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■ Barbara Branden: Author of *The Passion of Ayn Rand*, and 18-year friend of the late Objectivist philosopher.



■ Melanie: Self-proclaimed "libertarian" and popular recording artist, famous for hits like "Brand New Key."

Branden, Melanie set for Convention

The "most interesting" trio of personalities ever to appear together at a political event has been added to the growing line-up of speakers for the 2000 Libertarian National Convention.

Jack Gargan, the former Chairman of the embattled Reform Party; Melanie, the million-selling pop/folk recording artist; and Barbara Branden, long-time intimate colleague of Ayn Rand, have all been confirmed to speak at the National Convention, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"Talk about a sizzling selec-

tion of speakers! This has to be the most interesting and eclectic group of individuals ever to speak at one Libertarian Convention," he said. "Whether you are curious about the gory details of the Reform Party's self-destruction, the intersection of pop and political cultures, or a behind-the-scenes look at Ayn Rand and her philosophy, this is an event you will not want to miss."

And if that's not enough, said Crickenberger, the man who helped found the Libertarian Party — David Nolan — has also been confirmed to speak at the

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LP's anti-Census campaign sparks national attention

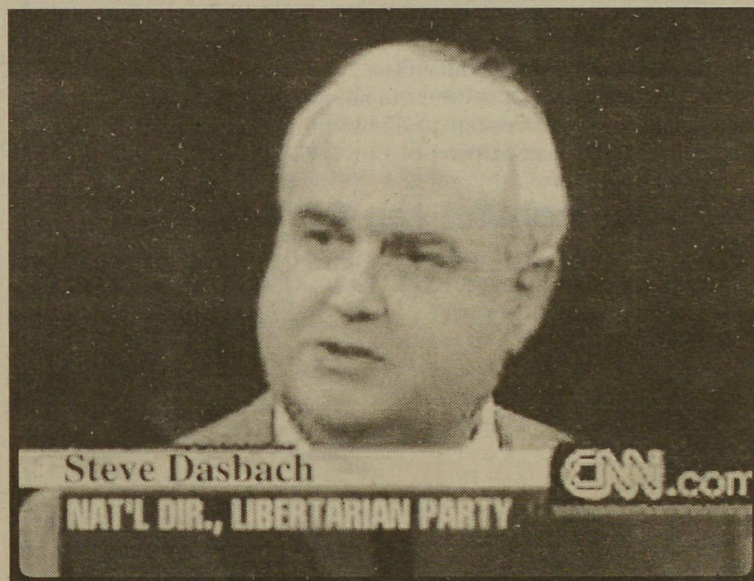
Did massive media coverage help drive down response rate?

The Libertarian Party's campaign to encourage Americans to "boycott nosy Census questions" has generated unprecedented media coverage, a scolding from the Census Bureau — and has possibly helped contribute to the lower-than-expected response rates.

"The Census was an issue custom-made for Libertarians," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "It involved privacy, wasteful government programs, and billions of dollars in taxpayer money. The Libertarian Party took the lead — and our campaign has paid off for us in terms of publicity and a greater public awareness of how intrusive the government has gotten."

"Whether or not we actually helped convince all those millions of Americans to boycott nosy Census questions, this has been a victory for the Libertarian Party."

Since January, when the party first issued a press release on the Census, and especially since mid-March, when 120 million Census forms landed in people's mailboxes, the party has



■ LP National Director Steve Dasbach appeared on CNN's *Crossfire* on April 5, where he debated U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) — and blasted the "offensive" racial questions on the 2000 Census form.

been encouraging Americans to answer the only Census question required by the Constitution: How many people live in your home?

Patriotic duty

"Census bureaucrats say it is your civic duty to answer all the questions," said Dasbach. "But it's actually your patriotic duty to refuse to answer nosy Census questions that the federal government has no business asking in

the first place."

The problem with the Census, he said, is that it is used to determine "who gets how much of what," according to the Census Bureau.

"The fact is, the information collected by the Census is used to dole out an estimated \$180 billion in taxpayers' money, to justify and expand wasteful government programs, and to allow the govern-

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History's heroes of liberty

By Jim Powell

AUTHOR, *THE TRIUMPH OF LIBERTY*

Can one person really make a difference?

Considering the positions of the major political parties, the bias of the media, and the apathy of the general public, it's natural to ask that question.

Well, take heart. Again and again, great wonders have been

achieved for liberty by a single individual — even in the worst of times.

I was reminded of this while researching *The Triumph of Liberty: A 2,000 Year History Told Through the Lives of Freedom's Greatest Champions* (Free Press, official publication date: July 4, 2000).

In my book, I focus on more than 65 people, including a failed

corset maker, a former tanner, a disillusioned clergyman, an impoverished composer, a one-time printer's assistant, a medical doctor, an engineering draftsman, a professor, a housewife, a pencil-

maker's son, a handkerchief weaver's daughter, a brewer, a hobo, and two former slaves, among others.

They became activists, writers, editors, educators, and sometimes political leaders, and they changed history. They can help spur us on.

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NewsBriefs

GLIL files brief on Boy Scout case

A gay and lesbian libertarian group has weighed in on the battle over whether the Boy Scouts of America should be forced to accept gay members.

On February 28, Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty (GLIL) filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that the Scouts have a Constitutional right to set their own standards for membership and leadership positions.

"We support this right even if that means the Boy Scouts may exclude openly gay Scout leaders from participation in the organization," said GLIL President Richard Sincere, a former Scout.

"We disagree with their policy of excluding gays, but if government forces the Boy Scouts to change that policy, the Constitutional rights of all of us — not just the Scouts, but everyone, gay or straight — will be diminished."

The GLIL brief was filed in the case of *Boy Scouts of America v. James Dale*. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court after the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled in August 1999 that the Boy Scouts may not exclude gay men from leadership positions. A decision is expected by the end of the year.

"Gay men and lesbians have suffered when freedom of association has not been respected," said Sincere. "A Supreme Court ruling against the Boy Scouts will have the perverse effect of hurting gay and lesbian Americans."

GLIL was founded in 1991 "to advance the ideas of economic and personal freedom and individual responsibility." The organization is based in Washington, D.C.

Anti-gun control rap CD released

There's a new rap album out with an unusual message: That gun control is racist.

In fact, a song with that title is one of the 13 songs on *Racism Exposed*, hip-hop artist Shoanna Z's debut album, which is being marketed by Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO). Other tracks include "The Bill of Rights," "Communist Coddlers," and "Liberal Hollywood Hypocrites."



"If the kids are going to listen to rap, why not make it pro-Second Amendment?" asked JPFO Executive Director Aaron Zelman, when JPFO began selling the CD in late March. "The titles alone are dynamite, and the lyrics bury the hatchet into political correctness."

Most of the songs deal with the impact gun control has on African-Americans, and on issues like the failings of inner-city public schools and how government programs hurt the poor.

"This new CD gives us a chance to transmit a message to young people that they don't get elsewhere on the music scene," said Zelman. "Instead of talking violence, degradation, and disrespect, Shoanna Z's music pounds out a pro-liberty message."

The CD, which comes with booklets about gun control and the Bill of Rights, is available from JPFO for \$17.95 (postage included). To order, call 1-800-869-1884 or visit www.jpfo.org.

Is that the LP in new phone ad?

