to support my campaign for city council,'" said Davis.

### Libertarians struggled

The Jacksonville city council is a partisan body, and Libertarian candidates have struggled to be elected to partisan office. Nevertheless, Davis said he feels his party label will work to his advantage.

"[Jacksonville residents] will not have to worry about a Libertarian representative backpedaling on his stated objectives," he said. "No matter what political deals take place behind the scenes, [they] will always have at least one voice in city government that is fervently protecting [their] tax dollars and rights."

The current vice chair of the Duval County LP, Davis is also a veteran of the United States Air Force. He is a professional website developer, and is married with two children.

For more information, visit: [www.jaxliberty.com](http://www.jaxliberty.com). Or write: Adam Nathaniel Davis, P.O. Box 19224, Jacksonville, FL 32245.

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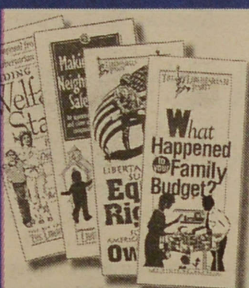
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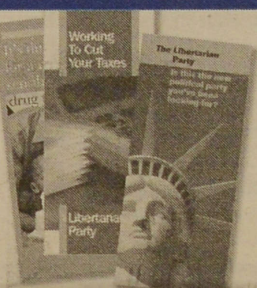


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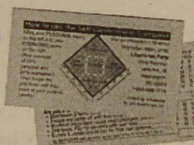
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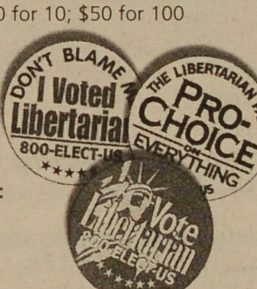
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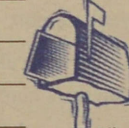
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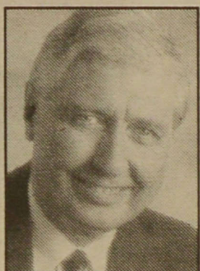
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— **DAVID DELAMAR**,  
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I hope the LP will immunize its members against the "winnable race" virus that causes candidates to disregard the outreach opportunities available in a political race. For many reasons, LP candidates are irrelevant in almost all races they enter. We should use these races to recruit new members, and to show the general public the better life available in a libertarian society. I hope the LP will focus on membership growth to build the cadre we need, and I hope the national and state LPs will train candidates to be more articulate spokesmen for libertarian issues.

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LP presidential candidate

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what the media, incumbents, and pundits have categorically denied: a cornerstone of the Libertarian platform is supported by a large portion of the American population. We've proven the viability of a breakthrough libertarian initiative. If we can win 45.4% of the vote in Massachusetts on a bootstrap budget, we can win anywhere. In 2003, I will use what I've learned about strategy and tactics, legal requirements, large-scale ballot drives, and dealing with the media to assist Libertarians who want to build on our success.

— **CARLA HOWELL** (Massachusetts),  
2002 candidate for governor

My goal is to spread the Libertarian message to the mainstream via the Liberty Penguin. The Liberty Penguin is a great icebreaker. People are curious about "LP." They see it and want to know what it stands for. It's a perfect opportunity to tell them about the party. If we're ever going to change the system — and I believe we can and will — we have to appeal to the masses. A cute and cuddly mascot that complements Lady Liberty is just one more tool to help us do that. Liberty is cool!

— **ANN CASON** (Tennessee),  
The Liberty Penguin

**"WE NEED TO  
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into growing our  
membership [to]  
increase our level of  
political activity."**

— **Aaron Starr**

For the Libertarian Party of California, 2002 was a banner year with a record number of electoral victories. And though California will continue to emphasize fielding more candidates, I believe that we need to put more emphasis into growing our membership. I realize that increased successful political activity will not bring in new members. It's actually the reverse: Bringing in new members will increase our level of successful political activity. The national party could accommodate this by providing a system of recognition for those individuals who bring in new members.

— **AARON STARR**, State Chair,  
California LP

We urgently need a larger, more powerful, more visible libertarian movement. Good news: the potential for a quantum leap in our numbers and influence is there. When Rasmussen Polls surveyed voters using the Advocates' World's Smallest Political Quiz, they found 16% scored Libertarian or Libertarian-leaning. Yet only 2% call themselves libertarians. We must reach these 14% — they are the activists, donors, candidates of tomorrow. The Advocates' mission for 2003 is to help activist libertarians "retail" libertarianism to these millions in the most effective ways possible. Our products, programs, and services can empower every libertarian to do this successfully.

— **SHARON HARRIS** (Georgia),  
Advocates for Self-Government

At the national level I would love to see us implement a new membership database system. This is not a very exciting, sexy "top" goal, but it is the one thing that would bring the most efficiencies, and increase



the effectiveness, of our administrative efforts at all levels. Giving states the tools to manage, or massage, their own membership lists should save the national office staff — and the states — time and allow states to be more effective in their outreach.

— **MARK NELSON** (Iowa),  
Representative, Libertarian  
National Committee (Region 8)

I am going to campaign for Maine to be the choice of the Free State Project. Toward that end, we have begun to organize an effort to repeal the state income tax via statewide referendum. We intend to organize all 35 Maine State Senate districts. If I can persuade a thousand Mainers to sign up for the Free State Project, and get the income tax repealed, Maine would be, hands down, the best choice for freedom in our lifetime. And a free Maine would be incredibly prosperous.

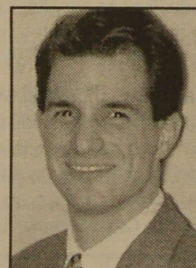
— **FRED STAPLES**, State Chair  
Maine LP

2003 should be the year that we lay the groundwork for winning a State House seat in 2004. Libertarian James Dan almost did it in Nevada in 2000; the Greens did it in Maine in 2002; and the LP can do it next year — if we get to work now. That means we must immediately find several — perhaps five or six — specific races where an LP candidate can win. Then every Libertarian should pitch in to fund them. What the LP needs now is a morale boost — and putting one in the win column is the best way to achieve that.

— **GEORGE GETZ** (Washington, DC),  
LP Director of Communications

I only have one request — more emphasis on local issue resolutions in the national LP News, e-mails, and discussions. We commonly talk about national issues and there are no federal elected LP members, but we have over 400 locally elected LP members that are dealing with many shades of gray on sticky issues. We are in the trenches trying to get solutions for zoning issues and prioritizing spending to the proper roles of city government. In my opinion, more stories about real world solutions, local campaign tactics and activism will have a bigger effect.

— **DAVID EISENBACHER**,  
City Council, Troy, Ohio



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ELECTION RESULTS

Libertarian votes for State House and State Senate around the USA

Here are the Election 2002 results for Libertarian candidates for State Senate and State House. Each listing has the candidate's name, office, district, votes, and percentage. Some results are not yet official.

ALASKA

Gordon Hartlieb • State Rep. (Dist. 26) 140 (2.16%)
Mickey Sexton • State Rep. (Dist. 28) 176 (2.77%)

ALABAMA

Greg Graves • State Senate (Dist. 4) 836 (2.11%)
Greg Bacon • State Senate (Dist. 7) 1,265 (3.21%)
John Turner • State Senate (Dist. 15) 4,673 (11.21%)
Caroline Moore • State Senate (Dist. 17) 5,685 (15.72%)
Jean Allen • State Senate (Dist. 21) 769 (2.27%)
Richard Motes • State Senate (Dist. 23) 10,981 (29.45%)
Mark Hayden • State Senate (Dist. 25) 1,498 (3.17%)
Daniel Bowden • State Senate (Dist. 28) 4,400 (14.42%)
Richard Medicus • State Senate (Dist. 32) 3,431 (9.48%)
Joey Franklin • State Rep. (Dist. 1) 304 (2.23%)
Jonny Letson • State Rep. (Dist. 2) 180 (1.46%)
Peter Miller • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 337 (2.38%)
Jeffrey Johnson • State Rep. (Dist. 10) 417 (3.22%)
Johnny L. Wales • State Rep. (Dist. 21) 260 (2.35%)
Al Driggers • State Rep. (Dist. 27) 662 (5.03%)
John Martin • State Rep. (Dist. 31) 511 (3.43%)
Claude Moore • State Rep. (Dist. 34) 1,427 (11.56%)
Jeffrey L. Echols • State Rep. (Dist. 45) 1,794 (16.45%)
Freeman Craig Presson • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 914 (9.3%)
John L. Robinson • State Rep. (Dist. 70) 145 (1.71%)
Horace McCoy • State Rep. (Dist. 76) 449 (4.14%)
Charles Johnson • State Rep. (Dist. 79) 1,584 (13.22%)
Don Billoni • State Rep. (Dist. 83) 1,524 (20.06%)
Gene Ponder • State Rep. (Dist. 94) 2,077 (15.92%)
Christie Bennett • State Rep. (Dist. 96) 1,250 (9.91%)

ARIZONA

Orville Weyrich • State Senate (Dist. 8) 7,566 (14.6%)
Manfred Alber • State Senate (Dist. 10) 1,068 (3.4%)
John Wilde • State Senate (Dist. 14) 2,920 (19.2%)
Yuri Downing • State Senate (Dist. 17) 1,467 (3.7%)
Kimberly Swanson • State Senate (Dist. 28) 10,888 (25.8%)
Trevor O. Clevenger • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 1,572 (2.3%)
Paul DeDonati • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 1,690 (2.4%)
Patty Kelly • State Rep. (Dist. 24) 3,605 (11.8%)
Robert W. Quilici • State Rep. (Dist. 26) 7,534 (9.2%)

CALIFORNIA

Laura Likover • State Senate (Dist. 2) 9,410 (4.1%)
Robert Underwood • State Senate (Dist. 4) 13,122 (5.4%)
Jason Sewell • State Senate (Dist. 6) 43,950 (26.9%)
Robert Fliegler • State Senate (Dist. 8) 5,455 (2.7%)
Ervan Darnell • State Senate (Dist. 10) 4,952 (3.2%)
David Eaton • State Senate (Dist. 12) 6,680 (4.53%)
Marty Swinney • State Senate (Dist. 24) 2,717 (2.4%)
Peter DeBaets • State Senate (Dist. 28) 5,989 (3.2%)
Michael Metti • State Senate (Dist. 36) 13,249 (6%)
Lars Grossmith • State Senate (Dist. 38) 7,689 (3.9%)
Felix Miranda • State Senate (Dist. 40) 4,357 (3.7%)
Pete Bret • State Rep. (Dist. 2) 3,962 (3.3%)
Jon Peterson • State Rep. (Dist. 3) 5,562 (4.7%)
Roberto Leibman • State Rep. (Dist. 5) 5,174 (4.3%)
Richard Olmstead • State Rep. (Dist. 6) 4,750 (3.9%)
David Kozlowski • State Rep. (Dist. 7) 22,585 (24%)



Doug Poston • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 3,230 (3.9%)
Frank Manske • State Rep. (Dist. 11) 3,633 (3.9%)
Michael Denny • State Rep. (Dist. 12) 5,950 (6.4%)
Christopher Maden • State Rep. (Dist. 13) 5,130 (4.6%)
Richard Armstrong • State Rep. (Dist. 16) 2,948 (3.2%)
Robert Giedt • State Rep. (Dist. 19) 1,819 (1.8%)
Keith Lyon • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 3,638 (4.5%)
Ray Bell • State Rep. (Dist. 21) 4,210 (3.5%)
Kennita Watson • State Rep. (Dist. 22) 3,972 (4.8%)
Gordon Sachtjen • State Rep. (Dist. 27) 4,209 (3.3%)
Johnathan Zwickel • State Rep. (Dist. 29) 3,485 (3.4%)
Craig Thomas • State Rep. (Dist. 35) 3,004 (2.6%)
Karl Lembke • State Rep. (Dist. 38) 4,074 (3.8%)
Max Kelly • State Rep. (Dist. 41) 4,206 (3.6%)
Sandor J. Woren • State Rep. (Dist. 43) 3,181 (4.2%)
Bob New • State Rep. (Dist. 44) 2,976 (2.9%)
Judy Cook • State Rep. (Dist. 45) 6,731 (14.4%)
Keith Clemens • State Rep. (Dist. 47) 2,729 (3%)
Nolayan Herdegen • State Rep. (Dist. 48) 1,407 (3%)
Guy Wilson • State Rep. (Dist. 55) 11,614 (19.5%)
Leland Faegre • State Rep. (Dist. 57) 1,510 (2.5%)
Doug Scribner • State Rep. (Dist. 68) 3,706 (4.8%)
Paul Studier • State Rep. (Dist. 70) 3,135 (2.8%)
Brian Lee Cross • State Rep. (Dist. 72) 3,147 (4.1%)
Robert Vondruska • State Rep. (Dist. 73) 3,570 (3.9%)
Kristi Stone • State Rep. (Dist. 74) 6,188 (5.7%)
Richard Senecal • State Rep. (Dist. 75) 3,139 (2.8%)
Sarah Baker • State Rep. (Dist. 76) 3,576 (3.5%)
Randy Hall • State Rep. (Dist. 77) 5,235 (4.9%)
Mark Menanno • State Rep. (Dist. 78) 2,823 (3%)
Joshua Castro • State Rep. (Dist. 79) 2,264 (3.9%)

