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Ed Crane will accept award at '02 Convention

Cato president named 'Champion of Liberty'

Ed Crane, founder and president of the influential Cato Institute, has been chosen to receive the Libertarian Party's "Champion of Liberty" Award at the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

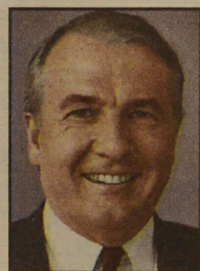
Crane, 57, will attend the convention in July to receive the honor and address convention delegates, said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach. The award will be presented during the convention banquet on July 6.

The award is presented at each national convention to honor individuals who have done important work in advancing liberty.

Given that this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Cato Institute, Crane was "the logical selection" for the 2002 award, said Dasbach.

Visionary

"Ed Crane is the visionary behind the Cato Institute, which today is the largest and most influential libertarian think tank in the country," he said. "He was also a guiding force of the Libertarian Party in its early years. Who could be a better choice?"



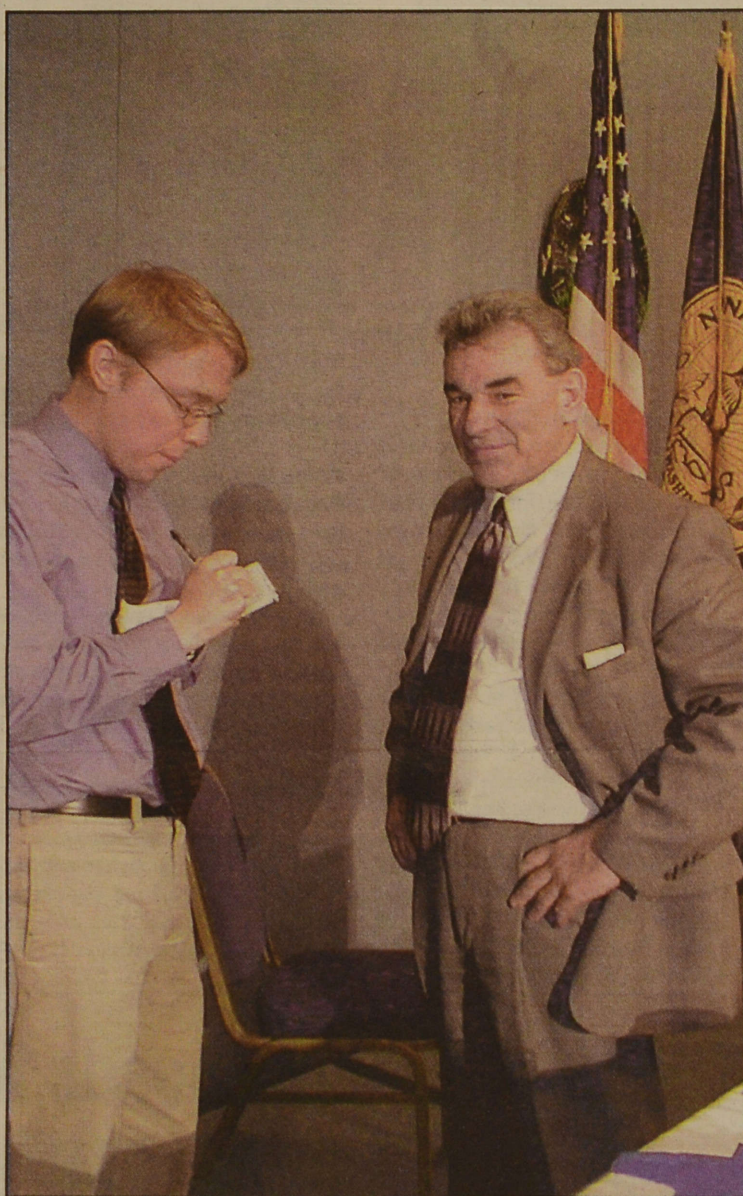
■ Ed Crane: "No better choice."

One of the early members of the fledgling Libertarian Party in 1972, Crane became the LP national chair in 1973. He held that position for three years.

Upon stepping down as chair in 1977, Crane founded the Cato Institute with millionaire businessman Charles Koch. The research-oriented organization quickly rose to prominence, thanks to the pioneering work of such libertarian scholars as James Buchanan, Richard Epstein, Milton Friedman, and Murray Rothbard.

Meanwhile, Crane continued to be

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■ Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson (right) is interviewed by *Madison Capitol Times* reporter Ben Steverman at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on April 30. The trip to the nation's capital "generated a lot of publicity for my campaign, and energized me to work even harder," said Thompson.

Ed Thompson takes a 'whirlwind' tour of Washington, DC

Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate meets media and LP staff, visits policy experts

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson has paid a visit to Washington, DC, conducting a media tour and discussing campaign strategy with LP officers and libertarian organizations.

From April 30 to May 2, the colorful candidate met with libertarian policy analysts, gave radio and print interviews, talked tactics with national LP officers, and received professional media training.

The trip was an "educational experience," said Thompson.

Duck out of water

"The trip was definitely a success," he said. "I felt like a duck out of water sometimes, but it really opened my eyes to how big government actually is. It also generated a lot of publicity for my campaign, and energized me to work even harder."

Thompson's whirlwind tour of the nation's capital began on April 30 when he arrived at the LP national

headquarters in Northwest DC to meet with LP Political Director Ron Crickenger and LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

The Libertarians discussed fundraising efforts, winnable aspects of the race, and how to drum up additional publicity for the campaign, said Dasbach.

"Ed's campaign team has been doing a fine job so far," he said. "However, Ed clearly understands that he must gain momentum over the summer months. It will be difficult for the major parties to shut him out of the fall debates if he is consistently showing up in the polls with double-digit support."

In March, Thompson received 7% in a survey of 500 registered Wisconsin voters conducted by Public Opinion Strategies. The poll had a margin of error of about 4%, with 21% of voters undecided.

After the meeting with LP officials, Thompson attended a National Press Club luncheon with Development Director Eric Caron and Press Secretary George Getz.

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Libertarians rally on Tax Day

In New Port Richey, Florida, Libertarians encouraged people to "Fertilize America — Bury the IRS."

In Boulder, Colorado, Lady Liberty waved at last-minute tax filers as they trudged into the Post Office.

In Monroe County, Indiana, Libertarians urged motorists to "Honk if you hate taxes." Hundreds did so.

And in Hamilton County, Tennessee, Patrick Henry appeared to speak out against Americans' tax burden.

It was April 15, Tax Day 2002, and Libertarians fanned out across the country — carrying signs, conduct-

ing media interviews, and distributing "million dollar bills" — to spread the party's anti-tax message.

In more than two dozen states, from California to New York and from Washington to Missouri, Libertarian Party activists rallied in front of Post Offices to highlight the LP's call to reduce, simplify, and eliminate taxes.

One-on-one

Libertarian activity ranged from handing out literature on a one-on-one basis, to staging large rallies, to dressing in costumes to capture the attention of harried, over-taxed

Americans who were filing last-minute IRS forms.

As in previous years, the most popular handout was the party's million dollar bill, a mock high-denomination currency note that explains that the federal government spends \$1 million every three and one-half seconds — and points out that the Libertarian Party is the only

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■ Melissa Sweeney, dressed in an old-fashioned gown, helps the Greenville County LP in South Carolina spread its message on Tax Day 2002.



NEWS BRIEFS

Economist Peter Bauer wins Cato prize

The Cato Institute has announced the first recipient of the Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty: British economist Peter Bauer, who passed away before the award could be presented.

Bauer, 86, died on May 2. He was scheduled to receive the award — and a \$500,000 cash prize — at the Cato 25th Anniversary banquet on May 9 in Washington, DC. The prize was accepted in his absence by John Blundell of London's Institute on Economic Affairs.

Before his death, Bauer said he was "truly honored" to have won the award.

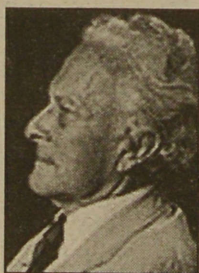
"I can't think of a greater distinction than to be the first recipient of the Milton Friedman prize," said the former professor at the London School of Economics. "I have long admired the Cato Institute and Milton Friedman, and recognition by both could not be more delightful."

Bauer was chosen for his "pioneering work in the field of development economics," in which he argued that third-world societies will develop faster if they embrace free-market and open-trade policies.

Notable books by Bauer include *The Economics of Underdeveloped Countries* (1957) and *Dissent on Development* (1972).

"Peter is not only a longtime friend of Cato, he is a hero to many of us for his courageous commitment to sound economic theory and the promotion of human liberty," said Cato Institute President Ed Crane.

The Milton Friedman Prize will be awarded every other year to an individual for significant achievement in the advancement of liberty.



■ Peter Bauer:
Wins Cato prize.

Idaho LP sets candidate recruitment record

The Idaho LP has set a new party record, running more candidates compared to its dues-paying LP membership than any state affiliate in Libertarian Party history.

With 49 candidates on the ballot and a membership of 118, the Idaho LP is running candidates equal to 42% of its dues-paying membership.

That breaks the candidate-recruitment record previously held by Vermont Libertarians, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. In 1998, Vermont ran 44 candidates, and had a membership of about 130.

"To put the Idaho LP's accomplishment in perspective, if every state ran 42% of their membership, we'd be running more than 10,000 candidates this year, instead of the 2,002 candidates we are shooting for," said Crickenberger. "Congratulations to the Idaho LP and State Chair Ryan Davidson for a job very well done!"

In 2000, the Idaho LP ran just 15 candidates for office.

This year, the party is running candidates for almost all statewide offices, for both the state's two Congressional seats, for about 30 state legislative seats, and for a number of local offices, said Davidson.

The recruitment effort was successful because he personally called Libertarians, said Davidson — including many whose dues had lapsed.

"Sometimes if you just show an interest in someone, that's all it takes for them to run," he said.

Davidson said he is now looking forward to a "highly visible" election season. "It's going to be a real interesting year," he said. "We definitely are in a position to make something good happen in Idaho."

Tennessee LP's Richard Pearl, Sr. dies

Richard Pearl Sr., former LP state chair in Tennessee, has passed away after a "brief yet brave" fight with lung cancer.

On the afternoon of May 5, the 54-year-old Pearl died peacefully in his sleep, said Ray Ledford, Pearl's friend, former vice chair and new chair of the LP.

Pearl had been struggling with the illness since it was diagnosed in April, said Ledford.

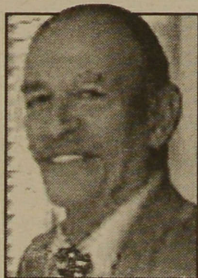
"One of liberty's best and brightest warriors has finished his fight, leaving us enriched and inspired," he said.

Pearl was elected LP state chair in April 2000, and again in March 2001. An LP member since 1994, Pearl organized the Libertarian Party of Rutherford County in 1999.

Perhaps Pearl's greatest accomplishment over the past two years, said Ledford, was organizing LP members in Nashville on several occasions to help defeat a proposed state income tax.

Pearl's leadership on the issue also earned him the "Ax the Tax" award from the Tennessee Conservative Union, making him the first non-Republican recipient of the award in its 20-year history.

A Tennessee resident since 1975, Pearl earned a B.A., M.A., and an Ed.D. in psychology. He leaves behind a daughter, TJ; a son, Richard Jr.; a girlfriend, Desiree; and several grandchildren.



■ Richard Pearl:
"Best, brightest."

Ed Thompson visits Washington, DC

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Thompson's older brother Tommy, a former Wisconsin governor who currently serves as Health and Human Services Secretary, was scheduled to give a speech at the event.

Coincidentally, both Thompsons arrived at the same time, and were immediately bombarded by journalists who took their pictures and asked them questions, said Getz.

"Tommy Thompson definitely did not look comfortable," he said. "He was friendly, but he seemed like he wished that Ed wasn't there. We expected that, though."

During the question-and-answer session after Tommy Thompson's speech, Ed joked with his older brother, asking: "Is it true you wanted to donate me for stem cell research?"

"No — but I think it might be a good idea," said Tommy, to a room full of laughter.

Cato Institute

The following day, Thompson met with officials of the Cato Institute and Americans for Tax Reform, and talked to journalists from *National Review*, the *Washington Post*, and *Insight* magazine. He was also interviewed by *The Hill* newspaper, a popular publication read by many Congressmen and Capitol Hill staffers.

Thompson also did an interview with *USA Today's* third-party expert, Tom Squitieri, who said, "the Thompson for Governor campaign is considered one of the races to watch around the country."

"Clearly there's national media interest in Ed's campaign," said Getz. "The fact that he's the brother of Tommy Thompson got him off to a



■ Ed Thompson (left) meets with Grover Norquist, head of Americans for Tax Reform, during his tour of Washington DC. The visit "really opened my eyes to how big government actually is," said Thompson.

strong start, but what's driving coverage now is the feeling that Ed could have a huge impact on the Wisconsin governor's race — and perhaps even pull off a victory."

On Wednesday evening, Thompson attended a media training session at the Leadership Institute, where media expert Genevieve Wood gave him tips on how to communicate his libertarian message more effectively on television.

Medical marijuana

On Thursday, Thompson met with officials from anti-Drug War organizations, including NORML and Drug Policy Alliance, to discuss medical

marijuana issues and the Drug War.

He also did an interview with Blanka Cullum, who is syndicated on over 100 radio stations nationwide on the Radio America Network.

In the November election, Thompson faces incumbent Republican Governor Scott McCallum. Candidates for the Democratic nomination include Attorney General Jim Doyle, U.S. Representative Tom Barrett, Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, and State Senator Gary George.

For more information, visit: www.edthompson.com. Or call: (608) 374-2537. Or write: Ed Thompson for Wisconsin Governor, P.O. Box 710 Tomah, Wisconsin 54660-1509.

Discover Liberty heads for finish line

June 30 is the final day of the Advocates for Self-Government's year-long "Discover Liberty" project — and the organization is asking all libertarians who participated to notify them as quickly as possible.

"We know there have been a lot of OPHs [Operation Politically Homeless booths] that haven't been reported to us yet," said Advocates president Sharon Harris, who spear-

headed the project. "We need to learn about every OPH booth that's been done since July 1, 2001, so we can reward activists — and assess our efforts with Discover Liberty."

"We also want to make sure that the thousands of newly-discovered libertarian-leaning individuals who 'discovered liberty' through these booths are supplied with information about libertarianism and the liberty movement," she said.

The goal of Discover Liberty — which was launched on June 1, 2001 — was to operate 2,000 Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) outreach booths in all 50 states over a 12-month span. Each state was given a suggested goal for number of OPHs, based on population.

However, not all states and individual libertarians have reported on their progress, so the Advocates is not

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

James Dan files for Nevada State Rep.

In 2000, he was LP's best legislative vote-getter

It's official: Libertarian James Dan will be on the ballot in November as a candidate for Nevada State Assembly.

On April 12, Dan turned in 283 signatures to the Clark County Election Department to qualify for a spot on the ballot. Only 100 signatures were required.

Dan also won the unanimous endorsement of delegates at the Clark County LP convention on February 2. His nomination was confirmed at the state LP convention on March 30.

"I was both honored and gratified to receive so much support from within my party, especially within my district," said Dan.

With the paperwork filed and his nomination confirmed, Dan, 50, said he will now turn his attention to his campaign, which he hopes will sweep him into office in November.

Over the next six months, Dan said he will focus on his themes of lowering taxes, protecting personal liberties, lowering utility bills, improving school choice, redirecting police resources to violent criminals, and opposing the transport of nuclear waste

to Nevada's Yucca Mountain range.

In 2000, Dan received an impressive 45.3% of the vote for the District 28 seat against Democrat Vonne Chowning — making him the year's best-performing LP state legislative candidate.

Chowning, a seven-term incumbent, has announced she will run again for the seat. But there is technically no incumbent due to redistricting, and no Republican has yet announced.

Chris Azzaro, Dan's campaign manager and director of the Libertarian Victory Fund, said he saw "quite a statement of support" for Dan's candidacy during the petition-gathering process.

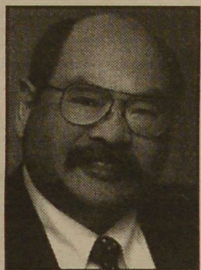
Pledging support

"It was incredible to see people answering their doors wearing James Dan T-shirts, and immediately pledging their support for his campaign," he said. "We've already got over 150 yard signs up."

In the coming months, Azzaro said the campaign will hire a direct-mailing firm, put up more campaign signs, start organizing a Get-Out-the-Vote effort, participate in candidate forums, and go door-to-door throughout the district to meet the 10,800 registered voters.

Dan vowed to do "whatever it takes" to win the race.

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■ **James Dan:**
He's "honored."



LP News Photo by Rob Shuford

Libertarians attend Cato 25th anniversary event

■ Staff members from the Libertarian Party's Washington, DC headquarters, their spouses, and other LP members attended a May 9 gala banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Cato Institute.

Shown here (l-r): LP Operations Director Nick Dunbar, Affiliate Services Representative Dianne Pilcher, National Chair James W. Lark, Libby Dasbach and Executive Director Steve Dasbach, Katherine Winter and Communications Director Bill Winter, and Press Secretary George Getz and Lea Getz. The tickets to the banquet were purchased by Lark.

The banquet, held in the Washington Hilton Hotel, drew more than 1,800 people and celebrated the quarter-century anniversary of the founding of the nation's best-known libertarian think tank.

Speakers at the event included Cato President Ed Crane, humorist P.J. O'Rourke, Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman, and ABC News correspondent John Stossel. The Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty was posthumously presented to British economist Peter Bauer. [See related story, page 2.]

"It was an inspiring event," said Steve Dasbach. "The huge crowd, impressive speakers, and exuberant spirit reminded us of how influential and respected the Cato Institute and libertarian ideas have become. We wish them another 25 years of success."

The non-partisan Cato Institute was started in San Francisco in 1977 by Ed Crane and Charles Koch and moved to Washington, DC in 1981. It has grown to become the largest and arguably most influential libertarian think tank in the nation, employing a staff of about 100 scholars and producing an outpouring of studies, position papers, and books. It's been called the "hottest think tank in Washington" by *Rolling Stone* and "an indispensable source of expertise," by the *New Republic*.

Libertarian wins seat on St. Paul, Texas city council

An LP member has been elected to the city council in St. Paul, Texas, coming in second out of seven candidates in the race.

In the May 4 election, Mark Wilson garnered 25% of the vote to earn a two-year term on the six-member board.

Wilson, 47, finished just 1% shy of the first-place candidate in the contest. The top two vote-getters were elected.

"I'm pretty excited," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting started. Having someone with a Libertarian perspective on the city council will definitely benefit the citizens in this town."

Low cost

Wilson said his main goals on the city council will be to ensure that citizens and businesses have easy access to town ordinances and zoning information, and that public safety services are offered at a low cost.

Although the election was non-

partisan, his political ideology is "no secret" in St. Paul, said Wilson.

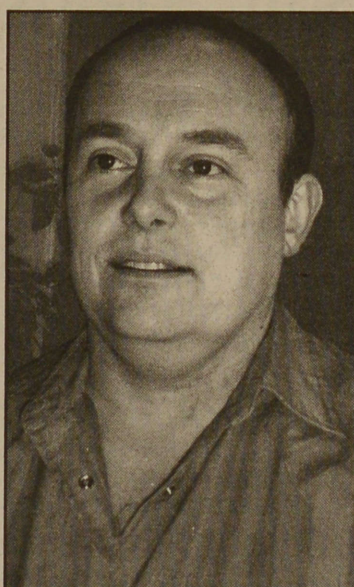
"I attend the town's meetings in a car with a 'Win a free country — vote Libertarian' sticker on the rear window," he said. "Everyone here knows that I'm a Libertarian."

Now that he is a city council member, Wilson said he will withdraw from a planned race for the Texas State Board of Education in November. Texas law prohibits individuals from running for the board with more than one year remaining on their city council term.

A retired army sergeant, Wilson has been a resident of St. Paul for almost one year. He is a charter member and officer of the Wylie Lions Club, and has a wife and two children.

St. Paul, located northeast of Dallas-Ft. Worth, has a population of about 650.

With his election, Wilson became the 61st Libertarian Party member to currently hold office on a city, village, or town council.



■ **St. Paul, Texas city council member Mark Wilson:** "Everyone here knows I'm a Libertarian."

The LP has council members in 20 states: Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, and Oregon.

There are also 13 Libertarians serving as mayors around the USA.

Three states set new records for LP candidate recruitment

Three more state Libertarian Party affiliates have set new candidate records for the 2002 elections.

North Carolina, Alabama, and Missouri have all announced their largest-ever slates of candidates, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"Hats off to these record-busting states," he said. "What Libertarians in Alabama, North Carolina, and Missouri have accomplished is not important merely because it sets a new numerical record — it is important because it means more voters will have more choices on their ballots when they go to vote in November."

■ **North Carolina:** The state party nominated 58 candidates for office at its annual state convention held May 4-5 in Durham — but it doesn't plan to stop there.

"Right now we have 58 candidates, but we are still counting," said State Chair Barbara Howe. "We hope to reach our goal of 100 by July 1."

Leading the list of candidates was former State Chair Sean Haugh, who

WHAT ALABAMA, North Carolina, and Missouri have accomplished means more voters will have more choices.

— **Ron Crickenberger**

will run for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican Jesse Helms.

The North Carolina LP also nominated 28 people for seats in the N.C. General Assembly and 27 people for local office.

■ **Missouri:** The party had 52 candidates confirmed by the filing deadline on March 26, said Greg Tlappek, the party's executive director. The

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POLITICAL NEWS

Steve Boone runs for national LP Vice Chair

Former Maryland LP Chair Steve Boone has announced his candidacy for vice chair of the Libertarian National Committee, citing a concern with "unfulfilled promises" made by past LNC candidates.

"At past conventions, LNC candidates have promised mom, God, and apple pie if they are elected," he said. "But it hasn't happened. I think we need to focus more on a bottom-up approach if the LP is going to be successful."

Specifically, the 48-year-old Boone said he would focus on developing field operations to strengthen weaker state affiliates.

"I'm willing to roll up my sleeves and do some of the grunt work to develop some of the weaker states," he said. "I'm not above traveling around, and helping affiliates improve on their basic operations."

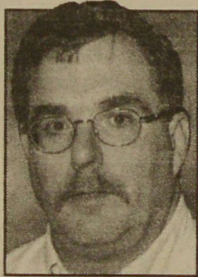
Boone said that unlike past vice chair candidates, he does not view himself as part of any national chair candidate's slate.

