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■ Libertarian Fred Collins is sworn in as a new City Council member in Berkley, Michigan, on November 19th. Collins is one of 34 LP members elected to office in November.

## Final tally for Election '97: LP victorious in 34 races

Campaign '97 turned out to be even better news than Libertarians expected, with late election returns pushing the number of winners up to 34 — far and away the most election victories on one day in party history.

Another dozen winners, all from Pennsylvania, trickled in after the polls closed, and were added to the 22 winners reported in the last issue of *LP News*.

In all, Libertarians were elected in eight states: Ohio, Connecticut, Washington, Idaho, Michigan, California, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania.

Since 166 Libertarians had been actively running for office, the flurry of victories meant that the Libertarian Party racked up an unprecedented 20% winning percentage in Election '97 — with one out of every five LP candidates winning office.

Libertarians won four City

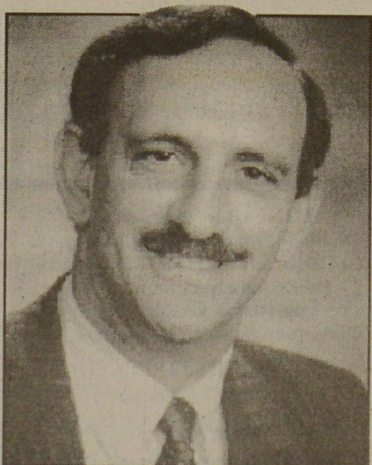
Council seats around the country, as well as a position on a Zoning Board, as a Township Trustee, and on a town Board of Supervisors.

With the final numbers in, LP National director Ron Crick-

enberger said that 1997 was definitely a banner year for Libertarian campaigns.

"We ran a record number of candidates for an off-year election," he noted. "We have gone

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■ **RICHARD RIDER:** The offer "was interesting because of the absurdity of it."

## \$100k? No thanks!

California Libertarian rejects "bribe"

A California Libertarian activist has turned down \$100,000 in "hush money" to end his opposition to a tax-financed convention center in San Diego — and vows to keep fighting to put the \$214 million project up for a public vote.

Richard Rider, described by newspapers as the "Most Feared

Man in Town" when it comes to opposing government spending, was offered a cool hundred K in cash in early November if he would agree to 60 days of silence on the proposed convention center expansion.

The offer was made by the San Diego Port Tenants Association, which supports the center.

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## 'Archimedes' is launched by LP

Biggest membership recruitment drive in party history starts test mailings

The Libertarian Party has launched phase one of "Project Archimedes" — its ambitious plan to recruit enough members to become competitive with the Republicans and Democrats.

The party mailed more than 120,000 pieces of membership recruitment mail in late November, the first batch of what party leaders hope will eventually be a 24 million-piece tidal wave of direct-mail marketing.

The theory behind Project Archimedes: That millions of Americans hold Libertarian beliefs — and the party can use high-tech demographic profiling to find them and convince them to become contributing members of the party.

"Numerous national polls indicate that there are 50 million people who already hold essentially libertarian views," said LP National Chairman Steve Dabach. "In addition, many other polls indicate a large public de-

mand for a new party.

"Therefore, we will concentrate our recruitment efforts on people who have both of these characteristics: They already agree with most of our positions, and they are disgusted with the Democrats and Republicans and want an alternative."

### 11 different groups

The first wave of test mailings went to 11 different mailing lists of people who match key Libertarian demographic profiles — such as small-business owners, gun owners, subscribers to *Wired* magazine, and registered Libertarian voters.

The party will monitor which lists perform best, and chart what common demographic trends emerge from those people who respond. Then, another wave of test mailings will go out based on the new knowledge.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

**B**esides the record-setting 34 election wins, Campaign '97 also produced considerable good news for Libertarians. Here's a sampling of election highlights:

■ The LP didn't go head-to-head with Ross Perot's **Reform Party** this year — but did generate more votes in comparable races, according to Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News*. In Virginia State Representative races, LP candidates won 13.82% of the vote (on average), while Reform candidates won 13.52%. And in New Jersey State Assembly races, Libertarians won an average of 3.94%, compared to 3.34% for the Reform Party.

■ The Libertarian Party also walloped all other third parties when it came to election wins in November. According to *Ballot Access News*, both the **Green Party** and the leftist **New Party** won three elections — compared to 34 for the Libertarian Party.

■ He decided to run only a few days before the filing deadline, and had the support of a local LP affiliate that had only existed for only a few weeks. But **Bill Bradley** won an eye-opening 41% of the vote for mayor of South Haven, Michigan, running against the incumbent. He blamed his loss on a "low-budget, low-profile" campaign — but "next time I'll know better," he said.

■ **Murray Sabrin** wasn't elected governor of New Jersey — but he did get an official state security detail after Governor Christie Todd Whitman sent a two-man police squad to guard him on election night. Why? Because it's a tradition in New Jersey for the incumbent governor to send a state police detail to the headquarters of any challengers who may win and become governor-elect. "This is an unprecedented sign of respect," said Sabrin Campaign Chair Hal Turner. "More than anything else, it shows that Murray was a viable candidate."

■ The **Murray Sabrin** campaign also generated a boom in media for the LP. Because of the high-profile nature of the race — and because Sabrin was considered a potential spoiler — he earned coverage in numerous national publications, such as the *New York Times*, *Time* magazine, and *USA Today*. The result: According to the Libertarian Party's clipping service, the party was mentioned in publications with a combined circulation of 52,000,000 in November — an all-time high.

■ After 26 years, Idaho has finally been added to the list of states where Libertarians have been elected to public office. **Ron Wittig** was victorious in his campaign for New Meadows City Council, winning with a "low-budget campaign [that relied] on word-of-mouth and knocking on doors," said State Chair Chris Struble.

■ In New Jersey, **Dr. Janice Presser** was one of only a handful of LP candidates to win an endorsement from a major daily newspaper. Presser, running for 8th District State Assembly, was endorsed by the *Cherry Hill Courier-Post*, which wrote: "Presser is informed, motivated, and full of ideas . . . We need more [candidates] like Presser."

■ The five LP candidates in Guilford, Connecticut, didn't win any elections — but they did earn an average of 17% of the vote for their efforts. "I'm very satisfied with our performance when you consider that we organized the party 11 months ago," said **Hugh Baird**, chairman of the Guilford LP.

■ And the party's momentum from Election '97 seems to have spilled over into the first special election after November 4th. On November 9th, LP candidate **Mary Anderson** won an impressive 23% of the vote against an incumbent for the Richland County Council, District 10, in South Carolina.

## Final 1997 results: 34 Libertarian wins

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from 171 Libertarians in 33 states holding public office to 235 in 38 states — a 37% increase."

With the dozen new victories, Pennsylvania confirmed its status as the LP's top election success story of 1997.

"No previous election has ever elected this many Libertarians [in one state] in the entire country," noted Pennsylvania LP State Chair Tim Moir.

Added to the winner's circle in Pennsylvania were:

■ Peter Bonczewski, Judge Of Elections, Wilkes-Barre 6-14-6 Luzerne County.

■ George H. Brusstar VII, Inspector Of Elections, Upper Merion Montgomery County.

■ Arlan C. Diefenderfer, In-

spector Of Elections, Richland Upper Bucks County.

■ Berlie Etzel, Tax Assessor, Ashland Township Clarion County.

■ Vernon Etzel, School Director, Keystone School District Clarion County.

■ William Johnson, Inspector Of Elections, Dallas Township 5-South Luzerne County.

■ Wayne Mickletz, Inspector Of Elections, Douglass District 4 Montgomery County.

■ Rich Piotrowski, Inspector Of Elections, Richland Lower Bucks County.

■ Michael Speranza, Judge Of Elections, Warminster District 6 Bucks County.

■ Elizabeth C. Summers, Judge Of Elections, Wilkes-Barre



■ **Pennsylvania State Chair Tim Moir:** Won office as Inspector of Elections

6-1-6 Luzerne County.

■ Zelda Swartz, Inspector Of Elections, Norristown District Montgomery County.

■ Dave Walter, Auditor, Chester County.

**Editor's Note:** For final Election '97 votes and percentages for LP candidates from around the country, see pages 6 and 7.

## PA's secret: Decentralization

By Tim Moir

*Pennsylvania LP State Chair*

**I**n 1997, 25 Libertarians were elected in Pennsylvania. No previous election has ever elected this many Libertarian victories in the entire country. Why was Pennsylvania so successful in electing Libertarians to office? What did we learn in the process to have more victories in the future?

Decentralization was the key for us. We had 55 candidates on the ballot in Pennsylvania along with eight write-in campaigns, for a total of 63 candidates. We had winners in 12 different counties. Someone from out-of-state asked me how I was able to keep track of all these campaigns. I told him I wasn't. I couldn't. My involvement was limited to campaigns where I lived. All the campaigns were organized and funded by local groups.

I could not plan where our victories were going to come from. Mark Wicks won as Township Supervisor in Upper Tulpehocken Berks County by getting more votes than his Republican and Democratic opponents combined. Very few Libertarians have beaten two major-party candidates without cross-filing or running non-partisan. Before the election, I only knew Mark as one of our 55 candidates. I never counted him among our prospective winners. Mark and his local supporters did all the work.

I only expected us to win

### \*\*\*\*\* ELECTION '97 What We Learned

about 10 races. Twenty-four hours after the polls closed I only knew of 14 victories. In some cases I didn't even know local groups had Libertarian candidates on the ballot until they wrote to tell me they had won. I didn't learn of our 25th winner until December and wouldn't be surprised to learn of more.

#### Inspired to recruit

When a Libertarian steps forward to become a candidate, other Libertarians follow suit. When one county committee declares they are running 13 can-

didates, other county committees are inspired to recruit their own slate of candidates. It is the local candidates and the county committees who must find and groom new candidates, not the state board.

We plan to continue the momentum in Pennsylvania into 1998. We need 75 to 80 candidates for State House to gather enough petition signatures to get on the ballot statewide. My job is to empower the local groups to field candidates, to lead by example and foster friendly competition between the various county committees. Decentralization, not central planning, will build our army of candidates and winners in 1998.

**Editor's note:** Tim Moir was one of three Pennsylvania Libertarians on the ballot in 1993 and one of 55 in 1997. He won both races.

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## A 'magical' visit to LPHQ

Libertarian Party member Penn Jillette (l) — shown here shaking hands with LP National Director Ron Crickenberger — stopped by party headquarters in Washington, DC, for a visit on October 31st.

Jillette, the taller and more vocal half of the magical comedy team of Penn & Teller, was in town to promote their new book, *How to Play in Traffic*, and to perform at the Patriot Center in Virginia.

"Penn & Teller's book is a real hoot to read," said Crickenberger. "And, surprisingly for a magic book, there's quite a lot of libertarian rhetoric. Along with a generally irreverent attitude toward government, they call for private road ownership, privatizing NASA, and stopping terrorism with freedom."

Crickenberger, who attended the duo's show later that evening, speculated that Penn's visit to party headquarters might have "energized" the magician.

"They certainly had more political lines in their show than I had seen them use before," said Crickenberger.

Penn & Teller are probably America's best known magic team. They have appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, the *Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, the *Late Show* with David Letterman, and on Broadway. Their articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Time* magazine, *Playboy*, and the *New Yorker*.

## Richard Rider: No thanks to \$100k

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Rider said he was asked to agree not to comment publicly about the convention center for 60 days; not to sue to block the latest financing deal between the city and the port; and not to take part in any anti-convention center referendum drive.

"Essentially, they wanted me to drop all opposition to the convention center deal," he said.

### No way in the world

But Rider declared that there was "no way in the world" he would take the money.

"It was a rather interesting offer," he said. "It was interesting because of the absurdity."

A local newspaper columnist did the math, and figured out

that "the daily rate for Rider's silence is \$1,666."

The story of the "\$100,000 bribe" generated headlines about Rider in all the local newspapers — even though the offer was not, strictly speaking, illegal.