COLORADO

Jayne Bass • State Senate (Dist. 1) 956 (2.33%)
James Healy • State Senate (Dist. 2) 1,277 (3.06%)
Joseph Townner • State Senate (Dist. 3) 910 (2.18%)
Sandra Johnson • State Senate (Dist. 5) 2,341 (5.23%)
Jessica Wheeler • State Senate (Dist. 9) 6,657 (17.16%)
Jeffery McQueen • State Senate (Dist. 11) 2,390 (9.1%)
Russ J. Haddad • State Senate (Dist. 13) 5,612 (16.58%)
Richard Combs • State Senate (Dist. 32) 6,646 (19.08%)
Patrick Adamson • State Senate (Dist. 34) 3,249 (14.89%)
Geoffrey Lloyd • State Rep. (Dist. 2) 474 (4.74%)
Benjamin J. Aycrigg • State Rep. (Dist. 3) 577 (2.55%)
Ralph Carlos Estrada • State Rep. (Dist. 4) 1,147 (7.57%)
Jeff Taton • State Rep. (Dist. 6) 3,397 (15.72%)
Julie Marble • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 479 (2.33%)
Craig Johnson • State Rep. (Dist. 10) 3,572 (17.02%)
Isaac Davenport • State Rep. (Dist. 11) 843 (3.22%)
Brian Lewis • State Rep. (Dist. 12) 696 (3.17%)
Howard Lambert • State Rep. (Dist. 13) 1,179 (4.1%)
John K. Berntson • State Rep. (Dist. 14) 3,139 (15.33%)
Ross Glidewell • State Rep. (Dist. 15) 565 (3.03%)
Scott Graves • State Rep. (Dist. 16) 778 (4.02%)
Steve D'Ippolito • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 332 (4.15%)
Keith Hamburger • State Rep. (Dist. 18) 784 (4.41%)
Randall Grant • State Rep. (Dist. 19) 695 (4.37%)

Steve F. Gresh • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 3,762 (14.63%)
Travis Brundige • State Rep. (Dist. 21) 655 (2.89%)
Doug Anderson • State Rep. (Dist. 26) 648 (2.98%)
Gregg Miller • State Rep. (Dist. 27) 636 (2.59%)
Hans Romer • State Rep. (Dist. 29) 584 (2.92%)
W. Earl Allen • State Rep. (Dist. 33) 655 (2.83%)
Steven E. Lechner • State Rep. (Dist. 35) 3,041 (20.53%)
Mark Holden • State Rep. (Dist. 38) 1,007 (4.17%)
David R Morgan Jr. • State Rep. (Dist. 40) 3,799 (20.01%)
Douglas F. Newman • State Rep. (Dist. 41) 482 (2.62%)
Larry Hamilton • State Rep. (Dist. 45) 4,766 (17.55%)
Lester Edgett • State Rep. (Dist. 50) 2,712 (22.45%)
Mike Pylar • State Rep. (Dist. 57) 462 (1.92%)
Timothy Jacobs • State Rep. (Dist. 58) 998 (3.9%)
Gene Leverett • State Rep. (Dist. 63) 3,053 (14.49%)
Paul Berthelot • State Rep. (Dist. 64) 316 (1.47%)
Jerry From • State Rep. (Dist. 65) 472 (2.25%)

CONNECTICUT

Vinnie Marotta • State Rep. (Dist. 33) 125 (2.16%)
Arline Dunlop • State Rep. (Dist. 82) 158 (2.4%)

DELAWARE

Anita Cooper • State Senate (Dist. 14) 170 (1.6%)
Carl Dunn • State Rep. (Dist. 6) 125 (1.8%)
Barbara Beeghley • State Rep. (Dist. 7) 74 (0.9%)
George R. Smith • State Rep. (Dist. 10) 423 (8.1%)
Everett Wodiska • State Rep. (Dist. 14) 70 (0.8%)
Terri Lewis • State Rep. (Dist. 28) 41 (0.9%)
Jay Lawrence • State Rep. (Dist. 32) 28 (0.7%)

FLORIDA

Barbara Bujak • State Rep. (Dist. 2) 7,944 (2%)
Thomas Petrone • State Rep. (Dist. 3) 6,904 (17.7%)
Paul Broshear • State Rep. (Dist. 4) 6,673 (15.5%)
Robert Glasure • State Rep. (Dist. 5) 7,219 (18.7%)
Mitch Covington • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 10,004 (17%)
John McElligott • State Rep. (Dist. 10) 5,645 (14.5%)
Grier Ellis • State Rep. (Dist. 11) 8,722 (20.3%)
Joseph Ballard • State Rep. (Dist. 12) 6,197 (16%)
Ricardo Mejias • State Rep. (Dist. 13) 5,988 (14.6%)
Adam Norwood • State Rep. (Dist. 15) 5,751 (19.4%)
Scott Palmer Carter • State Rep. (Dist. 16) 8,640 (21.7%)
Ty Price • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 8,572 (20.9%)
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David Personett • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 10,057 (19.3%)
Thomas Luongo • State Rep. (Dist. 21) 1,110 (2.7%)
Ronald Johnson • State Rep. (Dist. 22) 1,905 (3.6%)
Brooks Nelson • State Rep. (Dist. 23) 7,319 (22%)
Lida Throckmorton • State Rep. (Dist. 24) 9,781 (23.4%)
Jill Wood • State Rep. (Dist. 26) 1,652 (3.1%)
Mary Morelly • State Rep. (Dist. 28) 1,523 (2.9%)
Craig Chamberlin • State Rep. (Dist. 29) 1,601 (3.4%)
Franklin Perez • State Rep. (Dist. 32) 1,875 (3.7%)
James Coakley • State Rep. (Dist. 33) 8,875 (21.5%)
Chris Wheeler • State Rep. (Dist. 34) 9,103 (24.3%)
John F. Kennedy • State Rep. (Dist. 36) 2,094 (7.9%)
Tim Moriarty • State Rep. (Dist. 37) 9,993 (24%)
John Conway • State Rep. (Dist. 40) 8,781 (23%)
Louis Cashmer • State Rep. (Dist. 41) 8,488 (20.6%)
Fred Levin • State Rep. (Dist. 42) 9,292 (17.9%)
Neil Polimeni • State Rep. (Dist. 43) 2,013 (3.5%)
Edward Pittman • State Rep. (Dist. 44) 1,658 (3%)
John Doherty • State Rep. (Dist. 45) 2,017 (3.9%)
Jon Kueny • State Rep. (Dist. 46) 1,379 (3%)

Robert Schwartzberg • State Rep. (Dist. 47) 1,239 (2.7%)
A. J. Brent • State Rep. (Dist. 48) 7,710 (15.2%)
Brian Gilbert • State Rep. (Dist. 50) 1,899 (4.3%)
Alison Lipscomb • State Rep. (Dist. 52) 1,674 (3.2%)
Michael (MG) Gilson • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 1,310 (3.5%)
Thomas Kilmon • State Rep. (Dist. 55) 548 (1.8%)
Mark Howard • State Rep. (Dist. 56) 9,780 (23.2%)
Tyson Richmond • State Rep. (Dist. 57) 1,289 (2.7%)
Rex Curry • State Rep. (Dist. 59) 2,524 (10.8%)
Ryan Conley • State Rep. (Dist. 60) 1,435 (3.4%)
Joseph Preta • State Rep. (Dist. 61) 1,326 (2.7%)
Jason Downs • State Rep. (Dist. 63) 8,529 (22.3%)
Mike Krech • State Rep. (Dist. 64) 8,878 (25.1%)
James Clifford • State Rep. (Dist. 65) 9,545 (25.8%)
Ron Stringfield • State Rep. (Dist. 67) 11,392 (19.8%)
James Wallace • State Rep. (Dist. 68) 1,133 (2.3%)
Saunder Primack • State Rep. (Dist. 70) 10,826 (18.3%)
Dirk Clary • State Rep. (Dist. 72) 8,392 (20.1%)
Kim Hawk • State Rep. (Dist. 73) 1,048 (2.8%)
Thomas Clark • State Rep. (Dist. 74) 1,849 (3.4%)
Aaron O'Brien • State Rep. (Dist. 75) 9,156 (18%)
Leslie Sutter • State Rep. (Dist. 76) 6,347 (12.5%)
Scott Hudmon • State Rep. (Dist. 77) 6,643 (19.6%)
Travis Larson • State Rep. (Dist. 79) 8,267 (24.3%)
Ronald Cadby • State Rep. (Dist. 80) 10,819 (21.5%)
John Roszman • State Rep. (Dist. 81) 12,306 (24.4%)
Neil Evangelista • State Rep. (Dist. 87) 836 (2.2%)
Carol Longo • State Rep. (Dist. 89) 919 (3.3%)
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Thomas Glaser • State Rep. (Dist. 115) 8,610 (25.9%)
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Todd King • State Senate (Dist. 44) 5,200 (20.2%)
Chris Crawford • State Rep. (Dist. 68) 2,372 (30.7%)
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Nelson Morris • State Senate (Dist. 13) 353 (2.01%)
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Lawrence Wittstruck • State Rep. (Dist. 86) 240 (3.75%)
M. Mei-Ling Shaw • State Rep. (Dist. 92) 1,937 (22.11%)

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Dan Gookin • State Senate (Dist. 4) 615 (6.04%)
Michael Kotts • State Senate (Dist. 12) 297 (3.57%)
Lee Carey • State Senate (Dist. 14) 3,044 (21.25%)
Bill E. Anderson • State Senate (Dist. 15) 532 (4.35%)
David Slack • State Senate (Dist. 17) 386 (3.54%)
Harmon Avera • State Senate (Dist. 20) 436 (3.61%)
Valerie Crump • State Senate (Dist. 21) 399 (3.05%)
Mark Joseph Shuster • State Senate (Dist. 22) 319 (3.95%)
Mark Bechthold • State Rep. (Dist. 4A) • 418 (4.12%)
Stan Smith • State Rep. (Dist. 4B) • 331 (3.2%)
Glenn H. Grubb • State Rep. (Dist. 7A) • 261 (2.08%)
Caryl Whitlatch • State Rep. (Dist. 9B) • 2,014 (20.16%)
Jay Riddle • State Rep. (Dist. 12A) • 1,826 (23.34%)

Ted Dunlap • State Rep. (Dist. 13A) • 593 (4.7%)
Tami Anderson • State Rep. (Dist. 15A) • 434 (3.64%)
Marvin Gardner • State Rep. (Dist. 15B) • 409 (3.43%)
John Bischoff • State Rep. (Dist. 16A) • 2,281 (20.61%)
Michael Gollaher • State Rep. (Dist. 16B) • 395 (3.33%)
David J. Sheehe • State Rep. (Dist. 17A) • 496 (4.85%)
Luke McManamon • State Rep. (Dist. 18A) • 883 (7.13%)
David Zimlich • State Rep. (Dist. 19A) • 2,058 (14.42%)
Howard Olivier • State Rep. (Dist. 19B) • 2,345 (16.65%)
Wendy Lieberman • State Rep. (Dist. 20A) • 741 (6.18%)
David Lieberman • State Rep. (Dist. 20B) • 621 (5.16%)
Judy J. Morris • State Rep. (Dist. 21A) • 576 (4.44%)
Teddi Hyde • State Rep. (Dist. 21B) • 502 (3.9%)

ILLINOIS

John Kasner • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 1,458 (7.19%)
John E. Yackley • State Rep. (Dist. 11) 3,371 (12.82%)
Jerome Kohn • State Rep. (Dist. 28) 1,241 (4.21%)
John Tepley • State Rep. (Dist. 41) 1,034 (2.76%)
Michael Mandel • State Rep. (Dist. 42) 1,123 (3.28%)
Chandler Hadraba • State Rep. (Dist. 48) 3,440 (11.22%)
Matthew Paul Burns • State Rep. (Dist. 52) 1,190 (9.92%)
James Young • State Rep. (Dist. 64) 2,214 (7.35%)
Eric Ferguson • State Rep. (Dist. 85) 4,922 (20.32%)
Steven Dubovik • State Rep. (Dist. 95) 4,191 (14.61%)

INDIANA

Ryan Flynn • State Senate (Dist. 6) 2,673 (11.29%)
David Gay • State Senate (Dist. 21) 696 (2.01%)
Kevin Fleming • State Senate (Dist. 29) 1,706 (7.99%)
Doug Sloan • State Senate (Dist. 31) 1,387 (7.48%)
Kenn Gividen • State Senate (Dist. 41) 3,350 (13.26%)
Daniel Precht • State Senate (Dist. 43) 2,842 (9.67%)
Debbie Huber-Harbeson • State Senate (Dist. 45) 4,030 (14.57%)
Greg Kelper • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 1,874 (13.74%)
Daniel Stevens • State Rep. (Dist. 18) 1,051 (9.3%)
Janet Gillon • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 2,540 (16.83%)
Scott Benson • State Rep. (Dist. 23) 1,182 (9.57%)
Jo Coleman • State Rep. (Dist. 25) 193 (2.39%)
Mickey Bennett • State Rep. (Dist. 27) 303 (2.71%)
Greg Fridholm • State Rep. (Dist. 30) 379 (2.2%)
Ray Nowosielski • State Rep. (Dist. 40) 1,232 (9.01%)
Ed Gluck • State Rep. (Dist. 43) 1,486 (12.96%)
Willey Thompson • State Rep. (Dist. 47) 1,777 (12.83%)
Jeff Smith • State Rep. (Dist. 51) 2,672 (20.83%)
Kim Brand • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 2,131 (13.98%)
Michael Bell • State Rep. (Dist. 54) 1,521 (9.78%)
Thom Jester • State Rep. (Dist. 57) 508 (3.55%)
Bobby Ray Miller • State Rep. (Dist. 58) 457 (3.31%)
Jim Billingsly • State Rep. (Dist. 60) 769 (4.59%)
Clark Brittain • State Rep. (Dist. 61) 2,071 (25.23%)
Steve Kristoff • State Rep. (Dist. 67) 2,426 (14.84%)
Fred C. Peterson • State Rep. (Dist. 87) 606 (3.19%)
Dennis Wilson • State Rep. (Dist. 89) 844 (8.51%)
Ed Arnold • State Rep. (Dist. 90) 324 (2.07%)
Doug Brandt • State Rep. (Dist. 91) 988 (10.94%)
Cindy J. Kirkpatrick • State Rep. (Dist. 92) 888 (7.51%)
Deb Turley • State Rep. (Dist. 93) 1,164 (8.36%)
Tom Sanders • State Rep. (Dist. 94) 238 (1.86%)
Eric Barnes • State Rep. (Dist. 95) 549 (5.64%)
Steve Carr • State Rep. (Dist. 96) 851 (7.94%)
Brad Klopfenstein • State Rep. (Dist. 97) 534 (9.62%)
John Daily • State Rep. (Dist. 98) 290 (2.32%)
Webster Smith • State Rep. (Dist. 99) 270 (1.91%)
Andrew F. Hart • State Rep. (Dist. 100) 290 (3.87%)