"I know I can work just as well with any of the three candidates for national chair," he said. "This is an active, inclusive campaign."

Boone will face off against current LNC Vice Chair Ken Bisson at the LP national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in July.

An LP member since 1996, Boone was elected State Chair of the Maryland LP in 1997. Professionally, he is a computer software trainer.

For more information, or to make a contribution, visit: www.steveboone.org. Or e-mail: goobgrover@aol.com.



■ **Steve Boone:**
Roll up sleeves.

Scott Jeffrey starts NY gubernatorial bid

New York Libertarian Scott Jeffrey has received the gubernatorial nomination of the state LP, and will seek to "empower youth by providing them a voice in politics" during his campaign.

Jeffrey, 33, won the party's nomination at the state convention on April 13. He beat four other opponents for the endorsement, gaining 26 out of 37 votes in the second round. State party bylaws require a two-thirds majority.

Jeffrey has already held several outreach events/fundraisers at youth-oriented New York dance clubs — including Spa, Remote Lounge, and Lunatarium — in an attempt to woo young voters.

"The reason young Americans are politically apathetic is because they don't have candidates with whom they identify, who speak their language, and who fight for issues relevant to their lives," he said. "We need leadership ready to represent."

A resident of Manhattan, Jeffrey said his campaign will emphasize school choice, youth empowerment, marijuana legalization, gun rights, and the restoration of the 18-year-old drinking age.

The primary goal of his campaign, said Jeffrey, is to obtain the 50,000 votes needed to gain the Libertarian Party "official party" status and automatic ballot access for the 2004 elections.

Jeffrey is the founder of Legalize, a non-profit group that advocates marijuana legalization, and is a software developer. He ran for U.S. Congress in 2000, and for Manhattan Borough President in 2001.

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



■ **Scott Jeffrey:**
Targets the young.

Skinner, Cleveland hold joint media event

Two LP gubernatorial candidates have used an "innovative" technique to garner media coverage for their campaigns: A joint press conference.

Clyde Cleveland of Iowa and Cal Skinner of Illinois held the media event on May 4, addressing journalists about their political plans for their respective states. The event took place in the Quad Cities, located on the Iowa/Illinois border.

The Libertarian duo drew coverage from the local Fox TV affiliate and public radio, said Mike Ginsberg, communications vice chair of the Illinois LP. "We believe we can achieve synergies with campaigns from neighboring states where we share the same media markets," he said. "We give the media two candidates for the price of one conference!"

During the event, Cleveland, a venture capitalist, talked about taking Iowa from the last state in the union in venture capital to the top 10. Afterward, Skinner talked about fighting proposed tax increases in Illinois.

Cleveland, 52, and Skinner, 59, won the gubernatorial nominations at their respective LP state conventions in April.

For more information about the Clyde Cleveland campaign, visit: www.clevelandforgovernor.com. For more information about the Cal Skinner campaign, visit: www.skinnerforgovernor.com.

LP mayor of Chillicothe, Missouri launches run for state legislature

A former Republican, Jeff Foli joined the Libertarian Party in April

Libertarian Mayor Jeff Foli of Chillicothe, Missouri, has announced his bid for state representative in November — making him the highest ranking LP member to seek state office this year.

On March 26, Foli filed for office as the Libertarian candidate for State Assembly (District 7), which has 40,000 residents and covers parts of Caldwell, Carroll, Clinton, and Livingston counties.

Foli is currently the mayor of Chillicothe, population 9,000.

The 38-year-old Foli said he is looking forward to running for State Assembly under the Libertarian Party banner.

"I've had my eyes on this seat for quite a while," he said. "If I wasn't running, the incumbent would be running unopposed, and I thought that was ridiculous."

In this campaign, Foli said he will focus on issues such as education, transportation, farming, and seniors.

Don't throw money

"My general political philosophy is: Don't just throw money at problems," he said. "I want to cut costs and move us toward a more libertarian ideal."

Missouri LP State Chair Bob Sullentrop said he was "thrilled" with Foli's candidacy.

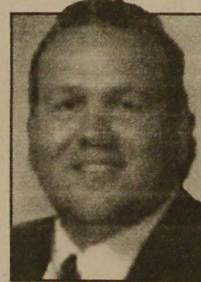
"He is a great guy, and we're proud to have him running on our ticket," he said. "He isn't a pure libertarian, but he does have libertarian leanings, and he has been very gracious at our meetings."

State LP Executive Director Greg Tlappek said he was "tickled pink" by the idea of the two-way, Libertarian/Republican election.

"Although no polling has been conducted, I believe Jeff's name recognition is greater than his opponent's," he said. "The people like him. I have great hopes for Jeff's political future."

In his campaign, Foli said he will largely stick with tactics that have worked for him in the past: Running advertisements, putting up yard signs, calling registered voters on the phone, and going door-to-door to meet as many of the district's voters as possible.

He said he will also hold fundraising events, with the goal of raising at least \$10,000. Foli's opponent, Republican John Quinn, spent



■ **Jeff Foli:** Had his eyes on seat.

about \$80,000 to win the seat in a special election in 2001. There is no Democratic contender in the race.

"I'm not going to count my chickens before they hatch, but I certainly think this is a winnable race," said Foli. "I've been an underdog before and won anyway, and I think I have the name recognition and broad-based support to win again here."

Foli was first elected mayor of Chillicothe in 1999 as a Republican. Facing what he called a tough opponent in the GOP primary in 2001, he ran for re-election as a Libertarian, although he was not a Libertarian Party member.

Outspent 6-1

Outspent in that election by a 6-1 margin, Foli won re-election with about 60% of the vote, making him the only popularly elected, partisan Libertarian mayor in the USA.

In April 2002, Foli became a dues-paying LP member, and is scheduled to give a speech to delegates at the state LP convention in May.

Professionally, Foli is a real estate investor. A life-long resident of Chillicothe, he has a wife and two children.

For more information, or to make a contribution to the Foli for State Assembly campaign, call: (660) 646-1250. Or e-mail: chillico@greenhills.net.

Suit against campaign finance law filed by RealCampaignReform.org

The libertarian RealCampaignReform.org organization has filed a lawsuit that seeks to overturn the new Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 and the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, DC on April 23, the lawsuit charges that federal campaign finance laws violate the First Amendment's protection of freedom of the press, said RealCampaignReform.org president Jim Babka.

"Other lawsuits have challenged the new [campaign finance reform] law on grounds that it violates the First Amendment right to free speech, freedom of association, due process of law, equal protection, and principles of federalism," he said.

Corporate press

"But [this] suit is the first to claim that the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) violates freedom of the press — which the complaint says belongs to the American people, and

CITING THE FIRST Amendment, the suit seeks "to restore equality between political causes and the media."

— Jim Babka

not just to the institutional corporate press, such as the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times*. Our lawsuit will seek to restore equality before the law between political causes and the media."

Other plaintiffs in the lawsuit include LP Massachusetts U.S. Senate candidate Michael Cloud, LP Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell, U.S. Representative Ron Paul (R-TX), Gun Owners of America,

Inc., Gun Owners of America Political Victory Fund, Citizens United, and the Citizens United Political Victory Fund.

The lawsuit has two major goals, said Babka.

"First, it attacks vigorously a law that empowers the government to shield elected officials from robust and open debate — guaranteed by the [First Amendment]," he said. "Second, it vindicates the principle that freedom of the press is a right enjoyed by all Americans, not just a handful of establishment news media corporations."

Licensing power

The complaint charges that Congress has given the Federal Election Commission "licensing" power over — and editorial control of — campaigns for federal office. The First Amendment forbids both, said Babka.

"The courts have consistently held that the First Amendment bars the government from imposing prior restraint on the press, and the com-

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY —VS— *Personal Responsibility*

Michael Cloud, Libertarian for U.S. Senate (MA)

You don't even live in Massachusetts.

Why should you care about Massachusetts U.S. Senator Democrat John Kerry?

Because Democratic U.S. Senator John Kerry raises your taxes — whether you live in Massachusetts or not.

Because Democratic U.S. Senator John Kerry imposes dangerous, destructive Anti-Gun laws on you and your loved ones — whether you live in Massachusetts or not.

Because Democratic U.S. Senator John Kerry's votes create massive government authority, control and mandates over your health care — whether you live in Massachusetts or not.

You're not safe from John Kerry's United States Senate votes. You can't run. You can't hide. Even though you don't live or vote in Massachusetts.

John Kerry: Apprentice to Dukakis & Kennedy

There are no accidents in politics.

John Kerry was Michael Dukakis' Lt. Governor.

Junior Senator John Kerry is the political understudy of the Darth Vader of Big Government: Ted Kennedy.

John Kerry's U.S. Senate votes have the fingerprints of Ted Kennedy all over them.

John Kerry was on Al Gore's short list for Vice President in 2000.

John Kerry has launched his Democratic campaign for President of the United States. He'll start campaigning hard — if he can just coast through his fourth Coronation to the U.S. Senate.

Would you like to change John Kerry's U.S. Senate race from a Coronation to a Campaign?

Because Michael Cloud offers the Libertarian Alternative. A campaign of ideas. A campaign of basic choices. A campaign of competing visions of America's future.

Personal Responsibility Sets Us Free

Personal responsibility makes us self-reliant. Self-supporting. Thoughtful. Productive. Personal responsibility makes us prosperous and civil.

Yet everywhere in America, Government Responsibility advances, while personal responsibility retreats.

Government Responsibility expands, while personal responsibility shrivels and shrinks.

Government Responsibility grows stronger, while personal responsibility grows weaker and weaker.

Why?

Because too many people believe that personal responsibility is a hard and painful burden — that it means blame and punishment — that personal responsibility means just one more thankless task.

So they surrender responsibility to government. And Big Government is happy to take it.

Government Responsibility is a Trap

Big Government grows by assuming responsibility.

Government Responsibility doesn't work.

Government Responsibility makes things worse.

Government Responsibility creates new problems.

Government Responsibility means programs that squander and waste.

Government Responsibility diverts money and energy from positive and productive uses.

Government Responsibility IS the problem.

Personal responsibility is the solution.

The Bitter Harvest of Government Responsibility

Health Care? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues vote more federal Government Responsibility. They drive us toward a single-payer, Big Government Health Care monopoly. One big VA hospital for America. That's Government Responsibility.

Guns and Self-Defense? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues consistently vote for more government authority, more government control, and more government responsibility. John Kerry advances, endorses and embraces the Brady Bill, the Assault Weapons Ban, and the Million Mom March. His Anti-Gun laws, regulations and restrictions disarm and endanger responsible gun owners. That's Government Responsibility.

Federal spending? Senator John Kerry and his

colleagues consistently vote for higher and higher federal budgets. In 1992, the federal budget was \$1 Trillion. Today, with 10 years of John Kerry's votes, the federal budget is over \$2 Trillion. Doubling federal spending means doubling the taxes taken from working Americans. The Bitter Harvest of Government Responsibility.

Government Responsibility or Personal Responsibility?

Government Responsibility is the problem. Personal responsibility is the solution.

Personal responsibility is the price of liberty. Personal responsibility sets us free. Personal responsibility leaves us with the freedom and resources to support our families, raise and educate our children, plan our careers, and save for our own retirements.

Personal responsibility thrives with small government. And small government survives when personal responsibility thrives.

Government Responsibility or personal responsibility?

Government Authority or personal authority?

Government Control or personal control?

Big Government or small government?

John Kerry or Michael Cloud?

You don't even live in Massachusetts. But Massachusetts Senator John Kerry will raise your taxes, take over more and more health care choices, and expand Government Responsibility as long as he's in office.

Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Michael Cloud wants to defend you against U.S. Senator John Kerry. Please help Michael Cloud get John Kerry off your back. Michael Cloud is your candidate for U. S. Senate — whether you live in Massachusetts or not.

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TALKING POINTS

The sex life of Japanese quails, and posturing on mental illness

■ Big-time pork

About this time each year, Tom Schatz, president of the nonpartisan Citizens Against Government Waste, an organization of 600,000 frustrated patriots seeking better government, regales us with the latest tales of Washington foolishness.

Much of it is a compendium of ludicrous government overspending, most on needless local projects invented by members of Congress intent on spending their way to re-election — apparently the major goal of their government service.

We label these projects, from \$137,000 to study the sex life of the Japanese Quail to \$900,000 to restore a German U-Boat in Chicago, as "pork," a reference to the common concept of "bringing home the bacon." It was once a comic, small time, petty-cash kind of congressional connivance.

But today the pork misadventure has grown into a big-time spoil system, reaching an estimated \$21 billion a year, and growing.

— MARTIN GROSS
The Washington Times
April 25, 2002

■ The 3% was a mistake

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton scored an "F" in her first year in Congress by voting for more new government spending than any of her 99 colleagues, an anti-tax group reports.

Clinton set a record, getting a 3% rating for her 2001 voting record, the lowest score ever for a freshman and lower than any other senator, according to the National Taxpayers Union.

— THE NEW YORK POST
March 28, 2002

■ Fat poor people

The newcomer who sees America for the first time typically experiences emotions that alternate between wonder and delight.

Here is a country where everything works. The roads are paper-smooth, the highway signs are clear and accurate, the public toilets function properly, when you pick up the telephone, you get a dial tone.

For the Third World visitor, the American supermarket is a marvel to behold: endless aisles of every imaginable product.

The immigrant cannot help noticing that America is a country where the poor live comparatively well.

Ordinary people across the Soviet Union saw that the poorest Americans had television sets and cars. They arrived at the same conclusion that I witnessed in a friend of mine from Bombay who has been trying unsuccessfully to move to the United States for nearly a decade.

I asked him, "Why are you so eager to come?" He replied, "Because I really want to live in a country where the poor people are fat."

— DINESH D'SOUZA
The American Enterprise
April/May 2002

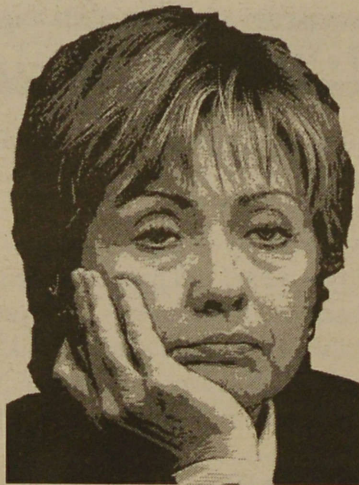
■ Truth in humor

A robber jumped out of the shadows and growled to the passerby, "This is a stickup. Give me all your money!"

"You can't do that!" the victim huffed. "I'll have you know that I'm a United States Congressman!"

"Oh sorry," the thief responded. "In that case, give me my money."

— COFFEEBREAK, April 2002



SENATOR CLINTON
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first year in Congress
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new government
spending than any of
her 99 colleagues.

■ Judged by history

History books will no doubt detail the events of September 11, but our reactions to those events in the months that followed will surely be remarked upon for longer than anything that happened that day.

We could be at a turning point in American history. And the decisions that we're making right now may very well reverberate for centuries. If we falter, generations will pay for our failure.

Our right to privacy, one of our most fundamental rights as free people, is being eroded as we are followed and photographed, scanned and screened, patterned and profiled, cataloged and cross-referenced, compiled in databases, and combed for clues to future behavior in more ways, in more places, for more reasons and more often than ever before.

This represents a polar shift in the traditional American relationship between the individual and the state — a shift that, if allowed to continue to its natural end, cannot be easily undone. Because once we've handed over the immense power that these surveillance regimes demand — once we've untethered the corrupting influence that such power invariably exerts on its bearers — how, exactly, do we get our freedoms back?

— CHARLTON HESTON
American Rifleman
May 2002

■ Gun ad ban?

First they went after the Second Amendment. Now they're after the First. The Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence wants the state to forbid magazines, newspapers, and other publications to display classified ads offering firearms for sale. Gun rights groups say the law would effectively ban many of the nation's most popular hunting and outdoor magazines.

— REASON, May 2002

■ Crazy politics

In announcing his new position on insurance for mental illness, President Bush struck a pose reminiscent of Balboa gazing out for the first time at the Pacific Ocean, seeing something that others have not.

"Mental illness," he announced, "is not a scandal; it is an illness. And like physical illness, it is treatable." He went on to bravely warn against stigmatizing the mentally ill, because "stigma leads to isolation."

Across the country, people were slapping their foreheads and exclaiming, "Of course. Why didn't that occur to me?"

The president wants to force health-care providers to furnish broader and more expensive mental health coverage than they are currently doing. The point of his remarks was to depict opposition to his idea as evidence of ignorance or prejudice against the mentally ill.

You'll be glad to know that, in fact, no one is opposing the administration's initiative on the grounds that the mentally ill should be mercilessly shamed rather than treated. The opposition comes from the principle — which I seem to remember Mr. Bush endorsing once or twice — that the government generally shouldn't overrule the voluntary decisions of competent individuals in the private sector, but ought to rely on markets to maximize happiness and well-being.

Never mind his party affiliation. On this issue, Mr. Bush sounds like an old-fashioned Democrat, acting as though a pure heart is all you need to understand the wisdom of a bigger government role.

— STEVE CHAPMAN
The Washington Times
May 11, 2002

■ Copywrong protection

Panicked by escalating digital piracy post-Napster, Hollywood movie studios and record companies are seeking government-mandated copy protection. Two bills dominate the debate. One by Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.) and a companion House bill would prohibit the sale of digital devices that do not incorporate technology to shield digital content, and would make it illegal to remove or disable the technology.

But what would such a law really mean? The essence of personal computing is freely copying and playing files, evidenced by such pro-consumer moves as growing MP3 support in electronic devices like DVD players. Hollings' proposal apparently would make such initiatives — as well as offerings like open source software media players — illegal.

Politicians have no legitimate authority to outlaw the development of entire categories of computing technology. More is at stake than simply a matter of a one-size-fits-all government standard having no place in computer programming, or the need to avoid 'premature' regulation: Legislators have no business telling us what kinds of machines and software we can invent for personal use — period.

— WAYNE CREWS
The Cato Institute
April 25, 2002

■ Political spoils

When Congress first convened in 1789, members received \$6 a day for their trouble. Just a scant 15 years ago, the salary of a United States Congressman was \$77,400 while today that salary has risen to \$141,300.

So where once public service was an avocation, today it is a career and a lucrative one at that. Name another job that features the ability to self-appoint raises at will.

— C.T. ROSSI
The Free Congress Foundation
April 15, 2002

■ Harvesting Votes

If government waste were an art form, the new farm bill would be the Mona Lisa. The lavish agriculture subsidies have few redeeming social or economic values. But as a work of politics, the bill is a masterpiece, and as with all masterpieces, it exposes larger truths.

We are now routinely told that excessive private campaign contributions are corrupting Washington politics. The farm bill says otherwise. American democracy (it turns out) is more interesting, intricate and perhaps more corrupt than that.

Farm subsidies are a splendid example of old-fashioned politics: using public money to buy votes. It's the quest for popularity and power, and not campaign contributions, that matters.

Under the new bill, the subsidies are estimated to cost almost \$200 billion over the next decade, or about \$20 billion annually.

The point is to stabilize farm incomes — to prop them up in periods of low prices and thereby save "family farming." The subsidies have existed in one form or another for almost 70 years, and there's no evidence that they work. Farmers and farm workers accounted for 21% of the labor force in 1929, before the New Deal's first agriculture legislation. Their share today is about 2%, even though the amount of land in farming is almost the same.

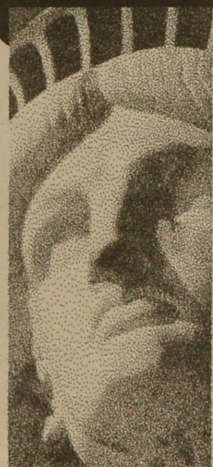
The result is much bipartisan hypocrisy. President Bush denounces excessive government spending, but he's for the farm bill. Democrats such as Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota condemn budget deficits, but they're enthusiasts for farm subsidies.

The controversies over this bill mainly involve which farmers get the most subsidies and which politicians get the most credit.

— ROBERT J. SAMUELSON
The Washington Post
May 8, 2002

"The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem."

— MILTON FRIEDMAN



We've all experienced government "solutions." That's one of the reasons why we're Libertarians. Fortunately, there is a Libertarian solution to the problem of Big Government: The Libertarian Party. We're working to replace harmful government solutions with beneficial voluntary ones. There's a way you can help: By naming the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To privately discuss this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (931) 858-0915. Or e-mail him: dnc@multipro.com.

An Open Letter from Carla Howell to Massachusetts Home Schoolers

by Carla Howell

Why Should Home Schoolers Support Carla Howell for Governor?

Do you think Massachusetts state government is way Too Big? Are your Massachusetts taxes way Too High?

Do you believe Massachusetts state government is Too Big, Too Sloppy, Too Nosy, and Too Bossy?

If you answered "yes," then I'm your candidate for Governor.

I believe small government is beautifulsm.

I vote small government.

Every Issue. Every Time.

No Exceptions. No Excuses.

Small government is a night watchman ... a tiny institution ... a skeleton crew doing only the bare essentials.

Small government is limited to defending our lives, our liberty, and our property.

Small government is a mere fraction of today's Big Government.

Small government is simple and cheap.

Small government is thrifty and prudent.

Small government is accountable and responsible.

There's no place to hide waste and corruption in a small government budget.

Small government leaves us with the resources and responsibility for educating our own children.

Home Schooling

Parents who home school their children should have full authority, responsibility, and control over their children's education.

As Governor of Massachusetts, I will introduce a bill that would remove all government authority, regulation, oversight, and involvement in home schooling, cooperative schooling, and all other forms of privately-run, privately-funded education. I trust parents, not politicians. Families, not bureaucrats.

Parents who home school their children do a better job of educating their children.

Parents who home school their children instill better values and better discipline than the public schools do.

Home schooling costs a fraction of the price per child that public schooling does.

Home schooled children frequently win the National Spelling Bee...while many public school graduates cannot read their diplomas.

Over a million and a half children are being home schooled in America today. They can read and write and they know the difference between right and wrong. They are happy and healthy and love to learn.

Extraordinary Opportunity for Parents who Home School

I am the Chair and Co-Founder of the Committee for Small Government.

We collected 75,629 certified signatures to put our Tax Cut Initiative on the Ballot this November 5th.