"I don't think there's anything illegal about it," Rider said. "Apparently, since I'm not a public official, [offering money] is quite legal."

Legal or not, the controversy confirmed Rider's stature as a man with veto power over government projects.

"When this Libertarian activist scowls, San Diego's power brokers are so shaken you can pick up the tremors on the Richter scale," wrote Peter Rowe in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

# Ohio Libertarians protest Clinton's phony Town Hall

When Bill Clinton decided to go to Akron, Ohio, for a "Town Hall" meeting about racial issue on December 3rd, the state Libertarians decided to greet him with a few facts the President would rather forget.

"The worst practitioner of racial discrimination is the federal government," charged Jim Babka, the Chairman of the Summit/Portage Libertarian Party (S/PLP) in a public statement just before Clinton arrived. "The government practices racial discrimination in hiring, awarding contracts, extending educational handouts — and it forces others to do the same."

And when Clinton held his televised meeting — with a carefully hand-picked audience — Libertarians were waiting outside to protest, and to point out to the media that Clinton's so-called racial dialogue was a "well-choreographed decoy."

### Media appearances

In all, the party's efforts, which included a press conference, five press releases, and the rally, generated numerous media appearances, said Chet Sutherland, Vice Chair of the S/PLP.

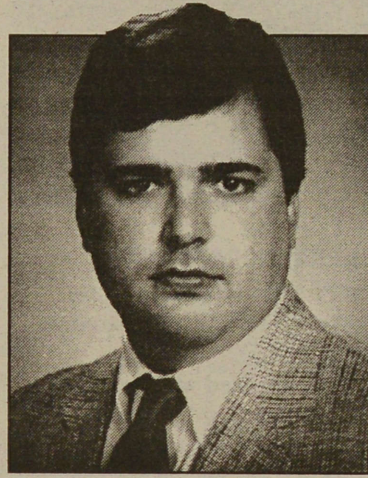
"The coverage of the event, typically, centered around breathless coverage of President Clinton and his staged event," he said — but also included more than a dozen mentions of the LP's efforts on radio and television and in local newspapers.

Rider opposes the tax-funded convention center, and has a lawsuit currently under review by the California Supreme Court to stop its construction.

### Residents to vote

He has also threatened to support a referendum to allow city residents to vote on the bonds the city wants to issue to pay for the controversial construction project.

Rider is perhaps best known for his successful 1988 lawsuit against San Diego County, which overturned a \$1.5 billion sales tax. He also spearheaded the fight against a proposed \$66 million bond deal to enlarge the local professional football team's stadium in San Diego.



■ CHET SUTHERLAND: "This effort did generate interest in the Libertarian Party."

"This effort did generate interest in the Libertarian Party," said Sutherland. "[We're] already reaping the benefits of increased attention."

But the S/PLP's goal was not just publicity; it was also to point out the hypocrisy of the federal government when it comes to

racial harmony.

"Instead of working to end racism, Clinton and his administration, through their orchestrated national town meetings, will only further divide this nation on racial grounds," said Babka.

As evidence, Babka pointed out numerous racially divisive government policies, including the fact that Census forms require Americans to declare their race. "This reeks of the apartheid practices that South Africa was infamous for," he said.

The S/PLP also pointed out that Libertarians had the solution to many of the nation's racial difficulties — a greater respect for individual rights.

"Social tolerance is the key to solving our nation's race relations challenges," said Babka. "Individual rights should not be denied, abridged, or enhanced by the laws — at any level of government."

## Two NJ Libertarians win false arrest case

### JOHN PAFF:

*"I wish there was a way to hold public officials accountable."*

On April 15th, 1996, Libertarian Party activists John Paff and Timothy Konek were arrested for the "crime" of passing out anti-tax literature on Post Office property in East Brunswick, New Jersey, during a Tax Day rally.

But on November 10th, they got their revenge: A federal judge ordered the town to pay the Libertarians \$29,882 in legal fees for their federal civil rights lawsuit against township officials.

"I'm glad the judge ruled in our favor, but I'm sorry that the taxpayers have to pay," said Paff, the chairman of the Libertarian Party of Somerset & Middlesex Counties. "I wish there was a way to hold public officials personally responsible for the harm they cause."

### It's not their money

"What do they care if they step on somebody's rights?" he asked. "It's not their money on the line. They can rely on the taxpayers to foot the bill."

Paff and Konek had been arrested outside the Cranbury Road post office on April 15 for

handing out mock million-dollar bills as part of the annual nationwide anti-tax protest by the Libertarian Party.

They were charged with "defiant trespass," and jailed for six hours until they each raised \$5,000 cash bail — despite the fact that the courts have held that political protests on Post Office property are not a crime, as long as it doesn't interfere with customers.

After four court appearances, the town prosecutor conceded that the state didn't have a case and dismissed the charges.

Paff and Konek filed suit against the town in federal court earlier this year.





### NC Freedom Fest launches LP groups, campaigns

Jo Jorgensen, the LP's 1996 Vice Presidential candidate, was the featured speaker at the "Freedom Fest," sponsored by the LP of North Carolina on October 25th.

More than 75 Libertarian activists gathered at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory to officially organize LP groups in 11 counties, said Candi Copas, the Libertarian National Committee Representative (Region 4). Attendees also were exhorted by Jorgensen to "run for office" — and several announced their candidacies for races in 1998 and 2000.

"Seeing the turn-out here, and the enthusiasm expressed, makes me realize how close we are to getting Libertarians elected to local offices across the state," said Copas.

## Florida wins ballot access victory

The LP of Florida has won a valuable ally in its fight for fairer ballot access laws: The state's Constitution Revision Commission.

On December 12th, the Commission approved, 28-0, a proposal to guarantee that ballot access for a minor party or independent candidate would be no more difficult than for "major party" candidates.

"The unanimous vote is a major triumph for grassroots political action and the democratic process," said LP State Chair Nick Dunbar.

### Stifled competition

"If approved by the voters, this amendment would eliminate Florida's discriminatory ballot access laws and harsh petitioning requirements, which have stifled political competition in the past," he said.

Proposal 79 will now go to

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political action."**

the CRC's Style and Drafting Committee, where the exact wording may be fine-tuned. Then, the proposal may appear as a referendum question on the November 1998 ballot for final approval by the voters.

Ballot access reform was just one of the 20 proposals presented to the CRC by the Commission by the Constitution Liberty Coalition, an alliance spearheaded by the Florida LP.

Libertarians attended all 12 CRC meetings around the state in July, August, and September

to urge "protection of political participation rights for all citizens," regardless of political affiliation.

"Libertarians from all over the state — as well as people from other parties and groups, such as Common Cause — showed up at the hearings to recite the facts and figures on how Florida's restrictive laws have closed the political process and deprived voters of political choice," said Dunbar. "We came well-prepared, and it is a great credit to the CRC that they were willing to listen and had the courage to advocate this measure."

Florida's ballot access laws have been described by experts as the worst in the nation. Under current law, a new party has to gather over 240,000 signatures just to appear on the ballot for a statewide race — a hurdle that has never been overcome since the laws were passed in 1931.

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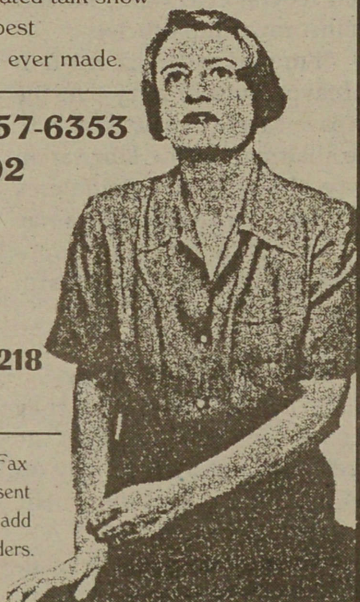
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## Project Archimedes LIBERTARIAN PARTY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PLAN

## LP starts Project Archimedes tests

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ings, the party matched its current membership list against a compiled database containing more than 70 million direct-mail-responding names, said Dasbach.

"From that, we learned the demographic and psychographic profile of our membership. This profile served as a guide for the selection of 56 direct-mail lists," he explained.

The next step will be to mail to more of those 56 lists, constantly refining the selection process — until mailings are going only to the most-likely-to-join prospects.

### Preliminary results

The party hopes to have preliminary results from the testing phase of the Archimedes Project by January, said Dasbach.

The first wave of tests is being financed by \$250,000 the party raised from major donors. The complete 24-million-piece roll-out could cost \$2 million to \$3 million, said Dasbach.

"If the testing goes well, we'll spend the first several months of 1998 raising the \$2 million Capital Fund for the full-scale mail-

### 'Test' Subjects

The first "Project Archimedes" mailings went to:

- 5,000 people similar (demographically) to current LP members
- 10,000 investors
- 10,000 computer owners who respond to direct mail
- 10,000 small-business owners
- 10,000 non-Libertarian political contributors
- 10,000 people who work at home
- 10,000 gun-owners
- 10,000 National Review subscribers
- 10,000 Wired subscribers
- 10,000 subscribers to Adrian Day's investment newsletter.
- 25,280 registered Libertarian voters.

ings to go out later that year," he said. "And if all goes as planned, we'll see dramatic growth for the LP by the first months of 1999."

Dasbach cautioned party members that while Project Archimedes is based on proven direct-mail and demographic

technology, it is still an experiment — and its success is by no means guaranteed.

"Are we sure this will work? Not yet," he said. "That's why we are doing extensive testing."

If the project is successful, the party could recruit as many as 200,000 contributing supporters — which means "we'll have the grassroots and financial strength to duplicate, at the presidential campaign level, what Ross Perot did in 1992," said Dasbach.

The project is named "Archimedes" for his quote: "Give me a lever long enough and I shall move the earth."

"Why Archimedes? Because we believe that we can leverage an investment of \$2 to \$3 million into a Libertarian Party that's big enough to be competitive with the Democrats and Republicans. That's a pretty long lever," said Dasbach.

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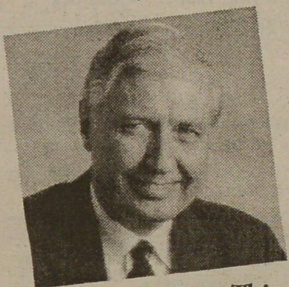
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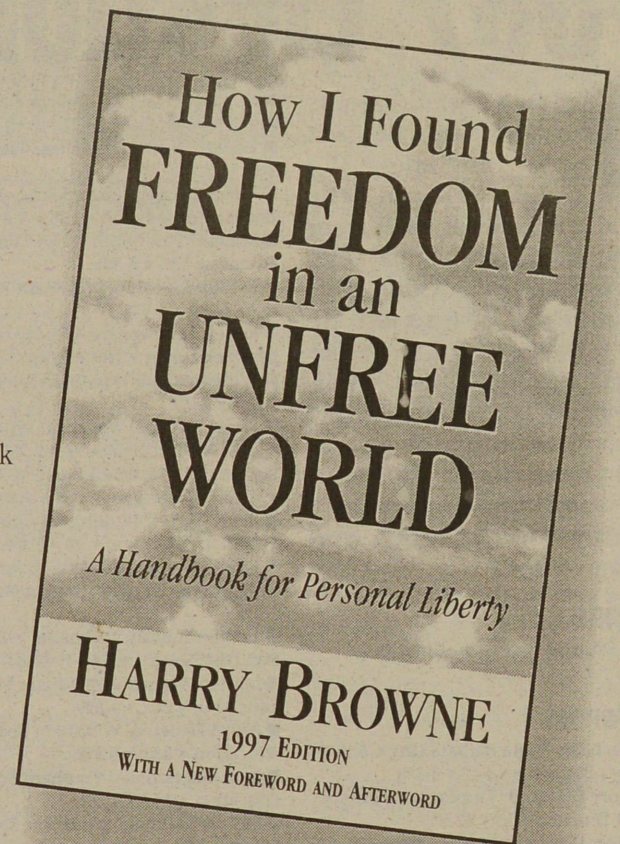
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# 1997 Election Results

**H**ere are the election results from Campaign '97. Each listing includes the candidate's name; the race; the number of votes won; and percentage of the total vote. An asterisk (\*) or missing information means that results are not yet available. For races that occurred before November 4th, an election date is given. "N/P" is Non-Partisan. For some races, other relevant information is included (partisan, primary, etc.) The names of Libertarian winners are in **bold**.