KANSAS

Larry Monaghan • State Rep. (Dist. 2) 892 (13.82%)
Joel Potter • State Rep. (Dist. 14) 167 (2.74%)
Michael Kerner • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 1,515 (19.12%)
Rob Hodgkinson • State Rep. (Dist. 27) 1,435 (17.87%)



Jeffrey Watts • State Rep. (Dist. 45) 1,536 (18.92%)  
 Reid Kapple • State Rep. (Dist. 66) 172 (3.24%)  
 Lloyd Neese • State Rep. (Dist. 81) 223 (3.4%)  
 Kalor Hebron • State Rep. (Dist. 82) 1,358 (20.24%)  
 Henry C. Southwood • State Rep. (Dist. 87) 96 (1.88%)  
 David Moffett • State Rep. (Dist. 88) 134 (3.5%)  
 David Loomis • State Rep. (Dist. 91) 178 (2.42%)  
 Robert Loop • State Rep. (Dist. 95) 718 (20.85%)  
 Ben Whisenand II • State Rep. (Dist. 100) 95 (1.21%)  
 David Reeves • State Rep. (Dist. 123) 732 (17.12%)

#### ■ MASSACHUSETTS

Carol McMahon • State Senate (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin) 8,376 (17.61%)  
 Danny Fain • State Rep. (Middlesex 11th) 2,722 (18.36%)  
 Skip Pacheco • State Rep. (Worcester 12th) 2,758 (20.3%)  
 Eryk Boston • State Rep. (Middlesex 17th) 636 (6.99%)  
 Elias Israel • State Rep. (Middlesex 21st) 563 (3.74%)  
 John Alan Roderick • State Rep. (Middlesex 27th) 2,111 (18.52%)  
 Alan Wilcox • State Rep. (Hampden 2nd) 581 (1.88%)  
 Mark Testagrossa • State Rep. (Middlesex 4th) 561 (3.9%)  
 James Pillsbury • State Rep. (Middlesex 6th) 3,273 (25.26%)  
 Rich Yampell • State Rep. (Norfolk 6th) 335 (2.37%)  
 Raymond Leary • State Rep. (Bristol 7th) 1,109 (15%)  
 Gregory Doherty • State Rep. (Middlesex 7th) 2,722 (23.51%)  
 Steve Olson • State Rep. (Plymouth 7th) 606 (3.88%)  
 George Berdos • State Rep. (Plymouth 8th) 2,476 (21.22%)

#### ■ MARYLAND

Michael Linder • State Rep. (Dist. 7) 2,817 (2.56%)

#### ■ MAINE

Richard Davis Hart • State Senate (Dist. 5) 1,440 (8.47%)

#### ■ MICHIGAN

Bruce Morse • State Senate (Dist. 8) 2,312 (3.38%)  
 Keith Edwards • State Senate (Dist. 9) 2,085 (2.66%)  
 Scott W. Allen • State Senate (Dist. 10) 1,462 (1.81%)  
 Lloyd Sherman • State Senate (Dist. 14) 2,030 (2.12%)  
 Warren Adams • State Senate (Dist. 29) 1,178 (1.43%)  
 Lynne Bradley-Horan • State Senate (Dist. 30) 1,637 (1.73%)  
 Donald L. Atkinson • State Senate (Dist. 35) 2,076 (2.46%)  
 Eric B. Gordon • State Rep. (Dist. 13) 613 (2.27%)  
 David Nagy • State Rep. (Dist. 16) 913 (3.48%)  
 Christopher Gonzalez • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 907 (3.05%)  
 Michael Shesterkin • State Rep. (Dist. 19) 895 (2.54%)  
 James Dean • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 1,027 (3.16%)  
 Kenneth Century • State Rep. (Dist. 21) 640 (2.21%)  
 Charles Kainz • State Rep. (Dist. 22) 657 (3.34%)  
 Rick Secula • State Rep. (Dist. 23) 552 (2.03%)  
 Erin Stahl • State Rep. (Dist. 24) 1,049 (3.17%)  
 Jim Allison • State Rep. (Dist. 28) 415 (1.86%)  
 James Miller • State Rep. (Dist. 31) 701 (2.87%)  
 John Bonnell • State Rep. (Dist. 42) 955 (3.93%)  
 David Good • State Rep. (Dist. 72) 655 (1.97%)  
 Thomas E. Horan • State Rep. (Dist. 73) 628 (1.8%)  
 Bill Gelineau • State Rep. (Dist. 74) 407 (1.13%)  
 Erwin Haas • State Rep. (Dist. 75) 408 (1.43%)  
 Paul Mastin • State Rep. (Dist. 76) 405 (2.09%)  
 Wayne Dial • State Rep. (Dist. 77) 447 (1.74%)  
 Pat Steinport • State Rep. (Dist. 86) 747 (2.07%)  
 Scott D. Carter • State Rep. (Dist. 94) 320 (0.89%)

#### ■ MISSOURI

Dick Illyes • State Senate (Dist. 24) 1,130 (1.73%)  
 Jesse Watson • State Senate (Dist. 28) 1,179 (2.05%)  
 Jeff Foli • State Rep. (Dist. 7) 1,399 (14.13%)  
 John Schultz • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 389 (3.02%)  
 Kurt Trachte • State Rep. (Dist. 18) 1,452 (14.29%)  
 Jason Werges • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 166 (1.59%)  
 Greg Rennie • State Rep. (Dist. 24) 237 (1.63%)  
 Adam Shahid • State Rep. (Dist. 25) 317 (3.45%)  
 David Imlay • State Rep. (Dist. 27) 270 (2.8%)  
 William M. Bates • State Rep. (Dist. 48) 246 (1.91%)  
 Gene Palmer • State Rep. (Dist. 51) 184 (2.21%)  
 Mark Kuefel • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 246 (2.47%)

Kevin Babcock • State Rep. (Dist. 59) 706 (11.8%)  
 Thomas L. Knapp • State Rep. (Dist. 71) 606 (7.15%)  
 Christopher Schuster • State Rep. (Dist. 82) 173 (1.14%)  
 Anthony Gianino • State Rep. (Dist. 84) 235 (1.65%)  
 Ronald E. Levy • State Rep. (Dist. 96) 320 (2.81%)  
 Allen Glosson • State Rep. (Dist. 97) 196 (1.4%)  
 Donald Waldrep • State Rep. (Dist. 118) 274 (2.52%)  
 Jack L. Stults • State Rep. (Dist. 129) 422 (4.72%)  
 Thomas Wright • State Rep. (Dist. 133) 316 (2.6%)  
 Christopher Davis • State Rep. (Dist. 137) 190 (2.84%)  
 John Williams • State Rep. (Dist. 147) 1,402 (16.56%)  
 Grant Warren • State Rep. (Dist. 148) 951 (13.12%)  
 David F. Mecey • State Rep. (Dist. 152) 194 (1.77%)  
 Chip Taylor • State Rep. (Dist. 154) 538 (6.11%)  
 Timothy Doubledde • State Rep. (Dist. 157) 172 (1.44%)  
 C. Darby Ulery • State Rep. (Dist. 158) 960 (10.59%)

#### ■ MONTANA

Adam L. Forslund • State Rep. (Dist. 30) 370 (21.3%)  
 David A. Merrick • State Rep. (Dist. 60) 174 (4.21%)

#### ■ NORTH CAROLINA

Henry Boschen • State Senate (Dist. 3) 464 (1%)  
 Tom Eisenmenger • State Senate (Dist. 4) 5,352 (16%)  
 Christopher Ruff • State Senate (Dist. 5) 521 (1%)  
 Edward Gore • State Senate (Dist. 8) 2,750 (5%)  
 Shaun Mitchell • State Senate (Dist. 9) 1,033 (2%)  
 Charles Yow • State Senate (Dist. 11) 914 (2%)  
 Richard Davison • State Senate (Dist. 14) 1,091 (3%)  
 Nathan Wilson • State Senate (Dist. 15) 1,598 (3%)  
 Jason Mara • State Senate (Dist. 16) 1,179 (2%)  
 Susan Hogarth • State Senate (Dist. 17) 2,730 (4%)  
 Mark Kitchens • State Senate (Dist. 18) 1,576 (3%)  
 Jonathan Guze • State Senate (Dist. 20) 3,617 (11%)  
 Jonathan Lubecky • State Senate (Dist. 22) 866 (2%)  
 Christopher Todd Goss • State Senate (Dist. 23) 1,847 (3%)  
 Jim Capo • State Senate (Dist. 26) 7,264 (15%)  
 Tom Bailey • State Senate (Dist. 27) 1,272 (3%)  
 Eric Medlock • State Senate (Dist. 28) 702 (2%)  
 Douglas Kania • State Senate (Dist. 29) 728 (2%)  
 James Wentz • State Senate (Dist. 30) 1,315 (3%)  
 Donn Linton • State Senate (Dist. 31) 5,857 (12%)  
 J Conrad Jones • State Senate (Dist. 34) 1,290 (3%)  
 Mike Helms • State Senate (Dist. 36) 2,664 (6%)  
 Heather Head • State Senate (Dist. 39) 1,919 (3%)  
 Stephen Wright • State Senate (Dist. 40) 1,272 (2%)  
 Fran Grig • State Senate (Dist. 45) 1,768 (3%)  
 Tony Brown • State Senate (Dist. 46) 1,072 (3%)  
 Sherry Hill • State Senate (Dist. 47) 1,619 (3%)  
 Larry Cooke • State Rep. (Dist. 5) 2,366 (16%)  
 Deb Seksay • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 201 (1%)  
 Alan Christopher Stimson • State Rep. (Dist. 12) 1,781 (13%)  
 Cap Hayes • State Rep. (Dist. 14) 204 (3%)  
 Robert J. Smith • State Rep. (Dist. 16) 460 (2%)  
 Robert Kerr • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 476 (2%)  
 Stephen Cowles Shepherd • State Rep. (Dist. 18) 485 (3%)  
 Ty Jacobus • State Rep. (Dist. 19) 2,565 (11%)  
 Richard Hollembeak • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 3,058 (18%)  
 Douglas Ellis • State Rep. (Dist. 23) 207 (1%)  
 Terry Mancour • State Rep. (Dist. 23) 2,543 (15%)  
 Rachel Mills • State Rep. (Dist. 31) 2,963 (19%)  
 Barbara Howe • State Rep. (Dist. 32) 780 (4%)  
 Jesse Halliday • State Rep. (Dist. 33) 519 (3%)  
 Victor Marks • State Rep. (Dist. 34) 892 (3%)  
 Linda Ellis • State Rep. (Dist. 35) 757 (3%)  
 Gregory Clayton • State Rep. (Dist. 36) 3,017 (14%)  
 Brad Wheeler • State Rep. (Dist. 37) 1,137 (4%)  
 Casey Gardner • State Rep. (Dist. 38) 1,409 (1%)  
 H. Wade Minter • State Rep. (Dist. 39) 519 (2%)  
 Scott Quint • State Rep. (Dist. 40) 3,127 (15%)  
 Gregg Adelman • State Rep. (Dist. 49) 580 (3%)  
 Lee Griffin • State Rep. (Dist. 50) 4,585 (19%)  
 Mark Jackson • State Rep. (Dist. 51) 322 (2%)  
 Todd J. Unkefer • State Rep. (Dist. 52) 2,442 (14%)  
 Frederick Blackburn • State Rep. (Dist. 54) 2,957 (14%)  
 Will Shooter • State Rep. (Dist. 56) 3,957 (2%)  
 Walter Sperko • State Rep. (Dist. 57) 3,766 (16%)  
 David Williams • State Rep. (Dist. 58) 2,320 (14%)

Allison Jaynes • State Rep. (Dist. 59) 656 (3%)  
 Dan Groome • State Rep. (Dist. 60) 2,151 (16%)  
 Jennifer Schulz Medlock • State Rep. (Dist. 61) 4,415 (21%)  
 David Muse • State Rep. (Dist. 68) 381 (2%)  
 Alan Light • State Rep. (Dist. 69) 332 (2%)  
 Lynn Haggerty • State Rep. (Dist. 71) 382 (3%)  
 Caroline Gellner • State Rep. (Dist. 74) 596 (3%)  
 Don Blair • State Rep. (Dist. 78) 1,332 (9%)  
 Mike Holland • State Rep. (Dist. 79) 2,364 (13%)  
 Stuart Britt • State Rep. (Dist. 81) 442 (3%)  
 Jeff Cannon • State Rep. (Dist. 82) 937 (4%)  
 Pat Kingsbury • State Rep. (Dist. 83) 646 (3%)  
 Jeff Young • State Rep. (Dist. 84) 2,719 (16%)  
 Barry Woodfin • State Rep. (Dist. 89) 2,107 (14%)  
 Adam Wilson • State Rep. (Dist. 92) 2,614 (13%)  
 Kevin Fortner • State Rep. (Dist. 93) 562 (2%)  
 Edward Topolski • State Rep. (Dist. 94) 3,029 (15%)  
 Kyle Klock • State Rep. (Dist. 96) 282 (2%)  
 Bryan Edwards • State Rep. (Dist. 97) 650 (3%)  
 Daniel Elmaleh • State Rep. (Dist. 102) 1,080 (9%)  
 Andy Grum • State Rep. (Dist. 103) 1,866 (1%)  
 Ryan Murphy • State Rep. (Dist. 104) 2,453 (1%)  
 Sean Johnson • State Rep. (Dist. 105) 2,046 (1%)  
 John Covington • State Rep. (Dist. 108) 2,278 (16%)  
 David E. Secrist, II • State Rep. (Dist. 109) 321 (2%)  
 Ralph Haulk • State Rep. (Dist. 112) 338 (2%)  
 Jean Marlowe • State Rep. (Dist. 113) 3,338 (16%)  
 Clarence Young • State Rep. (Dist. 114) 921 (4%)  
 Robert Parker • State Rep. (Dist. 115) 301 (3%)  
 Brian Barber • State Rep. (Dist. 117) 2,107 (11%)  
 Barry Williams • State Rep. (Dist. 118) 525 (2%)