Our Small Government Ballot Initiative will End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

It will Repeal, Remove, End ALL Massachusetts state taxes on every individual's and



Carla Howell Addresses Home Schoolers

married couple's wages and income, interest income, dividend income, and capital gains income.

Here's what this means to home schooling parents.

\$3,000 back each year. Every year you work. That's how much you get back when we End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

But it doesn't stop with you. Your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors all get back an average of \$3,000 a year.

3,000,000 working people in Massachusetts each get \$3,000. Every year they work.

\$3,000 a year to home school your children. To provide even better educational materials for your children.

Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts will put \$9 Billion back into our communities and local economies.

The result? 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs in Massachusetts. We have 130,000 unemployed in Massachusetts. 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs means a job for every single one of them. A job for every family that wants to home school.

Do you know any out-of-work parents? They can have a new job and home schooling when we End the Income Tax.

Want more information? Visit www.SmallGovernmentAct.org.

Get the Government Out of Home Schooling

Massachusetts government-run public schools are teaching-disabled. Fatally-flawed. Riddled with failure after failure. Static and stagnant.

Yet the bureaucrats and special interests who control Massachusetts public schools demand more and more authority, control, and power over home schooling.

Governor Carla Howell will oppose all expansion of state or

local government control over home schooling.

Governor Carla Howell will introduce a bill that would remove all government authority, regulation, oversight, and involvement in home schooling and all other private education. I trust parents, not politicians. Families, not bureaucrats.

No more "officials" demanding curriculums from home schooling parents. No more truancy officers dropping by. No more DSS meddling. No more day time curfews imposed by government that restrict home schooling choices. No more government inspections or visits.

Home schoolers have been pushed around too long.

We must take the initiative. We must take back our families. We must take back our authority and responsibility for the education of our own children.

Vote Carla Howell, Libertarian for Governor.

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AND IT LEAVES HOME SCHOOLERS ALONE!

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Squealing swine, petitioning dangers, and dieting for liberty

■ ALABAMA

Two married couples say 'I do' to campaigns

The Alabama LP may be able to boast of an electoral "first" this year: Two married couples running for office.

Lyn Curtis Adams, 34, and Kellie Adams, 23, are on the ballot for lieutenant governor and Montgomery County revenue commission, respectively.

Running to cut taxes, repeal victimless crime laws, and downsize state government, the couple say they will start actively campaigning as the election draws closer.

Also in Montgomery County, Claude Moore, 27, and Caroline Moore, 24, are running "paper campaigns" for state legislature. Claude is running for State House (District 34), while Caroline is running for State Senate (District 17).

Claude Moore said the couple decided to run after hearing LP gubernatorial candidate John Sophocleus emphasize the importance of running as many candidates as possible.

"We have a lot of respect for [Sophocleus], so we decided to put our names on the ballot to help the party," he said.

■ CALIFORNIA

Initiative gives HOPE to would-be homeowners

San Francisco Libertarians have a message for would-be homeowners shackled by local restrictions: Have HOPE.

About 300 property owners attended a March 23 rally outside City



They're a Libertarian band

■ Two local LP officers are encouraging music lovers to "get hit with the Uglystick" — and to vote Libertarian.

Uglystick, a South Carolina rock band that features Florence LP County Chair Doug Kendall (vocalist, center) and Darlington LP County Chair Steve Anderson (bassist, right), is a vehicle to advance the Libertarian message, said Kendall.

"When I first checked out the Libertarian Party website about a year ago, I was amazed to find out the party had the same views that I did," he said. "Ever since, I've been an active member."

Kendall, 34, said he often wears an LP shirt during live shows, and sets up a table of Libertarian literature for attendees. A recently filed LP candidate for District 5 in the U.S. House, Kendall said he will start mentioning his candidacy between sets.

Shown here performing with Kendall and Anderson in March are also Gus Poulos (guitar, left) and Charlie Socorelis (drums, back).

Uglystick plays contemporary hard rock and grunge-influenced music, said Kendall. For more information, visit: <http://members.aol.com/uglystickrocks/index.html>

Hall in support of HOPE — the Homeownership Plan for Everyone. The initiative would loosen "draconian" restrictions on converting rent-controlled apartments to privately owned condominiums.

Currently, San Francisco only permits 200 apartments to be converted to condominiums per year, said LP activist Sarosh Kumana, head of the Affordable Homeownership Alliance.

Kumana said passage of the initiative, which should appear on the November ballot, would be a huge victory for private property rights defenders.

"HOPE increases freedom for property owners, and also for tenants freed from the shackles of rent-slavery, to enjoy property rights," he said. "[This measure] is about empowering citizens by allowing them to have a property stake in the city."

■ COLORADO

Libertarians join rally against police spying

Libertarians joined with other advocates of civil-liberties and bikers at the state capitol to denounce

a group of bikers/political activists, and the local chapter of the Tyranny Response Team, an organization concerned with defending the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

■ ILLINOIS

Squealing swine makes point about 'tax hogs'

LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner brought a unique prop with him to a meeting of the state Toll Highway Authority: A squealing pig.

At the hearing on April 17 at West Lake College, Skinner urged the board bureaucrats not to be "toll tax hogs," and to oppose a plan to impose an additional \$5.6 billion toll tax hike on state drivers.

"The people of northern Illinois are facing a massive toll-tax hike," he said. "Yet we hear nothing but silence from Illinois' top political figures, including the gubernatorial nominees from the two power parties."

Instead, Skinner offered his own plan: Pay off the bonds used to build the highway with the \$80 million taken in by state gasoline taxes, and pay for maintenance fees with the \$53 million in federal highway aid.

"[This solution is] a direct answer to the tired old canard claiming the toll 'slaves' can't be freed because [the state must pay for] outstanding bonds," he said.

■ ILLINOIS

Tobin knocks tax hikes for state 'budget crisis'

Jim Tobin, the Illinois LP candidate for Lt. Governor, has blasted tax-increase proposals made by both Republicans and Democrats to deal with Illinois' alleged "budget crisis."

Republicans have proposed raising "sin taxes" and imposing additional business taxes, while Democrats have proposed raising personal and corporate income taxes, said Tobin at a Chicago press conference on April 24.

"There is no significant difference between the Democrats and Republicans in Illinois on tax issues," he said. "Both power parties would rather raise our taxes than make common sense cuts in the budget."

But Tobin said that politicians should instead be focusing on the "government spending crisis." Under Republican Governor George Ryan, state government spending increased by 45% in four years, noted Tobin.

"Despite what the two tax-raising parties say, there is no budget crisis — only government waste and mismanagement," he said.

■ MARYLAND

Gubernatorial candidate blasts youth 'boot camp'

LP gubernatorial candidate Spear Lancaster has chided Republican gubernatorial hopeful Robert L. Ehrlich

Jr. for wanting to revive criminal justice system boot camps.

The camps, in which troubled youth offenders are treated as military enlistees, are examples of "degradation and brutality," charged Lancaster.

"We need community-based solutions to juvenile misbehavior," he said. "Given that some of these kids were in state custody for such 'high crimes' as sniffing inhalants and running away from home, I don't think beating them up and playing 'marine' is the answer."

Three boot camps were operated in western Maryland from 1996 to 1999 under a program supervised by Democratic Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. The camps were closed after journalists revealed that camp guards had beaten hundreds of young inmates, noted Lancaster.

"[Ehrlich's] approach shows a total lack of care for the young citizens of this great state," he said.

■ MASSACHUSETTS

Mass. Libertarian starts 'Draft Johnson' petition

Libertarians want New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson to run for president — at least, the Libertarians who signed the new "Draft Gary Johnson for President" petition do.

Created in late January by LP activist Jim Perry, the petition currently boasts over 100 signers at www.petitiononline.com/gar4prez. The 17-year-old Perry is a candidate for selectman in Massachusetts.

If enough signatures are gathered, Perry said he will send a copy of the petition to Gary Johnson to convince him to run for office.

"Gary has a great drug policy, a great tax policy, and he is presentable," he said. "I really think that if a man like Gary ran for president, he'd have a good chance, especially after the number of terms in office as governor he's had in New Mexico."

Johnson has publicly stated that he is not interested in running for the presidency in 2004.

■ MICHIGAN

New bill would hinder recall elections, says LP

Libertarians have criticized a bill that has passed the State House and would make it "nearly impossible" to recall elected officials.

"Elected officials serve by the will of the voters," said LP State Chair Ghazey Aleck in April. "Voters should always have the right to remove a public official from office if the majority of voters will it to happen."

The bill, HB 5185, would require a successful recall election in Michigan to garner more votes than the official received in the last election. Currently, law requires only that a majority of voters support the recall.

Aleck pointed out that under the

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New Libertarian leadership in Orange County

■ Newly elected officers of the Orange County Libertarian Party in California proposed "ambitious goals" at their first activist meeting on April 8 in Costa Mesa.

Shown here (r-l) are County Chair Linda Lee Grau, Executive Committee Representative to the California LP Wayne Grau, Treasurer Paul Studier, and Vice Chair Chuck McGlawn.

The new officers plan to "organize by committee and have committee reports" so the county party "can involve everyone who comes to our meetings," said Orange County LP member Jim Rushing.

proposed bill, it would be possible for 90% of the voters in a special election to vote to recall an elected official, but end up with the same official remaining in office.

HB 5185 is currently pending in the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

■ MONTANA

Pork turns Montana into a 'welfare state,' says LP

State Chair **Mike Fellows** blasted the state's Congressional representatives for making Montana the fifth most avaricious state in the country in federal pork-barrel spending.

According to the annual "Pig Report" from the Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW), Montana ranks just behind South Dakota and just before Mississippi in per-capita pork-barrel projects, said Fellows.

"The top-five ranking implies that Montana is becoming a welfare state and [a] jobs program for the federal government," he said. "We can't spend our way to prosperity. We need real economic growth [and] real jobs."

The Montana pork projects listed by CAGW include \$1.2 million for an access road to the Lewis Clark National Trail Interpretive Center at Giant Springs State Park, \$2.5 million for a Fort Benton Visitor Center, \$7 million for land acquisition for the Swan Valley Conservation Project, and \$400,000 to improve the competitiveness of Montana's sheep industry.

The state's pork projects cost each Montana taxpayer over \$120 annually, said Fellows.

■ NEW HAMPSHIRE

Candidate almost gets arrested for petitioning

Ken Blevens, Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, was nearly ar-

rested on March 12 while collecting petition signatures to get on the ballot in November.

As he was collecting the signatures outside the Bow polling place during local elections, Blevens said the town attorney and a local police officer threatened to have him arrested if he continued to collect the signatures.

After tense negotiations, the local police chief finally agreed to allow Blevens to collect signatures in a parking lot location suitable to both parties.

"An overwhelming number of voters made unsolicited remarks to me that it was my right [to gather signatures] and they respected that," said Blevens. "I had petitioned at the voting place in the past and never had a problem. Hopefully no one will in the future."

Blevens ultimately gathered 336 signatures at the event. He needs 1,500 signatures before the August deadline to get on the ballot.

■ NEW JERSEY

LP confronts U.S. House member on Constitution

Hunterdon Libertarians participated in a Town Meeting sponsored by a Democratic Congressman — and grilled him on his adherence to the U.S. Constitution.

On April 21, four LP members attended a meeting at the home of activist **Hal Shute** prior to the event, where they prepared a series of questions for U.S. Rep. Rush Holt.

"[Our questions] got him off his game of pandering to his constituents, which is the real purpose of these town meetings," said Shute.

LP activists **Chris Wuestefeld**, **Bill Shetlick**, **Chris Toto**, and Shute asked the questions, while the LP candidate for Holt's House seat, **Tom**

Abrams, introduced himself to the crowd. Shute also offered Holt a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution.

"[Holt] accepted it graciously — although with a grimace — as the crowd chuckled, then put it in his jacket pocket after reflecting whether he could accept the gift under current law," said Shute.

"I told him I paid less than a dollar for it."

■ NEW YORK

Libertarians start new 'Choice' e-newsletter

The Manhattan LP has announced it will start an e-newsletter called *The Village Choice*, a weekly roundup of news, opinions, and events pertaining to the freedom movement in New York City.

Issues covered in the online publication will include taxes, gay rights, gun rights, property rights, drug reform, school choice, and reproductive choice, said project organizer and Manhattan LP Chair **Jim Lysenczski**.

"Left or right, partisan or nonpartisan, if it has to do with the quest for liberty in Gotham, you'll find it in *The Village Choice*," he said.

Lysenczski said the e-newsletter will be free to subscribers, and will be published each Friday. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to: villagechoice-subscribe@topica.com

"*The Village Choice* will be an update about anything having to do with the quest for freedom in NYC," he said. "This newsletter will be successful if it helps New Yorkers to think of the Manhattan LP as the local nexus for the pursuit of freedom."

■ TEXAS

Libertarian slims down to beef up campaign

A Libertarian candidate has taken the LP's "less is more" philosophy literally — shedding 31 pounds in an effort to "make a better impression on voters" during his campaign.

"It may not be 'my life, my fortune, and my sacred honor,' but it does show I'll do whatever I can for our side!" said **Jeff Daiell**, the party's 50-year-old gubernatorial candidate.

Now that he has shed the extra weight, Daiell will focus on delivering the Libertarian message to voters. At least 2% of the vote is required to maintain ballot access for the LP, said Daiell.

"At the risk of sounding corny, I am determined," he said. "Losing ballot status in Texas would mean needing some 70,000 signatures to get on the ballot in 2004."

An LP member since 1973, Daiell has been a candidate three times. In 1990, he won 3.3% of the vote in his race for governor, earning the party four-year ballot access.

■ VERMONT

Libertarians help host Million Marijuana March

The Vermont LP and state chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) co-sponsored a decriminalization rally — part of a worldwide event known as the "Million Marijuana March."

Held on May 4 in Burlington Park, the event was a peaceful protest against laws prohibiting the responsible adult use of cannabis, said organizer **Hardy Macia**, LP activist and president of Vermont NORML.

Between 500 and 800 people attended the event, said Macia, and 265 signed a petition in support of a medical marijuana bill.

Speakers included LP State Chair **Brendan Kinney**, LP gubernatorial hopeful **Joel Williams**, and former State Chair **Christopher Costanzo**.

"We had great weather, signed several people up to vote, and had two TV stations and one weekly newspaper cover the event," said Macia. "The rally was definitely a success."



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NEWS BRIEFS

Ohio LP loses ballot access lawsuit

The Ohio Libertarian Party has lost a lawsuit to keep its "qualified party status," and may not be able to put Libertarian-labeled candidates on the ballot in 2002.

On April 25, a state appeals court in Dayton ruled against the LP, saying it cannot be considered a party for the 2002 election. The case was *Zweber v. Montgomery County Board of Elections*.

"We were very disappointed with the decision," said Debra Zweber, the plaintiff in the case. "We thought the case was clearly in our favor, but obviously the judges didn't agree."

The Ohio LP became a "qualified party" after conducting a petition drive in 1999. But in January 2001, the secretary of state said the LP no longer had ballot access because presidential candidate Harry Browne had failed to win at least 5% of the vote in the 2000 election.

In Ohio, a party must poll at least 5% in a gubernatorial or presidential election to retain its ballot access.

The LP filed suit, arguing that Ohio election law (Ohio Revised Code 3501.01,3) contains a one-year grace period before the 5% requirement kicks in. However, the state appellate court ruled the provision means that a party that meets the required 20% threshold for "major party" status in its first year should still be considered a "minor party" in the state until the following election.

This ruling violates the state constitution, said Zweber, which states that any party whose gubernatorial or presidential candidate gained 20% or more is a "major party" entitled to public funding.

Zweber said the LP is still considering whether to file another lawsuit challenging the court's interpretation of the statute.

Without a successful lawsuit, candidates with the "Libertarian" label won't appear on the ballot in Ohio. The deadline to submit the required 75,000 petition signatures for the 2002 election was January 8.

Vaillancourt changes party affiliation

New Hampshire's quasi-Libertarian legislator Steve Vaillancourt has become a Republican, and plans to run for re-election as a GOP candidate in November.

In late February, Vaillancourt changed his registration from Independent/Undeclared to Republican so he could vote in a GOP primary election for executive council, which approves judiciary appointments.

Vaillancourt had been registered as Independent/Undeclared because voters cannot currently register as Libertarians in New Hampshire.

"I did change my registration; I plead guilty," he said. "I could have changed back, but I don't think I would win again if I ran as a Libertarian anyway."

A longtime Democrat, Vaillancourt was elected to the N.H. House in November 2000 on the Libertarian ticket, after losing in the Democratic primary for State Senate.

Prohibited by the state's "sore-loser" laws from running for the House again as a Democrat, he ran as a Libertarian with the state party's permission, even though he was not a Libertarian Party member.

LP State Chair Tom Kershaw said he wasn't surprised by Vaillancourt's decision to become a Republican.

"It was nice to have a legislator carrying the Libertarian brand for a while, but we knew he was never a Libertarian Party loyalist," he said. "Of course, we still want to maintain a friendly relationship with him."

Filmmaker plans LP documentary

A Libertarian Party member is hoping to make a film documentary of the party, and has requested help in producing the project.

Film student Tom Sime, 18, is seeking publicity, funds, and legal advice for the film, tentatively titled, *Privacy and Politics*.

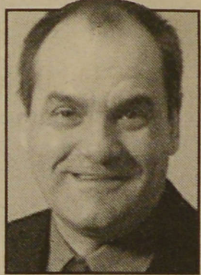
The documentary will feature events from state conventions, discussions with elected LP officials, and person-on-the-street interviews.

Libertarian members can help by donating money, advertising the film by word-of-mouth, and helping him obtain legal advice for the project, said Sime. In return, Sime said he offers "virtually free" advertising for the LP and the prospect of increased membership.

"I will enter the film in as many film festivals as possible, and get it onto as many local TV channels as possible," he said. "This will hopefully increase the number of members."

The film will have a budget of under \$10,000, said Sime, most of which will be paid out of his own pocket. He already has the necessary equipment needed to produce the work.

Sime is an Art History and History of Film major at Northern Virginia Community College in Manassas. For more information or to make a contribution, e-mail: tomsime@hotmail.com. Or visit: www.privacyandpolitics.com. Or call: (703) 509.8718.



■ Steve Vaillancourt: Switches.

Steve Kubby arrested in Canada for growing medical marijuana

Former LP gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby has been released on bail after being arrested in Canada for growing medical marijuana.

Canadian police arrested the 55-year-old activist on April 16 at his residence in British Columbia. After finding about 160 marijuana plants, police charged Kubby with production of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

In Canada, it is legal to use marijuana for medicinal purposes and grow it with a license, which Kubby did not have.

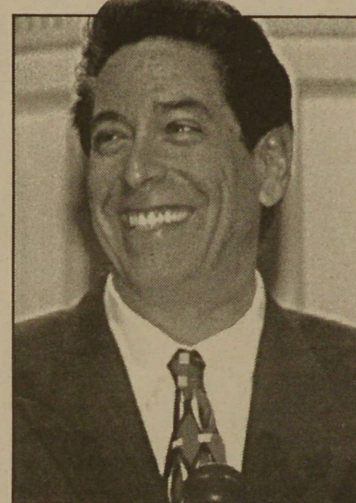
Kubby was also charged as a "fugitive" who had fled the law in Placer County, California, after a state appellate court ruled that Kubby had left town to avoid a jail sentence for a prior drug conviction.

After four days in jail, Kubby was released on \$7,000 bail on April 21. He will have an immigration hearing on May 10 and a drug hearing on May 21 [after *LP News* went to press].

Surprised

"I was surprised [at the arrest] since our attorneys had told us we were complying with Canadian immigration law," said Kubby. "Unfortunately, Placer County officials misled the Canadians by telling them I was a fugitive from justice."

Kubby said he would not return to California unless he is guaranteed



■ Steve Kubby: Arrested in April in Canada on medical marijuana and fugitive charges.

access to medical marijuana while incarcerated. Jail authorities have repeatedly said Kubby would not have access to marijuana while in custody.

"Not having access to my medicine would be a death sentence for me," said Kubby.

Regarding the marijuana charges, Michele Kubby said "it's difficult to imagine that a jury would ever consider convicting Steve" since no patient in Canada has ever been convicted for growing medical marijuana.

However, she said the Kubbys need funds to pay for legal representation.

"In this case, Steve's life really is on the line," she said. "If he is forced

to return to the U.S., they will put him in jail for a lot longer than four days."

The Canadian arrest was the latest chapter in a three-year legal saga that began when police raided Kubby's home in Olympia Valley, California in 1999. In that raid, police found marijuana plants, and trace amounts of psilocybin and peyote.

Kubby, who suffers from adrenal cancer, admitted using the marijuana for medicinal purposes with a doctor's permission, and argued that Proposition 215, the medical marijuana initiative passed by voters in 1996, protected him from arrest.

Deadlocked

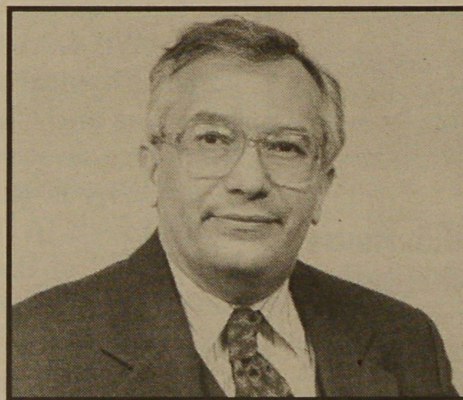
After a four-month trial, a deadlocked jury acquitted Kubby and his wife Michele of the most serious charges of conspiracy, cultivation, and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. However, Kubby was convicted of the "comparatively minor" charges of possession of a controlled substance, psilocybin and peyote.

In March 2001, Judge John Cosgrove reduced Kubby's felony convictions to misdemeanors, saying "jail would not be an appropriate place for Mr. Kubby."

The judge also ordered Kubby to serve three years on probation, pay a \$2,700 fine, remain under house arrest for 120 days, and wear an electronic monitoring bracelet.

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THE ISSUES

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

Justice Dept.'s gun ruling is 'schizophrenic'

The Justice Department's new legal opinion concerning the Second Amendment is "political schizophrenia at its worst," Libertarians say, because it asserts that individuals have a right to own a gun while pledging to enforce laws that infringe on that right.

"This ruling is very good news — and very bad news — for gun owners," said Libertarian Party Executive Director Steve Dasbach. "The good news is that the government finally recognizes that the Constitution protects individual Americans' right to own a gun. But the bad news is that laws that infringe on that right will still be enforced."