## Arizona

■ Dan Dougherty: Tucson City Council, Ward 6 • 4,454 • 5.6%

## California

■ Aaron Gray: Santa Barbara City Council, Santa Barbara • 1,547 • 3.3%  
 ■ Gregory Gandrud: Carpinteria Sanitary District Director: 652 • 22.7%  
 ■ Anthony Santangelo: Carpinteria Sanitary District Director • 429 • 14.9%  
 ■ **Mark Dierolf**: Harnell College Board • 605 • 48.2% • (Winner) • (Incumbent)

## Connecticut

■ **John Joy**: Oxford Zoning Board of Appeals • (Uncontested, Winner)  
 ■ John Joy: Oxford Board of Assessment Appeals • 159 • 5.8%  
 ■ Carl Vassar: Trumbull Town Council • September • 30 • 1.0% • (N/P Primary, 5-way race)  
 ■ Hugh Baird: Guilford First Selectman • 758 • 13.8%  
 ■ Richard Greene: Guilford School Board • 1,159 • 21.1%  
 ■ Ron Johnson: Guilford School Board • 1,117 • 20.4%  
 ■ Frank Lowe: Guilford Selectman • 691 • 12.6%  
 ■ Ann Morse: Guilford Board of Finance • 1,012 • 18.5%

■ Douglas Tolles: Bethlehem First Selectman • 171 • 10.8%  
 ■ George Eggert: Bethlehem Selectman • 205 • 12.9%  
 ■ Richard Green: Oxford School Board & Zoning Commission • 168 • 5.4%  
 ■ Michael Puschaver: Oxford Board of Finance • 195 • 6.3%  
 ■ Kenneth Mosher: Windham First Selectman • 233 • 5.5%  
 ■ Robert Langworthy: Windham Svc. Dist. Selectmen • 109 • 3.5%  
 ■ William Rood: Windham Selectmen • 222 • 7.2%  
 ■ David Abrams: Windham Willimantic Svc. Dist. Selectmen • 98 • 2.3%  
 ■ David Lambert: Windham Willimantic Svc. Dist. Selectmen • 111 • 2.6%  
 ■ Roger Morin: Windham Willimantic Svc. Dist. Selectmen • 99 • 2.4%  
 ■ Joseph Santa Lucia: Windham Willimantic Svc. Dist. Selectmen • 185 • 4.4%  
 ■ George Yonclas: Windham Willimantic Svc. Dist. Selectmen • 93 • 2.2%  
 ■ Marvin Edelman: Windham Board of Education • 202 • 4.8%  
 ■ Angel Figueroa: Windham Board of Education • 231 • 5.5%  
 ■ Joan Goetschius: Windham Board of Education • 167 • 4.0%  
 ■ Steven Edelman: Windham Board of Finance • 253 • 6.0%  
 ■ Theodore Misak: Windham Board of Finance • 255 • 6.1%  
 ■ Royer Ralumiere: Windham Board of Finance • 235 • 5.6%  
 ■ Ronald Ricard: Windham Assessment Appeals • 253 • 6.0%  
 ■ Roger LeClair: Windham Assessment Appeals • 287 • 6.8%  
 ■ Elizabeth Smith: Windham Assessment Appeals • 268 • 6.4%  
 ■ David Gauthier: Windham Zoning Appeals Nov • 242 • 5.7%  
 ■ Carlton Harris: Windham Zoning Appeals • 283 • 6.7%  
 ■ Joseph Baran: Windham Zoning Appeals • 260 • 6.2%  
 ■ Roger Lalumiere: Windham Zoning Appeals Vacancy • 235 • 5.6%  
 ■ Jon Day: Windham Zoning Appeals Alternate • 255 • 6.1%

## Florida

■ Michael J. Benjamin: Mayor of Hialeah • 1,880 • 2.0% • (3rd Place of 4)

## Georgia

■ Jim Stachowiak: Grovetown City Council • 39 • 3.3%

## Iowa

■ Roger Fritz: Roland City Council • 107 • 21.2% • (3rd Place of 4)

## Idaho

■ **Ron Wittig**: New Meadows City Council • (Winner) • 80 • 30.3%

## Illinois

■ Steve Givot: School Board, Unit 220 • 1,958  
 ■ Jim Young: School Board, Unit 300

## Massachusetts

■ **Ronald Jepson**: Saugus Council • (Winner)  
 ■ Rich Eramian: Lynn Councillor-at-Large • 1,747 • (8th Place)  
 ■ Allen Herbert: Cambridge City Council • 66 • \* • \* • (Write In)

## Michigan

■ Scott Boman: Detroit City Council • September • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ **Fred Collins**: Berkley City Council • (Winner) • 2,072 • 20.2%  
 ■ Boyd Stitt: Ann Arbor City Council, Ward 3 • 51 • 2.0% • (Partisan)  
 ■ Dan Marsh: Grand Rapids City Commission, Ward 3 • September • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ Bill Carver: Roseville City Council • September • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ Michael J. Enright: Ann Arbor City Council, Ward 4 • 76 • 3.0% • (Partisan)  
 ■ William H. Bradley: South Haven Mayor • 42.0% • (Non Partisan)

## Minnesota

■ Bob Odden: Minneapolis City Council, Ward 9 • 2,442 • 32.7%  
 ■ Sam Huston: Minneapolis City Council, Ward 2 • 813 • 19.0%



## A double winner

Campaign '97 winner Ron Wittig (r) is presented with the "Thomas Paine Award" by Chris Struble, the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Idaho. Wittig's accomplishment: Being the first Libertarian elected to public office in the state. Wittig was elected to the New Meadows City Council on November 4th, 1997.

## Missouri

■ Richard Singer: State Rep., Distict 72 • August 19th • 26 • 1.4% • (Special Election)  
 ■ Mike Pranka: State Rep., Distict 64 Aug 19th • 47 • 3.2% • (Special Election)  
 ■ Paul Soyk: State Senate, Distict 12 • (Special Election)

## North Carolina

■ Ray Ubinger: Durham City Council • October • 392 • 0.9% • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ Ann Cizek: Wilmington City Council, At Large • October • 1,027 • 4.0% • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ Robert Koch: Greensboro City Council At Large • 4,303 • 5.6%  
 ■ Michael Ruff: Greenville City Council, At Large • 54 • 10.6%  
 ■ Matt Libby: Durham, Mayor • October • 147 • 0.9% • N/P Primary

## New Jersey

■ Murray Sabrin: Governor • 113,861 • 4.7%  
 ■ Janice Presser: Assembly, Distict 8 • 2,380 • 1.9%  
 ■ Bob Mondgock: State Senate, Distict 30 • 1,921 • 3.7%  
 ■ Dino Toro: Millville Township Committee • 416 • 48.0%  
 ■ Ed Argood: Woodbury Heights Freeholder  
 ■ Karl Klepac: Gloucester County Freeholder  
 ■ Tom Abrams: Princeton Township Freeholder  
 ■ Don Jamison: Boro Council  
 ■ Jeff Polacheck: Assembly, Distict 24 • 4,123 • 3.8%  
 ■ Betty Florentine: Assembly, Distict 10 • 1,374 • 1.0%  
 ■ Chris Kawa: Assembly, Distict 10 • 1,308 • 1.0%  
 ■ Steve Nagle: State Senate, Distict 10 • 1,370 • 2.0%  
 ■ Jeff Pleiffer: Jackson Freeholder  
 ■ Darrin Young: New Providence Freeholder  
 ■ Tom Fischetti: Assembly, Distict 39 • 665 • 0.5%

## New York

■ Vince O'Neil: Nassau County Executive • 6,128 • 2.0% • (On the ballot as "Libertarian" and "Right to Life")  
 ■ Richard Cooper: Nassau County Comptroller • 1,652 • 0.6%  
 ■ James Harris: Nassau County Clerk • 1,382 • 0.5%  
 ■ Stephen Edmondson: Nassau County Legislator, Distict 5 • 417 • 2.4%  
 ■ Dan Conti: Nassau County District Attorney • 1,916 • 0.7%  
 ■ Dave Harnett: Dutchess Town Council • 37 • 3.0%

■ Rebecca Turmo-Wilber: Woodstock Town Council • 1,085 • 21.9% • (Incumbent)

## Ohio

■ Tom Berkebile: Toledo City Council • September • 3.0% • (4th of 5) (N/P Primary)  
 ■ **Richard Shelter**: Bethlehem Township Trustee • (Winner) • 909 • 31.7% • (Incumbent)  
 ■ **Bob DeBrosse**: Piqua City Council • (Winner) • (Incumbent)  
 ■ Dave Domanski: Mayor of Toledo • September • 5.0% • (4th of 5) • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ Don Jaynes: Toledo City Council • 12.0% • September • (2nd Place) • (N/P Primary)  
 ■ Thad Wineinger: Toledo City Council at Large • September • 10% • (N/P Primary)

## Pennsylvania

■ Arthur Farnsworth: Inspector of Elections, Buck Co. West Rockhill Twshp., Argus Distict • (3rd Place)  
 ■ **Katherine Collins**: School Director, Coatesville • (Winner)  
 ■ Joseph Lisowski: School Director, Coatesville  
 ■ Thomas McGrady Jr.: Township Supervisor, West Bradford  
 ■ Bart Smith: Inspector of Elections, Ridley Township Ward 6, Precinct 1  
 ■ Brandon Santiago: Mayor, Lancaster  
 ■ Mark Messics: Township Supervisor, Upper Macungie  
 ■ Ken Krawchuk: Commissioner, Abington Township Ward 4 • 10.0%  
 ■ Nancy Walter: Commissioner, Abington Township, Ward 6 • 8.0%  
 ■ Richard Greene: Judge of Elections, Abington Township 6-1  
 ■ Dan Dougherty: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 1-3  
 ■ Roberta Krawchuk: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 4-2 • (Third Place)  
 ■ **Stephanie Heckman**: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 6-2 • (Winner)  
 ■ **Dianna Reiser**: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 7-2 • (Winner)  
 ■ John Donovan: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 6-1

# The key: Issues & hard work

By Barbara Goushaw

Libertarian Campaign Managers Assoc.

**R**unning Fred Collins for City Council taught me, first, that a Libertarian can win. Our positions on the issues can and do resonate with the voters, if we select the issues carefully and focus on what is important to the district, not on what we think *should* be important to them.

Community involvement prior to running is also important. Fred had been active in the community for a long time, and while it was commonly known (at least to the politically active) that he was a Libertarian, he had a reputation as a "good guy" so this was not seen as a negative. Certainly, lower-level non-partisan races are easier, as folks are still mired in the "two-party" system.

Finally, you have to put forth

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## What We Learned

maximum effort. Fred doorbelled every single household in the city (6,700 homes), plus we did two full citywide literature drops, a letter targeted to the absent voters, a reminder postcard, lawn signs, and a print advertisement.

Campaigns are won by having a strong organization, a well planned strategy, enough money to fund the tactics that evolve from the strategy, and a committed team of volunteers. The Jon Coon races provided the experience needed to create the strategy. Funding and volunteers came from those who had contributed to or worked on Jon's

campaigns, as well. Thus, we went into Fred's campaign knowing that we had what we needed to win.

That's perhaps the most important lesson. Keep track of your contributors and volunteers after each campaign so that you don't need to recreate your support base every time. And treat those people like the golden resource that they are.