#### ■ NEW HAMPSHIRE

Frederick A. Strong • State Rep. (Dist. 1) 177 (6.25%)  
 Brad Dorsey • State Rep. (Dist. 34) 970 (2.11%)  
 Howard L. Wilson • State Rep. (Dist. 35) 882 (2.66%)  
 Paula Werme • State Rep. (Dist. 35) 835 (2.52%)  
 Rhonda M. Keiper • State Rep. (Dist. 47) 1,219 (1.95%)  
 Lisa Wilber • State Rep. (Dist. 48) 2,350 (4.58%)  
 Phil Greazzo • State Rep. (Dist. 50) 758 (1.01%)  
 Mark L. Edwards • State Rep. (Dist. 73) 1,772 (6.87%)  
 Leonard Epstein • State Rep. (Dist. 77) 1,438 (1.93%)  
 William Discipio • State Rep. (Dist. 79) 2,556 (3%)  
 Dan Belforti • State Rep. (Dist. 86) 874 (1.63%)  
 Joseph Carringer • State Rep. (Dist. 86) 786 (1.47%)

#### ■ NEW MEXICO

Richard A. Obergfell • State Rep. (Dist. 56) 827 (14%)

#### ■ NEVADA

James Dan • State Assembly District 28) 1,183 (34.8%)  
 Mary Rahn • State Assembly District 33) 3,004 (26.3%)

#### ■ NEW YORK

Andres Tirado • State Senate (Dist. 25) 1,132 (2.88%)  
 Nicolas Leobold • State Senate (Dist. 29) 1,266 (1.74%)  
 Jen Rog • State Senate (Dist. 42) 2,648 (5.16%)  
 Jak Karako • State Assembly District 66) 3,867 (13.59%)  
 Mike Farrar • State Assembly District 101) 280 (0.72%)  
 Bill Bombard • State Assembly District 113) 445 (1.16%)  
 Lee Monnet • State Assembly District 118) 269 (0.82%)

#### ■ OKLAHOMA

Richard Prawdzienski • State Rep. (Dist. 39) 2,182 (18.32%)  
 Robert Bruce • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 484 (4.71%)  
 Chris Powell • State Rep. (Dist. 100) 2,322 (25.71%)

#### ■ OREGON

Helen McDaniel • State Senate (Dist. 16) 2,332 (5.22%)  
 Valerie K. Holloway • State Rep. (Dist. 9) 4,589 (24.66%)  
 Jay Bozievich • State Rep. (Dist. 13) 4,789 (26.62%)  
 Mark Vetanen • State Rep. (Dist. 28) 586 (3.9%)  
 Anthony Ambrose • State Rep. (Dist. 33) 1,019 (4.31%)  
 Kevin Schaumleffle • State Rep. (Dist. 34) 670 (4.05%)  
 Carla Shults • State Rep. (Dist. 35) 1,078 (5.99%)  
 Matt Fisher • State Rep. (Dist. 41) 3,386 (19.23%)  
 Theresa Reed • State Rep. (Dist. 42) 2,076 (9.73%)  
 Eric Dickman • State Rep. (Dist. 46) 3,120 (18.3%)  
 Curt Wagoner • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 883 (3.37%)

#### ■ PENNSYLVANIA

Daniel W. Tuel • State Senate (Dist. 34) 4,620 (7.44%)  
 Charles Stutler • State Rep. (Dist. 20) 439 (2.69%)  
 James Tinnick • State Rep. (Dist. 73) 419 (2.5%)  
 Richard J. Zych • State Rep. (Dist. 77) 2,047 (14.46%)  
 Eric Paul • State Rep. (Dist. 101) 320 (1.9%)  
 Ray Ondrusek • State Rep. (Dist. 102) 371 (2.04%)  
 David Tartaglia • State Rep. (Dist. 126) 433 (2.69%)  
 Dave Jahn • State Rep. (Dist. 162) 226 (1.25%)

#### ■ RHODE ISLAND

Daniel Harrop • State Rep. (Dist. 3) 980 (27.2%)  
 Jon Wiening • State Rep. (Dist. 4) 222 (6%)

#### ■ SOUTH CAROLINA

Peter Newell • State Rep. (Dist. 3) 170 (2.6%)  
 Harvey Tiffany • State Rep. (Dist. 45) 134 (1.73%)

#### ■ SOUTH DAKOTA

Gwen Caldwell • State Senate (Dist. 30) 2,009 (20.73%)  
 Larry Rudebusch • State Rep. (Dist. 4) 826 (4.78%)

#### ■ TENNESSEE

Glen Moody • State Rep. (Dist. 2) 1,154 (6.5%)  
 Jonathan McGlumphy • State Rep. (Dist. 31) 408 (2.4%)  
 Charles Cooper • State Rep. (Dist. 75) 3,827 (22.2%)

#### ■ TEXAS

Robert Parker • State Senate (Dist. 2) 2,217 (1.49%)  
 Michael Carter • State Senate (Dist. 3) 16,001 (11.77%)  
 Randy Barfield • State Senate (Dist. 5) 18,482 (13.14%)  
 Edgar Buchanan • State Senate (Dist. 7) 13,305 (8.69%)  
 Dave Spaller • State Senate (Dist. 8) 15,525 (10.25%)  
 David Pepperdine • State Senate (Dist. 9) 12,727 (13.44%)  
 John Paul Robinson • State Senate (Dist. 10) 2,367 (1.37%)  
 Michael Rubin • State Senate (Dist. 11) 16,384 (13.7%)  
 Steve Rushton • State Senate (Dist. 12) 13,818 (10.17%)  
 Marianne Robbins • State Senate (Dist. 14) 7,537 (4.17%)  
 Jack Thompson • State Senate (Dist. 16) 2,857 (1.9%)  
 Horace Henley • State Senate (Dist. 18) 2,508 (1.57%)  
 Jeff Caruthers • State Senate (Dist. 21) 11,688 (10.89%)  
 Stephen Kirby • State Senate (Dist. 24) 12,887 (9.53%)  
 Rex Black • State Senate (Dist. 25) 6,293 (3.07%)  
 Jon Ensor • State Senate (Dist. 28) 11,372 (8.68%)  
 Diane Wilson • State Senate (Dist. 30) 4,321 (2.67%)  
 Bruce W. Rose • State Rep. (Dist. 14) 2,894 (12.1%)  
 Brian J. Drake • State Rep. (Dist. 15) 3,270 (9%)  
 Darrel Grear • State Rep. (Dist. 17) 715 (1.9%)  
 Dave Nalle • State Rep. (Dist. 46) 2,553 (11.71%)  
 Michael Badnarik • State Rep. (Dist. 48) 1,084 (2.24%)  
 Robert "Rock" Howard • State Rep. (Dist. 49) 2,242 (5.79%)  
 Rob LeGrand • State Rep. (Dist. 50) 1,203 (3.09%)  
 Marjory Staehle-Glowka • State Rep. (Dist. 51) 1,793 (10.25%)  
 Lillian Simmons • State Rep. (Dist. 52) 1,336 (3.8%)  
 James E. Harrell • State Rep. (Dist. 53) 3,325 (9.5%)  
 Joe Swirczynski • State Rep. (Dist. 60) 2,726 (8.66%)  
 Robert West • State Rep. (Dist. 64) 3,518 (13.1%)  
 Robert Tate • State Rep. (Dist. 65) 2,983 (11.82%)  
 David Koch • State Rep. (Dist. 66) 877 (2.35%)  
 Robert Worthington • State Rep. (Dist. 70) 600 (1.68%)  
 George Schwappach • State Rep. (Dist. 71) 2,636 (8.96%)  
 Robert Restivo • State Rep. (Dist. 72) 383 (1.22%)  
 David Scott • State Rep. (Dist. 83) 3,083 (8.9%)  
 Ron C. West • State Rep. (Dist. 91) 3,921 (15.59%)  
 Mark Peters • State Rep. (Dist. 92) 3,278 (11.49%)  
 Bobby Hearn Jr. • State Rep. (Dist. 99) 566 (1.66%)  
 Barry V. Smith • State Rep. (Dist. 100) 849 (4.8%)  
 David Mason • State Rep. (Dist. 103) 266 (2.03%)  
 Robert Mohler • State Rep. (Dist. 105) 1,249 (7.04%)  
 David Travis Kelly • State Rep. (Dist. 122) 3,362 (7.6%)  
 Don Colwell • State Rep. (Dist. 123) 373 (1.6%)  
 Michael James Sotir • State Rep. (Dist. 132) 1,488 (6.39%)  
 Nathaniel Joe LaFleur • State Rep. (Dist. 134) 492 (1.05%)

Bobie Wayne Townsend II • State Rep. (Dist. 143) 913 (8.23%)  
 Tom Maxton • State Rep. (Dist. 144) 2,201 (12.49%)  
 Stacey Bourland • State Rep. (Dist. 146) 1,951 (7.36%)

#### ■ UTAH

Richard D. Barnes • State Senate (Dist. 1) 287 (2.91%)  
 Charles Bonsall • State Senate (Dist. 9) 3,893 (19.84%)  
 Beryl Furner • State Senate (Dist. 15) 1,402 (9.79%)  
 Steve Sady • State Senate (Dist. 26) 479 (2.43%)  
 Jay Johnson • State Rep. (Dist. 8) 76 (1.15%)  
 Wallis Burnside • State Rep. (Dist. 10) 115 (1.48%)  
 Donald Kingsley • State Rep. (Dist. 15) 210 (9.79%)  
 William D. Jones • State Rep. (Dist. 22) 190 (3.79%)  
 Jim Dexter • State Rep. (Dist. 39) 156 (2.55%)  
 D. Mark Faux • State Rep. (Dist. 43) 159 (2.28%)  
 Bryan Livingston • State Rep. (Dist. 56) 643 (9.43%)  
 Mark D. Lees • State Rep. (Dist. 64) 481 (12.99%)  
 Neil Wyllie • State Rep. (Dist. 65) 197 (2.81%)  
 Steven E. Thomas • State Rep. (Dist. 67) 1,102 (17.64%)

#### ■ VERMONT

Brendan Kinney • State Senate (Chittenden) 2,662 (1.03%)  
 Christopher Coolidge • State Senate (Chittenden) 2,133 (0.83%)  
 Sheldon Katz • State Senate (Chittenden) 1,730 (0.67%)  
 Spencer Sherman • State Senate (Chittenden) 1,614 (0.63%)  
 Mark Winer • State Senate (Chittenden) 1,959 (0.76%)  
 Alan LePage • State Senate (Washington) 1,101 (1.69%)  
 Dwight Duke • State Senate (Washington) 568 (0.87%)  
 David Baker • State Rep. (Franklin-4) 247 (19.36%)  
 Larry Curtis • State Rep. (Windsor-Rutland-2) 588 (36.05%)  
 Alan Learnard • State Rep. (Essex-Caledonia-Orleans) 74 (5.52%)  
 Tom Palumbo • State Rep. (Rutland-5-1) 60 (3.47%)  
 Hardy Macia • State Rep. (Grand Isle-Chittenden 1-1) 1,240 (21.48%)

#### ■ WASHINGTON STATE

Donald Crawford • State Senate (Dist. 42) 717 (1.91%)  
 Christine Lawniczak • State Senate (Dist. 48) 6,546 (22.62%)  
 Chuck Jackson • State Rep. (Dist. 1, Position 1) 1,039 (3.05%)  
 Tom Stahl • State Rep. (Dist. 12, Position 1) 1,845 (5.53%)  
 Jim Wiest • State Rep. (Dist. 22, Position 1) 1,346 (3.49%)  
 Mario E. Young • State Rep. (Dist. 25, Position 1) 766 (2.22%)  
 Brian Rosenau • State Rep. (Dist. 40, Position 1) 1,443 (3.78%)  
 John J. Gearhart • State Rep. (Dist. 09, Position 2) 5,485 (18.32%)  
 Brett Wilhelm • State Rep. (Dist. 10, Position 2) 1,128 (2.86%)  
 Cary Thomas • State Rep. (Dist. 34, Position 2) 1,844 (4.99%)  
 Ruth E. Bennett • State Rep. (Dist. 37, Position 2) 3,802 (16.75%)  
 Jeff Jared • State Rep. (Dist. 48, Position 2) 1,769 (5.72%)

#### ■ WISCONSIN

David L. Comey • State Assembly District 14) 2,143 (11.47%)  
 Leroy Watson • State Assembly District 31) 2,091 (13.09%)  
 Terry R. Gray • State Assembly District 48) 3,261 (16.24%)  
 Rick Levandowski • State Assembly District 59) 1,030 (5.74%)  
 Keith Deschler • State Assembly District 62) 1,945 (15.06%)  
 Dan Senglaub • State Assembly District 88) 541 (4.01%)  
 Justin Ingalls • State Assembly District 89) 308 (1.88%)  
 Scott Judson • State Assembly District 97) 489 (3.29%)  
 Robert Collison • State Assembly District 98) 1,906 (9.94%)  
 Jason (Jay) Trommer • State Assembly District 99) 753 (4.39%)

#### ■ WYOMING

Paul B. Garrison • State Rep. (Dist. 26) 419 (14.43%)  
 Gary Carlson • State Rep. (Dist. 50) 756 (21.82%)



## THE FORUM

# Three kinds of freedom that Libertarians shouldn't ignore

One way to avoid the "lesser of two evils" dilemma is to position our candidates leftward in three-way races. Like it or not, Republicans have successfully marketed themselves as being more libertarian — at least on economic issues — than Democrats.

Unfortunately, campaigns emphasizing the LP's social issue stances have done less well than this theory would indicate. Therefore, I have made a concerted effort to more carefully listen to the views of leftists.

It turns out that the Nolan Chart does not completely describe the differences between Left and Right. Differentiating ourselves from the Republicans involves more than emphasizing social issues and foreign policy.

There are two main differences between the Left and Right that we need to understand. This essay will describe the first: A coherent vision of freedom.

### What is Freedom?

We libertarians pride ourselves on our consistency. We have derived our platform from a single axiom, and have done so consistently. However, we have not achieved emotional consistency. There are many free-spirited individualists who view our program

with revulsion.