In a reversal of the government's longstanding legal position, the Bush administration told the Supreme Court in early May it believes the Second Amendment protects the right of individuals — and not just state-sponsored militias like the National Guard — to own a gun.

Filed by U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson, the legal brief is designed to get the Supreme Court to weigh in on the right to bear arms for the first time since 1939.

Yet the Justice Department also says it is determined "to defend vigorously the constitutionality, under the Second Amendment, of all existing federal firearms laws."

The fact is that regardless of the government's newfound respect for the Second Amendment, Americans will not have the freedom to exercise those rights as long as numerous federal gun control laws remain on the books, Dasbach said.

"Perhaps a little public outrage, combined with a healthy dose of the Constitution, can cure the Bush administration's political schizophrenia on the gun issue," he said.

Fat aerobics instructor illustrates loony law

A San Francisco ordinance that forced a fitness center to hire a 240-pound woman as an aerobics instructor illustrates why anti-discrimination laws should be repealed, say Libertarians.

"When a fitness firm can be compelled to hire an overweight aerobics instructor, it's obvious that anti-discrimination laws are getting stretched to ridiculous proportions," said Steve Dasbach. "Once you allow politicians, rather than employers, to dictate who gets hired, you pave the way for a litany of loony laws."

A case in point is San Francisco's "fat and short" ordinance, which forbids employers from discriminating on the basis of height or weight.

Last year Jazzercise Inc., the world's largest dance-fitness company, declined to hire 38-year-old Jennifer Portnick as an aerobics instructor, citing its requirement that instructors "look fit."

She complained to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission that the policy violated the "fat and short" ordinance — and in May Jazzercise Inc. agreed to drop the requirement and hire the portly Portnick.

But Libertarians say it's absurd to apply such a measure to a business that earns money by providing instruction on how to lose weight and improve health, said Dasbach.

"Any reasonable American understands this is a case of political correctness run amok," said Dasbach. "But as usual, government action has led to unintended consequences — with ridiculous results."

Why does Bush oppose guns-for-pilots law?

President Bush's opposition to a bill that would allow pilots to carry guns in the cockpit shows a distrust for pilots and a reckless disregard for the lives of travelers, Libertarians say.

"The president has chosen gun control over terrorist control," said Steve Dasbach. "The flight crews of the four airliners hijacked on September 11 were totally unarmed — and the terrorists knew that. The truly shocking thing is that eight months after that horrific event, pilots are still unarmed, and the president wants to keep it that way."

The bill, introduced on May 2 by U.S. Reps. Don Young (R-AK) and John Mica (R-FL), would allow airlines to decide whether pilots could have access to a weapon in the cockpit.

However, White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said Bush opposes such a policy because it would create "a potential for handguns getting loose on airplanes." Instead, he argued the airlines should rely on federal sky marshals and stronger cockpit doors.

But more sky marshals aren't the answer, Dasbach said.

"The government would have to hire 14,000 more federal marshals, at a cost of over \$1 billion, to put one on every flight," he said. "And pilots fear that a suicidal terrorist might still be able to sneak a gun through airline security and penetrate a reinforced cockpit door."

"In contrast, arming pilots would be an effective, low-cost deterrent to hijackers."

Vermont LP releases its annual review of new state legislation

In an effort to keep citizens informed about "attempts to limit freedom," the Vermont LP has published its annual review of bills introduced in the state legislature over the past year.

The review, called "The Legislative Watch," lists pro- and anti-liberty bills introduced during the 2001-2002 legislative session, brief descriptions, and vote recommendations.

Of the roughly 1,000 bills introduced, many threaten the personal and economic liberties of Vermont citizens, said LP State Chair Brendan Kinney.

"More freedom has been lost in human history through gradual erosion than through wars, conquests, and revolutions," he said. "Our state is a current example of that."

Prepared for the past five years by former LP State Chair Chris Costanzo, Legislative Watch is sent annually to every state representative and senator, the media, and about 1,000 other contacts.

Educate citizens

The purpose of the Legislative Watch is to educate LP members, Vermont citizens, and state politicians about the libertarian perspective on issues, said Costanzo. Highlights are also published in the *Vermont Libertarian*, the state party newsletter.

The legislative review is a "tremendous public service" to Vermont citizens, said Kinney.

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—Brendan Kinney

"The Legislative Watch has even been spotted in the hands of state legislators as they make their way to committee meetings in Montpelier [the state capital]," he said.

Some bills that received a "no" recommendation from the Vermont LP include:

■ **HB 708:** To force school boards to award high school diplomas to World War II and Korean War veterans who did not graduate high school.

■ **HB 550:** To appropriate \$20,000 of taxpayer's money to the Brattleboro American Legion Post 5 Marching Band to attend the National Convention of the American Legion.

■ **SB 233:** To force auto insurance companies to offer reduced rates to senior citizens who successfully complete an approved accident-prevention course.

■ **SB 293:** To prohibit the sale of

single cigarettes or the sale of packs with fewer than 20 cigarettes.

■ **SB 279:** To establish a "cabinet on children" to coordinate and oversee services provided to children.

Some bills that received a "yes" recommendation from the Vermont LP include:

■ **HB 575:** To allow a person to petition to remove wrongful allegations from public records.

■ **SB 255:** To permit the host of a private event that is not held in a private residence to serve alcoholic beverages without a license.

■ **SB 256:** To prohibit schools from requiring a student to take medications such as Ritalin.

■ **SB 238:** To exempt adult-only establishments from sale procedures required before permitting purchase of tobacco products.

Support the LP

The spate of anti-liberty legislation introduced each session demonstrates how important it is for pro-freedom individuals to support the Libertarian Party, said Kinney.

"The number of laws proposed by the legislature over the past two years is stunning," he said. "The Vermont Libertarian Party will remain vigilant in its goal to reduce the intrusive size, scope, and reach of the government into our daily lives."

To read the 2001-2002 Legislative Watch, visit: www.vtlib.org/VTLibarianApril02.pdf.

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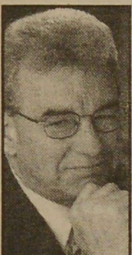
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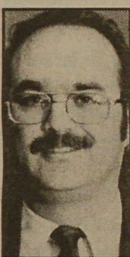
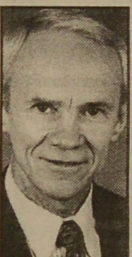
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At the 2002 National Convention from July 3-7, a small group of Libertarians are going to decide the fate of the Libertarian Party.

This small group will choose the party leader who will steer the course of the LP for the next two years. There are currently three announced candidates for National Chair — each with starkly different visions of the party's future — and *one* of them will take charge.

This small group will decide whether to change the Libertarian Party Bylaws — the governing document that determines how the party is run and organized.

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Why I'm Running for LP Chair

Elias Israel: The New Libertarian Party

We call ourselves the fastest-growing political party in the United States.

But during the last 23 months, Libertarian Party membership has plummeted by 7,422.

On May 31, 2000, the Libertarian Party had 33,419 members.

On April 30, 2002, we had just 25,997.

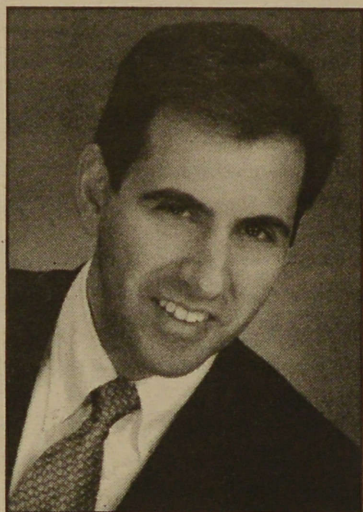
Unless we actively and aggressively reverse this trend, we will open our 2004 Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention in Atlanta with Libertarian Party membership of 18,252.

Do we want the Libertarian Party to be the fastest-shrinking Party in America?

If we allow this trend to continue, the Libertarian Party faces a long slide back into obscurity.

Is that what you want? Are you willing to accept that?

Year in and year out, our membership total has been the most reliable predictor of our number of candidates, activists, volunteers and officeholders.



Without new members, we lack the resources to spread the Libertarian message.

Without new members, we lack the candidates to run for office.

Without new members, we lack the activists, volunteers, and donors to help our candidates win.

If we want to tear down big government, then we must build up the Libertarian Party.

But membership growth must be cultivated, built, and enhanced through constant work.

I saw this in the cable television industry even before I became active in the Libertarian Party.

Cable television operators understand that if they don't search for new customers, their customer base will erode by up to 3% each month.

People move. Budgets change. Priorities change. Life happens.

That's why they do constant prospecting. And that's why we should do it, too.

What do you think? Can we afford to lose another 7,422 members? Or should we be doing all we can to grow and build the base for our future successes?

The New Libertarian Party

Instead of collapse, I see triumph: I see a New Libertarian Party.

The New Libertarian Party is the party that we could have if we double the size, resources, and effectiveness of our party in each of the next four election cycles.

Four doublings is an aggressive

goal. But we have already done it in one election cycle, and we can do it again. And again. And again. And again.

We can have an indisputable major party by Election Day 2010 — if we want it enough.

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

As Libertarian National Chair, I will work with national, state, and local Libertarian activists and leaders to make our party bigger, better, and stronger. To renew the Libertarian Party's extraordinary progress of 1995 to 2000.

If you elect me Libertarian National Chair, here's what I will work to do:

Double our Libertarian Party membership nationally and in each state. Double our Libertarian Party resources nationally and in each state. We must double our membership. Boost our Libertarian National Membership to at least 60,000. And we must help every state double their membership, too.

Double the tools, training, and funding of the national party. We must help each state double their tools, training, and funding.

Work to ensure, through positive leadership and cooperation, that national, state, and local Libertarian parties actively support both our flagship campaigns — high-profile, party-building races — and grassroots campaigns — electable Libertarians in winnable races.

Promote a Libertarian Party culture of productivity, teamwork, and action.

Working together as partners, our local, state, and national parties must double the number of elected Libertarians.

Elect Eli Israel Libertarian National Chair, and I will do everything I can to accomplish these critical objectives by Election Day 2004.

About Eli Israel

Eli Israel is Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts.

Before this 3-year stint as Chair, he served as Executive Director of the
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George Phillies: It's time for change

It's time for change.

Our Party is 30 years old. We're little closer to victory than in 1972.

Our candidates are beaten, routed, or ignored.

Ethical questions cloud our national landscape.

Membership fell below 27,000, less than in 1999.

Had enough? It's time for change.

Too many promises fade into shadow.

Remember the Congressional delegation? 5% of the Presidential vote? Huge TV campaigns? They didn't happen.

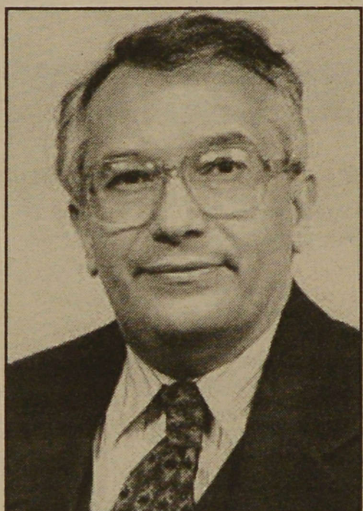
Too many failures are recycled. Election campaigns beg Libertarians for money, not Americans for votes. Membership drives recruit donors, not the activists we need. Flagship campaigns sink like the *Titanic*.

Had enough?

It's time for change.

Elect me National Chair. Help George Bring It, and I'll bring our Party closer to victory.

I'm Chair of the Pioneer Valley Lib-



ertarian Association, and co-Chair of the Worcester County Libertarian Club. Those clubs cover half of Massachusetts. The PVLA is Massachusetts' oldest regional libertarian group. Our newsletter *Let Freedom Ring!* is read coast to coast for strategy ideas and honest news (for back issues www.cmlc.org/cmlc/pubs.htm.)

PVLA members are all activists. We

run for office, petition, and do outreach. We're all active because activism is the expectation, not a faint hope.

Between 2000 and 2002 PVLA membership grew.

In 2002 we tripled our 2000 candidate petitioning.

Elect me National Chair, and I'll bring proven PVLA strategies to our National Party.

Who is George Phillies? I'm an author, with four books (one libertarian sci-fi novel) and 125 scientific papers. I'm a college professor (doctorate, physics, MIT). I manage a research group, helping workers to do well or if need be sending them on their way. I regularly chair fractious faculty committees, working productively with volunteers who can't be fired.

Why now?

Attorney General Ashcroft spies on defense attorneys and supports that unconstitutional abomination the "military tribunal." Ashcroft personally profits from the racist war on drugs. Without the million prisoners (75% non-white, 80% non-violent)

his war disenfranchised, Ashcroft would be a private citizen.

Had enough? It's time for change.

Why should you elect me Chair?

I will take concrete steps, not spin cloud-castle dreams:

1) Incite activism. Use LP News, direct mail, to teach, preach, and inspire activism. Every PVLA member is a sometime activist; the National Party can rise to the same standard.

Members should be expected by their fellow members to ask friends to run for office, run for office themselves, and work for libertarian candidates and referenda.

2) Support activism. Suggest opportunities to our members; they'll rise to the occasion. A simple opportunity: leave LP News at your dentist, doctor's office, or public library, where others can read it ... stripping the label is optional. A challenging opportunity: Launch a local activism-oriented libertarian club.

3) Support candidates. The National Party should help every candidate, not just a choice few. Let's give

every candidate a turnkey campaign kit, with order forms for bumper stickers and lawn signs, computer disks with templates for palm cards, and interactive video training on stump speeches, petitioning. The Party shouldn't print lawn signs; our buying power can get better prices.

4) Launch affinity groups. If you're a Republican, you'll get an NRA endorsement. We need libertarian affinity groups, single-interest committees that include non-LP members, advocate libertarian solutions, and endorse Libertarian candidates. The LP can't run them; we should launch them. We should ask members what they'd join, recruit volunteer leaders and workers, pass out seed corn, and push groups out of the nest. Some will fail; other will give our candidates a big helping hand.

I'd love to hear your questions and ideas: phillies@4liberty.net or call 508-754-1859.

Heard enough? Do you want a winning Party? For honesty, integrity, and leadership, elect me National Chair. Then watch me keep my promises.

THE RACE FOR NATIONAL CHAIR

Why I'm Running for LP Chair

Geoffrey Neale: A plan for the Libertarian Party

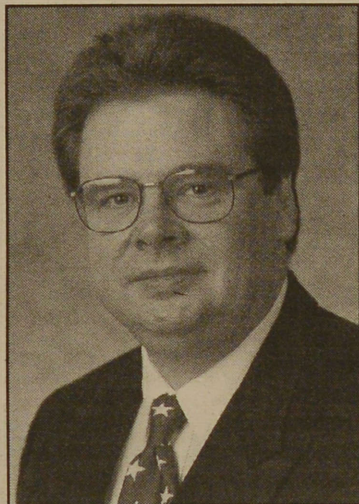
Hello, I'm Geoffrey Neale, and I am your candidate for National Chair. I have a Plan for the Libertarian Party.

As your Chair, I will:

- Develop and deliver more tools into the hands of affiliates, candidates & activists;
- Increase the efficiency, responsiveness & accountability of the National Office;
- Recruit more candidates, and provide them with professional training;
- Expand the libertarian message to a larger electorate;
- Deliver sustainable, quality LP growth at all levels; and
- Provide honest, open, ethical leadership that will bring us together.

I have more than twenty years experience in the libertarian movement, including eight years on the LNC, and four years as Chair of the Texas LP. I know how the National Committee and National Office work, and can hit the ground running!

My tenure as Chair of the Texas Libertarian Party has been marked by significant progress. We have:



- Increased our number of candidates from 57 to 185.
- Increased our number of organized counties to more than 70.
- Increased our membership faster than any other large state (except Georgia).
- Increased our cash surplus from \$6,000 to more than \$30,000.
- Increased our election advertising expenditures from zero to more

than \$22,000.

■ Increased our vote totals for Libertarian candidates to more than 3,000,000.

■ Achieved the four highest non-Presidential vote counts in party history, including Lance Smith's 857,000 votes for Texas Supreme Court.

■ Gone from providing no monetary support for local affiliates to channeling 40% of our general fundraising to our county organizations.

All of this was achieved at one of the lowest costs per member of any state party in the country. Although personally generous, I am very frugal with other peoples' money, especially the Party's (yours!).

Spokesman

I fully support the Platform and am effective at promoting, explaining and defending the message of Liberty. I am comfortable being a spokesperson for the LP, and have considerable experience speaking to the media, on radio and camera, to large audiences, and one-on-one. My non-confrontational manner and non-academic style make me approachable to libertarians and non-libertarians alike. I speak with words that Americans understand. I will be a great spokesperson for your Party.

Experience

What most sets me apart from my opponents is my combination of Business, Management and Executive experience.

My business background includes significant experience in and knowledge of the Banking, Finance, Insurance, Manufacturing, Distribution and Software industries, as well as familiarity in such fields as Retail, Property Management, Telemarketing and Publishing. My knowledge of finance and accounting is so strong that a Microsoft subsidiary recently sought out and used my expertise.

At age 21, I was a Plant Manager with a staff of 80. At 23, I was the Data Processing manager — with a multi-million dollar budget — of an insurance company, and at 25, I became a Vice President there. At 27, I started my own software consultancy. I have managed numerous projects of

all sizes. I have served as the staff Chief Information Officer (an executive position), but later returned to independent consulting, my forte.

According to our Bylaws, "The Chair is the Chief Executive Officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs . . ."

I will not need to learn how to be an executive — I already know how. I will not be accumulating experience — I already have it. I will not be learning to be an effective executive — I am an effective executive.

In my years in the software industry, I have provided business solutions to a wide range of clients in many industries. Although technically proficient, I am most respected for my ability to economically deliver exceptional business solutions.

In 1983 a client (the largest company in its field in the world) attempted to develop an international distribution system using a team of 50 and a budget of \$16,000,000. They failed. They tried again in 1986 with a team of 35 and a budget of \$10,000,000. Again they failed. In 1989 they asked me. With a team of eight (8!), I developed their system for \$800,000. It was successfully implemented in more than twenty countries.

The general manager of that same client's German operation took me to dinner in 1991. He told me, "Geoff, the year you came to us, we grossed \$35,000,000. This year we grossed \$400,000,000. In that time, we have not increased our administrative staff. Even though we have the highest personnel and facility costs of any operation worldwide, we are also the most profitable. We have you to thank for much of this."

Visit my website www.geoffreyneale.com and learn more about who I am, and what I offer. Please contact me with any questions. And come to Indianapolis and vote for Geoffrey Neale for National Chair.

Israel

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Libertarian Party of Massachusetts for 2 years.

In 1998, Eli Israel was the Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

In the last 5 years, he's raised over \$188,000 for the Libertarian Party and Libertarian candidates.

He's a Member-At-Large of the Libertarian National Committee, the governing body of the Libertarian Party. In 2001, he was elected to the Executive Committee.

For 5 years, Mr. Israel has worked as an activist at all levels of the Libertarian Party. Convention organizing. Membership growth. Candidate recruitment, training, and support. Coalition building. Petitioning. Grassroots local committee organizing.

Eli Israel is a graduate of Brandeis University, where he earned a B.A. in Computer Science with Honors in 1985.

He's the founder of ProManage, a management consulting practice for the software industry. Before going into business for himself, he served as Director of Engineering for CableSoft Corporation. He has 17 years of business experience.

Eli Israel, 38, lives in Burlington, Massachusetts, with his wife of 12 years, Eve Maler. She is also a dedicated Libertarian activist.

Advocates' Discover Liberty project finishes on June 30

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sure how close the project is to reaching its goal, said Harris.

"If you've led or participated in an OPH booth in the last 11 months, and haven't reported it to the Advocates, please do so now," she said. "You can call toll-free (800) 932-1776 or e-mail DiscoverLiberty@theAdvocates.org."

States that meet or exceed their goals will receive special recognition and prizes, said Harris, and every libertarian who worked three days at OPH booths will get a "Lights of Liberty" certificate suitable for framing, along with other gifts and prizes.

Final push

Harris also encouraged libertarians to make a final outreach push during June.

"June is the perfect time for OPH," she said. "Blue skies and sunny days are here, along with political campaigns. That combination makes this the perfect time for OPH. Every weekend, all across the country, there are events — fairs, block parties, festi-

**JUNE IS THE
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Blue skies and
sunny days are here.
—Sharon Harris**

vals, and so on — that are perfect for OPH booths. Plus, because we're now into the political campaign season, there is a heightened interest in politics among the public."

"Right now there are hundreds of people in your community who want to know about libertarianism. Many may be libertarian — and not even know it, or may not know about your local party. OPH is the best way to reach them, one-on-one, face to face."

For more information, visit: www.DiscoverLiberty.org.

Steve Kubby arrested in Canada

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But in April, Kubby said he would not comply with the judge's orders, saying he would not "spend one day in jail, or pay a dollar's fine."

In response, the judge postponed consideration of Kubby's refusal until July, and Kubby said he was granted permission to go to Canada.

On July 25, 2001, the judge ordered Kubby to spend 120 days in jail for refusing the court's order, which led to Kubby's arrest in Canada.

For more information, or to make a contribution, write: Kubby Defense Fund, 32545 B Golden Lantern, Suite 101, Dana Point, CA 92629. Or visit: www.kubby.com.

CORRECTIONS

■ In a "Political News" item in the May 2002 issue, an incorrect address was given for the Clyde Cleveland for Governor campaign. The correct address is: Cleveland for Governor, 810 West 57th Street, Davenport, IA 52806.

■ In the "Politics 2002" column in the May 2002 issue, Kevin Litten was incorrectly listed as a U.S. House candidate in Massachusetts. In fact, he is running in Iowa.

'Bill Clinton,' Joe Bast set for LP Convention

Libertarians have a rare opportunity to meet "The President" — when professional Bill Clinton impersonator Damian Mason appears at the LP national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

On the evening of July 5, Mason will regale convention delegates with his comedy show titled "Politics, Prozac, and Playing Bill Clinton," said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

Also scheduled to speak at the convention is Gary Nolan, a nationally syndicated radio host; Joe Bast, president of the Heartland Institute; and Rob Enlow, vice president of the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation.

"We have rounded out our lineup of world-class speakers with exciting personalities — both real and impersonated," said Dasbach. "From professional broadcasters to public policy experts to ex-presidents, there is going to be something for everyone."