The Libertarian Party has popped up in an unlikely place: A radio advertisement for a new digital phone service.

A radio commercial for the Digital Edge Midwest Plan from Cellular One mentions the party in a lighthearted way in a spot that spoofs politicians.

In the ad, an unnamed politician chats with an audience, and is informed that the "reason to love the Midwest these days is the Digital Edge Midwest Plan." People who sign up for the plan will get a free Ericsson phone, he is told.

The befuddled politician responds: "Ericsson? Is he the one running for the Libertarian Party?"

This radio ad is another small milestone for the party as it works to become a "household name," said LP Director of Communications Bill Winter.

"Before people vote for us, they must hear about us," he said. "This ad, in its lighthearted way, will help us move in the direction of more public awareness. No, it won't take the place of good LP candidates spreading the word, or the media coverage we generate by political activity, or the political advertisements we run — but it helps."

The advertisement ran on radio stations in the Midwest, such as 101.9 FM (The Mix) in Chicago, Illinois, in March.

Former CA mayor Art Olivier starts run for vice president

A former Libertarian mayor of a city of 67,000 has entered the race for the party's vice presidential nomination, because "it will be beneficial to have someone on the ticket who has actually reduced government," he said.

Art Olivier, who was the top elected official in Bellflower, California for over a year, announced his candidacy at a meeting of Los Angeles Libertarians on March 15.

He said his experience would lend credibility to the LP ticket.

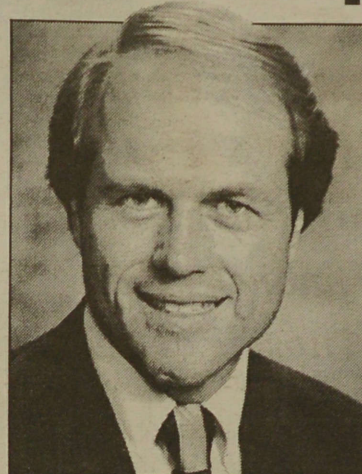
"Since most politicians say they are going to reduce the size of government and then do the opposite when they are elected, the voters don't believe them anymore," said Olivier. "Many voters have a hard time believing a Libertarian candidate who says he wants to reduce the size of government, unless he's actually done it."

Campaign platform

Olivier, 42, said his resume will be his campaign platform: He will talk about how he "eliminated taxes, privatized services, stopped eminent domain, and weeded out corruption" as mayor, and will emphasize that his experience will show voters that the LP can get the job done.

"A former officeholder who has actually reduced government brings an added credibility to the campaign," he said. "I'd bring to the ticket real experience in fighting and beating statist politicians at their own game."

Olivier joined the LP in 1989,



■ **Art Olivier: In his VP campaign, he will talk about how he "eliminated taxes, privatized services, [and] stopped eminent domain" as mayor.**

"the first year I registered to vote," he said. He ran for State Assembly the next year, and made his first attempt at a Bellflower City Council seat in 1992.

Two years later, after playing a key role in a successful fight to kill a plan to build a tax-funded casino on land seized by eminent domain, Olivier was elected to the Council, becoming the first Libertarian councilman anywhere in Los Angeles County. The Council elected him Mayor Pro-Tem in 1997 and Mayor in 1998. His term ended in 1999.

In his vice presidential bid, Olivier said he plans to start slow and build a more vigorous campaign as the National Convention approaches. He has launched a website, he said, and plans to hit the campaign trail soon.

"I will speak to Libertarian groups in many of the local regions in California, and I plan on attending the Nevada and Michigan state conventions as well," he said. "I will probably add trips to one or two more state conventions as the national convention nears."

If he wins the nomination, said Olivier, he will hire one full-time staff person to assist him in the general election campaign.

Olivier declined to comment on any of the announced candidates for the LP's presidential nomination.

Bring credibility

"[I am] running to help bring credibility to the campaign," he said. "If the presidential nominee is not credible, I would not be interested in running."

Currently, 1998 Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate Ken Krawchuk is the only other announced candidate for the vice presidential nomination.

Art Olivier is an engineer for Boeing in Long Beach, CA, and holds degrees in Design Technology and Internet Web Development. He lives with his wife and four children in Bellflower.

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The party's presidential and vice presidential candidates will be selected by delegates at the Libertarian National Convention in Anaheim, California, from June 29 to July 3, 2000.

N.J. Libertarians win election law case

Voters in New Jersey have won the right to register as Libertarians, thanks to a new court ruling.

On March 21, Superior Court Judge Anthony J. Parrillo agreed with the Council of Alternative Political Parties (CAPP) — an umbrella group representing the Libertarian, Constitution, Green, Natural Law, and Reform parties — that voters have the right to register as something other than Republican or Democrat.

"I knew that New Jersey's party affiliation scheme was rotten," said New Jersey LP Vice Chair Len Flynn. "We've tried for many years to reach out to potential supporters in the general public, but we were frustrated by the [voter registration] system, which prevented our contacting such people because we did not know who they were."

Pending a possible appeal, voters could start to register with

alternative parties before November's election.

Prior to Parrillo's ruling, New Jersey only permitted voters to register as Democratic, Republican, or unaffiliated. The CAPP began fighting the restrictive rules in January 1997, and filed suit against the state a year ago.

The core of CAPP's legal argument was that the state was acting as a "facilitator of party growth" by granting the Republican and Democratic parties free lists of registered voters, but forbidding alternative party registration and charging those parties for copies of the lists, said Flynn.

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Harry Browne considers protest against government campaign finance regulations

Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne may try to "strike a blow against oppressive government" by disobeying federal laws on the hot topic of campaign finance reform, his campaign has announced.

On March 12, Browne said he may "deliberately violate the contribution limits and reporting requirements imposed by the Federal Election Commission" as an act of civil disobedience and to "generate major national press coverage for our campaign."

"This action can reverse the debate about campaign finance reform," said Browne. "Everyone is focused on possible new campaign restrictions. But if we challenge the very idea of such laws, we could turn the debate upside down."

Final decision

The campaign expects to make a final decision by May, after consulting with attorneys. Until then, the campaign will not file required paperwork with the FEC.

If the civil disobedience effort does proceed, Browne campaign donors will be asked to exceed the \$1,000 limit on contributions. Only he and Campaign Manager Perry Willis would be put in legal jeopardy by the move, said

HARRY BROWNE:

A protest could turn the campaign finance debate "upside down."

Browne, but participating donors "might incur a small fine."

Browne said he would make his case to the public on firm Constitutional grounds.

"We are simply trying to exercise our First Amendment rights and correct horrible inequities in the system," he said.

Campaign finance laws hit the Libertarian Party especially hard because "they limit the money we can legally raise to counter the enormous free publicity the Democrats and Republicans receive, not to mention the tens of millions of dollars they confiscate from taxpayers to run their presidential campaigns," said Browne.

"A smaller, less-known political party can offset this kind of coverage and get the public's attention only by spending tens of

millions of dollars on advertising. But the contribution limit prevents us from raising that kind of money."

The plan has already attracted media coverage. MSNBC.com broke the news shortly after the announcement, and on March 20, the national newspaper *Investor's Business Daily* ran a favorable editorial about Browne's protest.

Free-for-alls

"The value of Browne's disobedience is that it holds current standards against those of a period, the nation's founding, when political free-for-alls were actually encouraged," the paper wrote. "At a moment when the most well-intended reformers want to give incumbents even more advantages through public financing, we find his contrarianism welcome indeed."