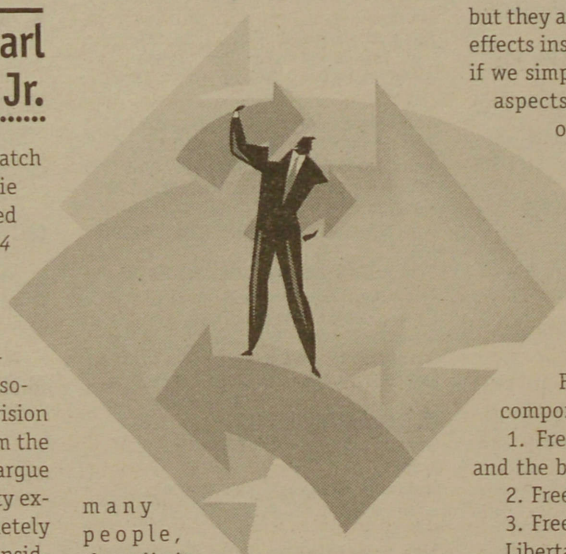
If you wish to understand the gut reaction of many to our rhetoric, watch the movie *Robocop*. This movie presents a dystopian future based on libertarian ideas (just as 1984 presents a dystopian future based on socialist ideas).

Imagine a society run by an armed impersonal bureaucracy, stripped of any veneer of social responsibility. This is the vision of big corporations released from the bonds of government. One can argue that this dystopia has some faulty extrapolations, and that a completely libertarian society would be considerably different.

However, if some aspects of our program were implemented without others, we could end up with such a society. Order of operations is important! As an example, consider how the privatization of prisons has helped fuel the drug war.

Freedom is about having choices — real choices. Our options are limited by the government, true, but they are also limited by other things. They are limited by etiquette, by contract, and by our bosses at work. For

By Carl Milsted, Jr.



many people, these limitations are more apparent than the limitations visibly imposed by government.

In his essay "The Abolition of Work," Bob Black writes, "There is more freedom in any moderately de-Stalinized dictatorship than there is in the ordinary American workplace."

For those who are professionals, valued specialists, or entrepreneurs, this is not so much the case. But talk to those on the assembly line, or those working in call centers, or the people working the checkout lines.

Talk to them about rationed bathroom breaks, strict dress codes, and drug testing.

Think of their vision of the private sector. To many of them, the government and the unions are agents of liberty, not tyranny.

Then there are the constraints of contract. Give me a citywide zoning board over the neighborhood associations I have seen. Give me downtown city streets vs. the mall.

True, the libertarian program does address the above issues indirectly, but they are treated as beneficial side effects instead of as core values. And if we simply dismantle the non-core aspects of government, looking

only at the initiation of force directive for guidance, we could create an aristocracy of private power that is as bad as the current bloated government.

### Three Aspects

Freedom has at least three components:

1. Freedom from the policeman and the bureaucrat.
2. Freedom from the boss.
3. Freedom from everyone else.

Libertarians address the first. Liberals focus on the second, though their solutions often backfire. The third aspect is a motivator for environmentalism.

Big corporations are often bureaucratic, authoritarian, insensitive and sometimes even violent. They use their great concentrations of wealth to manipulate the legal system to screw the little guy. Many capitalism-hating leftists are not pro-socialism; they are merely anti-corporate. The problem is that the Greens call for bringing in lions to control the

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wolves. The better solution is to arm the sheep.

It is time we dusted off the Jeffersonian vision of small farmers and independent small businesses. Big government is a bad case of concentration of power, but it is not the only case.

### Equality and Freedom

The Nolan Chart maps political philosophies in terms of economic and personal freedoms. However, it misses a very important value defining many political movements: Equality.

The average leftist would argue that the issue of equality is the primary differentiator between Left and Right. A well-versed Leftist would further point out that large discrepancies of wealth are equivalent to the power to initiate force.

We libertarians should counter that power is a form of inequality, even if it is nominally in the name of the people. Democracy is inefficient; an activist democracy eventually delegates power to the executive, creat-

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# From Communist Poland to the USA: Becoming an American

*An immigrant asks: Do Americans now take their freedom for granted?*

It must have been in the early 1980s, one of those nights of bookbinding. I was in my grandmother's apartment in Warsaw, making books out of boxes and boxes of pages printed in some basement, whose address I did not know and did not want to know.

In a badly lit room, with curtains tightly drawn (so that the light burning all night would not attract the unwelcome attention of the nearby police station), working at a table covered with blankets (to dampen the sound of the stapler), I would put the pages in order, fold them, staple, and glue a cover to the spine of a finished book.

### Snooping around

Slow and tedious work, but work that could not really be mechanized, at least as long as the police of the communist state were snooping around, confiscating printing presses, cars and houses of independent publishers, and slapping them with long

prison sentences — all for daring to publish books that the government did not want people to read. Books like Orwell's 1984 and Animal Farm, or works by the brilliant Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky.

To put these books into the hands of Poles, patient drones like me had to spend nights folding, stapling, and gluing, to have a batch to sell to trusted clients and distributors the next day (while trying not to get arrested, of course).

Those nights were a perfect time to catch up on the news and political commentary from Radio Free Europe and Voice of America on short-wave radio. I guess the government's efforts to jam the airwaves were conducted with much less zeal after midnight, when most people were asleep anyway, so the reception was really good — 90 to 95% of the spoken words were actually intelligible.

By Vlad Wielbut

Of course, after these many years I hardly remember the details of these broadcasts, except a few that, for one reason or another, found a permanent place in my memory.

For example, a segment on one of the Voice of America broadcasts, which examined what it meant to be American. Someone said that being American is different from being German, or Polish, or French, because being American is not about belonging to a certain ethnic group or carrying a passport of a certain state; being American is a state of mind. It is by adherence to a set of core values like liberty, individualism, entrepreneurship, tolerance, etc., that one becomes an American.

### Free, independent

I was truly electrified by this idea. It meant that America opened its doors to people like me, that I could be a part of a country and culture I admired, without actually moving there. It meant that I could continue living in Poland for the rest of my life under an authoritarian regime I truly despised, and yet be free and independent like people in America, because by my refusal to wear the



straitjacket that the regime had prepared for me, I would become ... an American.

I can't tell you how important and liberating it was.

As fate would have it, I did land on the other side of the Atlantic and eventually became an American citizen, with passport, certificate of naturalization, Social Security number — all this.

Yet I still cling to the idea that I became an American long before my

naturalization, before I even set foot on American soil. And I still believe that being an American is not so much about the official documents, as about a state of mind.

### Privileged status

Indeed, strange as it may sound, I suspect that among the illegal immigrants in this country there are some who are more American than people flashing their United States passport at border crossings. Especially, if one considers the nonchalance, even disrespect, with which many Americans treat their privileged status.

When freedom is taken for granted and perceived as an autonomous entity in itself — somewhat akin to the way we perceive air: it's simply there and exists independent of our actions — then it becomes easy to not think about it too much, to not be especially appreciative of it being there, and to not make a lot of effort to cultivate it.

Well, I was not born in America and I simply can't take freedom for granted. I'm like the person who spent his formative years living in a

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# Three different kinds of freedom

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ing an elite. Further, power is often converted into personal wealth, even by governments that make grandiose claims of being progressive.

Freedom and equality go together. Great inequalities of wealth require dangerous men to protect them, whether they be part of a police force or a private army. Inequality leads to envy.

## Egalitarian Agenda

There are many steps towards the libertarian goal of limited government that are also steps towards significantly greater equality. Here are a few:

- Eliminate business licenses, save those that truly protect people from irreversible harm.

- Outlaw civic funding of sports arenas, special business tax breaks, and other forms of local corporate welfare.

- End farm price supports. Raising food prices is highly regressive, and most of the benefits go to large corporate farms anyway.

- Replace the income taxes with wealth taxes. Income taxes hit those who are getting wealthy. Wealth taxes hit only those who are already wealthy.

- End the drug war. Today, the rich get therapy while the poor go to jail.

- Give school stamps for the poor. Sell the public schools and make the middle and upper classes pay for their own children's education.

The results of these measures would be far more progressive than anything that Al Gore or Ralph Nader

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can come up with. They are all also steps towards more liberty.

(Some libertarians might object that replacing income taxes with wealth taxes is not a step toward liberty. I would point out that the protection of wealth is the primary service provided by government. Wealth taxes are thus the closest thing to a user fee possible.)

## Anti-Corporate Agenda

Big corporations have their place in society. However, corporations have become far more powerful than they would be in a free society. We have in the libertarian toolbox instruments far more powerful than antitrust law for putting big corporations in their place.

- Securities and Exchange Commission regulations have gotten so onerous that it takes over \$1 million to do the paperwork to float a new stock issue. The public markets have ceased to be a place to launch new corporations to compete with the old. Wealthy "angels" and venture capital

firms have had to take over this role.

- The tax code severely penalizes companies that return income to investors as dividends instead of growing into conglomerates. Dividends returned to investors could make up a huge dispersed pool of capital for creating new corporations.

- The ridiculously complicated tax code, coupled with burdensome employment regulations, is a huge barrier to entry to new businesses.

- Want to start a new business in the garage? Watch out for the zoning police! Zoning and other restrictions are another tool to snuff out potential competition.

## Environmental Agenda

Socialism and fascism are wasteful. Waste is bad for the environment. Libertarians have better tools to clean up the environment than the Greens have. For example:

- Pollution taxes could be used to discourage excessive amounts of some pollutants, such as nitrous oxides. If global warming is a concern, then a carbon tax would be the most efficient method to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Such a tax would be very easy to collect, as it is very hard to hide an oil refinery or a coal-fired power plant.

- Sprawl is a problem. Tradable property rights are the beginnings of a solution. Currently, it is illegal for city centers to grow, thus growth occurs in the suburbs. Tradable property rights as a replacement for zoning would allow the city cores to grow while compensating those whose neighborhoods are changed.

- Farm subsidies encourage farm-

ing marginal lands that would be better left as wilderness. Eliminate them.

- Rural electrification subsidies and the post office subsidizes encroachment into the last wild places. Eliminate/privatize them.

- Privatizing the school system would make the inner city schools competitive or even better than the suburban and rural schools due to greater competition in higher density areas.

## Insensitive Agenda

Just to show that it is possible to make steps toward less intrusive government that many people would consider steps away from freedom, consider the following platform:

- Repeal antitrust regulations.
- Sell off the national forests and parks.

- End federal welfare programs.
- End labor laws and affirmative action.

- End taxes on capital gains and inheritance.

- Flatten the income tax rates.

Some of the above is worth pursuing after the progressive and anti-corporate agendas are implemented. When the corporations have been cut down to size in general, antitrust law will probably become unnecessary. When the middle-class has regained power and responsibility, reprivatizing charity becomes thinkable.

But starting out with these actions is not only a bad idea, it is political suicide. Order of operations is important.

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desert and thus will always have respect for water and disdain for those who nonchalantly waste it.

I am troubled when I hear Americans repeat mindlessly: "This is a free country," without giving any thought to what this means, and whether this is even true.

These words should not be spoken in vain. Not because of some religious transgression, but because all around us there are examples of freedoms being eroded, curtailed, taken away, suspended — sometimes in big chunks, but mostly in small pieces that are harder to trace.

Since almost the day of my arrival in the United States in March 1988, I've been discovering more and more footnotes attached to the mantra: "This is a free country."

I discovered, for example, various "harassment" statutes that could get one into serious trouble for telling a sexually explicit joke or for hanging a New Yorker cartoon on the wall of one's office.

I discovered "affirmative action," a particularly twisted form of discrimination on the basis of race and gender.

## Topless at a beach

I discovered that one could be fined or even put in jail for drinking a beer in a public park; that going topless at a beach was illegal; that people were given exorbitant prison sentences for possession of marijuana — a substance that can be legally bought in Amsterdam and in Britain.

Finally, two weekends ago, I learned that a hefty fine awaited me for riding my bicycle without a helmet on a paved bicycle path in the Kensington Metropark in Milford, Michigan.

There are, unfortunately, many more discoveries like these. They force me to keep asking: "If I continue to adjust my understanding of what a free country is, so as to make it fit the reality that surrounds me, at what point will I no longer be an American but simply a guy with an American passport?"

The realization that this may happen prompted me to join the Libertarian Party, an organization that tries to make "Americans" American again.

I hope it will help me not to fall asleep and wake up one day in a straitjacket — depressingly similar to the one the communist regime was trying to put me into a few decades ago.

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# Libertarian Party, other plaintiffs, argue against BCRA

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Bobby Burchfield, attorney for the Republican National Committee, said the Republican Party would be forced to lay off staff if it cannot accept soft money donations.

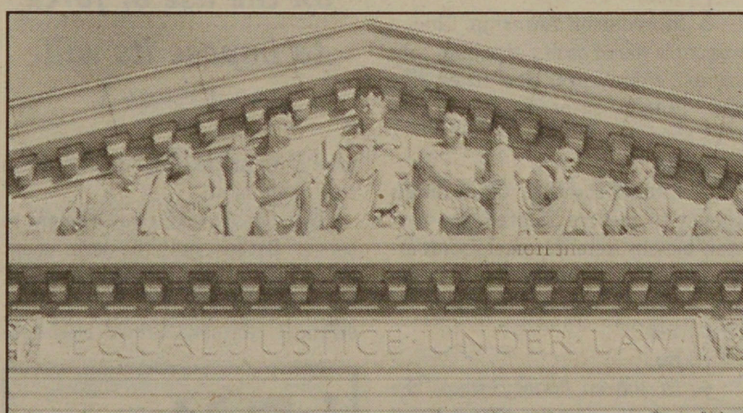
"National political parties build coalitions and moderate extreme interest groups," he said. "Incredibly, this legislation, touted as a way to root out corruption in the political system, would merely take national parties largely out of the equation. Even if there is a problem, this law doesn't fix it."

Burchfield did not explain why a significant number of Republicans in Congress voted for the bill, nor why Republican President George W. Bush signed it.