■ **Damian Mason** is widely considered the world's pre-eminent Bill Clinton impersonator — and has appeared as "The President" on stage, on TV, and in the movies.

His television credits include Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, the Delta Burke sitcom *Women of the House*, and several commercials. He also had a small part in the Jodie Foster science fiction movie *Contact*, and in the satiric movie *2001, A Space Travesty* with Leslie Neilson.

Mason got his start as Bill Clinton in 1993, when he won a Halloween costume contest in San Diego dressed as the former president. Since then, the former sales executive has impersonated Mr. Clinton in 44 states and five foreign countries, appearing at sales conferences, corporate events, and private parties under the stage name, "The President." He commands a \$7,500 fee per appearance.

A native of Huntington, Indiana, Mason joined the LP in 2001, saying, "after working with both Republicans and Democrats, Libertarians are the only ones that I trust to follow through with what they say."

"I saw Damian's performance at the Indiana LP convention, and it was truly hilarious," said Dasbach.

■ **Gary Nolan** is the influential host of the "Gary Nolan Show," which is syndicated on 45 stations across America on the Radio America Network.

Nolan first made contact with the Libertarian Party in 1996, when he interviewed presidential candidate Harry Browne. In 1998, he began having a weekly LP guest on his program to discuss political issues of national importance.

However, it was not until 1999 that Nolan became a full-fledged member of the LP. During a live, on-air broadcast of his program — heard in such major markets as Florida, Texas, Missouri, Washington, and Vir-



■ **"The President" Damian Mason — who looks uncannily like Bill Clinton — will perform at the 2002 Libertarian National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.**

ginia — Nolan signed the party pledge and paid his membership dues.

Nolan said he bolted the GOP for the Libertarian Party because "Republicans seem as anxious to spend my money as the Democrats. I'm also totally fed up with the GOP's horrible, egregious budget bills."

■ **Joe Bast** is the founder and president of The Heartland Institute, a non-partisan research center headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

Under Mr. Bast's direction, the libertarian-leaning organization has grown in size and influence, increasing its annual budget from just \$20,000 in 1984 to \$1.2 million in 1998.

The author of five books, Bast is also the publisher of the bi-monthly *See CONVENTION* Page 18

Cato's Ed Crane will receive Champion of Liberty award

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active in the LP, managing Ed Clark's 1980 presidential bid.

Crane left the party in 1983 after a clash between LP factions led to a bitterly divided national convention. According to the *Washington Post*, Crane also expressed concern that post-Watergate campaign finance laws made it extremely difficult for any third party to succeed.

In the years following his departure, there was a sometimes uneasy relationship between Libertarians who labored to build a third party, and other libertarians who worked to influence public policy via think tanks and scholarship, said Dasbach.

That's why Crane's acceptance of the Champion of Liberty award is such a "special event," noted Dasbach — since this will be the first Libertarian Party convention Crane has attended since the 1983 split.

"Ed Crane's leadership helped

build the Libertarian Party during its critical first decade, and the Cato Institute has provided thousands of Libertarian candidates with intellectual ammunition for their campaigns," he said. "The Libertarian Party is proud to honor such a distinguished individual with its highest award."

Past recipients

Past recipients of the Champion of Liberty Award include Phil Zimmerman, creator of the Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) encryption program; Peter McWilliams, author of *Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do* and medical marijuana activist; John Stossel, the libertarian-leaning ABC News correspondent; and Dan and Amy Gifford, producers of the Academy Award-nominated documentary, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*.

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

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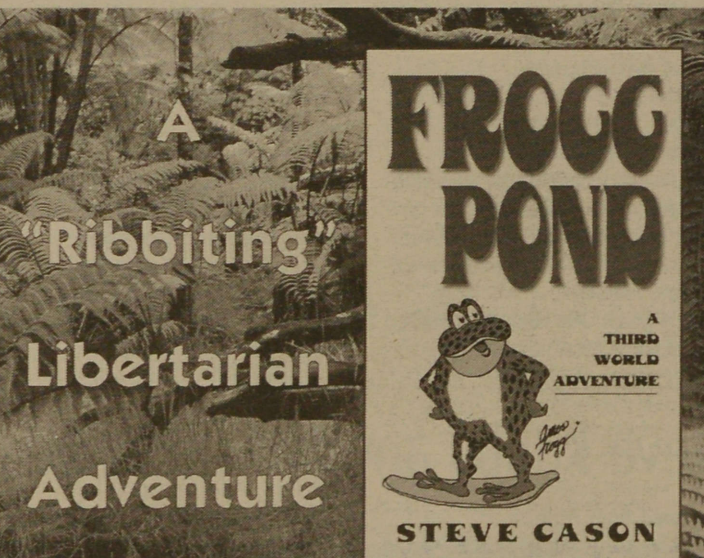


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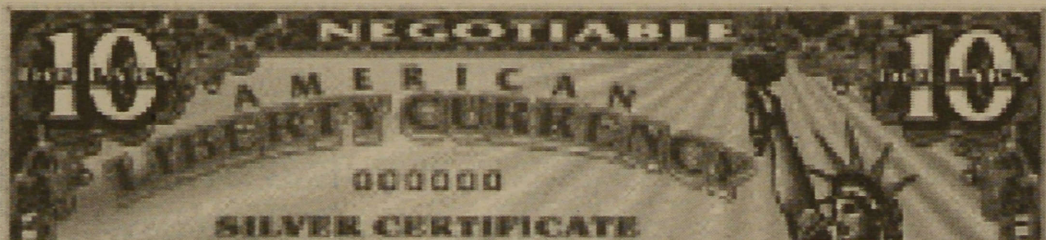
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The First Amendment to the Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech". In blatant defiance of that clear and unequivocal statement, Congress recently passed the Shays-Meehan bill, taking away our right to criticize those who created this law.

How would you like to show your outrage?

The Libertarian Party has already taken the courageous step of joining a law-suit to overturn this ugly law. So has the National Rifle Association. And the US Chamber of Commerce. And the Center for Individual Freedom. And the Sierra Club, the Republican National Committee, the California Democratic Party, the AFL-CIO, the National Association of Broadcasters, and many, many more.

My opponent, Marty Meehan, co-authored this terrible bill that trashes the First Amendment. This same "campaign finance reformer" has been using his own war chest of over \$2 million to "keep opposition at bay".

My name is ILANA FREEDMAN and I'm showing my outrage in another way . . . I'm running for his Congressional seat!

I am devoting *all my time* to winning this race, I've got the team, and I've got the ear and the sympathy of the press. This is a race that *can be won!* But now I need *your* help.

I need your contributions to show this hypocritical 'reformer' that the people of this country are fed up with double dealing politicians who say one thing and do another. With your help today, I can beat him in November and represent *you* as the First Libertarian in Congress!

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Libertarians rally on Tax Day 2002

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political party working to change that.

In most cases, Libertarians said they got a friendly reception.

"People going into the Post Office looked like they were going to a funeral," said Pennsylvania Libertarian Tom Martin. "When we gave them our million dollar bills, they smiled for what looked like the first time in days."

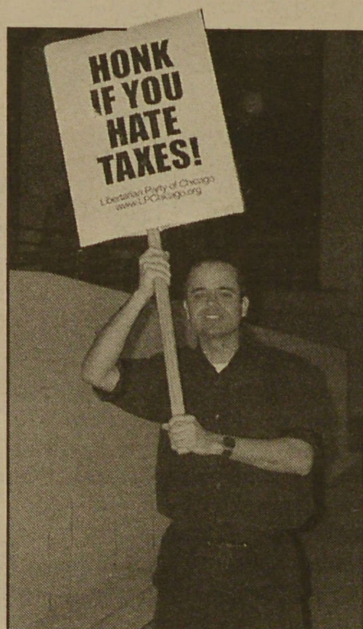
Highlights from tax protests around the country included:

■ **Virginia:** While waving signs that said, "It's your money, not the IRS's!" Libertarians at the Charlottesville Post Office noticed an interesting thing, said Jefferson Area Libertarians member Arin Sime.

A group of accountants had rented a stretch limo and driver — apparently to deliver their taxes and celebrate the end of their busiest time of the year.

"Just think, your tax dollars (or rather, the extra money you spend to comply with the extremely complex tax laws) went towards getting some accountant a limo!" said Sime.

■ **Georgia:** More than two dozen Libertarian protesters showed up at the DeKalb Post Office, and garnered



■ **LP candidate for U.S. House (District 5) Frank Gonzalez gives advice to motorists at the Tax Day rally in Chicago, Illinois.**

"excellent" media coverage.

During the rally, the four major metro-Atlanta television affiliates interviewed LP County Chair Tom Freese. The event was also covered in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and

in *La Vision*, a daily metro-Atlanta Hispanic newspaper.

"All in all, very good coverage," said LP activist Mike Powers. "Best televised coverage [of a Tax Day event] so far."

■ **South Carolina:** Libertarians in Greenville got one of the oddest requests during their Tax Day rally: They were asked to assist taxpayers in filing out their 1040 tax forms, said LP activist Lee Ott.

"The most interesting [thing] was the number of people bringing their tax information to the Post Office, getting their forms, and completing them in the Post Office," he said. "Several people tried to get us to help them fill out their forms!"

Members of the Greenville County



LP, the Spartanburg LP, the Upstate Libertarian Society, the Furman University Libertarians participated in the protest, said Ott — and attracted attention with their "Honk If You Hate Taxes" signs.

"One gentlemen enjoyed honking his horn so much as he turned into the Post Office mail drop-off line, he bumped the car in front of him," he said. "Fortunately no damage was done to either vehicle."

■ **Colorado:** Libertarians at the El Paso Post Office got a "beeping" good response — from carloads of tax filers who honked in response to the LP's "Honk if you hate taxes" sign.

The hubbub of honks showed that last-minute tax filers are receptive to the LP's tax message, said LP County Chair John Thomas.

"If nothing else, the lesson of getting every minute of outreach in that you can, wasn't lost on us," he said.

■ **Connecticut:** Past mayoral candidate Richard Lion was handcuffed and arrested for obstructing traffic after he refused to stop handing out literature at the Hartford Post Office.

"The Post Office is set back more than 100 feet from the street line," noted LP State Chair Leonard Rasch. "Protesters were allowed only to stand across the street, and forbidden to hand out literature, even there. Richard objected that he had not been in the street or near traffic, only on the sidewalk."

Lion could face six hours of community service if convicted.

However, rallies in Stamford and New Haven were less contentious, said Rasch. "Much of the public cheered, and gladly took literature," he said.

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James Dan files for office

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"I just keep reminding myself of what this will mean to the Libertarian Party, and how many lives I can change for the better with our pro-freedom agenda," he said. "That's what keeps me motivated."

Dan is an engineer and the owner

of a web-hosting business. A member of the Libertarian Party since 1990, he ran his first campaign for State Assembly in 1992.

For more information about the James Dan campaign, or to make a contribution, e-mail: jdand@lvc.com. Or visit: www.JamesDan.com.

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'Clinton,' Bast will appear at '02 Convention

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magazine *Intellectual Ammunition*, and two monthly newspapers: *School Reform News* and *Environment News*.

"As the president of one of the most prominent libertarian think tanks in America, Joe knows policy," said Dasbach. "And as part of a breakfast panel that will discuss education reform, he is sure to offer valuable insights into the future of the separation of school and state."

■ **Rob Enlow** is the vice president of programs and public relations at the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice.

Enlow's editorials and quotes have appeared in such newspapers as the *Indianapolis Star*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, and the *Miami Herald*.

Elect officers

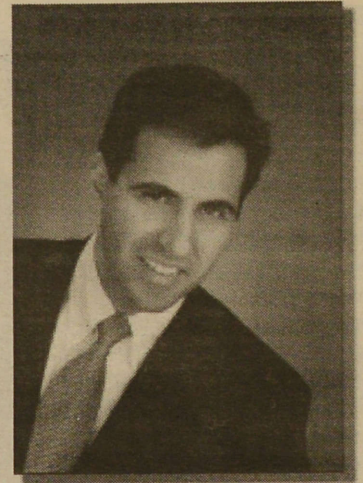
Delegates to the 2002 National Convention will elect party officers, debate changes to the party platform, and revise party bylaws. They will also have the opportunity to attend various workshops, panels, luncheons, and entertainment events.

The convention will be held on July 3-7, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The official convention hotel is the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown.

For more information, visit: LP.org/conv/2002/. To register, call the Balcom Group at: (800) 272-1776.

Eli Israel

For Libertarian National Chair



What shall we choose: Tragedy or Triumph?

We call ourselves the fastest-growing political party in the United States.

But during the last 23 months, Libertarian Party membership has plummeted by 7,422.

On May 31, 2000, the Libertarian Party had 33,419 members.

On April 30, 2002, we had just 25,997.

Unless we actively and aggressively reverse this trend, we will open our 2004 Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention in Atlanta with Libertarian Party membership of 18,252.

Do we want to let the Libertarian Party become the fastest-shrinking Party in America?

If we allow this trend to continue, the Libertarian Party faces a long slide back into obscurity.

Is that what you want? Are you willing to accept that?

Year in and year out, our membership total has been the most reliable predictor of our number of candidates, activists, volunteers and officeholders.

Without new members, we lack the resources to spread the Libertarian message.

Without new members, we lack the candidates to run for office.

Without new members, we lack the activists, volunteers, and donors to help our candidates win.

If we want to tear down big government, then we must build up the Libertarian Party.

But membership growth must be cultivated, built, and enhanced through constant work.

I saw this in the cable television industry even before I became active in the Libertarian Party.

Cable television operators understand that if they don't search for new customers, their customer base will erode by up to 3% each month.

People move. Budgets change. Priorities change. Life happens.

That's why they do constant prospecting. And that's why we should do it, too.

What do you think? Can we afford to lose another 7,422 members? Or should we be doing all we can to grow and build the base for our future successes?

The New Libertarian Party

Instead of collapse, I see triumph: I see a New Libertarian Party.

The New Libertarian Party is the party that we could have if we double the size, resources, and effectiveness of our party in each of the next four election cycles.

Four doublings is an aggressive goal. But we have already done it in one election cycle, and we can do it again. And again. And again. And again.

We can have an indisputable major party by Election Day 2010 – if we want it enough.

A Libertarian National Chair Who Can Make a Difference

As Libertarian National Chair, I will work with national, state, and local Libertarian activists and leaders to make our party bigger, better, and stronger. To renew the Libertarian Party's extraordinary progress of 1995 to 2000.

If you elect me Libertarian National Chair, here's what I will work to do:

1. Double our Libertarian Party membership nationally and in each state. Double our Libertarian Party resources nationally and in each state. We must double our membership. Boost our Libertarian National Membership to at least 60,000. And we must help every state double their membership, too.
2. Double the tools, training, and funding of the national party. We must help each state double their tools, training, and funding.
3. Work to ensure, through positive leadership and cooperation, that national, state, and local Libertarian parties actively support both our flagship campaigns – high-profile, party-building races – and grassroots campaigns – electable Libertarians in winnable races.
4. Promote a Libertarian Party culture of productivity, teamwork, and action.
5. Working together as partners, our local, state, and national parties must double the number of elected Libertarians.

Elect Eli Israel Libertarian National Chair, and I will do everything I can to accomplish these critical objectives by Election Day 2004.

About Eli Israel

Eli Israel has served as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts for 3 years and, before that, as Executive Director for 2 years. During his 1998 campaign for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, he participated in a televised debate with his Democratic and Republican opponents.

In the last 5 years, he's raised over \$188,000 for the Libertarian Party and Libertarian candidates. He's a Member-At-Large of the Libertarian National Committee, as well as a member of the national LP's Executive Committee.

For 5 years Mr. Israel has worked as an activist at all levels of the Libertarian Party. Convention organizing. Membership growth. Candidate recruitment, training, and support. Coalition building. Petitioning. Grassroots local committee organizing.

Want to Find Out More? Want to Get Involved?

Get Eli Israel's free online campaign newsletter, the "New Libertarian News," by sending email to info@eliasisrael.org or by visiting our website at www.eliasisrael.org.

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Eli Israel

For Libertarian National Chair

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Tax Day 2002: Rallies, signs, honks

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■ **Alabama:** As Libertarians were distributing million dollar bills at the Huntsville Post Office, one participant was nearly arrested.

Jonny Letson, an LP candidate for State House, was informed by a police officer that he was not permitted to protest without permission. Although Letson stayed for a while to argue with the officer, he eventually left the premises.

"I did not think it wise to get myself arrested — mainly because I was my only witness, and I was afraid of being railroaded," he said.

■ **Colorado:** Lady Liberty "took a vacation from welcoming visitors in New York harbor to help demonstrate against the income tax in Boulder," said LP activist Chuck Wright.

Lady Liberty — actually, Boulder County LP Chair Joe Johnson dressed as the Statue of Liberty — and other local activists spent eight hours in front of the Post Office.

"Honking horns and cheers of approval for the demonstrators were the constant background music as the 8-foot tall Lady Liberty waved to last minute filers," said Wright.

"Approximately 80% of the cars that filed past and received million dollar bills during that eight hours honked, gave the thumbs up," said activist Elizabeth Bennett.

■ **Nevada:** Washoe County Libertarians braved bad weather — including snow showers — to hold a rhyming protest, said LP State Chair Brendan Trainor.

"We imitated the old Burma Shave advertisements, using a series of signs that read, in order: The U.S. Tax Code is a crime / Those who wrote it / Should be doing time / Vote Libertarian," he said.

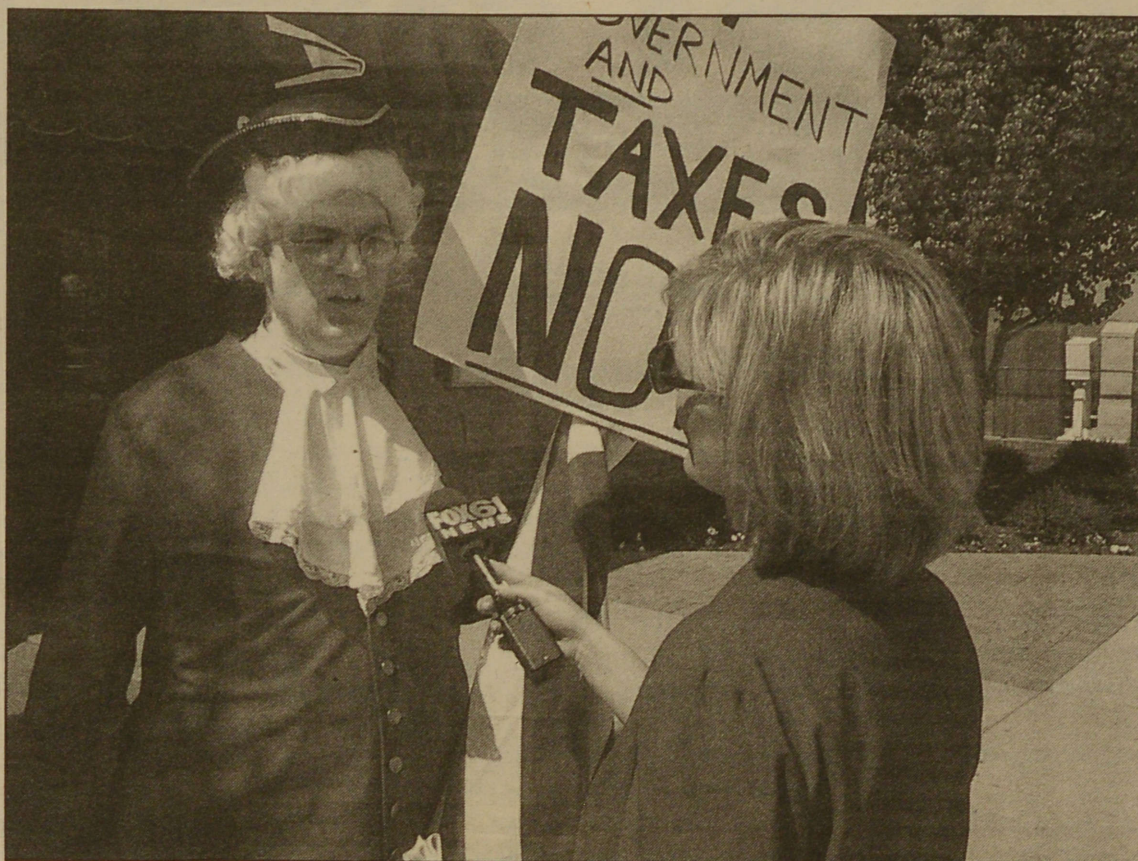
Despite the light turn-out of last-minute filers because of the weather, Libertarians "received two television interviews, and one interview in the region's largest paper," said Trainor.

■ **New Jersey:** Reporting in a Dr. Seuss-style, LP activist Bill Schetlick said Libertarians in Flemington had a successful rally.

"Five members were with me, a group staunch and true / and we shouted and waved 'till our faces turned blue," he said. "The autos who passed us did honk their approval / and not even one did suggest our removal."

■ **Florida:** The message of Pasco County Libertarians at the New Port Richey Post Office "came though loud and clear," according to news coverage in the Tampa Tribune.

One prop that attracted attention: A "Fertilize America — Bury the IRS" sign carried by William Murley.



■ **Above:** Hamilton County LP member Mike Croteau (dressed as Patrick Henry) is interviewed by Fox 61 News at the Hamilton County, Tennessee tax protest. **Right:** Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam — actually, LP activists Sheree Stevens and Bill Passmore — liven up the Tax Day rally in downtown Chicago, Illinois.

But LP candidate for State House (District 44) Edward Pittman said signs could only convey so much information. "It's hard to give people a lesson on Libertarian economic theory on the sidewalk," he said.

■ **Wisconsin:** Libertarians did "double duty" in front of the Milwaukee main Post Office — handing out Tax Day literature and "about 700 fliers for Ed Thompson for governor," said activist Tim Peterson.