**Editor's note:** Barbara Goushaw was the campaign manager for Jon Coon for U.S. Senate (1994), Jon Coon for State Representative (1996), and the victorious Fred Collins for Berkley (Michigan) City Council in (1997).

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■ **Larry Goulart**: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 11-2 • (Winner)  
 ■ **Daniel Kujala**: Inspector of Elections, Abington Township 15-1  
 ■ **Obie Mild**: Inspector of Elections, Norristown District 2-2 • (Winner) • (Unopposed)  
 ■ **Christopher Zapala**: Inspector of Elections, Norristown District 3-1 • (Winner) • (Unopposed)  
 ■ **Zelda Swartz**: Inspector of Elections, Norristown District • (Winner)  
 ■ **George Brusstar**: Inspector of Elections, Upper Merion • (Winner)  
 ■ **Leon Williams**: District Attorney, Philadelphia • 27,551 • 14.1%  
 ■ **John Famularo**: City Controller, Philadelphia • 6,998 • 4.0%  
 ■ **Steven Gilber**: Judge Of Traffic Court, Philadelphia • 11,089 • 5.8%  
 ■ **Joseph McCarthy**: Judge of Traffic Court, Philadelphia • 10,020 • 6.9%  
 ■ **Joseph Sabatina**: Judge of Elections, 53rd Ward 18th Division  
 ■ **Dan Sarandrea**: Judge of Elections, 56th Ward 31st Division • (Winner) • (Second Place)  
 ■ **Tim Moir**: Inspector of Elections, 5th Ward 14th Division • (Winner) • (Second Place)  
 ■ **Phil Janusz**: Inspector of Elections, 12th Ward 14 Division • (Winner) • (Second Place)  
 ■ **Bobbie Barnhart**: Coroner, York County • 2,644 • 4.6%  
 ■ **Brian Barnhart**: Jury Commissioner, York County • 2,400 • 4.3%  
 ■ **Richard Wileczek**: Controller, York County • 3,772 • 8.3%  
 ■ **Jason Fritchlee**: Mayor, York City • 109 • 1.9%  
 ■ **Michael Baldwin**: Recorder of Deeds,

York County • 3,972 • 8.9%  
 ■ **Chad Lucabaugh**: Constable, Conewago Township • (Winner) • 118 • (Unopposed)  
 ■ **Barry Carnahan**: Constable, Polk Township • (Winner) • 45 • 57.7%  
 ■ **Karl Spangler**: Council, Dover Borough • 80 • 32.1%  
 ■ **Michael Nixon**: Council, Dover Borough • 108 • 14.4%  
 ■ **Warren Conrad**: Council, Red Lion Borough • 53 • 1.4%  
 ■ **David Rovka**: School Director, Suburban School • 447 • 2.8%  
 ■ **Michael Zigler**: School Director, Red Lion School • 155 • 7.9%  
 ■ **Daniel Anderson**: Supervisor, Hopewell Township: 170 • 23.4% • (2nd Place, beat Republican candidate)  
 ■ **John Spence**: Supervisor, Lower Windsor Township • 121 • 15.9%  
 ■ **Vernon Etzel**: School Director, Keystone School District • (Winner) • 319  
 ■ **Berlie Etzel**: Tax Assessor, Ashland Township • (Winner) • • (Write-in)  
 ■ **Bill Johnson**: Inspector of Elections, Dallas Township 5-South  
 ■ **Tim Lloyd**: Inspector of Elections, Allegheny Co. Ward 14 Div 13 • (Winner)  
 ■ **Mark Hicks**: Township Supervisor, Berks Co. Upper Tulpehocken • (Winner) • 198 • 55.0%  
 ■ **Dave Walter**: Auditor, Chester County Westtown • (Winner)  
 ■ **Sharon Shepps**: Inspector of Elections, Upper Providence Twnshp., Oaks Dist. • (Winner) • • (Write-in)  
 ■ **Kurt Natter**: Jury Commissioner, Adams County • 2,417 • 13.6%  
 ■ **Rodney Miller**: Sheriff, Adams County • 556 • 3.2%  
 ■ **Tom Schlegel**: Treasurer, Berks County • 5,100 • 10.0% • Approximate  
 ■ **Mark Wicks**: Township Supervisor,

Bethel Township • (Winner)  
 ■ **Allan Kriedier**: Township Supervisor, Berks County Spring Township • 768 • (Second Place)  
 ■ **Fred Crocker**: Constable, Martinsburg  
 ■ **Richard Piotrowski**: Inspector of Elections, Richland Lower • (Winner)  
 ■ **Arlan Diefenderfer**: Inspector of Elections, Richland Upper • (Winner)  
 ■ **Michael Speranza**: Judge of Elections, Warminster District 6 • (Winner)  
 ■ **Phillip Janusz**: Judge of Elections, Ward 12, Division 14 • (Winner)  
 ■ **Betsy Summers**: Judge of Elections, Wilkes-Barre 6-1-6 • (Winner)  
 ■ **Peter Bonczewski**: Judge of Elections, Wilkes-Barre 6-14-6 • (Winner)

## Rhode Island

■ **Robert Rilee**: Newport City Council, District 1 • September • 88 • 12.0% • (N/P Primary)

## Virginia

■ **Kip Karl**: House of Delegates, District 44 • 3,684 • 25.5%  
 ■ **Marta Howard**: House of Delegates, District 35 • 422 • 2.1%  
 ■ **Shelby McCurnin**: House of Delegates, District 72 • 7,772 • 28.1%  
 ■ **Gary Alexander**: House of Delegates, District 36 • 934 • 4.7%  
 ■ **Robert Buchanan**: House of Delegates, District 31 • 1,024 • 6.7%  
 ■ **Jim Vencill**: House of Delegates, District 13 • 2,447 • 14.8%

## Washington

■ **Jim Campton**: Federal Way School Board, District 1  
 ■ **John Gearhart**: Palouse City Council • (Winner) • (Unopposed)  
 ■ **John M. Tyson**: Thurston County Fire, District 3, Position 1

## West Virginia

■ **Art Kelly**: Parkersburg City Council, District 4 • 5.0%

# '97 election ended candidate "debate"

By Ron Crickenberger

Libertarian Party National Director

There's no doubt about it: 1997 was a banner year for LP campaigns. We ran a record number of candidates for an off-year election. We have gone from 171 Libertarians in 33 states holding public office to 235 in 38 states — a 37% increase. We elected 34 Libertarians on November 4th alone.

Our highest-level statewide race this year, Murray Sabrin for Governor of New Jersey, set new records for fundraising and media exposure, and he appeared in nationally televised debates. He also got 10 times the votes of the previous best performing LP candidate for governor in the state.

## Wealth of experience

1997 also produced a wealth of experience for Libertarian campaign managers, who will go on to help elect the next round of elected Libertarians in '98.

## ELECTION '97

# What We Learned

Our 1997 candidates have set new standards for our candidates to aspire to in the next elections.

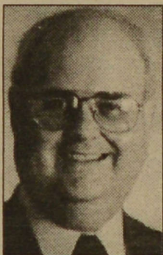
I hope they have also laid to rest the argument that we should focus only on either local or upper-level races. 1997 showed how valuable all of our candidates at all levels are in moving America in a Libertarian direction. Running candidates at all levels produces a synergistic increase in all of our candidates' vote totals.

Our candidates are the true heroes of the Libertarian Party. And our standard bearers for 1997 deserve the heartiest thanks we can give them.

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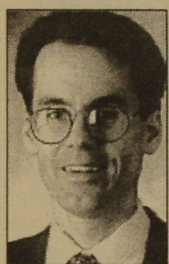
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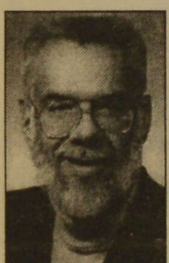


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## What kids teach us about liberty; rich slaves, & Nazi anti-smokers

### 140 years of spending

In the year Newt Gingrich became Speaker of the House, federal outlays totaled \$1.46 trillion. This year, federal outlays are expected to hit \$1.7 trillion.

It is hard to grasp amounts so unfathomably huge, but here is an exercise that may help: Add together every penny the federal government spent from 1800 to 1940. Adjust the total upward to reflect nearly two centuries of inflation. You will wind up with less than the \$1.7 trillion budgeted for this fiscal year.

In other words, the government in Washington will spend more of the nation's wealth in the next 12 months alone than it spent in the 140 years from Jefferson's first term through FDR's second. It will cost more to run the federal government for a single year than it cost to fight the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the First World War; more than it cost to pay for the Louisiana Purchase and the acquisition of Alaska; more than it cost to build the Panama Canal, to construct the Hoover Dam, to carry out eight national censuses, to relieve the Great Depression, and to operate the postal system for five generations — combined.

— **JEFF JACOBY**

Syndicated Columnist  
November 3, 1997

### Anti-smoking Nazis

"Under Hitler's dictatorship, the Nazis conducted one of the world's most vigilant anti-smoking campaigns. They imposed severe restrictions on smoking in public places and banned pregnant women from lighting up as part of their quest for racial purity. A British medical journal quoted Adolf Hitler as saying his Nazi party would never have ascended to power if he had not given up smoking."

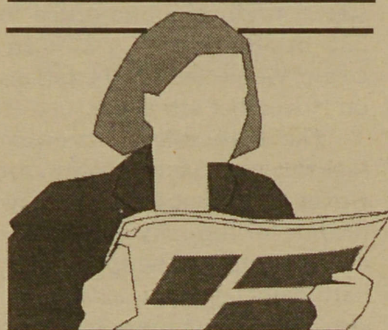
— **WILLIAM DROZDIK**

*The Washington Post*  
December 6, 1997

### Kids are Libertarians

The tax package came wrapped in the usual rhetoric: "The rich have too much and the poor have too little," "It's only fair," and so forth. The fact of the

**MARC BEAUCHAMP**  
EDITOR



**WHEN WOMEN**  
*won the vote, why*  
*did government*  
*suddenly get*  
*much bigger?*

matter is that nobody really believes the rhetoric of redistribution. Nobody even comes close to believing it deep down.

How do I know this? I know it because I have a daughter, and I take my daughter to the playground, and I listen to what the other parents tell their children.

In my considerable experience, I have never, ever heard a parent say to a child that it's okay to forcibly take toys away from other children who have more toys than you do. Nor have I ever heard a parent tell a child that if one kid has more toys than the others, then it's okay for those others to form a "government" and vote to take those toys away.

— **STEVEN E. LANDSBURG**

*Fair Play: What your child can teach you about economics, values and the meaning of life*  
(The Free Press, 1997)

### Rich slaves

According to the latest information released by the IRS, the top 1% of income earners paid 30.4% of the personal income tax revenues collected in 1995. The top 5% paid almost 50%.

What we have done is to put the rich in chains and make them work for the rest of us. They are publicly owned slaves. Our slaves are such productive people that governments at all

levels can take away more than half of their incomes and they are still rich after-tax. But nonetheless slaves.

This is not what our country was supposed to be. Unless we get rid of the income tax, we won't return to freedom . . . [where] citizens receive the full fruit of their labors and are responsible for themselves and their families.

— **PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS**

*The Washington Times*  
November 11, 1997

### What do women want?

Scholars studying the growth of Big Government in the United States have stumbled upon an unexpected factor: women's suffrage.

Economists John R. Lott Jr. of the University of Chicago and Larry Kenny of the University of Florida examined what happened to government spending in states where women were granted the right to vote.

"Suffrage coincided with immediate dramatic increases in state government expenditures and revenue, and the size of these changes continued growing as more women took advantage of the franchise," Lott said. "Within 11 years, real per capita expenditures had more than doubled from \$101 to \$208," an increase their statistical analysis suggests was nearly all due to women's suffrage.

Why did government suddenly get bigger when women won the vote? Kenny and Lott say government grew in direct response to the different needs of female voters. "Women have lower wages," said Kenny, and that means they're more likely to need — and support — government programs and services."