Currently, federal law prohibits individuals from contributing more than \$1,000 to a single candidate. Campaigns are also required to frequently file documentation with the FEC regarding campaign expenditures and listing all donors of \$200 or more.

In other campaign news, Browne delivered a major address on defense policy at a forum in San Mateo, CA on March 25.

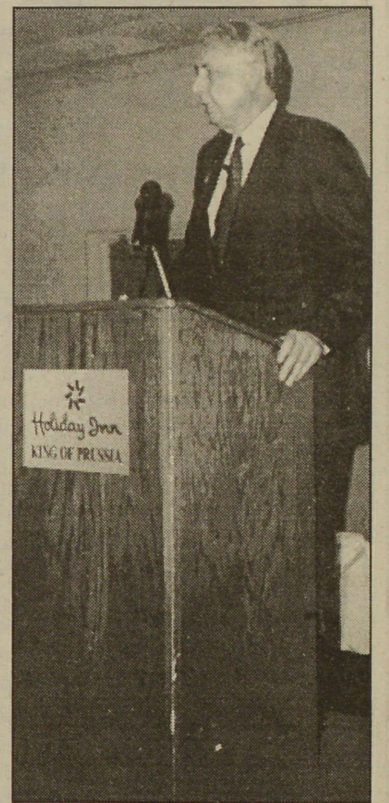
"Not only does war add to the size of government, but big government leads to war, since war provides a way to enhance its size and power," Browne told the crowd of about 200. "To stop war-making, we need to reduce government to a tiny fraction of its current size."

"We have the strongest national offense in the history of the world, but a very weak national defense with no ability to defend the country against anyone who can get his hands on a nuclear missile. This is typical of government programs, never delivering what they promise — in this case, selling us defense but giving us everything but that."

Antiwar.com

"Beyond Left and Right: The New Face of the Antiwar Movement," sponsored by the libertarian policy website Antiwar.com, also featured speeches by Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas), Reform Party presidential candidate Pat Buchanan, and leftist columnist Alexander Cockburn.

Browne also addressed LP state conventions in Illinois, Georgia, and Pennsylvania in March and did interviews with the Fox News Channel, MSNBC.com, the *Atlanta Constitution*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, the Ameri-



■ Harry Browne, shown here speaking at the Pennsylvania LP convention on April 1: The anti-FEC protest could "generate major press coverage for our campaign."

can Freedom Network, and LP talk show host Neal Boortz.

Browne, the LP's 1996 presidential nominee, faces Don Gorman, Barry Hess, and Dave Hollist for the nomination this year. The party's presidential candidate will be selected by delegates at the LP National Convention in Anaheim, California, June 29-July 3, 2000.

Libertarian registration jumps 9%; finally cracks the 200,000 barrier

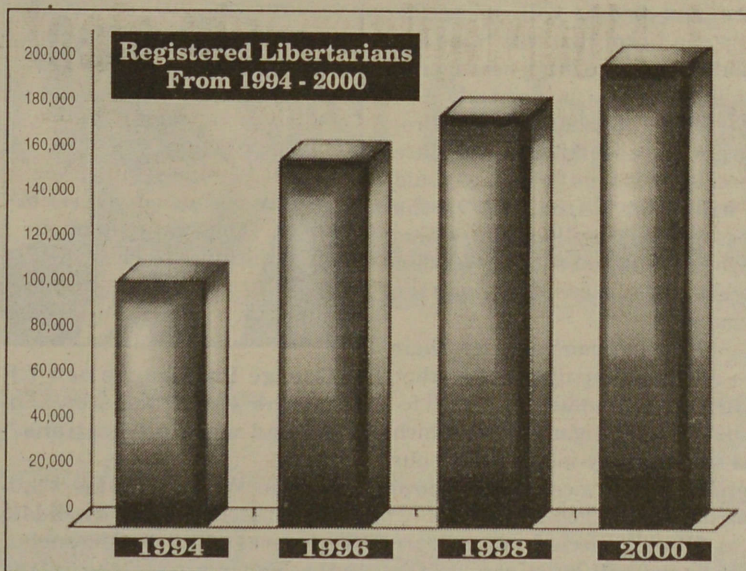
The number of registered Libertarian voters has passed the 200,000 mark for the first time in party history.

According to new figures released by Richard Winger — publisher of *Ballot Access News* and one of the nation's leading experts on third parties — Libertarian Party registration stood at 205,029 in late March, compared to only 182,481 in late 1998. That represents a growth of almost 9% over the past 16 months.

Even more striking, Libertarian Party registration has almost doubled since 1994, when registration stood at 109,100.

Other strategies

"Crossing the 200,000 threshold of registered voters is important for the Libertarian Party, since it's happened while we're not running any major voter registration drives," said Steve Dasbach, the LP's national director. "This means that our other growth strategies — more members, more candidates, more active state and local groups, and



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more media coverage — are driving this registration growth."

The actual number of registered Libertarians is almost certainly larger than the 205,029 figure, said Winger, since three jurisdictions — Maine, Kentucky,

and the District of Columbia — have not released Libertarian registration numbers.

The registered Libertarian voter base is drawn from the 27 states (and DC) that have participated in the registration process. See **REGISTRATION** Page 13

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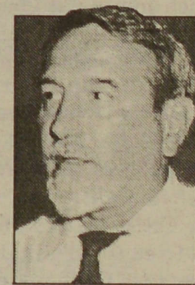
Don Gorman campaign visits five more states

Libertarian presidential candidate Don Gorman barnstormed across the Northeast in March and April, hitting five states on the campaign trail while receiving a boost from his home state's largest newspaper.

Gorman, twice elected to the New Hampshire legislature as a Libertarian, appeared at LP state conventions in Delaware, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, and spoke to activists in Massachusetts.

His busy schedule is just a prelude to the campaign he will run if he wins the nomination, he said.

"I am playing catch up, but my campaign continues to build momentum," he said. "If I win the nomination, I plan to travel through the states, speaking to every civic group out there along with the local Libertarian candidates. We need to build up the local parties as much as



■ Gorman: He's playing catch up

possible."

While Gorman was on the road, a favorable editorial about his candidacy appeared in the *Manchester Union Leader*, New Hampshire's largest and most influential daily newspaper.

"Could the next President of the United States come from Deerfield?" asked editor Bernadette Malone Connolly in the March 29 piece. "At least voters could choose something other than Bad or Worse."

"Gorman deserves a big thank-you for taking the time to see that voters once again have a choice in November. If he wins

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Miami mayoral election put on hold

Miami Libertarian Emiliano Antunez's mayoral campaign has been put on hold after the Florida Supreme Court postponed the scheduled election.

On February 25, the court affirmed a lower-court ruling that canceled the mayoral election, which had been scheduled for March 14.

A legal challenge to city charter revisions led to the decision, which will be reviewed again this fall. At that time, the court will decide if the election will be held this September or be postponed until November 2001.

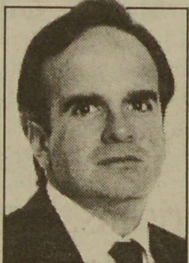
Antunez, 37, is a dentist and businessman who serves as Miami-Dade County LP Chair. In his campaign, he has emphasized municipal corruption, high taxes, and the expense of a dilapidated public stadium. He faces the incumbent and two former mayors, all of whom have been dogged by scandal.