## Strengthens press

Herb Titus, who represents former LP candidates Carla Howell and Michael Cloud of Massachusetts amongst others, charged that the law merely strengthens the role of the "institutional press."

In response to the plaintiff's case, James Bader, an attorney representing the Federal Elections Commission, stated that contribution limits pro-



■ The lawsuit against the BCRA was heard at the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, DC on December 4 and 5, 2002.

vide only a "marginal limitation" on free speech.

"Soft money started out as a trickle but has grown into a river," he said. "The Supreme Court has ruled that Congress does have the power to create prophylactic rules to prevent against the appearance of government corruption."

The problem that the BCRA addresses is "a thoroughly broken campaign finance system that reeks of influence peddling," agreed Roger Witten, who represented sponsors of

the legislation, including Democratic Senator Russell Feingold and Republican Senator John McCain.

Regarding the provision that limits advertising, Floyd Abrams of the American Civil Liberties Union said that that portion of the law is clearly a content-based restriction, and therefore "criminalizes free speech."

Abrams showed a number of TV advertisements aired just before election time in previous years that would be illegal under the BCRA.

Abrams was joined in his condem-

nation of the provision by Laurence Gold of the AFL-CIO, Joel Gora of the ACLU, Charles Cooper of the NRA, and Herb Titus.

But David Kolker of the FEC said the provision, which bars election advertising within 60 days of a general election and 30 days of a primary election, serves a "compelling governmental interest."

## Compelling interest

"There is a compelling governmental interest that the marketplace for speech is not corrupted," he said.

If upheld, the BCRA will have a "significant impact" on the LP by eliminating sources of revenue and increasing the administrative burden on the party, said former LP executive director Steve Dasbach.

"It's a flat-out horrible law," he said. "In addition to eliminating some sources of revenue, it greatly increases the administrative and the regulatory burden on the party at all levels."

The Court of Appeals is expected to hand down a ruling in January or February of 2003, after which the case will be almost certainly appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.



## THE EDITOR

# Are we smart enough to learn from the Greens?

**H**ats off to the Greens. They've done something we have never been able to do: Elect a state representative in the lower 48 states without the cross-nomination of another party.

His name is John Eder and he was elected to the Maine State House (District 31) under the Green banner on November 5, 2002.

Eder, a 33-year old house painter, reportedly ran an energetic grassroots, door-to-door campaign. He was a relative newcomer to the state: He grew up in Brooklyn, and moved to Maine only six years ago.

Despite that, Eder didn't squeak into office; he romped. In a two-way, partisan race against a Democrat, he won 67% of the vote.

The question is: What can Libertarians learn from Elder's victory?

I haven't seen a comprehensive report on how Elder managed his lopsided win. But from Green websites and newspaper articles, we can discern some facts and some lessons:

1) It was a two-way, non-incumbent race. The Republicans didn't field a candidate, and the previous officeholder was term-limited out.

■ **Lesson:** The non-incumbent factor may be more significant than the two-way race factor, since popular incumbents are devilishly difficult to dislodge. Any race without an incumbent means a potential opportunity.

2) It was a low-vote race. Eder won with only 1,627 votes; his opponent garnered 808. (The population of a typical Maine House district is only 8,000.)

■ **Lesson:** Our best opportunities may be in small districts, where a candidate can personally meet most voters, and where campaign expenses are lower.

3) Eder had spending parity with the Democrat. The Green candidate received about \$5,000 from the state's "Clean Elections" campaign funding system. His opponent was also participating, so both candidates' spending was limited to those \$5,000 grants.

■ **Lesson:** Money talks. Challengers who win usually (but not always) spend as much or more as their opponents. Whether it is from government-funding or private donations, a third-party candidate needs to raise as much money as his or her opponent to have a realistic chance to win.

4) Eder has a track record of community activism. He did volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity and AIDS prevention education for homeless youth. He is a representative for the Portland Tenants Union and a member of the Portland Organization to Win Economic Rights.

■ **Lesson:** Name recognition, a track record of achievement, and a reputation as an advocate for "the people" are invaluable. They are the launching pad for many successful campaigns.

5) Maine voters have a history of supporting non-Republican, non-Democratic candidates. For example, independent Angus S. King was elected governor in 1994 and re-elected in 1998.

■ **Lesson:** Some states have more hospitable political climates. In the Bible, Luke 8:6 tells the parable of a farmer who cast a seed "on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture." Casting our seeds on independent- or Libertarian-friendly soil increases the odds that our candidates will blossom into winners.

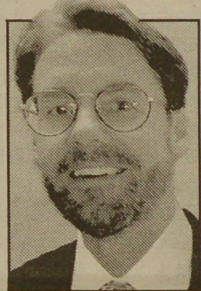
6) Eder focused on traditional Democratic issues, such as improving education, affordable housing, and government-funded health care. In his poor, urban district, these issues apparently resonated with voters.

■ **Lesson:** Elections are about what voters think is important. Eder was smart enough not to talk about the more fringe Green Party issues (banning automobiles; saving the whales), but about issues that the people who could elect him to office wanted to hear.

Add all these factors together, and you have the recipe for a successful third-party campaign: An energetic candidate running against a non-incumbent. A small district and funding parity. A history of community activism and carefully selected issues. And all this taking place in a state friendly to alternative politics.

We Libertarians think the Greens are wrong on most issues. But we'd be foolish if we don't learn from what Mr. Eder did right in his campaign.

For those of you who keep track of such things, you may recall that I wrote a farewell "From the Editor" column in the October 2002 issue of *LP News*. Reality has intervened. The search for a replacement editor is taking a bit longer than we anticipated, so I'm staying onboard until that new editor is named. We expect it to happen within the next few months, but, until then, my "farewell" has been put on hold.



By Bill Winter

LP NEWS EDITOR

# Before we can fight censorship, we first must properly define it

**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 Bill Winter  
LP NEWS EDITOR  
& Jonathan Trager  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**U**.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart once said that he couldn't quite define the term "obscenity." But he said, "I know it when I see it."

For many people, it's the same with the word "censorship." They know censorship when they see it. Or do they?

Take the following censorship quiz to see if you understand the difference between what is censorship ... and what is not:

1. The Supreme Court rules that the National Endowment for the Arts can consider "general standards of decency" when giving grants to artists. The case arises after the NEA cut off funding to a performance artist who stripped naked, and then covered herself in chocolate. Censorship?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

2. In Seattle, Washington, two newspapers refuse to run advertisements for the Spanish film, *Sex And Lucia*, on the grounds that the movie is "too explicit." Censorship?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

3. In Anderson Township, Ohio, a woman is found guilty of selling "obscene" videotapes. She faces five years in jail. Censorship?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

4. Around the USA, Omni Hotels agreed to remove X-rated pay-per-view movies from its hotel rooms after a lobbying campaign by Christian and "morality" groups. Censorship?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

5. In Warren County, Ohio, the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast Hotel agreed to remove X-rated pay-per-view movies from its hotel rooms after a county prosecutor threatened to charge the hotel with violating state obscenity laws. Censorship?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

6. A public library in Wichita Falls, Texas, is sued after it moves two books about homosexuality — *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather Has Two Mommies* — from the children's area of the library to the adult's section, after getting complaints from parents. Censorship?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

## Libertarian SOLUTIONS

Before revealing the answers, let's first define censorship.

*Culture Wars, Documents from the Recent Controversies in the Arts*, (edited by Richard Boltions) does so succinctly: "Censorship: The use of the state and other legal or official means to restrict speech."

Note the qualifier: Censorship is the use of "the state" — that is, government — and its "legal or official

lice) to arrest you, imprison you, or execute you if you buy, sell, rent, or possess the "wrong" book, magazine, or video.

The Founding Fathers recognized the dangerous power of government censorship, which is why they wrote the First Amendment to prohibit Congress from making any law "abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press."

### Private entities?

But what about private entities? Can't a publishing house censor an author by refusing to print his or her book? Can't a lobbying group censor a magazine by refusing to purchase it? Can't Hollywood censor a motion picture by refusing to distribute it?

No — because in a free market, there are always other avenues for such speech to flourish. A book can be sold to another publishing house, or self-published. Other customers can still buy a controversial magazine. And even an unpopular movie can be privately distributed, or sold on video.

Furthermore, there is no way to prohibit the actions of private entities without infringing on their First Amendment rights.

For example, in the name of protecting society from censorship, how could you prohibit a group from boycotting a magazine — since that, in itself, would be censorship? And how could the government force a publishing company to publish a book in the name of "free speech" if the company didn't have the freedom to decide?

Even the American Civil Liberties Union — which supports an absurdly expansive definition of censorship that includes the actions of "private pressure groups" — has been forced to admit this.

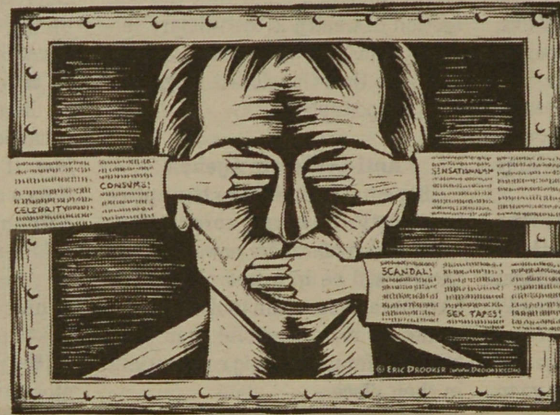
### Best countered

In explaining its position on censorship, the ACLU notes, "When private individuals or groups organize boycotts against stores that sell magazines of which they disapprove, their actions are protected by the First Amendment, although they can become dangerous in the extreme. But these private censorship campaigns are best countered by groups and individuals speaking out and organizing in defense of the threatened expression."

Once the definition of censorship is understood, discerning real censorship from faux censorship becomes easier. In fact, the only problems arise when the government attempts to censor the government.

With that in mind, let's go back to the Censorship Quiz:

Question #2 is easy: It's not censorship. See **CENSORSHIP** Page 26



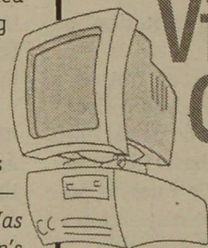
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## THE PULSE

# Iraq attack assumptions

To assume, the old saying goes, makes an "ass" out of "u" and "me." (That's "ass" in the "blockhead" sense.)

Such was the case with this month's Pulse question.

We asked the question — "What should the Libertarian Party do to show opposition to (or try to stop) the planned war in Iraq?" — to try to figure out the best political tactic to fight what is clearly an unlibertarian preemptive military attack.

But *LP News* readers disagreed with the assumption that a first strike on Iraq is unlibertarian. Loudly. In fact, fully 45.5% of respondents said they support such military action. Chalk one up for old sayings.

(A caveat: We always note that the Pulse is an unscientific quiz. So, the results don't necessarily mean that 45.5% of all Libertarians actually support an attack on Iraq. It could simply be that Libertarians who strongly support a preemptive strike were much more motivated to respond. If you are an *LP News* reader who strongly opposes a war with Iraq, ask yourself: Did you take the time to respond? If not, that could explain the results.)

Meanwhile, another 45.5% of readers agreed that the party should work to stop an attack on Iraq, and gave suggestions ranging from stressing our Jeffersonian principles to barraging the media with faxes.

And 9% gave ambiguous answers, or said the LP should duck the issue altogether.

Here is an assemblage of assorted answers:

■ Why must it be assumed that all Libertarians don't believe in a preemptive strike? Surely we believe in not inflicting our views by force, but defending ourselves is not an infliction of views — it is a matter of national survival. It preserves the liberty that we so dearly love and support. And part of our goal should be to advance liberty throughout the world. I don't think that we should oppose the president on this action. This time, I believe that he is right! Patriots fight for their country. Cowards find excuses not to.

— WALT NICHOLAS, Orem, Utah

■ The LP should launch a multi-pronged effort to oppose a U.S. declaration of war on Iraq. This should include a series of regular faxes to the media and governmental leaders, including all of the Congress and the Senate. It would also be a good idea to reach out to other libertarian organizations (CATO, Reason, Advocates for Self-Government, American Liberty Foundation, etc.) to create a coalition of partners to stop the war before it starts.

— WALT THIESSEN, Simsbury, Connecticut

■ What should the Libertarian Party do to show opposition to — or try to stop — the planned war on Iraq? Answer: Nothing.

— ALAN RICHTER, Spokane, Washington

■ Your question assumes that the libertarian position on Iraq is to oppose the U.S. invasion to topple Saddam Hussein. To suppose that inspectors can find nuclear bomb factories in a country the size of Iraq, with a vicious dictator like Saddam Hussein in power, is astonishingly naive. Saddam Hussein is a dangerous dictator, who should be deposed through force. To let him remain in power is a very dangerous policy, for the U.S. and our friends in the region. The invasion can be financed by the seized oil fields; this could be a first step toward privatizing the military.

— KEVIN BJORNSON, Seattle, Washington

■ While I doubt if the planned war on Iraq can be halted, I think Libertarians should continue to stress, as Thomas Jefferson said in 1801, "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none."

— COLIN F. SEWARDS, Mansfield, Texas

■ I vigorously support President Bush's policy on Iraq, which is part of the War on Terrorism. I joined the Libertarian Party because I love liberty. In order to enjoy liberty, you have to be alive, and you will not be alive if we fail to defeat terrorism. The hard, unpleasant reality is that you have to kill the terrorists before they kill you.

— JOSEPH LIDO, Montebello, California.

■ If Iraq is going to help attack us, we have little choice but to stop them. Libertarians are living in fantasy land where the Moslems are concerned. The Koran is rife with clauses against Christians and Jews. There are also clauses that instruct the believer to kill non-Moslems. The USA should consider a war with Saudi Arabia. The royal family is involved with backing the attack on New York. I would favor just taking the oil. They use whatever resources they have to fund terrorism anyway. The oil revenues can pay for the occupation and

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## THE MAILBOX

### • Just U.S. coins

Jonathan Trager, in "Fixing America's Crime Problem" [*Libertarian Solutions*, December, 2002] remarks that the "U. S. Constitution gives the federal government authority over just three crimes: Treason, piracy and counterfeiting."