— **The Washington Post**

November 30, 1997

### The myth of crack babies

[Here is] the central fact about the Reagan/Bush "war on crack": From the start it was built entirely on lies, both about crack and the people who used it . . .

*Crack In America*, a collection of papers by 20 broadly experienced researchers and scholars in the field (research pharmacologists, sociologists, criminal jus-

tice experts) is important because it exhaustively and authoritatively lays out the ways in which Republican administrations and a gullible, sensation-seeking media created and sustained a phony drug war.

Consider the drug war's most powerful and shamelessly deceptive myth: crack babies. We've all read accounts like *Reader's Digest's* of "tiny addicts" who are "poisoned in the womb," and then faced, at birth, a "world of nightmarish withdrawal." The big media repeatedly quoted a Department of Health & Human Services study that predicted 100,000 crack-disabled babies every year during the '90s, at an annual cost of \$20 billion.

But as Morgan and Zimmer write, "the 'crack baby' on which drug policy is increasingly based does not exist."

Dr. Ira Chasnoff, whose 1985 study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* kicked off the crack-baby craze, has effectively recanted. Chasnoff had to admit

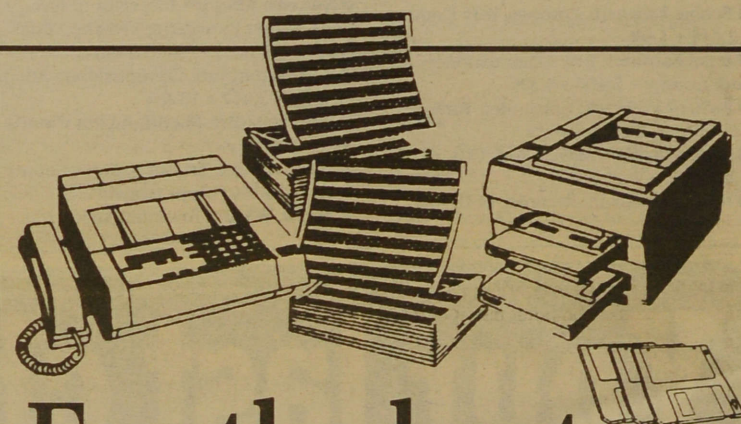
after three more years of studying the infants that a large majority turned out normal, with absolutely no detectable behavioral or learning disabilities. A Canadian meta-analysis of the 20 most reliable studies on drug use during pregnancy found that if a broad range of drugs, including alcohol, is considered, crack as an outstanding factor in birth problems disappears completely.

The best evidence indicates that "crack babies" are simply poverty babies, whose enfeebled condition is the predictable result of poor nutrition, bad or no prenatal care, hopelessness, despair, and physical abuse."

— **JOHN DEVAULT**

*Review of Crack In America: Demon Drug and Social Justice*  
*The Washington City Paper*  
October 3, 1997

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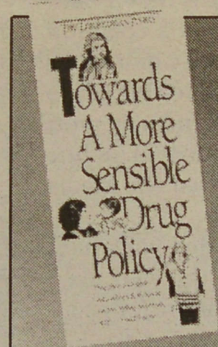
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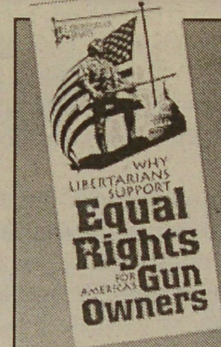
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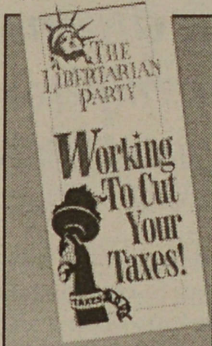
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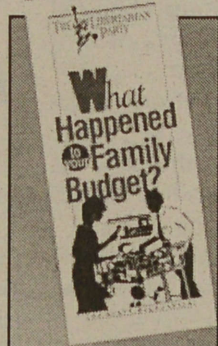
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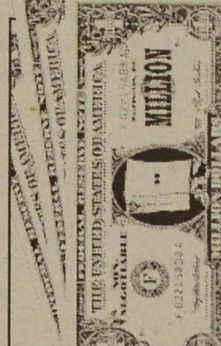
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## Say "No" to the Kyoto Treaty

**T**he U.S. government should refuse to confirm the new global warming treaty, the Libertarian Party urged, because it represents a massive increase in government power and a huge cost to Americans — all based on questionable science.

"There is a strong case to be made that global warming is science fiction masquerading as science fact," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national chairman.

The treaty, drafted in Kyoto, Japan, in December by 159 nations, would bind the U.S. to reduce so-called "greenhouse gases" by 7% below their 1990 levels by 2012.

If the U.S. confirms the treaty, it could result in a 50¢ a gallon hike in gasoline prices, a doubling of electricity bills for most Americans — and could cost the economy upwards of \$3.3 trillion, critics charge.

It's the theoretical nature of the dangers of global warming that has Libertarians — and numerous other scientists and climate experts — so worried about the treaty, said Dasbach.

"Global warming is a theory based, at this point, on speculative science, imprecise computer models, and a lot of doom-and-gloom rhetoric," he said. "Despite what politicians claim, the scientific case for global warming is tenuous, at best."

## Concealed-carry laws save lives, study proves

**I**f you want to reduce crime, allow more people to carry more concealed guns, the Libertarian Party said. And that opinion is confirmed by a new Cato Institute study, which found that violent crime rates dropped dramatically in the 24 states that have passed "concealed-carry" laws — which allow ordinary citizens to carry concealed weapons.

"At this point, criminals should be the only people who don't support the right of law-abiding Americans to carry concealed weapons," said Dasbach.

The Cato Institute study, timed to coincide with the 10-year anniversary of Florida's controversial concealed-carry law, found that in the states with such laws, murders dropped by 7.7%, rapes fell by 5.2%, robberies decreased by 2.2%, and aggravated assaults were reduced by 7%.

Dasbach emphasized that although concealed-carry laws are a major step in the right direction, they're not the perfect solution for Libertarians.

"Right-to-carry laws are only a partial victory because Americans shouldn't have to seek government permission to exercise any Constitutional right," he said. "But requiring a permit is better than sentencing innocent people to death at the hands of criminals because they can't legally defend themselves."

## Put politicians on welfare-to-work program

**H**ere's what Americans think about taxpayer funding of political campaigns: *It stinks*. In fact, they dislike it so much that a whopping 87% now refuse to contribute even \$3 a year to pay for federal funding of presidential elections, according to just-released figures, the Libertarian Party noted.

"Politicians keep talking about tax-funded elections, but they never ask us what we want," said Dasbach. "Well, in the one real vote — where Americans voted with their dollars — a huge majority want to kick politicians off the welfare wagon."

The FEC announced in November that the number of Americans authorizing the subsidy through the income tax checkoff has plummeted to just 12.9%. As a result, the agency, which doled out \$236 million in payments in 1996, warns that the fund may run out of money to pay candidates in the 2000 presidential primary campaign.

"Here's a Libertarian campaign finance reform proposal that 87% of Americans already agree with: End the taxpayer check-off," suggested Dasbach. "Allow every American to financially support whichever candidates they like. Consider it a welfare-to-work program for politicians."

# Colorado: LP helps to derail \$16 billion RTD tax increase

**T**he LP of Colorado helped slam the brakes on a proposed \$16 billion tax increase by playing a key role in the opposition to a public transportation tax referendum.

The proposal — which would have boosted Rural Transportation District [RTD] taxes by 67% to pay for a "light rail" train system — was defeated by Colorado voters by a 58% to 42% margin on November 4th.

"Voters spoke loudly and clearly," said Larry Hoffenberg, the party's Public Information Director. "[The tax] not only lost, it was soundly rejected."

The proposed RTD tax would have cost Colorado taxpayers \$200 a year for every family in Colorado for the next 35 years.

## Outspent 20 to one

The LP and its allies won despite being outspent 20 to one, and despite the fact that most of the state's Republican and Democratic politicians supported the proposal.

But Libertarians didn't back down. They formed a coalition with the Concerned Commuters of Colorado — a statewide group fighting the tax — and held press conferences, sponsored public rallies, and peppered the media with press releases.

"We were major players in the fight against the RTD tax," said State Chair Sandra Johnson.

And Libertarians took a hard-line position against the tax: Rather than spending more



■ Colorado Libertarians — including Larry Hoffenberg (center, holding sign) — rallied against the proposed RTD tax hike.

money, they urged that government-run mass transit be abolished entirely.

"Everyone except the politicians and the entrenched bureaucracy stands to benefit from opening mass transit to healthy free-market competition," said Johnson before the vote.

The LP played such a high-profile in the anti-RTD campaign that it was signaled out for attacks, Hoffenberg noted.

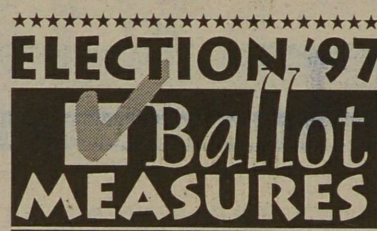
In fact, Linda Morton, the Republican mayor of Lakewood,

"tried to demonize the opposition to [the tax] by crediting the Libertarian Party, not just once, but twice, as one of the leading critics" in an op-ed piece in the *Denver Post*, he said.

## Strategy backfired

"It's easy to see how a pro-tax, pro-big-government, pro-urban-renewal Republican would want to criticize the Party of Principle. Sure looks like that strategy backfired," said Hoffenberg. Unfortunately, the lopsided defeat of the tax isn't keeping state bureaucrats from trying again, Hoffenberg said.

"They are now touting [a new proposal called] Light Rail Lite," he said. "Just what part of NO — no, make that 'HELL NO!' — don't they understand?"



# Ohio: Libertarian stops zoning bill

**A**n elected Libertarian in Ohio helped defeat a proposed zoning law that would have significantly boosted the town government's control over private property.

Thanks to the efforts of LP member Richard Shetler, voters in Bethlehem Township sent the measure to a "resounding defeat" on November 4th.

Even better: Shetler won reelection as Township Trustee the same day.

The zoning proposal included regulations that would have "brought all property in the township under control" of the Township Zoning Commission — and given the town the power to enter private property at any time to inspect for violations.

"The proponents [claimed]

**"WE SHOWED  
the citizens that  
the emperor had  
no clothes."**

His most effective weapon: Quoting the exact wording of some of the regulations — and showing how it would affect town residents.

"These mailings turned public opinion in our favor," he said.

## Libertarian arguments

Shetler also used more explicitly Libertarian arguments, arguing that zoning violates "your Constitutionally guaranteed property rights," he said.

Voters responded to such arguments — and rejected the plan by an 80% to 20% margin.

"Our big victory came, I feel, because we showed the citizens that the emperor had no clothes," Shetler said. "These regulations affected them, their neighbors, and friends."

that zoning would only allow the Trustees to keep out landfills and hazardous waste sites," said Shetler. "We decided that in order to defeat the issue our campaign would have to make people realize that zoning was going to affect them as an individual."

So Shetler formed a committee to fight the plan — and spread the word through signs and a mailing to town voters.



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# AFFILIATE NEWS

## Legalizing sleep and talking trash

### ■ Alabama

State Libertarians are planning to run a candidate in a special election — but are facing an illegal petitioning deadline that's so short that they are considering legal action.

**John Sophocleus**, an economics professor at Auburn University, is planning to run for State Representative in a special election on January 20th.

However, the campaign got only one week to collect signatures to get on the ballot — which campaign manager **Scott Kjar** said was an "illegal deadline imposed by the governor."

The campaign is now considering its options, "and watching closely to see whether [state bureaucrats] will take action, or will allow this egregious violation of our rights to go uncorrected," said Kjar.