Antunez's campaign manager Tom Regnier said the campaign "is proceeding" even though no one knows when the election will be held.

"We are disappointed and frustrated by the electoral circus that is going on in Miami, but there is not much we can do," said Regnier. "Emiliano is still walking precincts and meeting voters. This just gives him more time to campaign."

"The more our campaign has progressed, the more we have been feeling that Emiliano has a chance to pull this off. More and more people whom he has met walking the precincts were enthusiastically telling him they had heard his ads and were looking for someone to vote for other than 'those three crooks.'"

If the election is postponed until 2001, Antunez may run for County Commission this year instead, Regnier said. "We will see what happens and then weigh our options," he said.



■ **Emiliano Antunez: On hold**

Elias Israel takes Region 6 LNC post

Elias Israel has been named the new Libertarian National Committee Region 6 Representative after replacing Muni Savyon, who stepped down in mid-March.

Israel, the Massachusetts LP Chair, was chosen by Region 6 State Chairs to represent New York and six New England states on the LNC, completing Savyon's two-year term.

"When Muni [said he would] step down, I was very interested in having the chance to represent my region," Israel said.

Savyon said he resigned because he was unable to attend the March LNC meeting in Chicago, and wanted to ensure representation for the region there.

"I was happy when Elias Israel was chosen to serve as the regional representative, and I hope that he will continue in this role after the national convention," Savyon said.

Savyon said he enjoyed his time on the LNC, but, "like in so many things in life, to succeed and see results in Libertarian activism one has to be focused. I started to see that I do too many things on several levels. It was a very interesting experience, and I wish I had more time to continue representing Region 6."

CitiGroup boycott yields gun rights win

A boycott of CitiGroup spearheaded by the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) has ended in victory, with the banking conglomerate agreeing in March to "treat firearms businesses the same as other businesses," according to SAF.

SAF launched a nationwide boycott of CitiGroup, parent to companies like Citibank and Travelers Insurance, in February, after Citibank tried to terminate the account of the Nevada Pistol Academy because Citibank policy refused "accounts for businesses that deal in firearms."

SAF was quick to react, said SAF Executive Director John Barnett, and told CitiGroup if the company wouldn't do business with legal gun dealers, they would lose the business of legal gun owners, too.

The boycott hurt CitiGroup economically, said SAF founder Alan Gottlieb, and led to a change in policy.

"Citibank will now use the same standards it uses for other businesses," he said. "This is a sweet victory for all law-abiding gun owners across the country. I couldn't be more pleased."

This is the "second major boycott victory" for the SAF, said Gottlieb, which got Columbia Sportswear to end its financial support of a gun control group several years ago.

The SAF was founded in 1974 to defend the civil rights of firearms owners. The group, which has over 600,000 supporters nationwide, has successfully brought lawsuits against several cities for Second Amendment rights violations.

California activist Gary Copeland announces bid for LP national chair

Veteran California LP activist Gary Copeland jumped into the race for Libertarian National Committee Chair in late March, and has announced an ambitious agenda for the two-year term he seeks.

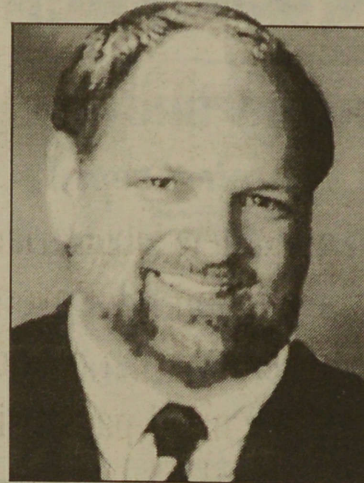
If elected, Copeland said he would double the number of registered Libertarians nationwide, double the number of dues-paying LP members, and "create a permanent process for party growth."

"Doubling the party in two years is not a goal that will come easy. But we have the people, the technology, the organization, and the desire. It's time to show everyone we mean business," the Orange County process engineer said.

"I would be a hired gun. If you can find someone better, please vote for him, for this is not a job I want or desire."

Copeland, who has been an LP member for two decades, heads two computer research firms and has served on the LP Platform Committee. These roles called on him to "create vision and rally individuals to accomplish goals" — experience he said would serve him well as Chair.

To achieve his agenda, he will



■ **Gary Copeland: Running for Chair because "it's time to show we mean business."**

"break down work into elements of labor" that suit each individual activist, Copeland said, giving each the incentive to "gain the rewards for that accomplishment."

Copeland declined to give details about his campaign strategy, and said he would rather have LP members work to achieve his goals than work to get him elected.

"Support Libertarian candidates, register Libertarians, and

donate time and money to grow the party," he said. "The best way you can help me is to send me your ideas on how we can double the party."

To get elected, Copeland said he will need the support of Libertarians who are willing to "change the system."

"Being a Libertarian means going against convention," he said. "It means not only being willing to fail, but sacrificing personal time [to recruit] one more person who will realize he can make a difference. But most of all it means being an individual willing to change the system."

Copeland, who is currently working on LP founder David Nolan's campaign for the U.S. House in California, has sought public office several times, and received 8% of the vote in a competitive race for the U.S. House in 1992. He served as delegate to three national conventions, and has held several positions in the Orange County LP. He joined the LP in 1979.

The LNC Chair heads the LP's National Committee for a term of two years. Incumbent Chair David Bergland announced

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'Clean Slate' head George Phillies launches run for LP national chair

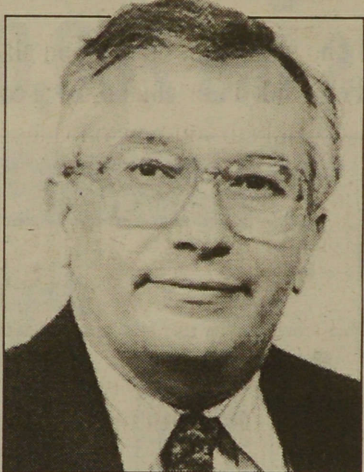
Massachusetts LP activist George Phillies has entered the race for Chair of the Libertarian National Committee, and said he will run at the top of a ticket that will "wipe the slate clean" and bring new energy to the party.

"The Clean Slate Action Program is running an LNC slate because it is time for change," said Phillies in March. "We're the people with the plan. LP members are activists, not checkbooks that walk. It's time for positive change."

Phillies's campaign for Chair — and the campaigns of the other Clean Slate candidates — will focus on "local organization, which is the strategy most true to our principles and most likely to move us toward our goals," he said.

"If we're elected, our primary challenge will be to change the direction of the Libertarian Party and its national operations," said Phillies. "The need is to change from a focus on fundraising and membership recruitment to a focus on inciting activism, building a strong party, and winning elections."

Phillies, 52, a physics professor at Worcester Polytechnic In-



■ **George Phillies: As new LP Chair, he would "focus on activism and winning elections."**

stitute in Worcester, Massachusetts, was a two-time candidate for federal office in Massachusetts. He currently chairs the Central Massachusetts Liberty Coalition and the Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association.

Achieving his goals, he said, will require "a highly effective electronic presence, systematic strengthening of local and state Libertarian groups, and restoring the trust of the membership in the integrity of national

party operations.