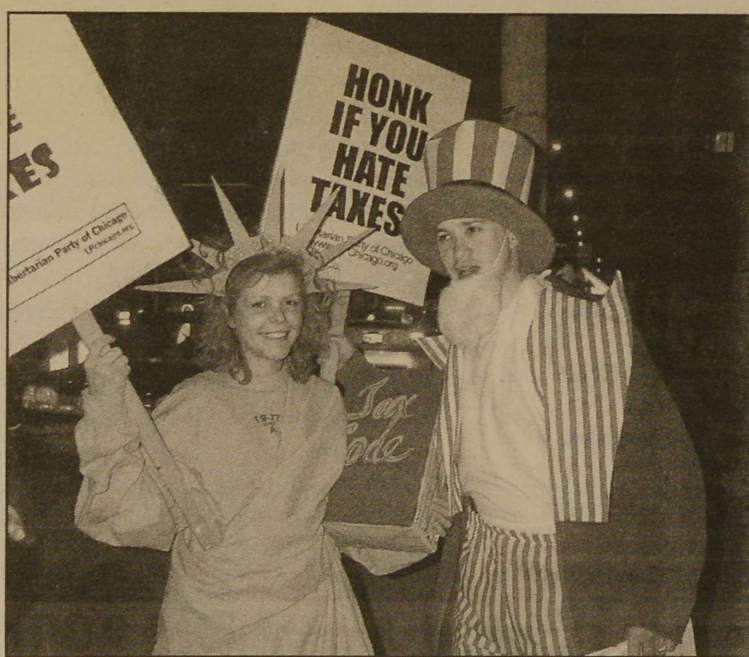
"We were well received when it was just six Libertarians, but when 20 Greenies showed up and got obnoxious with their anti-war message, we left," he said. "They were too aggressive and tossed fliers into unwelcomed motorist's windows."

■ **Illinois:** Two LP candidates for statewide office used Tax Day as an opportunity to hold a press conference decrying high taxes.

At an event in Peoria, Lt. governor candidate Jim Tobin joined U.S. Senate candidate Steven Burgauer to argue that the LP was the "only party fighting against taxes."

■ **New York:** The Libertarian candidate for governor of New York, Scott Jeffrey, attended the LP Tax Day protest at the Manhattan Post Office where Libertarians handed out million dollar bills and displayed anti-tax signs, said Libertarian Jak Karako.

"While I was yelling 'You don't have to come back here next year if you vote Libertarian,' I got a response



just as loud: 'Hallelujah!'" he said.

■ **Alabama:** In addition to handing out million dollar bills, LP Vice Chair Matthew Givens gave interviews to the local ABC News affiliate, Channel 8 News, and the *Montgomery Advertiser* — which published the protest as its front-page story.

"Not a bad return for a four-hour investment," said Givens.

■ **New Jersey:** At a Tax Day media conference at the State House in Trenton, LP State Chair Emerson Ellett proposed a Libertarian plan to save money for taxpayers.

For example, the newly created Public Advocate's office should be

eliminated and the roughly 27,000 non-violent drug offenders in state prisons should be released, said Ellett.

"If non-violent prisoners were paroled, taxpayers would save hundreds of millions each year," he said.

■ **North Carolina:** As Guilford County Libertarians and local members of Citizens for a Sound Economy were protesting at their local Post Office, they heard an interesting remark from an IRS worker, said LP County Chair Jennifer Medlock.

As she drove by, the worker said, "It's not our fault. We just work for the U.S. Department of Treasury."

Overall, the "protest went very

well, plus we had a lot of fun in the process!" said Medlock.

■ **Tennessee:** Libertarians protested at the Knoxville Post Office, and drew media coverage from WIVK radio, NewsTalk 990 radio, Volunteer TV, and the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. In addition, LP Vice Chair Chris Fortner discussed the event on the Haller Hill Show, the #1 morning talk show in Knoxville.

■ **Montana:** Libertarians issued a Tax Day press release, criticizing a plan by Gov. Judy Martz that would cut taxes while increasing spending.

"Republicans like to talk about limiting government, but this proposal does nothing about reducing the size of Montana's state government," said State Chair Mike Fellows. "It's simply business as usual, with the government picking other people's pockets to pay for programs."

■ **California:** Libertarians in Ventura County held a Tax Day protest at the Main Post Office, while San Francisco Libertarians held an event at the Montgomery St. subway station.

■ **Indiana:** A protest conducted by Clark County and Floyd County Libertarians resulted in a front-page photo in the *Evening News* and an article in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

But the protesters received mixed feedback from tax filers, said Clark County LP Treasurer Debbie Harbeson.

"We received comments from a cheery, 'Yeah, screw the government,' to an irritated, 'Jesus paid his taxes and I'm glad to do it, too,'" she said.

■ **Pennsylvania:** Paolo Sica, president of the Penn State University Libertarians, said something funny happened after the Tax Day protest at the State College Post Office, where activists distributed about 100 million dollar bills.

"That night, some friends heard a waitress exclaim, 'Look what they tipped me!'" he said. "She was holding up one of the LP's million dollar bills!"

■ **Wisconsin:** At the Green Bay Post Office, Northeast LP Chair H. Benjamin Malliett was reminded how Americans view taxes when he spotted a man in a black suit "looking like he had just left the funeral parlor."

"He said it was his Tax Day protest, a mourning suit," said Malliett.

■ **Tennessee:** Libertarians in Hamilton County hit a media bonanza with their Tax Day rally, said activist Mike Croteau.

"Talk radio channel WGOW [was] running news of the protest every local news break," he said. "We had crews from the local ABC, Fox, CBS, and WB TV affiliates run tape on our morning protesters. The Fox station sent a reporter and did interviews."

■ **Alabama:** Libertarians tried to "spell relief" for last-minute tax filers at a rally at the General Mail Facility in Montgomery, said LP activist Matthew Givens.

"We're getting a lot of honks," he said. "I love it."

■ **Editor's note:** For expanded Tax Day coverage, visit: www.LP.org/lpnews.

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Lawsuit filed by RCR.org

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plaint asserts that such prior restraint cannot be imposed upon candidates [or] their supporters," he said.

"Nor can Congress constitutionally empower the Federal Election Commission to determine what may be communicated to the people in an election campaign, and by whom."

The lawsuit argues that the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) and the BCRA abridge freedom of the press by "exercising licensing and editorial control of any person who produces and airs any electioneering communication" during the final days of a campaign, said Babka — while exempting the corporate press and debate sponsors.

"Congress has discriminated against political parties, political committees, and individuals, denying to them the same freedom of the press enjoyed by radio, television, and especially the print media," he said.

Massachusetts candidates Howell and Cloud said they joined the lawsuit because freedom of the press is an "individual right" possessed by every American.

"Each individual has the right to write, publish, and broadcast information and opinions," said Howell. "At all times. Not simply times allowed by government. Freedom of the press is not a special privilege granted to people or corporations with printing presses and broadcast facilities."

Laws discriminate

Cloud said, "Campaign finance laws discriminate against political parties, committees, and individuals who seek to publish or broadcast opinions and information during the critical final days of campaigns."

RealCampaignReform.org spent nearly \$70,000 in legal research and preparation before filing the lawsuit, said Babka.

The complete text of the complaint can be found at: www.RealCampaignReform.org.

The lawsuit is the sixth legal challenge against the Constitutionality of the recently enacted campaign reform law. On April 10, the Libertarian Party became a plaintiff in *McConnell v. FEC*, which was filed by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

RealCampaignReform.org, which was co-founded by 1996 and 2000 Libertarian Party presidential candi-

date Harry Browne, is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that promotes "free and open elections and a robust participatory democracy for all Americans."

The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act — formally known as the Shays-Meehan bill in the U.S. House and the McCain/Feingold bill in the U.S. Senate — was signed into law by President Bush on March 27. The law bans unregulated "soft money" contributions to national political parties, and limits the ability of organizations to air "issue" ads 60 days before a general election.

States set recruitment records

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party's previous record was 50 candidates, set in 1996.

"It's been hectic [recruiting that many candidates]," said Tlapak. "I made lots of phone calls, but I am very pleased at the turnout of candidates willing to run on our ticket."

Libertarian candidates filed for U.S. Senate, state auditor and all nine congressional districts.

The LP is also running 30 candidates for state representative, two for

state senate, and several for county and local office.

■ **Alabama:** At its annual convention in Birmingham on April 14, the Alabama LP nominated 61 candidates, reported State Chair Mark Bodenhausen.

At the top of the ticket will be gubernatorial candidate John Sophocleus, who told convention delegates: "People seem pretty disgusted by the leadership of both parties and are ready for a change. I look for-

ward to offering the people of Alabama a real choice this election."

Also running are candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and U.S. Senate, as well as seven candidates for U.S. House and 27 candidates for state house or state senate.

Alabama Libertarians collected 63,000 signatures in 2002 to qualify for ballot status in November.

Across the USA, the Libertarian Party hopes to run at last 2,002 candidates for office in 2002, said Crickenberger, and expects to contest a majority of U.S. House seats.

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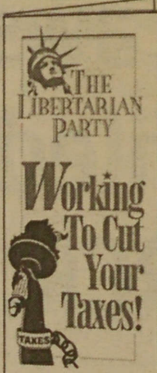
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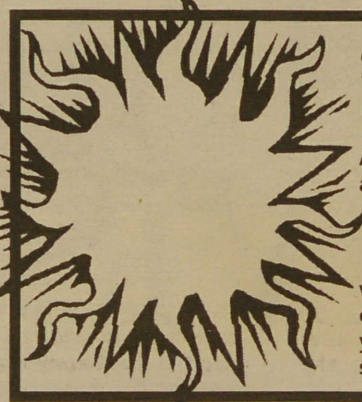
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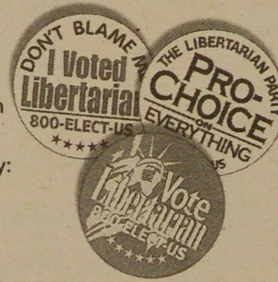
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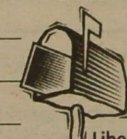
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CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

Ilana Freedman runs a 'creative' race for Congress in the Bay State

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ilana Freedman hopes the road to the U.S. Congress leads through Israel.

That's why from April 13-19, Freedman went on a "fact-finding mission" to Jerusalem, Israel, where she previously lived for 16 years.

On her trip, she talked with Israeli Intelligence officials, met the mayor of Jerusalem, and was given access to official state documents about Palestinian activities. Freedman said what she found out was "quite disturbing."

"It appears that the terrorist organizations have effectively been able to spin the American press by exaggerating Israeli military actions," she said. "I oppose American military action in the region, but I do think America needs to diplomatically speak out on the Israeli behalf."

From her trip, Freedman, 61, said she learned that American citizens have to be the "first line of defense" against future terrorist attacks. That means encouraging the responsible use of firearms, and educating citizens about how to spot possible terrorist suspects, she said.

That fact-finding mission was just one of the creative publicity events Freedman has employed in her campaign for the Bay State's fifth district seat in Congress.

In late-April, Freedman took a professionally designed RV out on a "meet-and-greet" in her district.

The objective, said Freedman, was to personally meet as many of the district's 390,000 voters as she could.

"This is going to be an old-fashioned, grassroots campaign," she said. "I'm going to shake a lot of hands and meet a lot of people."

However, the race will be an uphill battle, acknowledged Freedman.



■ Massachusetts Congressional candidate Ilana Freedman discusses the impact of terrorism on civilian populations with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert during her fact-finding mission to Israel April 13-19.

Although her Republican opponent is relatively unknown, Democratic incumbent Marty Meehan is bringing 12 years experience to the race — and a \$2.5 million war chest.

But Freedman said there are two major facts that will work to her advantage. The first is that 55% of registered voters in the district are Independents, which Freedman said offers a "window of opportunity."

The second, said Freedman, is that Meehan broke a term-limits pledge he made to voters in 1992. At the time, Meehan pledged he would only serve eight years in Congress.

Coast to victory

"Meehan lied, and people around here have not forgotten about it," she said. "He is arrogant, and he thinks he can simply coast to victory again, but many voters are fed up. This is a good opportunity to seize on that strong negative undercurrent."

During her campaign, Freedman said she is focusing on lowering the "ridiculously high" tax burden on the average Massachusetts worker, ex-

panding tax incentives for businesses, and allowing individuals to opt out of Social Security and Medicare.

Moreover, Freedman said she opposes any measure that compromises civil liberties to advance the government's War on Terrorism.

"Today, our legislators are asking us to give up our freedom of speech [and] our freedom of privacy," she said. "We must summon our own courage, independence, and love of liberty in order to preserve our freedom and keep our country truly free."

Freedman has obtained the 2,000 signatures needed to get on the ballot, and is trying to reach her fundraising goal of \$750,000. In April, the campaign reported that it had raised \$105,000.

If all goes well, Freedman said the LP may finally elect a representative to the U.S. House come November.

"I think it is potentially winnable, and it's a great chance to send the first Libertarian to Washington, DC," she said. "At the very least, I can give Meehan a serious run for his money and advertise the Libertarian Party."

In 2000, Freedman ran for state representative in the fifth district, and garnered 25% of the vote in a two-way race. Professionally, she owns a management-consulting firm. She is also the founder of the Liberty Land Trust, a privately funded conservation organization.

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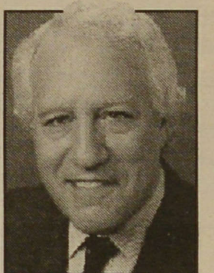
■ In Alabama, gubernatorial candidate **John Sophocleus** has again been listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. In Colorado, Libertarians could have two firsts on the statewide ballot this year: **Ralph Shnelvar** could be the first Jewish-American to run for governor in the state, and **Desiree Hickson** could be the first African-American woman to run for lieutenant governor. The state convention will decide on May 17-19 (after *LP News* went to press). In California, gubernatorial candidate **Gary Copeland** debated Green Party candidate Peter Miguel Camejo in San Francisco on April 13.

■ In Massachusetts, the state LP held its largest-ever convention on April 13 in Woburn with more than 286 attendees. At the convention, **David Hudson** was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. In Florida, the "Libertarian Perspective" with host **Doug Kippel** can be heard on WJGR Radio (1320 AM) in Jacksonville every Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am. Phone (904) 645-7511 to participate. The show is also webcast at www.wjgr.com. In California, State Chair **Aaron Starr** is leading an effort to convince the Christian Coalition to include the Libertarian Party in its voter guides. The guides are distributed in 26,000 churches throughout California and reach over 3 million people.

■ In Texas, **Anthony Garcia** was elected Chair of the Harris County LP; Kevin Foto was re-elected Chair of the Fort Bend County LP; **John Gossage** was elected Chair of the Jefferson County LP; **Tim Dove** was elected Chair of the Montgomery County LP; and **Barbara Jones** was elected Chair of the Brazoria County LP.

■ In Texas, **John Turnbow** finished second of four candidates in the May 4 Lubbock city council race. Turnbow won 27% of the vote. In Massachusetts, **Matt Daily** came in third for Tewksbury Selectman. In Texas, the Reverend **Dean Tucker** won a three-way race for the LP's nomination for U.S. House (District 9). In Alaska, **Jake Ketscher** has been appointed to the Kodiak Alaska Planning and Zoning Commission.

■ Better late than never? The March 12, 2002 issue of the *Abilene Reporter-News* in Texas reported that **Kenny Kramer** would run for mayor of New York as a Libertarian. The only problem: The actual announcement had happened one year earlier. The Playboy Philosophy: The May 2002 issue of *Playboy* refuted a reader's charge that the popular men's magazine was liberal, saying, "Actually, we like to think of ourselves as libertarian." In Colorado, longtime Libertarian activist **W. Earl Allen** has been offered a weekly column in the *Broomfield Enterprise*. In the April 1 *Wall Street Journal*, former *Wall Street Week* host **Louis Rukeyser** "does concede he is a libertarian — protesting all the while that 'that is too much of a label for me.'"



■ Louis Rukeyser: A libertarian.

■ In Alaska, State Chair **Gordon Hartlieb** has filed to run for State House. In New Jersey, **Tom Abrams** is running for U.S. House (District 12). In Wyoming, **Lewis Stock** will face off against **Dave Dawson** in a primary for the LP's nomination for governor. In Massachusetts, **Arthur L. Tyler** announced he will run for State Senate (Third Essex & Middlesex District). In Colorado, **Steve F. Gresh** has launched his campaign for the State Legislature (District 20). In Michigan, **Leonard Schwartz** has filed petitions to run for judge of District Court 45B in Oakland County. In Michigan, **Stephen M. Townsend** will run for Midland County Commissioner; **Wendy Adams** will run for Clare County Commissioner; and **Jamie Lewis** will run for the Kentwood Board of Education.

■ In Ohio, **Brian Gomez** was re-elected as Chair of the North East Ohio Region LP. In Oklahoma, the Tulsa Area Libertarians elected **Rob Roberts** as new Chair. In Massachusetts, **Eli Israel** was re-elected State Chair. In Colorado, **Ross Glidewell** was elected Chair of the El Paso County LP. In California, **Colin Haywood** was re-elected Chair of the Santa Barbara LP, while **Jack Hickey** was elected Chair of the San Mateo LP.

■ In New Mexico, the state LP was informed on April 17 by the Elections Bureau that it had again qualified as a "minor" political party. "This will enable us to nominate candidates for the 2002 election," said State Chair **Joseph Knight**. In California, lieutenant governor candidate **Pat Wright** won the Kids Voting USA mock election in Santa Clara County on March 5. Wright won the four-way mock grammar school contest with 30% of the vote. In New Hampshire, **Robert D. Sutton** has organized a Libertarian group at Dartmouth College.

■ In Montana, Libertarians mourned the death of Libertarian **James Sims**, 74, a candidate for State House (District 39). Sims was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 5. "James enjoyed life to the fullest and I was proud to have known him," said State Chair Mike Fellows.

What They're Saying About Geoff Neale for Chair

"Our Chair needs to be an individual who encourages other individuals to be heard and to engage in rational and heartfelt dialogue. Geoff Neale is a stark contrast to those who promote secrecy, division, and self-righteousness."
— **Lorenzo Gaztanaga**, LNC At-Large; former Maryland State Chair

"I think Geoff Neale is the best candidate for the position of LNC Chair because he understands not only what a Chair is, but also what a Chair is not. He understands that in a volunteer organization, teamwork, cooperation, delegation, and a sense of fair play are the orders of the day (and) that building trust means under-promising and over-delivering, not the other way around."
— **Mark Hinkle**, former CA State Chair (6 yrs); former LNC Rep (6 years)

"Geoff Neale is the only intelligent choice in the 2002 race for National Chair. He will represent the membership at large, not the establishment."
— **Jim Dexter**, Alternate Rep LNC Region 1; former Utah State Chair (6 yrs)

THE FORUM

Rethinking the party's position on abortion and women's rights

Where do libertarians stand on protecting abortion by law? Certainly not together. What should the delegates to the 2002 Libertarian National Convention do about this division?

From my perspective, they should support the pro-life positions. But that's not the point of this article.

First, for some background, let's look at the "Women's Rights and Abortion" (WR&A) plank in the national LP platform (www.lp.org/issues/platform/womenright.html).

WR&A admits the division where it says, "Recognizing that abortion is a very sensitive issue and that people, including libertarians, can hold good-faith views on both sides . . ." Despite this recognition, the plank concludes: "We believe the government should be kept out of the question."

Unconditional

WR&A isn't calling for, as many think, government neutrality on abortion or on the status of the preborn. Instead, it's calling for unconditional government protection of the practice of abortion, even if the killing is done at full term and the child has been partially delivered.

Why say "we," when a b o r t i o n choicers themselves are no monolith? Most of their own positions fall short, to one extent or another, of WR&R's.

"We" does fit where the plank says, "We condemn state-funded and state-mandated abortions. It is particularly harsh to force someone who believes that abortion is murder to pay for another's abortion."

Now, here's the point of this article.

At its May 9, 1998 meeting, the Maryland LP Central Committee recognized the division among Libertarians by considering and then voting 17 - 7 for a "Proposed Plank for the Libertarian National Platform." A true neutrality plank, it says:

"The Libertarian Party opposes forced abortion and tax-funding of abortion. There is principled disagreement among Libertarians about



By Doris Gordon

whether or not abortion is a form of aggression when done with the mother's consent. Therefore, the Libertarian Party takes no position concerning to what extent consensual abortion should be regulated by law, and leaves the question to each of its members and candidates for their conscientious consideration."

This plank's "no position" position would leave each of us free to stand where we wish — pro, con, or on the fence. It would take no position on governmental laws and policies — either for or against the practice of abortion.

Platform neutrality means that there would be no official Libertarian Party blessing for, or opposition to, anyone's personal stand on abortion legalization. Note also, for consistency's sake, some smaller changes should be made elsewhere in the platform.

Variety of positions

How did this "Proposed Plank" originate? It was produced by an informal Committee to Discuss the Abortion Plank (CDAP) that was established at the October 1997 Maryland LP convention. A call for volunteers was made. The 16 who re-

sponded represented a variety of positions on abortion.

The unmoderated e-mail discussions — hot and heavy arguments — on CDAP ran from October to May, but the best CDAP could do was to agree to disagree, and to urge everyone to work together on issues where they do agree.

But then Maryland LP member Ron Kean helped CDAP end on a high note by producing the "Proposed Plank." It gave some of us the hope that we did accomplish something worthwhile.

The 1998 Central Committee also voted to send the proposed plank to the National Committee and the Platform Committee for their consideration. I don't know if it was actually sent (the records seem to be missing), but I personally sent the Platform Committee the proposal.

It didn't get considered there; the members had neutrality proposals of their own to offer. One was accepted 11 - 7 by the committee, but due to lack of time, it never got considered on the floor.

Looking toward the 2002 convention, the situation hasn't changed since 1998. The proposal made then seems to be still a good idea today. Therefore, I would like to see the same motion introduced to the 2002 Platform Committee, and I would like to see the delegates pass it.

It will be an opportunity for the Libertarian Party to demonstrate that Libertarians can truly hold good-faith views on both sides of the abortion question.

■ **About the author:** Doris Gordon is head of *Libertarians for Life* (www.L4L.org).

Marketing liberty to minorities

African-Americans are an overlooked segment of American society. A few months before election time we hear of the two old parties, almost on cue, attempting to rally support from the black community, as well as other "minority" groups.

However, when the elections are over, it is back to business — and elected officials turn their backs on the African-American population. I believe the Libertarian Party is the only party that consistently represents the Black community, as well as every other so-called minority group.

One might ask, how could Libertarians represent both black and white, young and old, male and female? The answer is simple: A government bound by the Constitution is blind to racial, age, and sexual differences. Libertarians know that. Left on their own, people will enter into relationships which will benefit both parties — and that government involvement in such relationships proves harmful for everyone involved.