### ■ California

Students at Burlingame High School in San Mateo got a lesson in political intolerance on November 20th when their principal barred the door to a 1998 Libertarian Congressional candidate. A student leader had invited **Michael Moloney** to speak to a political club. But when he showed up, the principal refused to admit him.

The reason? A school district policy requiring "equal time" for political candidates says that if any candidate is invited to speak, every other can-



### "A lifetime of voting"

LP members in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, say their annual booth at the Southeast Missouri District Fair is attracting more and more young people — including 230 teenagers and young adults who scored in the libertarian quadrant of the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

"I was surprised at how many young people showed an interest," said **Michael Gardner** (third from the left). And **Greg Tlappek**, who also staffed the party's booth, noted, "They can't vote yet, but they've got a lifetime of voting ahead."

Pictured here — posing with an "I love my country but fear my government" bumpersticker — are quiz-takers (front row, l-r) Aron Childers, Becky Komorech, Michael Gardner, Abbie Cain, Jessica Layman, and Cassie Frazier.

didate must also be invited. The problem is that no one knew who any of the candidates were, because the filing deadline hadn't arrived. So in the end, all candidates really *did* get equal time: None.

"This policy was meant to protect students from arbitrary indoctrination, but it mostly ap-

pears to discourage open debate," Moloney said. "It is wrong-headed and needs to be changed."

### ■ California

A Republican-turned-Libertarian has been appointed director of the Resource Conservation District Board in Sutter County

— becoming the state's 25th LP member in public office.

**Todd B. Herman** was a Republican until 1994, when he began to feel "politically homeless." Then he read the Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian Party platforms: "The LP's was the only one that was consistent," he said. "The others changed every four years to fit in with whatever issues were hot at the time."

Now, he said, "It's a pleasure to join the growing list of California Libertarians elected or appointed to public office."

### ■ District of Columbia

Legalizing medical marijuana in DC would be like "putting a stick in the eye of the drug warriors right in their own back yard," said **Daniel Smith**, Chair of the DC Libertarian Party.

So he joined with AIDS activists, patients' rights organizations, Greens and Democrats to help put Initiative 57 — which would protect doctors and patients from marijuana prosecution — on the ballot.

Although the coalition gathered more than 17,000 signatures by the December 8th deadline, Smith said it may not be enough to survive validity challenges.

"Nevertheless, if we can keep even one suffering AIDS patient out of the clutches of drug czar Barry McCaffrey, this initiative is worth fighting for," he said.

### ■ Florida

More Libertarian office-holders than any other county in the country — that's the enviable accomplishment of the Seminole County LP, following the appointment of two more Libertarians last month.

With the appointments of **Ben Champion** to the County Trails Commission and **Janet Hawkins** to the board of directors of the Port Authority, the county LP now has seven members serving in public office.

The two new officeholders put Libertarians within striking distance of replacing Democrats "as the second-largest political party in Seminole County," said state newsletter editor **Tom Regnier**.

### ■ Indiana

Johnson County Libertarians have "disposed" of a plan to tax them for trash pick-up by leading the charge against a mandatory, taxpayer-financed recycling plan.

At a public meeting on November 18th, **Cheryl Percy**, leader of the Johnson County Libertarians, deluged officials with petitions signed by 262 residents opposed to the new plan.

Currently, residents contract with private trash haulers. However, the county government proposed turning trash collection and curbside recycling over to a single company, paid for with tax dollars.

But Percy advised the county to "spend more time and energy trying to develop more markets for recyclables instead of taking away our freedom."

By the end of the meeting, a show of hands revealed that only one resident supported the tax. The county commissioner was forced to concede: "I think it's pretty obvious that people want as little government in their lives as possible" — and promised not to re-submit the plan.

### ■ Kentucky

Libertarians have finished their petition drive for the 2000 presidential election nearly three years early — and the state government doesn't like that one bit, said state party leaders.

More than 60 LP members contributed over \$2,000 in November to make the final payment to petitioners. Shortly thereafter, the Secretary of State's office proposed legislation that would outlaw early signature gathering.

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## LP News Corrections

■ In the October issue, in the photograph accompanying the article, "Social Security opt-out plan passed in Oregon," Steve Buckstein was actually the individual on the right of the picture. Jose Pinera is on the left.

■ In the November issue, in the article, "Wisconsin LP prepares plan to oppose tax-backed hotel," Chris Dollard was described as an "LP member." In addition to being a member of the state and local Libertarian Party, Dollard is also the Chairman of the Dane County LP.

■ In the December issue, in the story, "Libertarians win 22 races in Campaign '97," Larry Goulart's name was spelled incorrectly. Goulart was elected Inspector of Elections in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. In the same story, Mark Dierolf should have been credited for winning a second term as a Trustee for Hartnell Community College in Salinas, California.

■ In the December issue's "Affiliate News" section, a Libertarian college group at Auburn University was mistakenly located at Alabama University.



"Yes, the Kentucky LP is causing special legislation to be written," said state chair **Carl T. Wimmer**, who vowed to join with other third parties to fight the measure.

## ■ Missouri

"Show Me Privatization of Social Security!" say Libertarians in Missouri, the "Show Me" state. And to take the first step in that direction, party leaders passed a resolution on November 24th urging the state to consider the New Oregon Option.

That plan allows residents to opt out of Social Security and invest in private retirement accounts instead.

Noting Social Security's bleak financial future, Libertarian **Brad Spangler** promised to introduce a privatization plan if elected to the Missouri House.

"It's time for Social Security to go the way of federal welfare programs. If states can opt out, Congress will have the incentive to privatize the system nationwide," he said.

## ■ New Jersey

It's time for West Milford Township to "legalize sleep," said **Eugene Richards**, an LP officeholder — and he's supporting an ordinance to do exactly that.

His action came after the



## A cable television "alternative"

On Long Island, New York, where can you go to get the Libertarian perspective on gun control, ballot access, education, and ending Drug Prohibition? To *Audrey's Political Alternative*, a cable access TV show produced by Suffolk County Libertarians. The show "appears regularly on local stations," reported LP member **Jack R. Bova**, shown here with host **Audrey Capozzi**.

town outlawed bed-and-breakfasts in every home not designated "historic," even though there are only 12 historic homes in the town of 22,750.

But does the town really prosecute sleep crimes? Yes: Richards cited the following municipal court case: "Helene McGovern . . . was fined \$125 for sleeping in the living room at 385 Talmage Avenue."

"This is absolutely ridiculous," said Richards, who spoke in favor of an ordinance that would "decriminalize sleep" — and legalize bed-and-breakfasts anywhere in the township.

## ■ New Jersey

If it's diversity that liberals want, **Chuck Karczag** intends to give them plenty. Karczag is leader of the newly formed Col-

lege Libertarians at Rutgers University — a campus so anti-freedom that he dubs it "Moscow on the Raritan [River]."

Karczag said his new Libertarian group would provide one important service to the college: A willingness to "take off their gloves and stand on consistent principle."

## ■ Wisconsin

State LP leaders are expanding their outreach efforts to include tavern owners and town officials — and the Libertarian message was "well received," according to Chair **Jim Mueller**.

Mueller attended a meeting of the Tavern League of Wisconsin in October, and handed out flyers that defended their right to run "honest games of chance."

At the 50th annual convention of the Wisconsin Town Association, Mueller set up a booth and handed out flyers on issues of concern to local officials — including land use planning and forced annexation.

The pay-off for the outreach efforts was immediate: Leaders of both groups agreed to meet with future LP candidates.

## ■ West Virginia

The state party flexed its political muscles in November, and succeeded in getting a member

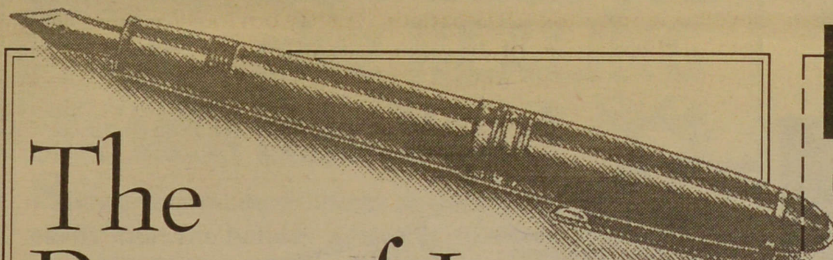
of a powerful state government commission to resign because of a possible conflict of interest.

LP State Chair **John Brown** spearheaded a campaign last month to get a prominent stockbroker to resign from the state's Investment Management Board. Brown, also a stockbroker, asked how the board member "could make independent decisions on the board when he was wondering how it would affect him at work?"

One week later, West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood received a letter from the stockbroker, who wrote, "I believe it is prudent for me to resign from the board."

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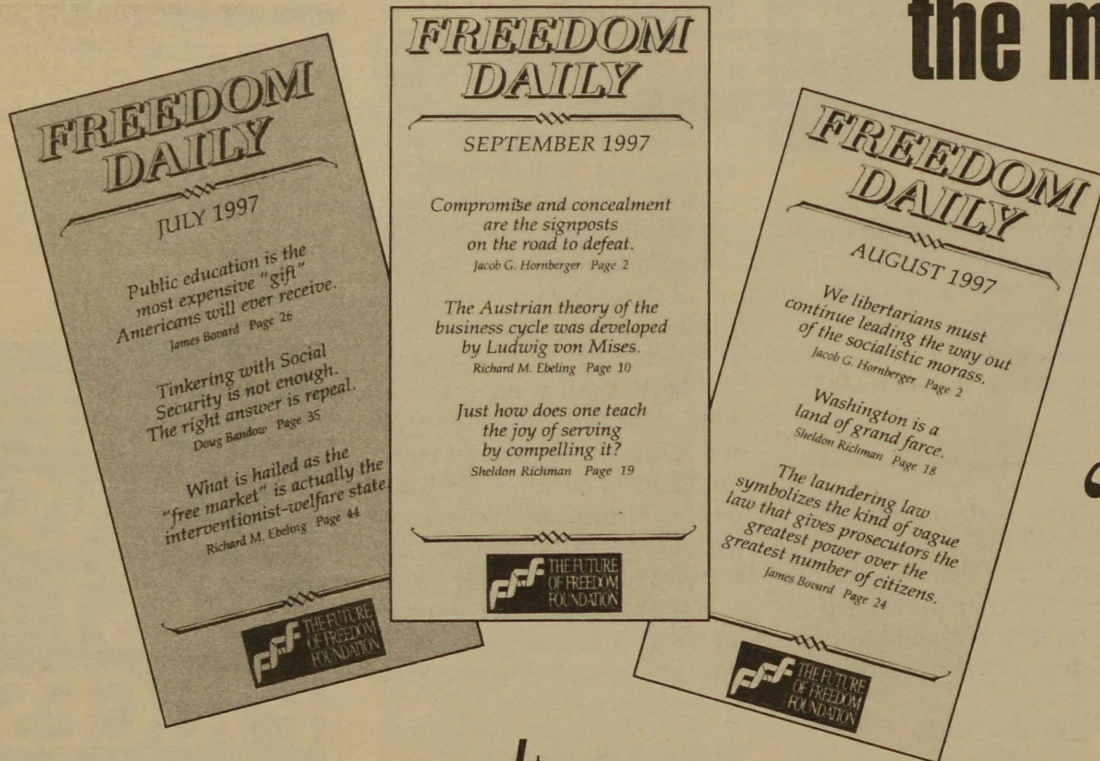
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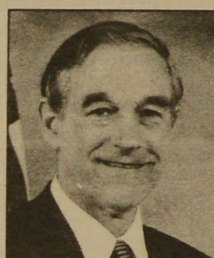
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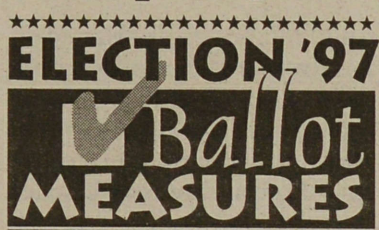
# NJ: Libertarian stops 'luxury' sewer project

It took 12,000 flyers, 5,000 phone calls, and three billboards — but a New Jersey Libertarian helped defeat a proposed \$88 million sewer construction project that was supported by the "reigning politicians" of his town.