"If we raise money for a purpose — ballot access, debate access, electronic outreach, whatever — we will tell donors how we are going to spend the money, and we will later demonstrate that we actually spent the money as described," he promised.

Many of Clean Slate's proposals can be found in Phillies's book, *Stand Up for Liberty!*, and his essay series, "Letters on Libertarian Strategy," he said.

Both can be found online at www.cmlc.org.

Phillies said he will run a positive campaign for Chair.

"We're not going to spend our time campaigning against supposed mistakes of the past," he said. "We're running a positive campaign: Put our strategy into effect, use the invisible hand of the political market to make it better, and build a Libertarian majority."

Phillies is the first Clean Slate candidate to formally announce his candidacy. "We are going to be rolling out the other candidates between now and the National Convention, but not all at once," he said.

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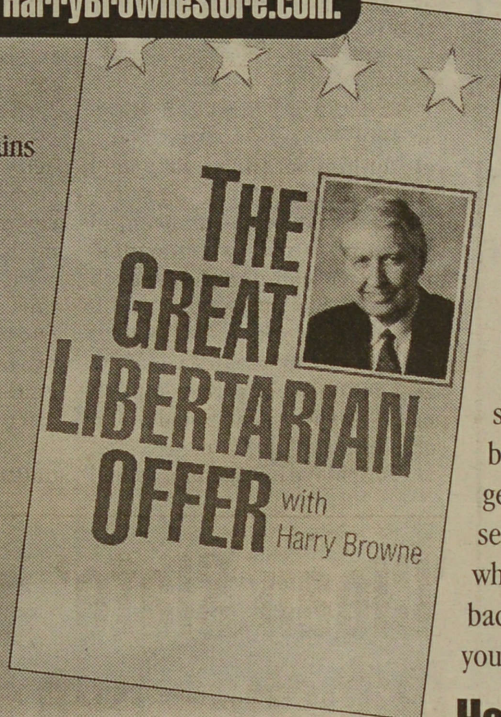
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Talking Points

A town's 'racial slur' database, & war as a scandal distraction

■ Forbidden words

In San Francisco, Hispanic employees of Avis Rent-A-Car complained that a supervisor persistently attacked them with racial epithets and insults. They sued and won.

In upholding the damages, the California Supreme Court issued a list of offensive words that can no longer be used in any way in any workplace in the state, even jokingly among Hispanic-Americans themselves.

Racist speech should not be tolerated in the workplace, but do we want courts handing down lists of forbidden words?

Columnist Nat Hentoff says this "may be the broadest and vaguest restriction of speech in American legal history." A dissenting California justice said the majority decision "would create the exception that swallowed the First Amendment."

— JOHN LEO

U.S. News & World Report
March 20, 2000

■ More than 90%?

How much waste (if any) do you think there is in the federal government?

- None — 2%.
- Less than 5% — 2%.
- 5-10% — 6%.
- 11-25% — 19%.
- 26-35% — 18%.
- More than 35% — 49%.

— ZOGBY INTERNATIONAL

"AMERICAN VALUES POLL"
March 9, 2000

■ Hot date canceled

The official global warming alarmists in the Clinton/Gore administration looked a little foolish during a January Washington, DC, snowstorm.

The Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program sent out a fax memo saying, "Due to the snow emergency and the shut-down of the federal government we have canceled today's U.S. Global Change Seminar, The Earth's Surface Temperature in the 20th Century."

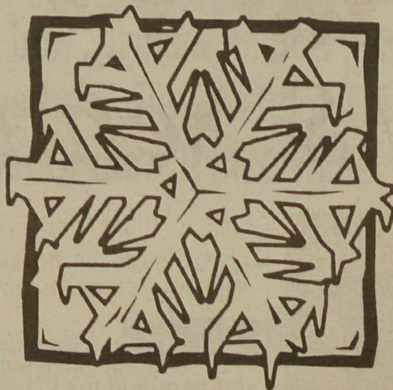
— COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE UPDATE

February 2000

■ Stadium scam

Many sports fans assume that government-owned and -subsidized sporting stadiums for local professional teams are a good, if not "essential," investment for municipalities.

Not so, according to sports



GLOBAL COOLING:

"Due to the snow emergency, we have canceled today's Global Change Seminar."

economists Roger Noll (Stanford Univ.) and Rodney Fort (Washington State Univ.).

At their recent talks at The Independent Institute, Noll and Fort argued that new municipal stadiums do not raise tax revenue for the surrounding area; they merely reallocate the source of tax revenues by shifting consumer spending away from other activities, such as purchasing theater or concert tickets or restaurant meals.

Furthermore, government stadiums help monopolistic sports leagues charge sports fans high ticket prices. On average, the economists said, two-thirds of the ticket price for a pro baseball, basketball, football or hockey game goes to the multi-millionaire athletes and team owners — a far greater share than would result in a competitive market unsupported by government-subsidized sports stadiums.

— THE LIGHTHOUSE
March 29, 2000

■ What about pandering?

The most unpopular career for Japanese high school seniors is becoming a politician, according to a survey by a private company. Asked for their reasons, most said they regard politicians as only thinking of money, doing bad things, and always lying.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

April 6, 2000

■ Women and Guns

According to a survey by the Gallup Organization for Women.com, gun control is low on the list of issues that women would like the next President to tackle when he takes office — no matter who wins the election.

Among women surveyed, the top priority was health care (20%), followed by education (17%), and taxes (13%). Gun control ranked 15th — it was chosen by only 2%.

— THE NATIONAL JOURNAL
March 18, 2000

■ Uncle Sam says: Cheat!

According to reports of an NCAA investigation published in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* in February, an official in the University of Tennessee English department last year claimed that a star football player plagiarized a class paper, but the university concluded that an athletic department tutor had merely misinterpreted the federal Americans With Disabilities Act.

The athletic tutor said she thought the act allowed a student with a learning disability to talk to her about a classroom topic and that the tutor could then draft a paper for the student.

— NEWS OF THE WEIRD
March 13, 2000

■ Retirement Dark Ages

Flash! Workers no longer have to worry about whether they will have enough money to sustain them in retirement. The problem has been fixed without reducing benefits and without raising taxes.

That would be good news if it was about America. Unfortunately, the news is about Sweden, Mexico, Great Britain, even Poland, and many other countries where some form of privatization is far outpacing state-run pension systems.

In Sweden last year, the stock market value of retirement funds increased 71%. In Mexico, it was 80%. Poland? 44%. Great Britain's 18% increase was much greater than the outmoded state retirement scheme, which 80% of the work force has chosen to leave.

It is the same for every other country that has opted out of a top-heavy and costly taxpayer-supported system in favor of privatization. Equities grew 28% in Argentina, 12% in Australia, a whopping 49% in El Salvador and 69% in Hong Kong, 37% in Peru and 40% in Hungary, according to

Heritage Foundation policy analyst David John.

In the United States, where half the country now owns stocks, workers remain trapped in a government system that by law requires them to pay record-high payroll taxes, earning very low returns that cannot be invested. This creaking system relies on the ability and willingness of the next generation to subsidize current retirees. The money cannot be passed on to the worker's children or grandchildren when the retiree dies. Why does the United States, which is pioneering in technology, remain in the Dark Ages when it comes to retirement?