In common with so many writers, Trager does less than justice to the Framers: the Congress is authorized to punish "counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States" only.

Counterfeiting foreign coins or numismatic coins is not an offense Congress can punish: to be a crime against the United States, an action must violate the rights of the people of every state.

— BRIAN W. FIRTH  
Bronxville, New York

### • Insulting calendar

As a woman and long-time member of the LP, I often have been asked, "Why do you think the percentage of women in the Libertarian Party is so small?" The best answer I have seen to date is found on the front page of the November issue. I refer to the "Candidate calendar" article about the 12 "Libertarian women" who resorted to sexual titillation in an attempt to market six of their number as serious political candidates.

I find their "calendar pinup" approach insulting to women in general and to all thinking people within the Libertarian Party.

What a shame that these women, and the males who support their mindless antics, are so desperate to

get public attention that they are willing to adopt the Hollywood meat-market philosophy that permeates our culture.

How sad that candidates from "The Party of Principle" should resort to such an unprincipled and ignoble approach to publicity!

— MARCIA SLENTZ-WHALEN  
Mayo, Maryland

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### • Election disaster

By any reasonable standard, November 5 was another electoral disaster for the Libertarian Party. Nationwide support for Libertarian candidates barely exceeded 1%, and no Libertarians were elected to the Senate, the House of Representatives, any state governorship, or any state legislature.

Hopefully, results as dismal as these will prompt some serious reflection on where we go from here.

As I see it, the Libertarian Party

has three strategic alternatives to choose between for future races:

1. Maintain the present course, continuing to campaign for wholesale reductions in the size, scope, and cost of government, and for a totally free, unregulated society. This strategy is doomed to continue to receive 1-2% support in elections, but may serve to educate the public in the benefits of freedom.

Libertarians could continue to spotlight controversial issues such as drug legalization and full Social Security privatization, bringing those ideas into the mainstream to be adopted by the two old parties as they gain popularity. Running national candidates is key to this strategy, even if they have no chance of ever winning.

2. Concentrate resources in a limited number of races or geographical areas. This could allow Libertarians to compete on a level playing field with Democrats and Republicans in terms of advertising and media exposure.

Voters in the targeted areas would then no longer consider a vote for a Libertarian a "wasted vote," and might vote on the merits of Libertarian proposals, rather than choosing the lesser of two evils.

If Libertarians could win in a single state, they could implement desired reforms and hold them up as a model of success for selling liberty to the rest of the nation. The Free State Project is leading the charge for this strategy.

3. Reach out to mainstream vot-

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possible resettlement. Tough? We did not ask for this. They are fascists and deserve to be treated accordingly.

— ROBERT JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, Springfield, Massachusetts

■ We should persuade our representatives to not violate the Constitution by starting a war. We should persuade non-members to be LP members and persuade others against the war. Use high profile media to spread the message.

— LYNELLE ROTTMANN, Houston, Texas

■ The true Libertarians must not "sit on the sidelines" when it comes to Iraq. Our statement should be that we need to back priorities, meaning al Qaeda is first, being a more dangerous threat to our nation. Iraq should be a second theater of operation, meaning covert operations and economic propaganda — not a full-scale invasion — much like we defeated the former Soviet bloc.

— JERRY ESKRIDGE, Port Royal, South Carolina

■ Like it or not, we are in a war with Islamo-fascism for the future of civilization, and waiting until they are on our shores will be too late. It is either a war we can win now, or one we will lose in the future. We Libertarians are simply on the wrong side this time. We are the party of freedom, but if we fail to act while there is still time to win, the world will be divided among a few competing Islamic theocracies and there will be little freedom for anyone.

— DON TABOR, Chesapeake, Virginia

■ Don't attack anyone until we have been attacked ourselves. Putting parts of our country in danger on another country's soil so they will be attacked is not an acceptable way of starting a war. If we do get attacked on our soil, then kill the attackers quickly and efficiently.

— DAVID P. ZIMMERMAN, Columbus, Ohio

## March Question: Tough Issues?

The LP is resolutely non-interventionist, right? Not necessarily, if this month's Pulse column is any indication. While unscientific, it suggests that up to 45.5% of LP News readers would support a preemptive military strike on Iraq. Furthermore, the tone of their responses indicates they're somewhat irritated that other Libertarians seem to take an opposite position. That raises the question: How should the LP stake out an "official" position on controversial issues like a War on Iraq? Should the Libertarian National Committee decide via formal resolution? (After all, they are the elected representatives of the membership at large.) Should such issues be put to a ballot of all dues-paying LP members? Should delegates at a National Convention decide (even though such events happen only once every two years?) Is there a better way? Or, should the party refrain from taking a position on such issues because they are simply too divisive?

■ QUESTION: How should the Libertarian Party decide its "official" positions on tough, potentially controversial issues like a war on Iraq? (Please keep answers to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: February 8, 2003

## Feb. Question: Biotechnology?

Although Clyde Cleveland wasn't elected governor of Iowa, he made history another way: He was apparently the first LP candidate to make opposition to bioengineered food a central part of his campaign. Arguing that the technique (which uses gene-swapping to increase the yield and disease-curing potential of crops) is dangerous, Cleveland's website describes bioengineering as "the most important environmental issue this planet has ever confronted." It also says, "We are talking about the survival of our species" — and quotes Michael Hansen and Ellen Hickey who say bioengineering may lead to "potentially catastrophic results." On the other hand, Dr. Jay Lehr of the Heartland Institute argues that bioengineered food could feed millions of starving people, and has enormous "economic, nutritional, and disease-fighting benefits." It is only opposed, he argues, by "environmental extremists" who "ignore the science." Who's right?

■ QUESTION: Should the Libertarian Party make opposition to bioengineered food part of the LP Platform? Why or why not? (Please keep answers to 100 words or less.)

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ers, many of whom want significantly lower taxes and smaller government, but aren't ready to support radical reforms such as drug legalization, ending the income tax, or abolishing the FDA and the SEC.

Many Libertarians resist this strategy, wanting to remain philosophically pure, waiting for that day in the distant future when the majority of voters suddenly realize that liberty is morally and economically superior to government coercion.

Personally, I see no contradiction between maintaining a purely free society as a high moral standard and eventual goal, and with advancing a platform of more modest reforms in the direction of freedom.

If the Libertarian Party would separate its statement of principles (what it believes in and sees as the ultimate goal) from its campaign platform (what it would attempt to enact through legislation if elected), more progress could be made than under the current strategy.

Trying to achieve everything at once achieves nothing. Focusing on issues which have a chance of winning is not an abandonment of principle, but a recognition of reality.

— CRAIG CRAFT  
Dallas, Texas

### ■ At a crossroad

The Libertarian Party has reached a crossroad. We need to decide if we want to be a real political force in the 21st century or if we want to continue to be a political afterthought.

There are two schools of thought. Either we stick to our principles 100% or we find a way to reach out to more people while still maintaining our beliefs. No large organization can exist and thrive without compromise.

My first suggestion is to change the name of the party to The Freedom Party. A small two-syllable word that tells the listener right away what we stand for — freedom. The average uninformed voter doesn't know what the word "libertarian" means. It is also a mouthful. The average uninformed voter also confuses the word "libertarian" with "liberal," which has a negative connotation in today's American society.

Second, we need to run viable candidates. Having a large number of candidates serves no purpose if many of them have no charisma, public speaking ability or platform. How can we be taken seriously if we have a (former) California gubernatorial candidate who shows up for a newspaper interview in a druid robe and hood?

My third suggestion is to find a presidential candidate in 2004 who has name recognition or the ability to raise large sums of money. Our candidate doesn't have to agree with every single word of our platform. I don't agree with every word, but that doesn't make me less of a libertarian.

We have to stop saying that everyone who doesn't agree 100% with our philosophy is a "big government

bureaucrat." We need a charismatic speaker who has libertarian ideas.

Two suggestions off the top of my head are Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, who has had many positive things to say about the party and whose two books contain many libertarian ideas, and Tom Golisano from New York, who, in his three campaigns for governor has espoused many libertarian ideas and has millions of dollars of his personal wealth at his disposal.

We have to be an inclusive party, and instead of dismissing people who don't agree completely with us, welcome anyone who wants freedom from the stranglehold of government.

After 30 years, we can no longer be content with 0.4% of the vote, or celebrate winning a spot on the school board of a town with a population of 600. We have much loftier goals and they can be achieved if we open our minds and our arms.

— ANTHONY CORRENTI  
West Islip, New York

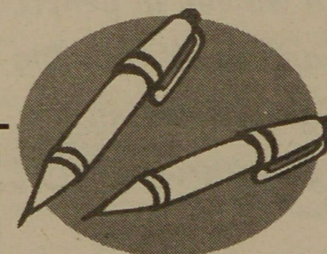
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### ■ Time for new tactics

Hear that? That's the sound of a door slamming shut.

Carla Howell finishes fourth place, behind a Green, in her Massachusetts governor's race. Michael Cloud and Ed Thompson finish their races in low double digits. Ken Krawchuck doesn't even show up as a blip on the radar in Pennsylvania.

The tax repeal Question One [in Massachusetts] fails. Number of Lib-



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ertarians now elected to state assemblies: zero. To the House of Representatives: zero. To the Senate: zero.

Once and for all, the door has slammed shut on the Harry Browne school of campaigning. To paraphrase the man himself, it just doesn't work.

I am not here to condemn him, or Carla, or Ken, or any of the others. But I have become sick and tired of failure, sick and tired of excuses, sick and tired of the party higher-ups getting excited about victories at the local level, when those victories do nothing to change the direction of the country.

We could win every dogcatcher post in America; it still wouldn't help. And we're not even doing that.

It was once said that there is no "magic bullet" to win elections with. That may be so, but at this point we're not even shooting regular bullets. We're firing blanks. It's time to lock and load with some real ammunition.

The party's "new attitude" means nothing, if there aren't new tactics to go with it.

But there is yet something we can do. Target: House of Representatives 2004.

As I said, it is way past time for anyone to pretend that winning local victories means anything. But if the party leadership is so certain that we can win locally in a meaningful way, then let me draw your attention to a simple fact. The House of Representatives is a federal level chamber of power, but each individual seat in it is voted for in a strictly local area.

The time is now, right now, to focus on winning at least three seats in the House in 2004. Even if that means sacrificing local seats. Even if it means the presidential candidate in 2004, whoever that unlucky soul turns out to be, has no real financial backing from us. Said person will lose regardless; it's time to send money to someone who can win.

We need a Congressional Victory Fund set up today. We need to focus on making a national impact, by winning what are, essentially, the local races that we claim we can win. Local races for national offices; that's what the House is. Time to start winning a few of these.

This will either be the Libertarian Century, or the century in which we die. Which would you rather have? I know which one I'd pick.

— JAY MCINTYRE

Paoli, Pennsylvania

### ■ Win-win for LP

As a result of the recent election, I recommend the Libertarian National Committee take the following actions:

1) Review the Republican Party platform, identifying planks that are

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consistent with those of the Libertarian Party platform and/or philosophy.

2) Communicate with the Republican Party leadership in the method determined to be most appropriate by the Committee. (Private letter, full-page ad in national magazine, etc.) The Committee should congratulate the Republicans on their victories, and encourage them to honor specific planks from their platform.

If the Republicans honor our request, Libertarians and all other responsible Americans will benefit.

If they ignore our request, Libertarian Party membership could go through the roof with dissatisfied Republicans. The opportunity is a "win-win" situation for Libertarians.

— TED ELLINGSON

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

### ■ That's the point

Quoting Carmen Yarrusso [The MailBox, December 2002]: "What exactly would be the point of our leadership polling members to see if they are for or against drug re-legalization? George T. Perkins has proposed this absurd idea for the second time. What's the point?"

Since when it it "absurd" to ask the membership what they think? Let the people speak! That's the point!

— GEORGE T. PERKINS

Worcester, Massachusetts

### ■ Linder is worse

Well, it seems that the Libertarian Party is bragging about helping to increase the size of government.

The October issue of *LP News* featured the story of how the LP helped boot out Representative Bob Barr and thus ushered in John Linder. Barr's record on taxes and spending was far superior to Linder's. Overall, he was much closer to the libertarian ideal of limited government.

So why did the LP celebrate his downfall in favor of a bigger statist? Because Barr was against the precious marijuana that so many libertarians value above all other freedoms.

I too disliked his stance on medical marijuana, but it really irks me that so many libertarians focus so heavily on drugs that they are blinded to libertarianism's overall goal, reducing government until it only protects life, liberty, and property. Linder's victory over Barr does the exact opposite. And we're cheering?

It's high time we start defending free enterprise and other freedoms the way we do drug legalization!

— TED MCCARRON

DeKalb, Illinois

### ■ Wrong on Iraq

I have no soundbites to offer with regard to the December and January Pulse columns.

Rather, I would prefer to general-

ize on the plurality they represent.

We are to query ourselves as to how a 28% attrition in membership could have occurred over two years, then as to how we should go about showing opposition to the president's war with Iraq. How interesting! Nowhere in query #2 is there any selection for a "do we?" or "don't we?" stance.

And therein may lie the problem.

According to the news media Sunday shows, there is now a category of American thinker called the "libertarian hawk." Specifically, they named the vice-president as one. While I do not identify myself with Mr. Cheney, I do rather feel myself slipping into that cadre, of late.

I think we would have a consensus that Libertarian Party opposition to an engagement with Iraq is based on our tenet of never initiating force. But, if all one does is to measure force as a recent event in which one has directly assaulted another, then the bigger picture is missed.

For one thing, Mr. Hussein has already funded Al Qaeda, AND invaded Kuwait, and sent Scuds into Israel, and violated every U.N. agreement ever entered into. And whether a direct assault on U.S. or not, he

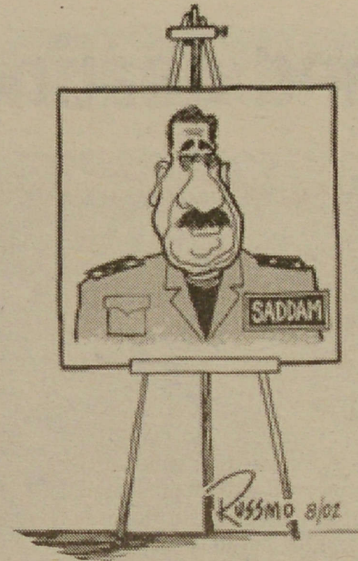
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has murdered hundreds of thousands of his own (dissimilar) citizenry.