By Paul Weir

Foul drug laws

Take Drug Prohibition for example. It is well known that a disproportionate number of young black men are incarcerated each year for using drugs. In fact, law enforcement often purposely focuses its drug enforcement efforts on inner cities, where, more often than not, the majority of the population is black. The police, merely executing the foul drug laws, break up families and ruin the lives of thousands of African-Americans each year.

If Drug Prohibition were ended, these young black men would be free to pursue a better life for themselves and their families. However, left as the Democrats and Republicans have made it, these young poor black men will be sentenced to up to half their life behind bars, where drugs might actually be more available than on the streets.

The victim's family, having gone through the strain of losing a husband, father or a brother, will also have to endure the absence of their extra income that might have made the difference between life in a comfortable home and life on the streets.

The fact is that many people can See **MINORITIES** Page 25

A modest proposal: Let's put a tax on politicians

Finally: A 'sin tax' even Libertarians can support

For a long time, I've opposed the so-called "sin taxes" that politicians so love to levy on a population that doesn't behave how our benevolent leaders would wish.

Overtaxing a product in an attempt to reduce how much of it people will buy is just plain wrong. This started with alcohol and tobacco taxes, but we are now in danger on other fronts.

As time goes on, we see indications that the federal and state governments will levy a "Fat Tax" on fatty foods in order to discourage their consumption. Faced with the information that a majority of Americans are overweight, the government may attempt once again to protect us from ourselves by slapping excessive taxes on soda pop, donuts, cakes, and fast food.

Good for the gander

But if their aim is really to protect us from things that are harmful to us, then I have a suggestion to make. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Or, to put it more plainly, let's levy a tax on politicians.

The average American surrenders approximately 39% of his income in

taxes, which is a phenomenally high percentage. The harm caused by this average tax level is difficult to measure, but impossible to deny.

Add to that the many Americans imprisoned for committing victimless crimes, the businesses over-regulated into bankruptcy, and a legal system so complex that it is virtually impossible to be a completely law-abiding citizen, and it is clear that government is harmful to the average American.

Following the lead of "protectionist" politicians who want to tax into oblivion anything that, although voluntary and legal, is allegedly harmful to individual Americans, we should levy an immediate tax of \$100 on each politician running for office. This money would be disbursed yearly to those adversely affected by the high taxes, excessive regulations, and draconian criminal penalties on actions that cause harm to no one.

With the hundreds of thousands of people running for office each elec-

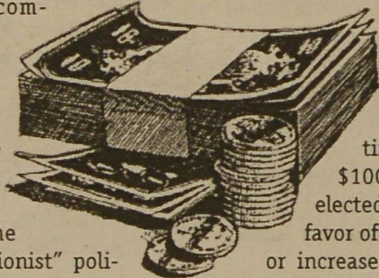
tion year, this revenue measure would raise quite a bit of money, while at the same time protecting individual Americans from overzealous politicians.

Once in office, an additional tax of \$50 would apply to any elected official who votes in favor of or implements a new regulation on businesses/individuals or creates/expands penalties for a victimless crime. A tax of \$100 will apply to any elected official who votes in favor of or implements a new or increased tax proposal. The sponsors and co-sponsors of such legislation would be subject to doubled fines, like those applied in highway construction zones.

Help the victims

In the tradition of excessive alcohol, tobacco, and the new "fat" taxes, the Politician Tax would raise money to help victims of government's many criminal acts while at the same time punishing politicians for their destructive behavior.

By Matthew A. Givens



Am I serious with this proposal? Of course not. Satire to make a point, although a dying art, is not yet dead. But politicians think it's okay to levy unreasonably high taxes on products or activities in an effort to discourage their abuse. Fine. The same reasoning justifies taxing politicians when they hurt citizens through stupid legislation and ludicrous taxation.

The point I am trying to make here is that it's wrong for our elected officials to decide how we should live our lives and then tailor the tax code to "gently nudge us" in the correct direction. That is not the purpose of taxation. But as long as they continue to behave this way, they keep open the possibility of a tax on their own behavior.

And really, how many normal citizens would complain?

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Liberty's hopeful message to minorities

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use substances (i.e. alcohol) and still lead very productive lives. For proof look no further than the 2000 presidential race: Both Bush and Gore admitted to using some form of "illegal" substance, yet they are both incredibly successful. The "War on Drugs" is no more than a war on black youth — and no political party but the Libertarian Party realizes that.

The accepted belief is that Democrats are on the side of the downtrodden, exhausted workers and minorities, because they provide welfare in the form of redistributed tax money to working mothers, the disabled and poor minorities.

The Democrats can expect the Black vote every election. They have thoroughly convinced the general public that welfare is good for minorities and other unfortunates.

But welfare is nothing more than a trick played by power-hungry bureaucrats and politicians who are interested only in consolidating their power over helpless minorities.

Bird feed lesson

Upon inspecting a box of bird feed, one finds a warning that instructs the user to wait for a couple of days before refilling the bird feeder. The reason is to make sure the birds do not become dependent on the feed so they learn to catch food and survive on their own. If the birds are fed constantly by a human they forget how to live on their own and lose their independence, relying on the well-meaning human to keep the food supply plentiful.

This is an exact replica of welfare in America. The government appears, at first glance, to be the benevolent protector of the minorities, while in reality they are condemning them to a life of servitude. In effect, welfare is a modified version of slavery.

What the lower class really needs is opportunity, not oppression. Repealing minimum wage and child labor laws would assist the poor far greater than the current system of subsidies, which renders them helpless and destroys their chance of upward mobility in this still predominantly free-market society.

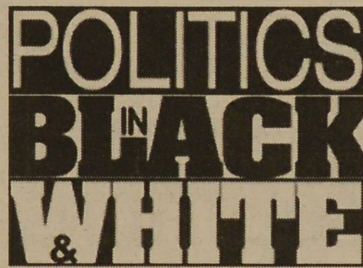
Democrats call for subservience. Libertarians call for freedom and opportunity for all.

Racist laws

The most racist laws of all are often perceived by minorities as the best legislation ever passed. The minimum wage law, endorsed by John F. Kennedy, is looked upon as the single most beneficial law to minorities and unskilled workers.

The fact is that minimum wage law actually causes unemployment among the groups it intends to help. Many minorities are unskilled labor, they have no formal training or experience. In a free society, minorities could train at a job and work their way up.

But in the nanny state of today, businesses are unable to hire these unskilled workers for a short time while they train for some compensa-



tion. Minorities who wish to be trained, find themselves unable to get

experience they need — and thus have a hard time finding jobs which require that all-important experience. Unless these minorities find a way to pay for training, they find themselves out of work and doing the most addictive drug of all — welfare.

The minimum wage law hurts both unskilled workers and minorities. Democrats and Republicans wish to continue the minimum wage legislation, condemning unskilled workers

to a life of poverty and worthlessness. Libertarians will repeal this harmful legislation, giving minorities the upward mobility they need to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Since colonial times, African-Americans have been oppressed by the government. Whether appearing blatantly racist, or disguising itself as the benevolent protector of minorities, the federal government has man-

aged to trick blacks for centuries.

I believe as Libertarians, we need to inform minorities that Liberty is practical — and that voting Democrat or Republican is a vote for the preservation of oppression. Libertarians are the only party calling for total freedom and opportunity and pointing out that Liberty will truly set them free, once and for all.

Editor's note: Paul Weir is a member of the Milwaukee LP executive committee in Wisconsin. This essay reprinted from the July/August 2000 issue of the Wisconsin Libertarian.

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THE DIRECTOR

Using 'misdirection' to fleece American voters

Misdirection. It's how stage magicians focus your attention and distract you from their sleight-of-hand. However, magicians aren't the only practitioners of misdirection. Politicians are especially adept at the art.

Campaign finance "reform" is a classic example of political misdirection. By focusing attention on large campaign contributions (i.e. soft money) as the primary source of political corruption, politicians like John McCain direct public attention away from forms of political corruption that are far more damaging to our liberty.

We witnessed a classic example of political corruption in May, as politicians from both incumbent parties, supported by the President, embarked on a vote-buying spree with your money. Of course, I'm talking about the farm bill.

The direct cost of this monstrosity? \$190 billion over 10 years — approximately \$1,805 per household. Nearly an 80% increase over the cost of current programs. But that's just the beginning.

The price-fixing provisions of the bill serve to prop up prices of common goods like sugar and milk, costing the average household an additional \$2,572 over the next ten years.

Campaign contributions pale in comparison. Over the 1999-2000 campaign season, combined contributions to all candidates and parties, from dog-catcher to president, came to a mere \$4 billion.

The farm bill will cost taxpayers nearly ten times as much over the next two years in direct subsidies and support — approximately \$38 billion. And, as I noted above, the impact of increased food prices is even greater.

Buying people's votes

And this is just one bill. Multiply this by the thousands of additional pork-barrel projects, corporate welfare programs, entitlement programs, etc. passed by Congress and you can see the real source of political corruption. It's Congress' ability to buy people's votes with their own money.

We could eliminate every campaign contribution to every candidate at every level tomorrow, and it would have no impact on this type of corruption. In fact, farm interests aren't among the largest campaign contributors.

The farm bill didn't pass in response to voluntary campaign contributions from individuals, corporations, unions, and PACs. It passed because it allows politicians to buy votes and get re-elected using tax money — involuntarily extracted from all of us.

So how do we bring this form of corruption to an end?

It isn't going to be easy. We have to recognize that this is a bipartisan problem. Republicans may give lip service to free markets, but the farm bill couldn't have passed 280 to 141 without substantial Republican support. Nor would it have become law absent the signature of the Republican President.

That means the solution isn't going to come from either the Democrats or Republicans. It's going to have to come from outside forces — like the Libertarian Party.

In effect, the Democrats and Republicans have a "gentleman's agreement" on issues like the farm bill. Since both sides are guilty, neither side can make an issue out of it.

However, Libertarians aren't so constrained. It's issues like this, where the positions of the old parties are indistinguishable, that provide us with our greatest opportunities.

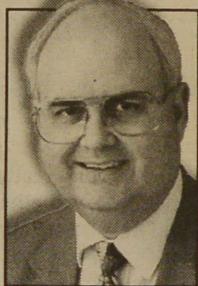
Raise the issues

We expect to field candidates in a majority of U.S. House districts in 2002, just as we did last election. And that will enable us to raise issues that the old parties would rather not talk about — such as the obscenely expensive farm bill and real political corruption.

However, we have to do more than raise the issue — we have to make our voices heard. And that means helping our candidates.

During an election year, our candidates are the Libertarian Party in the minds of the public. The more visible each candidate is, the more impact he or she can have. And the visibility of our candidates depends on the level of support they receive from each of us.

It's harder for a magician to misdirect you if you know how the trick works. The same is true in politics. Who knows? Maybe if we can expose enough political illusions, we can make some Democrat and Republican politicians disappear from Washington.



By Steve Dasbach

LP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Property rights are under attack; here's how we can defend them

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

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

In 1994, Vera Coking received an ominous letter from the New Jersey Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

Coking, a widow who had lived in her Atlantic City home for 35 years, was notified that her home had been seized under the state's eminent domain laws.

She had 30 days to accept an offer to buy her property at one-quarter its appraised value, or the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) would have her forcibly removed.

But a worse indignity followed, when Coking learned why her home was being seized: It would be given to billionaire Donald Trump, so he could build a new limousine parking lot for one of his opulent casinos.

Under New Jersey law, the government — and even quasi-governmental agencies like the CRDA — could seize property if it could be put to better economic use by others.

Since Donald Trump's parking lot would generate more tax revenue for the government, the seizure of Coking's home qualified as a "public use," said the CRDA.

The widow was appalled. "This is my home. This is my castle," she said.

It didn't matter. In America, it used to be that a man's — or a widow's — home was his castle. No longer.

Seize your castle

Now, the Environmental Protection Agency can declare the castle moat a protected wetland, and prohibit development. A local government can condemn the castle if the wall isn't painted properly. The Drug Enforcement Agency can seize the castle if they suspect drugs were used on the property. And, as Vera Coking found out, the state government can seize your castle if King Trump wants to expand his gambling palace.

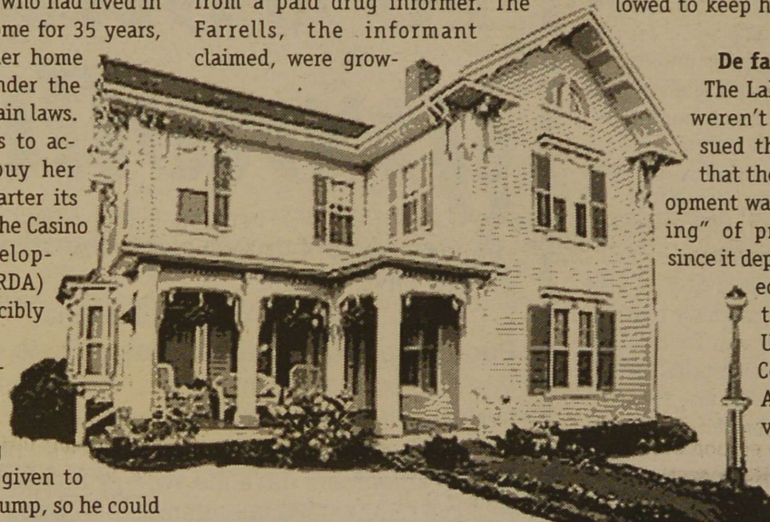
Today, we run the risk of a government that has "practically unlimited control and jurisdiction over private property," wrote James Bovard in *Lost Rights*. Some examples:

■ In Florida, Ocie Mills and his son were given a two-year prison sentence for dumping clean sand on their property in violation of federal "wetlands" law. Under the federal definition, a "wetland" can be dry 350 days a year.

Libertarian SOLUTIONS

■ In Alexandria, Virginia, the Office of Code Enforcement sent letters to 22 homeowners threatening to condemn their property — and evict the residents — if they didn't fix chipped paint on their windowsills and door frames.

■ In Adair County, Missouri, police seized the 60-acre farm of Sheri and Matthew Farrell based on a tip from a paid drug informer. The Farrells, the informant claimed, were grow-



De facto taking

The Lake Tahoe families weren't so lucky. They sued the TRPA, arguing that the freeze on development was a de facto "taking" of private property, since it deprived them of the economic value of their land. The U.S. Supreme Court disagreed on April 23, on a 6-3 vote.

"Treating all [regulations] as . . . takings would transform govern-

ment regulation into a luxury few governments could afford," wrote Justice John Paul Stevens.

But Americans shouldn't have to rely on expensive lawsuits — and the legal roulette of finding a sympathetic judge — to keep their private property private. Here are some common-sense reforms that could be passed immediately to better protect property rights:

Sharply curtail the power of eminent domain laws.

Under the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the government was given the power to take private property "for public use" — but only with "just compensation." This power was used to take land from private owners to build railroads in the 1800s, and to construct highways and airports in more recent times.

With the definition of "public use" now so debased that it includes even Donald Trump's limousine parking lots, privately owned baseball stadiums, and General Motors' factories, it's time to return to the original Constitutional meaning.

As the Cato Institute noted in its 2000 *Handbook for Congress*: "Eminent domain should be used sparingly and only for truly public use. That means for a use that is broadly enjoyed by the public, rather than some narrow part of the public. More precisely, it means for a use that is owned and controlled by the public."

While some Libertarians may cringe See **PROPERTY** Page 30

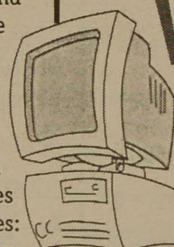
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—James Bovard

ing marijuana on the farm — a false allegation the police didn't bother to verify before seizing the land.

■ In Lake Tahoe, which straddles the California-Nevada border, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) imposed a moratorium on de-

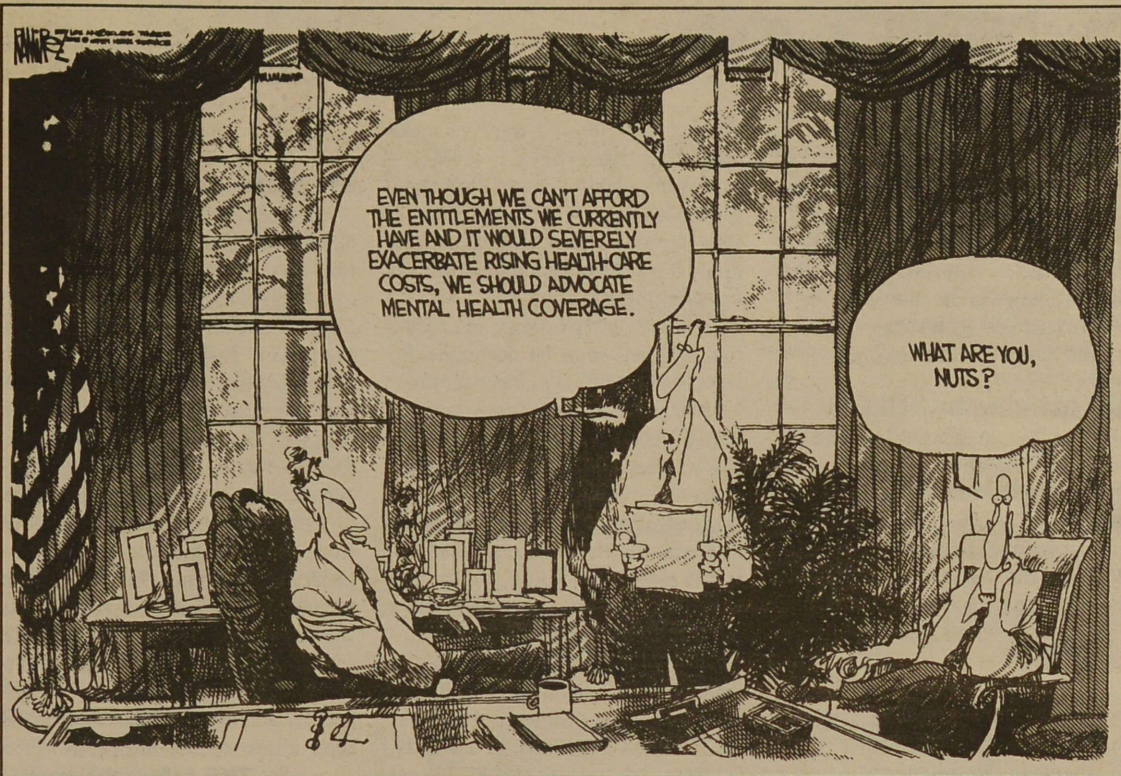
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Prayer in school?

I read the May edition of *LP News* in the *Affiliate News* section that Vermont State Chair Brendan Kinney states that the Vermont LP "strongly opposes any attempt by government to inject religious practice into public classrooms."

I would agree with this if it weren't for one problem: Where in the Constitution does it say that there shall be public schools at all? Wouldn't a more principled position on school prayer be that since the Constitution makes no mention of public schools, the issue of school prayer in itself is practically moot?

There certainly is no mention of public schools as being part of the "general welfare" clause. Therefore, where does one draw the conclusion that there shouldn't be prayer in public schools if the Constitution doesn't authorize public schools in the first place?

— CHRIS FORTNER
Knoxville, Tennessee

The NEA prayer

The May *LP News* reports that Libertarians in Vermont object to prayer in public schools.

Being a parochial school graduate, I am sure the youth of America would benefit from the lofty prayers that were recited in parochial schools of yore. But these outcries to heaven were led by nuns — holy women, buried under layers of cloth, joined at the hip to a string of industrial grade rosary beads, and wedded to a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Composed by the state and flowing from the lips of an NEA member, I fear that public school prayer would be answered by the devil: girls would

get pregnant, boys would get high on dope, and teachers would gun down their students.

— ROBERT G. DOSTAL
Iowa City, Iowa

**WE SHOULD RUN
statewide candidates
for positions where
we can gain ballot
status or that
candidates with name
recognition can win.**

Local power

In his letter ("The Third Way," April 2002), John Wayne Smith, an LP gubernatorial candidate in Florida, wrote that he walked out on a Don Gorman seminar that emphasized running only local candidates for public office.

Not only is Don Gorman a former State Representative and a current Deerfield, New Hampshire school board member — but he also represents real Libertarian victory. Not many people in the party know about real victory, Mr. Smith. It's a shame you walked out.

One can learn so much from Mr. Gorman. To begin with, many in the party need to begin to understand the phrase "All politics is local." Past Libertarian success stories have come from those at the local level who established credibility and name recognition.

Running credible people at the local level is ultimately the only way our party can establish success. We don't have big-name celebrity candidates; therefore, we must create our own celebrities. We can only do so from the ground up — not from the top down.

We should run statewide candidates for positions where we can gain ballot status or that candidates with credibility and name recognition can win. The ultimate goal of our party is not to discuss philosophy, but to elect Libertarians to public office so we can create a true society of liberty.

Libertarians need to take a lesson from the Socialists of the past century. We know what Socialists have accomplished in American government; all that they accomplished was through local victory.

— AARON BITERMAN
Brookfield, Wisconsin

Freedom works

Consider the Israeli motto, "Never Again." It's simple, forceful, and by calling up memories of the Holocaust, it automatically draws out a gut reaction from every Israeli.

Why don't we make our motto "Freedom Works"? It's forceful, easy for the public to recall, and, best of all, our opponents can never really argue the point! What are they going to say? Freedom *doesn't* work?

Our slogan would automatically put the other side on the defensive. That's where we want them, isn't it?

— WALTER MOREY
Palm Bay, Florida

Free from oppression

I believe we the people of the party should have the slogan, "Lib-

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Pathways to the party

Ronald Reagan. The War on Drugs. Ross Perot. The Bible. Andre Marrou. Homeschooling. Richard Nixon. Tobacco taxes. What do these disparate items have in common? They're all reasons *LP News* readers gave for becoming members of the Libertarian Party.

In response to this month's unscientific question — *What is the single most important factor that caused you to join the Libertarian Party?* — respondents gave an astounding array of answers that spanned decades, issues, political figures, books, and emotions.

In first place with 15.6% of the vote was disgust with the Republican Party (in general), or a Republican president (in specific). "Despite the fine-sounding rhetoric, Republicans were tweedledum to the Democrats' tweedledee," said one former GOPer who jumped to the LP.

The second-place passport to the Libertarian Party was a Libertarian book. Whether the particular author was Mary Ruwart, Tibor Machan, or L. Neil Smith, this reason was cited by 9.4% of respondents.

Tied for third place (with 6.3%) was agreement with the LP Platform; hearing about a Libertarian Party presidential campaign; and the War on Drugs.