— CAL THOMAS

Los Angeles Times Syndicate
March 29, 2000

■ Racial slur database

You'd better watch your mouth if you go to Laguna Beach, California. Really. The police there now keep tabs on anyone caught uttering a racial slur. Making such remarks isn't a crime, so no one will be arrested. But offenders will be logged into a database for future reference.

— REASON, April 2000

■ Uh, Libertarians knew

In recent years, the ACLU's work has focused on threats to the Bill of Rights posed by the highly organized and lavishly funded religious right.

But, now a new and disturbing pattern has begun to emerge — one that has happened so stealthily most haven't even noticed it: the government has again become a driving force for the majority of the anti-liberty proposals in our country today.

In fact, as we enter the year 2000 our government is starting to look more like that of the year 1900 in terms of the oppression and the control it's trying to exert over our lives. Unfortunately, most Americans aren't aware of the government's abuse of power, much less that the problem is growing worse every day.

For example, how many Americans are aware that federal agents recently trampled on the Constitution by suppressing an Internet film parody about a secret military takeover of Times

Square? Or that most victims of "civil asset forfeiture" aren't criminals at all, like the 75-year-old grandmother who lost her home because her drug-selling son once lived with her?

— ACLU UPDATES

March 29, 2000

■ War: A distraction

Twice in 1998, Bill Clinton deployed the military force of the United States at moments when the scandal stories threatening him were reaching their most dangerous stages.

The evening before Monica Lewinsky was to appear before the grand jury, Clinton struck at targets in Sudan and Afghanistan in purported revenge for the bombing of American embassies. In December, on the evening before the House vote on impeachment, Clinton suddenly launched an attack on Iraq, claiming the necessity of acting in advance of a fast-approaching Ramadan.

Only Clinton's core cultists still believe that either of these acts were anything but distractions from the scandals then dominating the news. It quickly became apparent that the target in Sudan was nothing more than a pharmaceuticals factory.

Indeed, the administration has made no credible effort to persuade anyone of its original claims that the factory was secretly engaged in the production of terrorist weaponry.


As for the claims that Clinton's hand was forced in Iraq by his tender concerns for Muslim religious sensibilities, it is doubtful that anyone ever bought into such a nonsensical story. Clinton's bombing raids actually continued into Ramadan.

In any case, Clinton got what he seems to have wanted from launching these strikes: the interruption of a bad story at a crucial moment, a change of subject, even, in the case of the Iraq strike, throwing the House Republicans on the defensive. House Democrats, suddenly suffused with jingoistic fervor, were able to pummel them for pursuing a political agenda while American soldiers were in harm's way.

— CHARLES PAUL FREUND
Reason, April 2000

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— Patrick Henry



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Republican Governor Paul Cellucci publicly repudiated the Republican U.S. Senate candidate. When asked whether he would vote Democratic, Cellucci retorted, "Isn't there a Libertarian candidate running?" On the evening TV news.

Massachusetts Republican Executive Director John Brockelman said, "We're not searching very aggressively for a new candidate."

A sampling of what's happening:

1. Remember the TV reporter who embarrassed George W. Bush on coast-to-coast TV before the New Hampshire primary? The reporter who asked Governor Bush who the presidents of four countries were? None of the leaders which Bush could name —

The TV reporter's name is Andy Hiller.

On Monday, March 27th, Andy Hiller did a hugely positive TV story on Carla Howell's campaign. Andy Hiller wasn't impressed by George W. Bush, but he was impressed by Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Carla Howell.

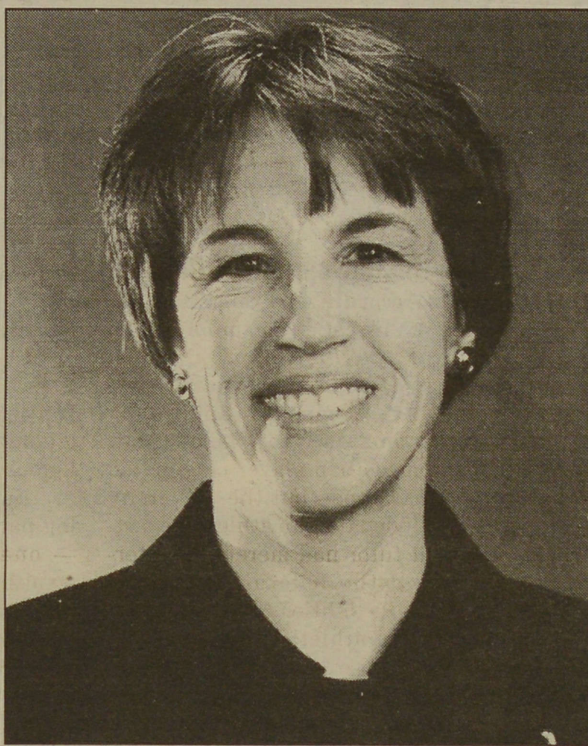
Andy Hiller said, "Carla Howell has every reason to smile, because she's not only a candidate, she's also an advertisement for the Libertarian Party. So she can lose this Senate race, and still win something very important: increased recognition and wider support for other Libertarians. And you know what? That's probably exactly what's going to happen."

2. The Boston Herald:

"Forget about the Republican. It's Carla Howell, the surprising Libertarian candidate, who is likely to make beads of perspiration pop on Senator Ted Kennedy's brow, if not a full sweat."

3. The Lowell Sun:

"The Republicans don't owe the Commonwealth another losing candidate. This year, I hope they will concentrate on legislative and Congressional races and leave Kennedy to the Libertarians. Carla Howell is the exact opposite of Ted Kennedy, architect of big, expensive, controlling, bumbling Government: a strong woman with a passionate belief in her campaign motto: 'small government is beautiful.'"



"Even those who aren't Libertarians should appreciate hearing a point of view that is simple, principled, and honest."

4. The Worcester Telegram & Gazette:

"— Carla Howell — her campaign could catch fire, and eventually, maybe, just maybe, Massachusetts would be represented by Senator Howell."

5. Charlton Heston gave a speech at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. Carla Howell was invited to the VIP reception, met with Mr. Heston — and the most influential gun rights activists in New England.

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6. In April, Carla Howell delivered speeches to over 10,000 gun owners at the GOAL Gun Owners' Action League Rallies in Massachusetts.

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Welcoming Reform defectors, protesting voter harassment, and lobbying for taxis

■ ARIZONA

State party lobbies for gun rights legislation

State Libertarians have endorsed a bill that would limit attacks on gun rights, calling it "far from perfect — but better than the status quo."

H.B. 2095, now moving through committee, would prevent any town or county from regulating "the transportation, possession, carrying, sale and use of firearms" beyond state law. The bill is expected to move to the full legislature this summer.

State LP Chair **Peter Schmerl** called the bill a good first step.

"Arizona municipalities currently have the authority to completely prohibit the carrying of weapons on public property," he noted. "This legislation would limit such prohibitions."

"The bottom line is that people must be able to protect themselves and their families when they go to their neighborhood park. This bill gives them that opportunity."

Schmerl added that the state LP will continue to fight for total gun freedom.

"Libertarians are staunch supporters of the right to keep and bear arms," he said. "This legislation will make a difference."

■ CALIFORNIA

Gas tax proposal is just 'government extortion'

A scheme by the state attorney general to tax oil company "excess profits" could set a "dangerous precedent," California LP Executive Director **Juan Ros** warned in March.