Libertarian William Wallace was the driving force behind the campaign in Hopatcong, N.J., to quash the tax-funded sewer project, which would have cost town residents up to \$350 a month per household.

On November 4th, Hopatcong voters defeated the proposal by 63% of the vote.

"Being a lower middle-class rural community, an \$88 million sanitary sewer is an unaffordable luxury akin to having your own



built-in pool, with heater," said Wallace. "For most Hopatcong residents, it's actually an impossibility."

But before Wallace started his campaign, the project seemed like a sure bet.

## Alarmist propaganda

"Armed with volumes of misinformation, pseudo-scientific/environmental reports, alarmist propaganda, and a township budget to pay for it all,

## THE PROJECT cost more than a new six-lane suspension bridge over the Missouri River

the mayor and friends had wooed residents into supporting the plan," he said.

But the mayor hadn't counted on Wallace.

"First, I created a hard-hitting, one-page flier explaining the impossibility of residents to afford the proposed sewers," he said. "12,000 were printed and distributed."

Then, Wallace created a 60-second announcement that was phoned to all residents via computer telemarketing program.

"This ran for one week," he said. "In all, about 5,000 phone calls were made."

## Three large billboards

And, finally, Wallace unveiled his trump card: "A few dozen roadside signs, and three large billboards featuring the cost of the sewer project in big bold letters," he said — a cost that was a "few million more than a six-lane suspension bridge recently erected over the Missouri River."

The multi-media barrage turned the tables, he said, and the project was voted down by a solid majority of voters.

But Wallace may not get out of the sewer-fighting business yet, he said: "The mayor and friends are currently working on another angle for next year."

## Quote/Unquote

■ "The Libertarian Party provides a principled voice for reducing the size of government — perhaps the single most important legislative objective these days that U.S. leaders could embrace."

— **Indianapolis News** (Indiana), September 26, 1997

■ "I am a Libertarian. It is the wave of the future. As we head, headfirst, into a Police State, the Libertarians are the answer."

— **Eric Muller**, Talk Show Host, Rock 103.5 FM (Chicago, Illinois) October 31, 1997

■ "If the IRS puts a lien on your income, strike back by threatening to vote for the Libertarian Party next time — and watch the IRS agent's face blanch!"

— **Joseph Sobran**, (Syndicated columnist), October 28, 1997

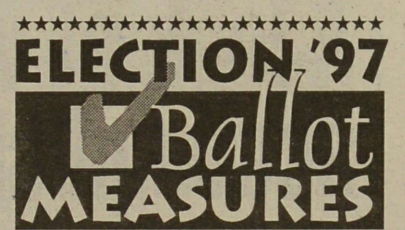
# Oregon: LP misses in anti-Measure 52 effort

Oregon Libertarians lost big in their effort to stop a school-funding proposal, but said their campaign was an effective platform "to promote the Libertarian Party and alternatives to government schools."

Ballot Measure 52, an initiative to divert \$150 million in state lottery revenue to government schools, won 73% of the vote on November 4th.

But Richard Burke, chair of the Mainstream Liberty Caucus, said their anti-Measure 52 campaign earned the party valuable publicity and credibility.

"As the only organized opposition to Ballot Measure 52, we were sought for comment by



news organizations all around Oregon," he said. "We participated in three broadcast debates, and had dozens of contacts. I hope that any future 'defeats' are as productive as this one was."

Libertarians opposed the measure, in part, because the legislature had rejected proposals to save money by giving parents more control over their children's education, said Burke.



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## From THE CHAIR

# A look at what we accomplished in '97

As the Libertarian Party heads into a new year, I want to take a moment to look back at what we accomplished in 1997 — and compare our progress to the previous year. Here's a quick overview of the LP's vital statistics:

■ **LP Membership:** Up by 6.3% since 1996, to approximately 23,000 (projected year-end figure). Traditionally, party membership falls in the year following a presidential campaign. It happened to us in 1989 and 1993 — but in 1997, we broke that trend, and kept heading upwards. This was one of our most significant achievements of the year.

■ **Libertarian office-holders:** Another new record: 234 — a 36.8% increase from the 171 Libertarians in office last year. We also ran a record number of candidates for an off-year election (158), and Murray Sabrin became the first LP candidate to raise more than a quarter-million dollars for a state-wide race.

■ **Political action:** In June, the LP joined a national coalition to (unsuccessfully) fight the Congressional pay raise. In July, we launched a campaign to abolish the government's "official" racial classifications from Census forms — earning a number of significant endorsements. And in October, we helped host a third-party summit in Washington, DC, to rally support for new ballot access legislation.

■ **Media:** In 1997, media increased from the non-presidential months of 1996 — despite being in the "low ebb" of the political cycle. (We're factoring out the four months of the '96 presidential campaign, since that's a once-every-four-years phenomenon.) Overall, LP media contacts are up 11.9%, to 66.5 per month at our national headquarters. Interviews are up 26.7%, to 23.7 per month, with LP spokespeople appearing on an average of 420 radio or TV stations per month.

■ **Ballot Access:** In 1997 we gained ballot status in three more states: North Carolina, Kentucky, and Alaska. This brings our total ballot status for the 2000 elections to 25 states.

■ **Fundraising:** Declined only slightly since 1996 — which is another significant "first" for the LP. Traditionally, party revenue drops considerably during the post-presidential year. But not this year! Overall party revenues slipped by only 6.9%, to just over \$2 million (projected year-end figure).

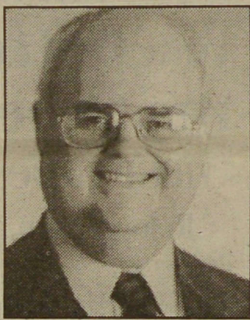
■ **Outreach:** In 1997, we took our first steps towards a full-time advertising campaign. In June and July, we ran 60-second commercials on 195 radio stations all across America. In October, we launched the largest direct-mail membership recruitment drive in LP history (more than 317,000 letters, including 120,280 pieces for our Project Archimedes tests.) In November, we created a personal membership recruitment package called Operation Rolodex. And in December we launched Operation Toehold, our plan to run display ads in national magazines, starting with *Wired*.

■ **Party-building:** For the first time in LP history, the national party paid to bring State Chairs from all over the country to Washington, DC for a weekend training seminar. This training was so popular that we expanded it into a series of Success '97 seminars conducted all across the country.

**To sum it up:** By almost every measurable factor, 1997 was a landmark year for the Libertarian Party! But we couldn't have done it without the support of every LP member, activist, and candidate. *You* made it happen, and I thank you for that.

— STEVE DASHBACH

National Chair, Libertarian National Committee, Inc.



Steve Dashbach  
LP National Chair

# Private highways: A solution whose time has come (again)?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, LP News will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Daniel Klein

Private ownership of "public" resources may be an idea whose time has come. There are proposals for the privatization of Grand Coulee Dam, Dulles airport, Conrail, and Amtrak. State and local governments are studying private urban transit, garbage collection, and prisons. If privatization maintains its momentum, we will have to consider a logical candidate: The roads.

The best way to understand the notion of private roads is to examine America's own era of private turnpikes. In 1821 there were over 4,000 miles of private roadway in the state of New York. Between 1792 and 1840, some 230 New England turnpike companies built and operated 3,800 miles of roads. It was private enterprise that really got the "show on the road" in America.

In early America, routes had not been beaten through the wilderness, and roads were sorely needed. People wanted to move westward, and commercial interests in the coastal cities sought to tap the trade of distant areas. State and local governments instituted feeble systems of mandatory labor and taxation to provide roads, but their failures were manifest.

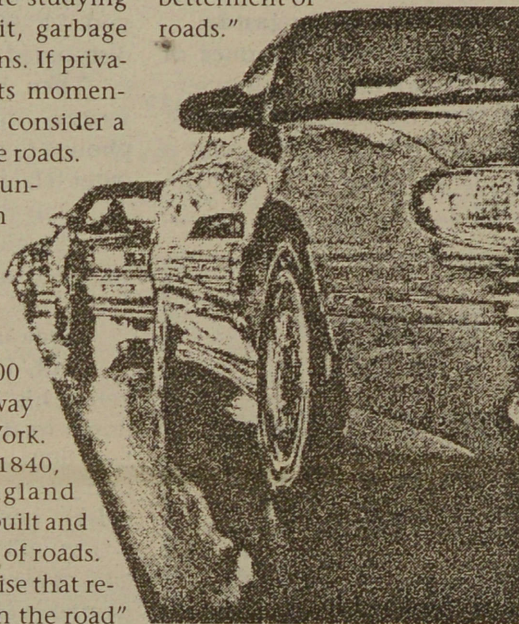
### Operated for profit

In the 1790s, the road business was opened up to private enterprises throughout New England and the mid-Atlantic region. Private turnpike companies constructed and operated their own roads. They were equity financed and operated for profit. User payment was made at tollgates along the route. No government financial assistance was made, except in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey.

Between 1795 and 1830, turnpike construction was brisk, crisscrossing the Northeast with private roads. During the same period, public construction virtually ceased. In New York between 1790 and 1821, for example, the state's expenditure of \$622,000 on the construction of

roads and bridges is dwarfed by the investment in similar private concerns: \$11 million in turnpike companies and \$850,000 in bridge companies. A mixed system of private and public roads emerged.

Not only did private enterprise boost road mileage in America, it greatly improved the qualities of the roads as well. As the leading transportation historian B. H. Meyer stated, "It is evident that the turnpike movement resulted in a very general betterment of roads."



## LIBERTARIAN Solutions

Although the turnpikes were private, the government maintained tight control through heavy regulation. Most important were the limits on tollgates and the restrictions on the placement of tollgates. These regulations made turnpike profits practically nonexistent. It wasn't long before everyone knew that there was no money to be had by way of turnpike dividends.

Despite the poor direct returns that resulted from government interference, turnpikes still found enthusiastic support for

the indirect benefits they conferred. Local merchants, farmers, and landowners bought turnpike stock because the turnpike would make their businesses and holdings more valuable through improved transportation.

During the mid-1800s, state governments brought the era of private roads to a close by gradually reclaiming control of roads, although a few private turnpikes survived into the 20th century.

### Technological Advances

What lessons can we draw from America's experience with private roads? Clearly, with today's technology, road provision through private enterprise could be even more successful. Electronic metering devices could make stopping at tollbooths obsolete. In Hong Kong, Japan, and elsewhere, authorities are experimenting with tamper-proof electronic plates, the size of cassette tapes, which are placed on cars. The plates interact with equipment built into the road surface to register the driver's toll, which he pays through the mail. If this system is feasible, private enterprise could provide roads as easily as it does movie theaters.

Think about recent advances in technology; personal computers are household items; supermarket cash registers now speak to us; ATMs handle our banking; and Blue Cross issues credit card-sized "Lifecards" that can contain 800 pages of medical information. Now think about the roads you drive on: How much improvement have you seen in the past 15 years? How much do you expect to see in the next 15? Nil, in both cases. The reason: Government control.

Private roads may sound far-fetched, but a familiarity with American history casts the idea in a different light. There was a period when private enterprise was able to provide such "public goods." Now, the idea of privatizing the roads is beginning to be taken seriously again. Even the federal government's National Research Council has held a conference on "Roles of Private Enterprise and Market Processes in the Financing and Provision of Road Services." The future may be closer than we think.

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# THE MAILBOX

## Libertarian personals

I thought I would offer an alternative to #8 in the "21 Mentions" article in the December *LP News*. [A personal ad in a Seattle newspaper advised "no drunks, addicts, or libertarians."]