Here is a representative sampling of the pathways that *LP News* readers followed to reach the Libertarian Party:

■ I joined in 1990, the week after George W. Bush broke his "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge. Up until this point I had always been a Republican, although I was never comfortable with their moralistic stands on matters of individual lifestyle. I had to look for a new home. I found it in the LP. It adheres to a real set of principles which happily are the same as my own.

— STU YOUNG, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ Hope. It wasn't disgust. Although I tell people that I was disgusted with "both" parties, disgust has never propelled me to do more than complain. No, it was Hope. The specific issues surrounding my "seeing the light" don't really matter, but the element of hope does. For a moment, I saw a glimmer of hope. It's what made the difference.

— CHARLOTTE PATRICK, Edinburg, Virginia

■ I joined the LP because of their principled stance regarding the idiotic war on drugs. After that, I learned more about Libertarian philosophy and have come to agree with almost 100% of the platform. However, without the drug issue, I never would have been here.

— JIM SULLIVAN, Watertown, Massachusetts

■ I started homeschooling four years ago. Another homeschooler was running for office as a Libertarian, but I did not give it much thought at first. Then I heard about Harry Browne running for president. I wanted to see what he was all about, so I finally went to the LP website and did some research. I was psyched to finally find a political home! I showed my husband what I'd found out — there is a political party that believes what we believe. So, we joined right up.

— DAWN BARRY, Newington, Connecticut

■ If I had to pick one thing out of all the excellent materials that I have read, watched, or listened to, it would have to be the book *Healing Our World*, by Dr. Mary J. Ruwart. Dr. Ruwart has made the book available for everyone to read online at no cost. So I took her up on her offer. When the tears came pouring out of my eyes I knew I had found something. I now accept the 100% Libertarian position. I have since purchased the book, because it's the Libertarian thing to do!

— DON LOVELACE, Basom, New York

■ Unjustified tobacco taxation was the single issue. I knew the Libertarian Party was the only party to defend my minority rights. All my other views were also already aligned with the LP.

— KEITH GARDNER, Alexandria, Virginia

■ Ross Perot's candidacy stimulated me to investigate other parties. All I knew of Libertarians was a caricature — California ex-hippie drug users. To my surprise, they agreed with me on almost every point. Soon afterward I moved back to Pennsylvania, and knew how I would register. My voter card is a standing vote for principle.

— DAVE HINES, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ The main reason I joined the LP was a decision to stop compromising in many areas of my life. I agreed with the libertarian message and positions and wanted a free nation and a free world, so I joined.

— RICH TOMASSO, Nashua, New Hampshire

■ I was born libertarian, but didn't know we had a party. I chose to register Libertarian because libertarian candidates on ballots year

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after year were in professions requiring logic and foresight (math teachers, programmers, engineers, other nerds). My registration prompted a call from [the] regional chair, inviting me to a meeting. They said membership in the LP was a good deal, so I paid my dues. Now when I'm disgusted, I send the LP more money. It feels great.

— SANDRA KALLANDER, Culver City, California

■ I voted Republican in the first two elections in which I was eligible (1976 and 1980). I had hopes that the Reagan administration would institute real reform. By 1984 it was apparent that, despite the fine-sounding rhetoric, Republicans were tweedledum to the Democrats' tweedledee. Since then, I've been proudly voting Libertarian.

— EMILE ARTUS, Grifton, North Carolina

■ The only reason I see to join the LP, and the reason I joined, is to help develop a viable political party advocating libertarian positions.

— MARK NELSON, Davenport, Iowa

■ I rejoined the LP soon after September 11. I've long been skeptical that a political party represents the best mechanism for regaining our liberty. Nonetheless, the rush to relinquish our rights to a "homeland security" illusion prompted me to redeclare myself. Millions of Americans are looking east for their enemy. Since it will not be easy to recapture their attention before we lose everything, any organization with a significant probability of turning heads merits support.

— LAURIE GELB, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey

■ When I was first old enough to vote, I supported Ronald Reagan in the California Presidential Primary in 1976. At the convention that summer, he chose Richard Schweiker, one of the most liberal people in Congress, as his running mate. I joined the LP early the next year.

— MARK W. STROBERG, San Leandro, California

August Question: Is cloning ethical?

In an otherwise witless May 2 op-ed essay in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled "The Fall of Libertarians," Francis Fukuyama provocatively argued that the limitations of libertarian thinking are "becoming increasingly clear" in the area of biotechnology. Fukuyama, who thinks cloning and genetic engineering should be banned, wrote that Libertarians support "the freedom to design their own children genetically." However, he stated, "there are reasons to be skeptical of arguments that say that genetic engineering is just another choice" since such an action is a "risky experiment." Libertarians are wrong, he concludes, "to say that individual freedom should encompass the freedom to redesign those natures on which our very system of rights is based." Is Mr. Fukuyama correct? Do Libertarians really support cloning and genetic engineering? And should they?

■ **QUESTION:** As a Libertarian, do you think cloning is ethical? If not, should the government ban it? And is it ethical to attempt to genetically "improve" children? Or do the risks to the children outweigh the benefits? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** July 8, 2002

July Question: Oddball Candidates?

In a column on WorldNetDaily on March 29, Joel Miller had some blunt advice for the Libertarian Party: By allowing candidates with "quirky beliefs" to run for public office, the party runs the risk of being seen as a "haven for oddballs," he wrote. Miller's column was triggered by a spate of publicity about Gary Copeland, the LP's candidate for governor in California. Copeland, wrote Miller, "is a self-described Druid. He even listed it in the voter's guide. But hyping one's druidity is hardly a good political move. Getting the attention the LP deserves may be difficult, but allowing a guy like Copeland to be the party's public voice . . . is not the attention the party needs." When the party becomes "less known for its values and more for its voodoo, the message is lost," he warned. Is Miller right? Does the party lose credibility with voters by running candidates who are outside the "mainstream" — and who go out of their way to publicize that fact?

■ **QUESTION:** Does the Libertarian Party run too many "oddball" candidates? If so, what can be done to solve the problem? (Please keep your answer to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** June 8, 2002

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ertarian: Free from Oppression" or "Free from Tyranny." I do believe these slogans are self-explanatory.

The form of government we have is overbearing, oppressive, and a tyrant! It needs to be changed.

— WALTER DUANE WHITE
Huttonsville, West Virginia

■ This slogan RULES

It's a couple months late and I'm sure [LP Executive Director] Steve Dabach, the king of puns, has already thought of it and declined to offer it in favor of good taste, but to appeal to the Gen X crowd, how about a party slogan that goes. . .

BEAVIS: "Small Government rules!"

BUTTHEAD: "He said 'small!' " Hee hee hahee . . . Yeah, small . . .

— JASON CONSTANTINO
Aberdeen, Washington

■ More slogans

I've enjoyed reading all the clever (and sometimes silly) slogans my fellow Libertarians have come up with. Here are just a few more:

1. "For a Brave and Beautiful America." 2. "Simple. Fair. Effective." (My favorite.) 3. "The True American Way." 4. "Make Money . . . Not War." 5. "Got Freedom?"

— ROBBIE COTNEY
Atlanta, Georgia

■ Patriotic slogans

I would like to make two suggestions for a new slogan for the LP.

The first is: "Less government. More responsibility." This slogan clearly mentions what we see the key aspect of liberty to be — less government — and also brings out what we want to replace government action — personal responsibility. Without both of these concepts, we will lack credibility with the people.

The second slogan makes the same points as the first but also resonates with patriotic tradition. It is: "Liberty and justice for all."

— PETER J. O'CONNELL
New Haven, Connecticut

■ Viva Costa Rica

Costa Rica has elected more Libertarians to its national government than any other country in the world.

It is easy to predict that Costa Rica will be the first country in the world to elect a Libertarian president.

Viva Costa Rica!

— DAVID CISCO
Columbia, South Carolina

■ The pork champ

In defense of my future pork-barreler, Sen. Robert Byrd [Talking

Points, May 2002], I want to make clear that while he may hold the record in indelibly putting his name on the edifices he helped create in West Virginia, he is lagging on the quantity of stolen federal dollars brought home.

I am currently residing in California, but will soon be departing for the defensible hills of West Virginia.

When I first saw the report on Byrd's thieving efficacy, I pulled up the numbers for both states of my concern.

While Byrd is a champ in some respects, the Ms. Senators from California seem to be doing a better job at repatriating money extorted from America to their own state.

With numbers derived from the 2000 Census, I found that although West Virginia managed to wrest \$6,200+ dollars per capita annually, California booked well over \$6,700 per

Golden State resident.

Hmmmm, maybe the other \$500 went toward renewing the gilt?

— STEVE ALLISON
Ramona, California

■ Israelis v. Palestinians

Regarding "Keep the U.S. out of Middle East fight" [The Issues] in the May 2002 News.

I happen to be pro-Palestinian and I know there are Libertarians who are pro-Israel. Part of the Libertarian philosophy is that we are against foreign aid. That takes care of both the pros and the cons of any given conflict as far as government is concerned. Private aid is another matter.

Presently, Israel receives billions from American taxpayers and Palestinians get millions. That very much affects what's going on and affects the U.S. reputation in the world. We are branded as pro-Israel and it encourages Israeli excesses. Or, we lose friends among the Palestinians and their allies, or the entire situation

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—Christopher Jagge, Libertarian, Texas

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could be reversed. We don't need that.

My good friend Steve Dasbach says the conflict is "centuries old." That's not true. It dates from 1948. Before that, Christians, Muslims, and Jews lived together in relative peace in Palestine.

If a miracle happens and we stop sending all that money to both the Israelis and the Palestinians, then free individuals can send what they can afford to either one. I know there are presently private organizations on both sides that send huge amounts to each.

In my own case, I send \$20 once in awhile to a refugee camp and I imagine there are others who send small amounts to the other side. That's what Libertarianism is all about.

— JEAN L. BAKER
Wheaton, Illinois

■ End aid to Israel

The United States currently sends 3 billion U.S. taxpayer dollars to Israel every year in direct foreign and military aid. We also send billions more to Egypt and Jordan for signing peace treaties with Israel.

Propping up Israel is a major welfare expenditure that shows no end in sight, since Israel has no plan and makes no effort to end its dependence on U.S. taxpayers.

To the contrary, its current policies make it likely that keeping Israel afloat will soon cost even more in foreign and military aid.

As a party dedicated to taxpayer advocacy, why don't you demand that Israel stand on its own? Is it fair that Israel be a major burden on U.S. taxpayers in perpetuity?

— THOMAS HASKIN
Los Angeles, California

■ The War Party?

Having read my April 2002 issue of LP News, especially The Forum and The Mailbox, I feel compelled to express my dismay and concern about the (perceived) direction of the Libertarian Party.

The article by Peter J. O'Connell and letters from (I assume) LP members Sam Borso, Fred Bluestone, and Gilbert Forte seem to indicate that a growing number of putative Libertarians are, in fact, nothing more than neo-cons in disguise.

The letter by Mr. Bluestone especially bothered me. I am a part of the readership, not the leadership, and I will go Mr. Bluestone's suggestion one better: resign from the LP and go back to the War Party where you belong. You obviously do not believe in the principles on which this party was founded.

As for Mr. Forte, to publicly endorse the concept of "surgical bombing strikes" and "dropping supplies to the needy" — those of us who bypass the lapdog U.S. media, and find out what is really going on, know better. You are making us look ignorant or complicit with such foolish statements.

One last time: what are these people doing in the Libertarian Party in the first place? Will the Libertar-

ian Party become known as The Former Party of Principle?

— CARTER MITCHELL
Gurnee, Illinois

■ Read the Statement

I would like to address Libertarians who think we should change our position on drugs.

First of all, take out your LP membership card and read the Statement of Principles. It does NOT state the following: "We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever

manner they choose, so long as we all approve."

Yes, we would attract some new members if we were to abandon our position on legalizing drugs. We would also attract new members if we supported just a small income tax to help the poor and less fortunate. And just think of the members we would attract by supporting a few "commonsense" gun laws. We would eventually acquire the membership numbers we seek.

But we would no longer be Libertarians. We would be Republicans and Democrats. Yes, we are out of the

mainstream on many issues. But our goal is not to join the mainstream, but to become the mainstream by teaching others about the blessings of individual liberty.

And yes, we are extremists. But extremism is, and has always been, the only effective weapon in the war against tyranny. If Thomas Jefferson and George Washington were alive today, I'm sure they would agree.

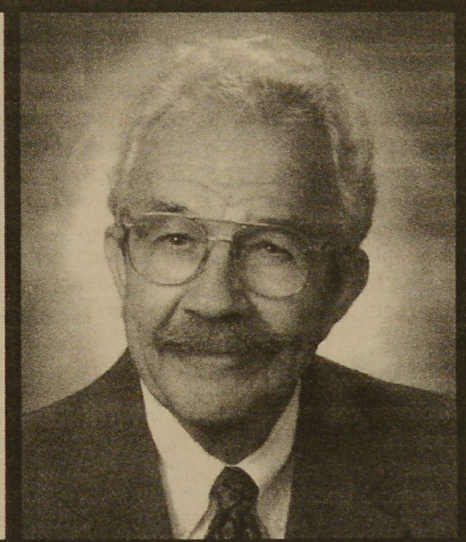
After all, there was no Prohibition in their day. It was unthinkable in a free republic.

— RON CARAVAGGIO
Deerfield Beach, Florida

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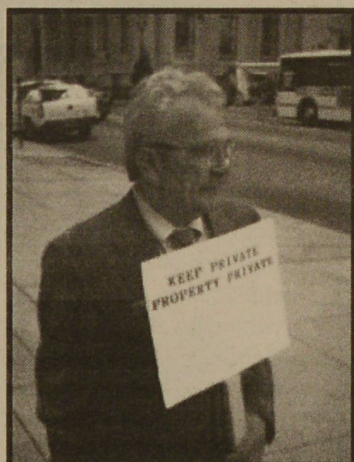
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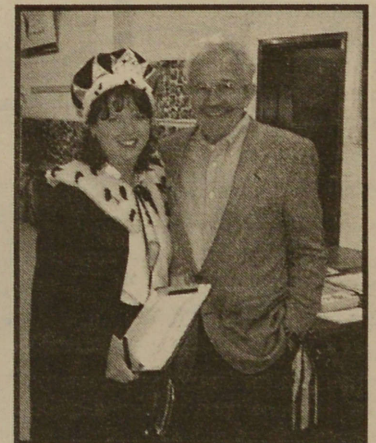
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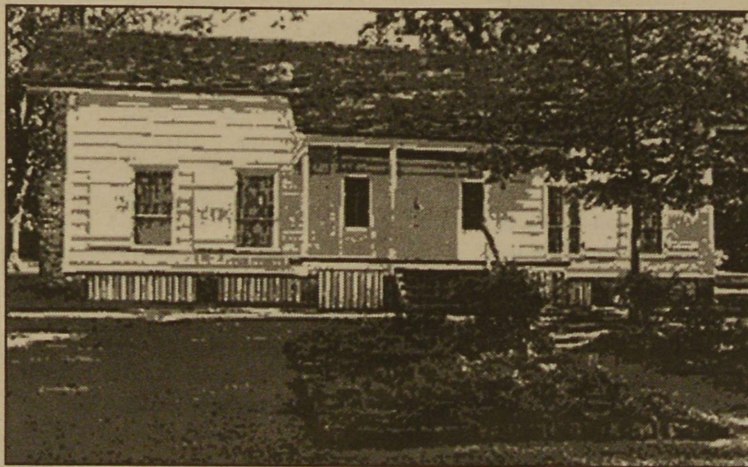
at allowing the government to seize property for any reason, limiting "public use" to the traditional Constitutional definition would sharply curtail eminent domain abuses.

■ Require compensation for regulatory takings.

Politicians have enormous power to regulate what Americans can do with their property. By declaring a puddle of mud a "wetland" or by declaring a species of animals "endangered," politicians can block development of land. By invoking "smart growth" law, politicians can impose density codes that regulate which kinds of buildings can (and cannot) be constructed. By declaring certain areas "historic landmarks," politicians can prohibit landowners from demolishing old buildings or improving a home's exterior.

Politicians can get away with such actions because the judicial branch allows them to. Some courts have held that regulations only become "taking" when all or almost all the economic value of property is lost. In 1922, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes ruled that regulations only become taking when "it goes too far." Under such amorphous restrictions, politicians have gone farther and farther.

However, such regulations come with a high price tag — sometimes affecting entire communities. For example, Randall O'Toole of the Thoreau Institute reported that Portland, Oregon's "smart growth" laws "have changed one of the nation's



most affordable markets for single-family housing in 1989 to one of the least affordable since 1996" by limiting new construction.

Some regulations affect only the owners of a particular piece of land. For example, according to James Bovard, after a 240-acre tract of land in East Rutherford, New Jersey was classified as "wetlands," its value plummeted from \$20 million to \$1 million because of development restrictions. For the owner, \$19 million in value was wiped out by a single regulation.

The solution is clear, argued the Cato Institute: Acknowledge that the right of property entails the right to use it. Without such a right, private property is a meaningless concept. Therefore, "Any action by government that takes any property" — or the right to use that property — "is, by definition, a taking [and requires] compensation for any financial losses

that the owner may suffer as a result," said the *Cato Handbook for Congress*.

Using such guidelines, a regulation that strips lands of 50% of its value would require politicians to compensate the owner for that 50%. Under such a system, the cost of regulations would skyrocket. Regulations would indeed become "a luxury few governments could afford" — and respect for property rights would again become a necessity that few governments could evade.

■ Reform asset forfeiture laws.

Asset forfeiture laws allow police agencies to seize private property if they suspect it has been used to facilitate a crime, or if they believe it was purchased with the proceeds of a crime. No criminal conviction is required, and no court-approved evidence is needed.

Such laws create an almost irre-

sistible incentive for police to raise revenue through seizures. That's why in 1999, almost \$500 million in private property was taken by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. In over 80% of those cases, no one was ever formally charged with a crime.

Consequently, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill) introduced the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000. The bill required the government to show evidence that property was genuinely subject to forfeiture, and to notify individuals within 60 days that their property has been seized.

This bill was a step in the right direction, but more remains to be done. At the very least, the government should require a criminal conviction before any property is seized. If law enforcement can't prove that a crime was committed, they shouldn't be able to punish people by seizing property. Such a reform would limit property forfeitures, and help prevent cops from behaving like robbers.

As James Bovard noted in *Lost Rights*, property rights abuses are not new to Americans. In the early 1700s, the British Parliament banned colonial Americans from cutting down white pine trees, since the Royal Navy used them for ship's masts. The King's agent claimed every white pine for the Crown — even if they grew on private property.

When the colonialists marched in rebellion against the British army in 1775, they carried a flag depicting a pine tree as a symbol of tyranny.

Mass confiscation

"Now, more than two centuries later," wrote Bovard, "mass confiscation has again become fashionable. Politicians and the courts have created an overwhelming presumption in favor of the government's right to seize control over private land; seize possession of private homes, boats, and cars; and even seize the cash in people's wallets."

It's time for Americans to demand more robust protections of property rights — and perhaps to hoist the white pine flag as a symbol of a property rights "castle" that is once again under siege by government.

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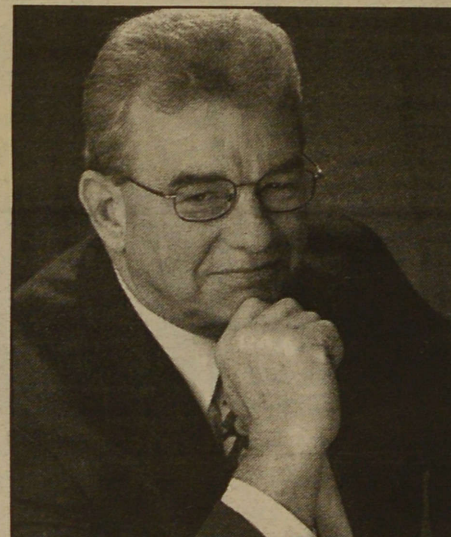
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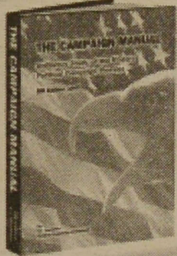
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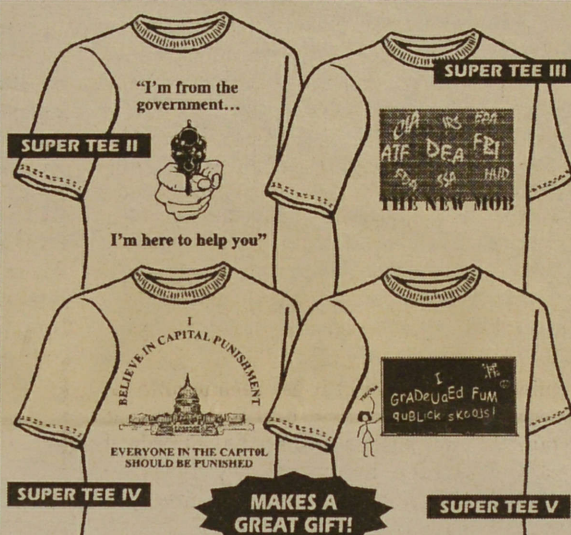
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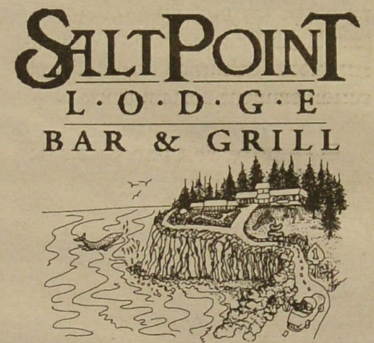
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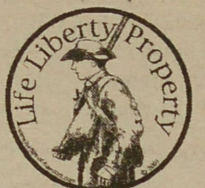
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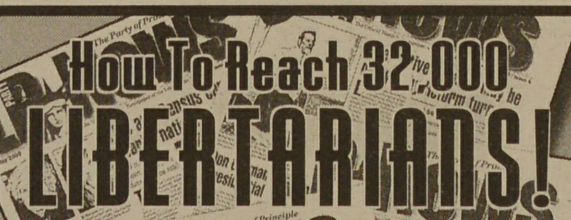
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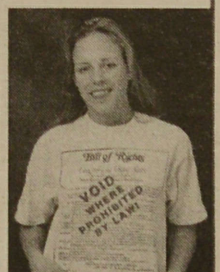
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