"This plan would do nothing to lower gas prices," said Ros, but instead could be used to launch jihads against "future industries that fall out of political favor."

The plan to "seize any oil company profits in excess of 40¢ per gallon is extortion by government and nothing else," he said. "The Attorney General's plan is undemocratic, arrogant, and shameless, and will only make matters worse."

Ros said the plan will not lower consumers' prices at the pump — and urged the state to let the oil market correct itself as it has in the past.

"Libertarians oppose any attempt to influence the market," he said. "Gas prices are already



Photo by Marc Montoni

Perpetual petitioning in Virginia

■ **Taking advantage of an unusually warm day in late March, Virginia LP Congressional candidate (First District) Sharon Wood (right) collects a petition signature to put herself and the Libertarian presidential candidate on the ballot. Wood, who joined the Libertarian Party last year after attending a Harry Browne fundraiser and re-reading *Atlas Shrugged*, said she has mastered the art of continuous petitioning. "Just carry your [petitioning] boards around with you, so you can get signatures from store clerks, passersby, at the dry cleaners, at your insurance agent's office, at LP meetings, [and] at the gas station," she said.**

starting to decrease on their own. We urge these tax barons to end their excessive meddling now."

■ FLORIDA

Seminole LP welcomes Reform Party 'defector'

Seminole County Libertarians welcomed one high-profile defector from the Reform Party to the LP in late March — and said more may be on the way.

On March 31, Seminole County Reform Party Chairman **James Coakley** quit that party and joined the LP. Others are likely to follow, he said.

"All the grassroots members in the region are leaving Reform and either joining the Libertarian Party or forming a new party," Coakley said. "Others around the state have told me that they are likely to join the Libertarians."

"I've worked with the LP in the past and it just made sense to join. The Reform Party has become dysfunctional."

At least two former Reform Party candidates in the Central Florida area may also join the LP this year, Coakley predicted.

Seminole County LP Secretary **Mark Clifford** called Coakley's decision "a big deal because it means we continue to grow."

■ FLORIDA

Activists fight selective anti-tax sign enforcement

"Tiny signs" and a penny tax led to a collision between Libertarians and Lee County officials in March — but ended with a victory against taxes.

Days before a March 7 referendum on a one-cent sales tax in-

crease, Libertarians were busy posting signs urging a "no" vote along the streets of Fort Myers. But within 48 hours, government workers were busy tearing them down.

The county government claimed the signs violated the county code. But LP activist **Kim Hawk** said it was a case of selective enforcement.

"They're tiny signs," he said. "They're not in the way. I'm surprised they made such a big deal out of it. Tax supporters dropped \$300,000 on their campaign, and all we used were a few signs. County officials can't keep up with the work they already have, and yet they found time to further a political cause."

Despite the county government's tactics and the vanishing signs, voters still rejected the tax increase by a five-to-one margin.

■ IOWA

State party signs on to Internet freedom pledge

Iowa Libertarians joined with Americans for Technology Leadership in March to call on the government to keep its hands off the Internet.

The state LP and the advocacy group issued a joint resolution on March 15 urging limits on "government regulation of the high-tech industry."

The statement called for "preserving America's technological leadership by not interfering in healthy and competitive markets and by limiting government regulation of technology."

"We want the government to keep their hands off the technology revolution," said State LP Chair **Mark Nelson**. "We invite like-minded Iowans to join our fight for freedom to promote growth and advance innovation in the high-tech market."

Iowans concerned with keeping high-tech industries free of "government intrusion" have a home in the LP, said Nelson.

"The Libertarian Party is the most technology-savvy party," he said. "We offer the best example of how free, loosely regulated markets create wealth and opportunity."

■ MASSACHUSETTS

Brandeis U. Libertarian is new 'voice for liberty'

There's a new voice for liberty at Brandeis University in Waltham.

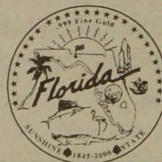
Michael Sturm, chair of the Brandeis Libertarians group, took the helm as editor-in-chief of the university's monthly libertarian journal, *Freedom Magazine*, in January.

"I want to provide an open forum for discussing issues that have been historically denied adequate attention by other campus media," he said. "Our editorial board strongly believes in the principles of limited government, free market capitalism, individual freedom, and personal responsibility."

In addition to putting out the magazine each month, the publication has also sponsored campus speakers such as the ACLU's Nadine Strossen and the NRA's Charlton Heston, Sturm said.

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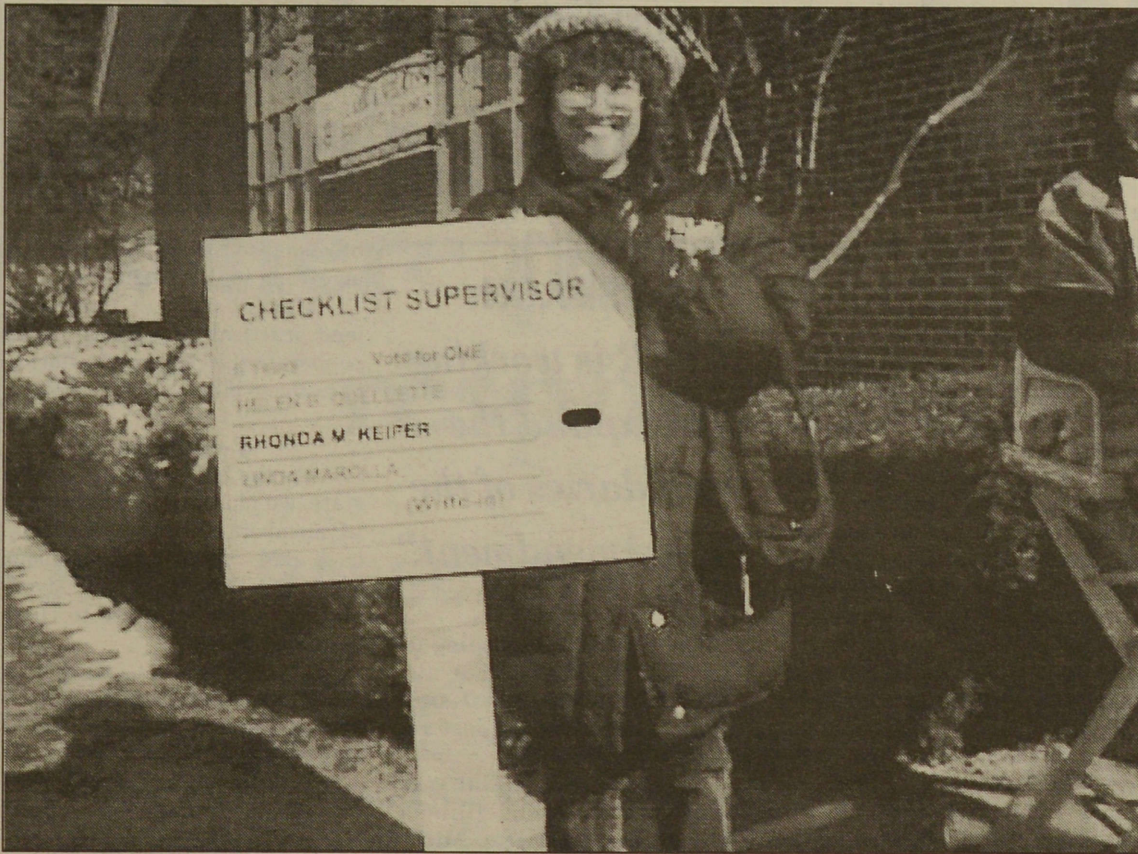


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Three Libertarians re-elected in New Hampshire

■ Supervisor of the Checklist candidate Rhonda Keiper works the polls in Amherst, New Hampshire, on March 7. In her first-ever campaign, Keiper came up short, finishing third in a three-way race with about 16% of the vote.