For Americans with an IQ higher than their diastolic blood pressure, it seems overwhelmingly likely that Saddam would thoroughly baste in his

waste at the release of a thermo-nuclear device in Los Angeles with a westerly wind carrying the fallout to the rest of us.

As a transitional thinker — one who began life as a Democrat, converted to a Republican late in life, then became "politically homeless" — I now find myself disillusioned as a Libertarian, when my local Libertarian candidate for Congress comes out on TV with the statement that Saddam Hussein isn't any worse than us — this, based in part on Janet Reno's barbecue of the Branch-Davidians! Maybe she's no better, but I, personally, don't consider the United States or myself to be on the level with a neo-Hitler.

Finally, I turn to the last inside page of the *LP News* to see an ad that defines libertarians as "Gun-Toting Economists on Drugs." My God! Is that who we are? No wonder nobody takes us seriously.

— DAVID REID

Mount Sterling, Kentucky

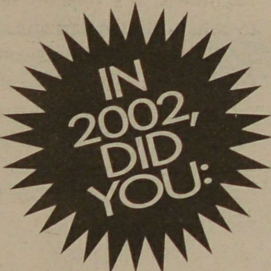
### ■ Not a democracy

I was browsing the [www.LP.org](http://www.LP.org) website and saw the article, "Libertarian Solutions: Revitalizing American democracy: More competition, less regulation." [The Forum, November 2002]

I want to know why staff writer Jonathan Trager didn't know that America is not a democracy, but rather a republic? Is this a view shared by the Libertarian Party? Or is it just a mistake by Mr. Trager?

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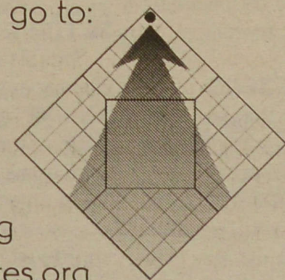
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sorship. Private newspapers may choose to print — or not print — whatever they want, including advertisements for *Sex And Lucia*. Although you might disagree with a newspaper's decision not to run a particular ad, it's not censorship.

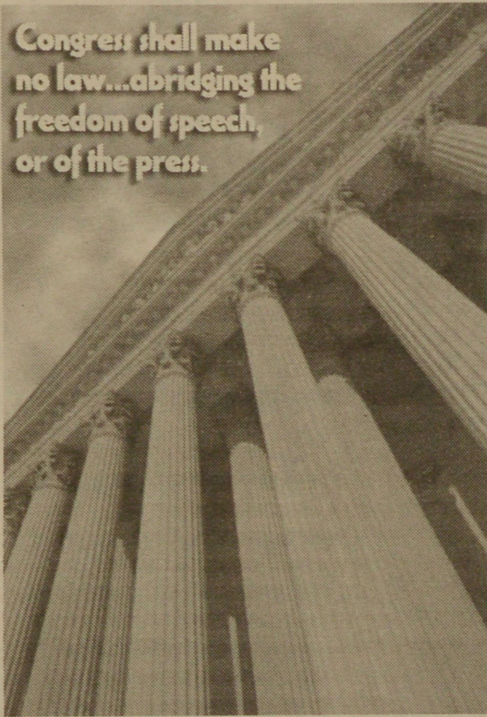
Question #4 is also not censorship. In fact, Libertarians should applaud individuals or groups who oppose an company's policy — and lobby that organization for change, rather than turn to the government.

## Moralistic busybodies?

That said, some Libertarians might be indignant that "moralistic busybodies" are pestering Omni Hotels about X-rated movies. However, if the issue is important to you, the way to express that irritation is to counter-lobby the hotel chain in favor of adult movies, or to do business only with chains that offer such movies. Ultimately, the marketplace will decide which group is "correct."

Such is not the case with Question #5, where the Warren County prosecutor threatened to charge a hotel with violating obscenity laws because it offered X-rated movies. That's a naked use of government power to disrupt consenting acts of free expression between the hotel and its adult customers. It's censorship, plain, simple, and ugly.

Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.



So is Question #3, where an Ohio woman faces five years in jail for selling "obscene" videotapes. The government is preventing a private citizen from selling videotapes to other citizens because the content of the tapes runs afoul of government law. Again, a textbook case of censorship.

The trickiest part of the quiz are questions #1 and #6. On one hand, adults should have

the right to cover themselves in chocolate — whether they do it naked under the guise of "performance art" or fully clothed as a homage to *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. And libraries should have the right to decide where *Heather Has Two Mommies* should be filed.

On the other hand, performance artists are not entitled to taxpayer dollars to subsidize their chocolate-covered so-called art. And a public library is a tax-funded entity — not a private establishment.

And that's where the solution lies: In a free, libertarian society, neither situation would

arouse controversy, nor generate charges of censorship.

In such a society, there would be no NEA, so if you approved of naked chocolate-covered artists, you would pay to see them. If you didn't, you wouldn't. There would be no government grants to fight over. Either the market would support such so-called art, or it wouldn't. No squabbles.

Similarly, in such a libertarian

society, libraries would be privately funded (whether by customers, foundations, or companies). There would be no more controversy over where a library files a book than there is over where Barnes and Noble puts it.

## Deal with censorship?

Moving to the big picture: How would Libertarians deal with the problem of censorship?

First, eliminate laws that make it illegal for adults to buy, sell, or view certain books, magazines, websites, DVDs or videotapes. When politicians try to defend such laws, Libertarians should ask them: "What part of 'Congress shall make no law' don't you understand?" Let adults decide what is and isn't obscene — not government prosecutors.

(The only exception would be child pornography, of course, since a child is a victim, not a willing, competent adult participant. The reprehensible people who abuse children in this way, and profit from that abuse, would remain criminals.)

Second, eliminate the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). A remnant of the New Deal era, this bureaucracy is in charge of licensing TV and radio companies, and regulating them in the name of the "public interest."

If the FCC decides that a company has broadcast "indecent" material, that company can be fined or stripped of its license. Indecent material is anything that is "patently offensive" ... to a majority of FCC commissioners, that is.

For example, Infinity Broadcasting, which employs popular radio chatmeister Howard Stern, has been fined hundreds of thousands of dol-

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**If not, you wouldn't.**

lars for violating FCC standards. While the size of Stern's audience keeps him on the air, smaller companies have been bankrupted by the FCC's heavy-handedness.

The bottom line is that adult Americans should be able to decide for themselves (and for their children) what is acceptable to hear or watch on radio or TV. The FCC should be liquidated, and its \$278 million budget for fiscal year 2003 should be returned to the taxpayers.

## Urge to censor

As long as there have been governments, there has been an urge by politicians to censor. Even America — where the right of free speech is enshrined in the Bill of Rights — is not immune.

To properly fight the disease of censorship, Libertarians need to understand what censorship is, and what censorship isn't.

Armed with that knowledge, Libertarians are better equipped to combat government efforts to stifle free expression, and restrict what we can read, hear, see, and say.

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I apologize if I seem rude; I just found it interesting that a Libertarian writer thinks the United States is a democracy.

— DANIEL VOSE

Los Angeles, California

**Editor's note:** America is a democratic republic, not a "pure" democracy. However, Mr. Trager was using the word "democracy" in its most common form (quoting here from the *Random House dictionary*): "A form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system." The article was making the point that our electoral system should remain as free and democratic as possible.

## Educating citizens

LP News indicates that there is some confused questioning among party officials about the cause of declining party support [The Pulse, December 2002]. Here is what I feel:

1. The party thinks that the way to change society is through expanding membership and winning elections, rather than through educating citizens on libertarian philosophy.

Sure, winning elections is the business of a political party, and education is the business of organizations like the Cato Institute, but winning elections at the expense of philosophy is no win for our principles.

2. Practical compromises of libertarian goals may be necessary for realistic, interim policies as ways of moving the cultural/legal system gradually toward libertarian principles, but the party must clearly state the interim nature of such goals and the intended long-range goals, to promote the basic principles.

3. Membership growth, without member understanding of basic principles, is a corrupting influence. Party leaders should be measured by the philosophical soundness of the party, rather than its growth. This will have a greater positive effect on society than winning elections.

— JACK GARDNER

Austin, Texas

## The one issue

I am slowly coming to believe that Libertarians are making a major mistake. We are becoming allied with various causes without clearly establishing the fact that our support is based on our refusal to initiate force against others. We always seem to enter into an issue on the minority side

in order to protect individual freedom from abuse from the majority. As we add more and more issues, we slowly paint ourselves into a corner.

Let's say the public is evenly split on the gun issue and we side with the pro-gun side. We now have the approval of half of the population, but we have lost the other half. Now suppose we add in another issue, such as the drug war, based on a view that drugs are really not harmful and not based on the view that we have no right to initiate physical force against others. We would find ourselves in a small minority of say 10%. When we combine the two issues we end up with 10% of 50%, which leaves us with only 5% of the public who agree with both positions.

As we add in more and more issues, the percentage of the population who agrees with the minority position in all cases becomes smaller and smaller. Is it any wonder the public views us as a fringe party?

We should go back to basics and concentrate on becoming identified with the belief that no one has the right to initiate physical force against others, individually or collectively.

When we can extend that view to collective action, we will have automatically won all of the individual issues. Until we have extended that view to collective action, we will never truly know freedom.

— HENRY ANDERSON

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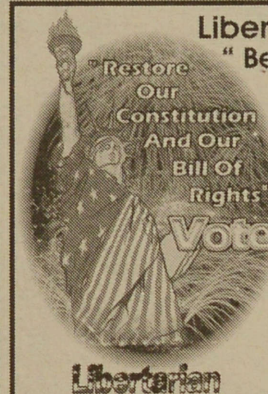
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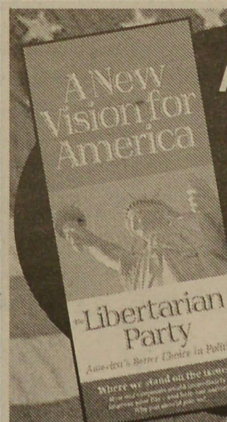
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### ■ January 31-February 2, 2003

**Florida LP Convention**, Renaissance WorldGate Hotel, Kissimmee/Orlando. Speakers include Dr. Randall Holcombe (Libertarian economic advisor to Governor Jeb Bush). For information, visit: www.lpf.org. Or call (800) 478-0555.

### ■ February 8-9, 2003

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### ■ February 15-17, 2003

**California LP Convention**, Ontario Marriott, Ontario. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail: convention@ca.lp.org. Or visit: www.ca.lp.org/conv/2003/.

### ■ February 22, 2003

**Oklahoma LP Convention**, Oklahoma City. Holiday Inn, Oklahoma City. Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*) and Evalena Herrian (Sooner State Petition). For information, visit: www.oklp.org. Or e-mail: RogueOkie@aol.com.

### ■ February 23-25, 2003

**Preserving the American Dream: A Conference for Supporters of Mobility and Homeownership**, Wyndham City Center Hotel, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the Heartland Institute, the Heritage Foundation, the Thoreau Institute, and others. Speakers include Sam Staley (Buckeye

Institute), Wendell Cox (public-purpose.com), and Steve Hayward (American Enterprise Institute). For information, write: Thoreau Institute, P.O. Box 1590, Bandon, OR 97411. Or visit: www.ti.org/amdream.html.

### ■ February 28-March 2, 2003

**Illinois LP Convention**, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Oak Brook. Speakers TBA. For information, visit: www.il.LP.org.

### ■ March 1, 2003

**New Jersey LP Convention**, Trenton Marriott Hotel, Trenton. Speakers include Jack A. Cole (executive director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition). For information, e-mail Robert Jacobs at: robertlj@yahoo.com.

### ■ March 1, 2003

**Iowa LP Convention**, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines. Speakers include Bill Masters (sheriff, San Miguel County, Colorado). For information, visit: www.lpia.org.

### ■ March 13-16, 2003

**Reason Weekend 2003**, Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, California. Reason Foundation's annual event for major supporters. Speakers include Virginia Postrel (Author, *The Future and Its Enemies*) and Penn Jillette (magician). For information, call Donald Heath: (310) 391-2245.

### ■ April 5, 2003

**Michigan LP Convention**, Eagle Crest Conference Center & Resort, Ypsilanti. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail Emily Salvette at: salvette@ameritech.net. Or call: (734) 668-2607.

### ■ April 12, 2003

**Massachusetts LP Convention**, Sheraton Tara Hotel, Framingham. Speakers include Bill Winter (former LP director of communications). For information, e-mail: conv03@lpma.org. Or visit: www.lpma.org.

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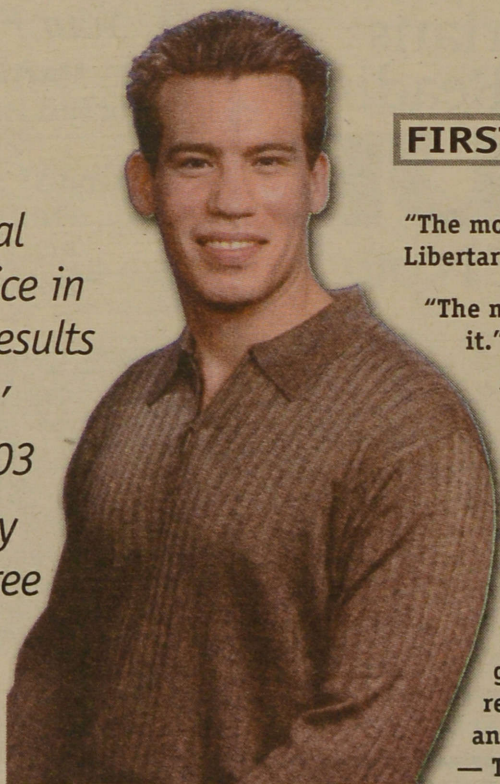
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