Several months ago I placed my own ad in the Chicago alternative newspaper *The Reader*, in which I cited myself as a "Renaissance woman, 5'4", 25, Jewish, slender, fiction writer (mystery and science fiction), libertarian..." (ending with the hope that I would not begin to feel like a mere list of attributes!).

In the 40 or so responses were three men who cited themselves as libertarian, and several others who seemed positive about the idea. So there are definitely some good mentions of libertarians in the personal ads!

**TRACEY S. ROSENBERG**  
Aurora, Illinois

## World-class quote

I think that Bob Multer's letter [October *LP News*] contained a world-class quote: "The whole concept [of government racial classification] is a sad joke. We may all be 'out of Africa' originally, but we're all here now. There is no Constitutional basis for asking where our ancestors have been, and no libertarian reason to care."

This statement can be the basis for eye-opening debates, discussions, and classroom essays. There are possible refinements that could enhance this quote as well as paraphrases that will work as high-impact sound-bites. In any case, I am planning to make a sign with this quote and hang it on my office wall.

Seems to me the Libertarian Party can get a lot of miles out of it. What do you think?

**J. STEVE WELSTAND**  
Pinole, California

## Misleading bumpersticker

"Enough Is Enough" used to be a Libertarian Party slogan. Now it is the name of an anti-libertarian organization that advocates more censorship by the government.

To minimize public confusion, the LP should stop selling bumperstickers with that slogan. Members should put new bumperstickers over those old, but now misleading, stickers.

**LEONARD SCHWARTZ**  
Oak Park, Michigan

## Smoke-free liberty

I had to lend my support to Grant Kuhns' wise analysis of the

difference between smoking and other "vices" [November *LP News*]. Smoking is one issue for which I can't defend the Libertarian laissez faire attitude. I suffered greatly for years in the workplace from noxious second-hand smoke in the days when smokers had all the rights. Each workday was a misery for me. I don't need any statistical reports to tell me how harmful those fumes were to me.

People have a right to smoke, but they don't have the right to force their habit onto those of us wise enough to abstain. I applaud the government telling people to "take it outside."

**DONNA RICKARD**  
Poulsbo, Washington

## Coffee-free liberty

If, as Grant W. Kuhns asserts, "a person's right to burn tobacco should stop at... the tip of another person's nose," so should a person's right to brew coffee!

**"I AM SENSITIVE  
to coffee aroma,  
and know, first-  
hand, that it's a  
form of assault."**

Mr. Kuhns is sensitive to tobacco smoke and experiences it as a physical assault. I am sensitive to coffee "aroma" and know, first-hand, that coffee "aroma" is a form of physical assault. When someone pours a cup of hot coffee, I lose my "choice" not to indulge that person's habit, and I experience physical discomfort.

Besides, coffee "aroma" contains significant quantities of known carcinogens and may pose a cancer risk at least as great as "secondhand smoke."

For society to accommodate people like me for whom coffee "aroma" is literally sickening as well as people for whom coffee is a compelling addiction, society needs to tolerate freedom of

choice. As long as I can choose a pleasant "atmosphere" instead of a "Starbuck's atmosphere," then the fact that coffee "aroma" is a painful physical assault to me is of little consequence.

The dynamic free market is the only mechanism I know of that can give us all the choices we value — for me, the choice to avoid the assault of coffee "aroma" and enjoy the company of others who appreciate the fragrant smoke of fine tobacco.

**DON ELLIS**  
Boulder, Colorado

## Sabrin confusion

Murray Sabrin and his campaign staff deserve praise for raising the funds required to be admitted to the NJ gubernatorial debates. Sabrin is articulate and got a lot of the Libertarian philosophy conveyed to the public.

The message of less taxes, less spending, less regulation, and less government was well presented — but unfortunately I think most of his protest votes came on an issue that is not a Libertarian Party position. Sabrin was perceived as the "Right-to-Life" candidate in a race against a pro-choice Democrat and a Republican Governor who had vetoed a late-term abortion ban.

Sabrin didn't bring it up, but when asked about abortion his answer was that if you define life as beginning at conception, then the answer is clear. That is a good answer for Libertarians who believe that way — but at least a few newspaper editorials and columnists commented on the apparent contradiction regarding less government.

Hopefully the relatively high Libertarian vote total will result in more interest in and examination of the libertarian less-government philosophy. Again congratulations to Prof. Sabrin.

**RONALD K. WISHART**  
Englishtown, New Jersey

## Matching funds: No

The reason for the Murray Sabrin campaign's controversy is quite simple. First, it did not work — i.e., Sabrin lost. Second, it was a moral compromise which accomplished no tactical purpose. When our major candidates demonstrate that they do not agree with our principles, it is, to say the least, less than productive for our purpose.

The American people have undergone a 60-year experiment in nihilistic conditioning. In the process they have forgotten what

# THE PULSE

## The Influence of Atlas Shrugged

**W**ho is John Galt? He's the hero of the book that LP members say influenced them more than any other in their journey to libertarianism.

But Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged* was not a runaway winner of this month's Pulse question: While it came in first with 14% of the votes, Robert J. Ringer's *Restoring the American Dream* was a not-too-distant second with 8.4%.

Tied for third were six books, each with 5.6% of the vote: *The Bible; Why Government Doesn't Work* by Harry Browne; *The Road to Serfdom* by Henry Hayek; *1984* by George Orwell; *Libertarianism in One Lesson* by David Bergland; and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* by Robert Heinlein.

In all 37 books were nominated by respondents to the Pulse question as their "most influential" book. Here's a sampling of the books, and the reasons for selecting them:

■ *Atlas Shrugged*, by Ayn Rand: "She put into words what I only had an inkling about, but could never express in writing. She taught me laissez-faire capitalism and what made America great."

— DAVID GIALDINI, Cody, Wyoming

■ *The Bible*: "From the Bible I learned that God limits all political authority to the standards of right and wrong that He established at the Creation. Therefore, the state has no legitimate authority over the individual except that delegated to it by the Creator."

— JAMES G. LANDIS, Arbovale, West Virginia

■ *Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do*, by Peter McWilliams: "I was reminded of what a dismal state the U.S. government and our Constitutional "rights" are in. McWilliams' mentioning of the LP also reminded me of the LP's political stance, and compelled me to seek out more information on the party."

— MITCHELL ALTUM, South Bend, Indiana

■ *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*, by Robert Heinlein: "The suggestions made by the character Professor Bernardo de la Paz as to the nature of the government made a lot of sense to me. I recognized a lot of common ground between the professor's ideas and those of the LP."

— BOB HARVEY, Georgetown, Colorado

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■ *The Road to Serfdom*, Henry Hayek: "A happy, unabashed defense of capitalism is the best antidote to the creeping planning of the Republicrats."

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■ *Restoring the American Dream*, by Robert Ringer: "The first book that I read on Libertarianism that really had an impact on the way I viewed government and individual rights, and how one inevitably conflicts with the other."

— HENRY I. WIDMAN, West Carrollton, Ohio

■ *Why Government Doesn't Work*, by Harry Browne, "I was surprised how simple, elegant and reasonable the Libertarian solutions were to such tough problems as drugs, schools, the deficit, etc."

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it is to be a free and independent entity. They cannot even comprehend the concept of making their own decisions and living with the consequences thereof.

When we as Libertarians adopt the Leviathan's tactics to defeat it, we should remember the admonition: Beware of dragons, for if you slay too many you risk becoming one. The greatest

power of a totalitarian regime is its ability to force its enemies to adopt its tactics.

**GREGORY B. HARP**  
Oldsmar, Florida

## Matching funds: Yes

I strongly defend the decision by our recent gubernatorial candidate, Murray Sabrin, to accept public matching funds in his race for governor. So long as

the funds come from a voluntary check-off system, they are not in contradiction to party principles.

Moreover, accepting and using them not only got him into the debates, it instantly made him credible in the eyes of the media. I cannot tell you what a joy it was to pick up the newspaper every day, or to turn on the TV and radio, and see his campaign covered on a par with the Republicans and Democrats.

I've been a party member for years, but this is the first time I worked on a campaign and the first time I felt my contributions were well spent, because I saw

the results every time I drove down the road, picked up the paper or turned on the TV. Sabrin is to be applauded, not criticized, for an outstanding effort.

**PAT BONTEMPO**

Asbury Park, New Jersey

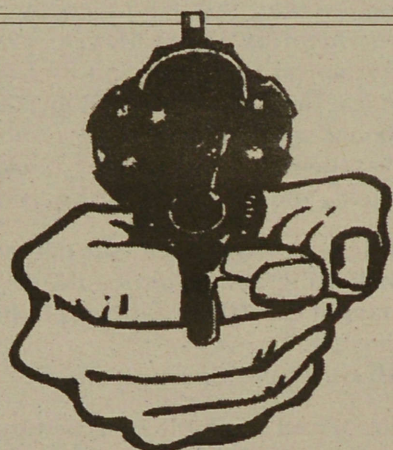
## Constitutional image

In response to the statement made by Keith Mitchell Donat in The Pulse section [November LP News] that "the LP seems too much like a conservative party . . . because it places too much emphasis on the Constitution and Founding Fathers." Mr. Donat should be reminded that

it is the Bill of Rights that proclaims his "individual right" to run down our Constitution and Founding Fathers.

I would also say to the Libertarian Party that I want us to grow and have a positive image. But the development of a positive image should not in any way include ignoring the Constitution. I left a major party because it ignored and abused our constitutional freedoms. So if we want individual rights, the LP cannot abandon our current constitutionalist position.

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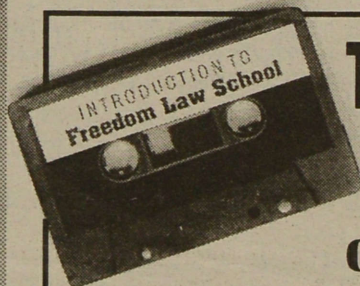
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# THE PULSE

## March Question

It's no secret that most Libertarians are not too fond of politics . . . or politicians. But every Libertarian seems to have one particular politician who particularly irks them. **QUESTION:** What one politician (local, state, or national) do you most dislike, disdain, or scorn? And why? (Please keep your answers to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** Feb. 5, 1998

## February Question

There has been discussion among Libertarians about the appropriateness of Murray Sabrin's campaign for governor accepting N.J. state matching funds. Some argue that it was "un-Libertarian," while others say it just "levels the playing field." **QUESTION:** Should Libertarian Party candidates accept matching funds — state or federal? If yes, why? If not, why not?

■ **DEADLINE:** January 5, 1998

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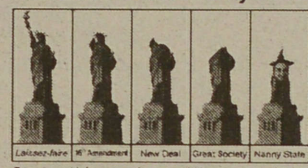


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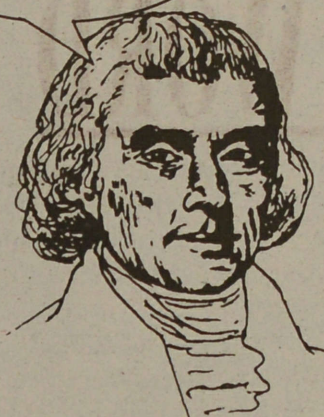
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# FIRSTWORD

In an Op-Ed piece in *The New York Times*, columnist Anthony Lewis attacked the threatening wave of censorship on campus. Speaking of a proposed curb on free speech at the University of Massachusetts, Lewis pointed out that the proposed ban on speech that offends on the basis of "race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, mental status, veteran status or disability" would be a step backward. He adds that the college's graduate student union had suggested still other curbs on speech, including those likely to offend on the basis of "citizenship, culture, HIV status, language, parental status, political affiliation or belief and pregnancy status" — a seeming compendium of all humankind. "Orwell comes to mind as one reads this proposal," says Lewis. "It would create a totalitarian atmosphere in which everyone would have to guard his tongue all the time lest he say something that someone might find offensive . . ."

— MARTIN L. GROSS, *The End of Sanity* (Avon Books, 1997).