Other New Hampshire Libertarians fared better in the Spring elections: In Grafton, John Babiarz won re-election to the School Budget Committee, while his wife Rosalie Babiarz was re-elected to the Recreation Committee. In Hudson, John Drabinowicz won re-election to the town Budget Committee.

"Congratulations and thanks [to all the candidates]," said State Chair Danielle Donovan. "These folks are actively working to implement Libertarian solutions to real-life problems. All the philosophizing and pontificating means nothing; running for office and getting elected is the only way liberty will be restored."

to organize a debate between Senator Ted Kennedy and Libertarian challenger Carla Howell this fall, he said.

And while the left-leaning student government has frequently tried to de-fund the magazine, "we are committed to the preservation of the First Amendment right to freedom of speech," said Sturm.

■ MICHIGAN

State LP airs radio ads against Internet taxation

Michigan Libertarians launched an "air strike" against Internet taxation in March, buying strategically placed radio ads during popular talk radio programs around the state.

"We want to build awareness of the LP and provoke vocal opposition to the idea of taxing the Internet," said state LP Executive Director **Tim O'Brien**. "Taxpayers see [the Internet as] a future bright with promise. The politicians see the greatest cash cow since the income tax."

Approximately 300 ads aired in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and other areas over two weeks, at a cost of \$10,000.

The ads asked listeners to use the LPM's SpeakOutMichigan.org website — which allows any resident to send opinions on legislative issues to representatives in Lansing — to protest Internet taxes. The state legislature will issue recommendations on Internet taxation this spring.

The spots concluded by telling listeners: "If you're tired of politicians who are always looking for another way to get your money, maybe you're a Libertarian."

■ MINNESOTA

Libertarians rally against Ventura's light rail plan

Libertarians "went to the mat" against Gov. Jesse Ventura, joining citizens outside the Capitol on March 27 in a demonstration against increased light rail spending.

Demonstrators, toting signs reading "We're Being Railroaded By Power Politics" and other anti-mass transit slogans, "countered the moneyed din" of lobbyists seeking more government funding inside the Capitol, said LPMN Chair **Charles Test**.

"If Minnesota would just stop taking from the many to give to the few, all Minnesotans would benefit," he said. "It's downright wrong for Ventura and his cronies

to expect small-town citizens to pay for a light rail line to [transport] tourists from a shopping mall to downtown Minneapolis."

Instead, Test urged "the governor and his special interests to abolish their taxi and bus monopolies" and let the free market solve Minneapolis's transportation woes.

"Government transit monopolies are inadequate," he said. "Let's remove the barriers and have creative entrepreneurs solve our transportation challenges."

■ MINNESOTA

Time to end Minneapolis taxi monopoly, says LP

It's time for city government to pull over and let the private sector drive Minneapolis's taxis and buses, Minnesota LP State Chair **Charles Test** has declared.

"Instead of raising the cost of riding and driving taxicabs, the Council should abolish its monopoly," Test said in testimony before the Minneapolis City Council on February 9. "A free market in public transit would reduce congestion and pollution, since public transit would meet more people's needs."

Many residents do not use city-run taxis and buses "because they are unavailable, inconvenient, or too expensive," he said, while private taxis and vans could operate at a much lower cost.

In addition, privatization

could create jobs, said Test.

"Because it requires little formal education or capital, operating a taxi or van service provides an ideal opportunity for people at the bottom of the economic ladder," he said. "Do the right thing and get out of the taxi business."

■ OHIO

LP protests harassment during primary voting

Libertarians who tried to vote in the presidential primary on March 7 ran into resistance, rudeness, and ridicule from poll workers, State LP Director **Dena Bruedigam** has charged.

"Many people were told that Libertarian ballots were not available," she said, despite the LP's "hard work to meet the state's requirements for minor party status." Other Libertarians were "laughed at and ridiculed" by poll workers, who tried to talk them out of voting Libertarian.

Some voters were even ordered "to choose between a Republican or Democrat ballot," she said.

In Franklin County, where Bruedigam said the situation was especially bad, County Chair **James Moyer** denounced the "fiasco."

"The right to vote is sacred," he said. "It is illegal and immoral for an election official to influence a voter's choices. We don't see how the Secretary of State can certify the results of this election."

The state LP is investigating "all related situations statewide" and is considering suing the state, said Bruedigam.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Centre Co. LP sues over 'minor party' primary

Centre County Libertarians are in court fighting for "minor party" status after the county refused in March to let them hold a primary.

"One of our candidates received over 5% of the vote in 1999," said LP activist **Julian Hecklen**. "This qualifies the LP as a minor party. We asked the county for papers to hold a primary, but they refused."

The county LP lost in state court on March 10 when a judge ruled that, under state law, minor parties cannot list candidates on a primary ballot. Hecklen said he didn't disagree with the ruling, but noted the county could have still allowed an LP primary.

"We could have had a primary and not listed candidates' names on the ballot," he said. "The nominees of minor parties could be chosen from the write-in votes."

An appeal filed with the state Supreme Court on March 17 is pending consideration.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh LP parades to highlight 'green' mayor

Pittsburgh Libertarians had local politicians turning green when they turned out to protest corporate welfare at the city's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Toting signs that attacked the city's mayor for "The Stealing of the Green," local Libertarians distributed over 2,000 flyers mocking the mayor's policies in a lyrical parody.

"Mayor Murphy's been engaging in the stealing of the green/ Each Murphy friend is in the end a corporate welfare queen," the ditty went in part.

Libertarians organized the protest after the mayor spent hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money to entice businesses to move to the city, said Allegheny County LP Chair **Andy Corkan**.

"The crowd reaction was amazing," he said. "People saw our sign and asked me for flyers. I have never seen that before. The protest was as much a success as one could hope for."

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Rockhill LP officeholder wins dispute over SSN

A Libertarian officeholder has declared victory in a month-long battle with his town government over a \$10 paycheck.

The conflict began when West Rockhill Township Auditor **Arthur L. Farnsworth** went to pick up a check for \$10 — money he had earned for the one hour per year of work his position requires.

But when a clerk demanded he furnish a Social Security number, Farnsworth refused, noting, "There is no law that requires anyone to have a Social Security number to serve in town office."

Farnsworth demanded the town produce evidence that the SSN was legally required — and said he would sue if they still refused to pay him. Town officials admitted defeat and handed him a \$10 bill in February.

"It's a minor victory, but a victory," said Farnsworth.

■ VERMONT

LP: Montpelier gun vote is 'attack' on all rights

The Montpelier City Council is endangering a "long-established individual liberty" — gun ownership — and using voters to do it, the state LP has charged.

At issue: An anti-gun measure that will appear on the next town meeting ballot.

"By putting [this] measure on the ballot, the City Council has made voters accomplices in their efforts to violate one of Vermonters' most cherished rights," said Vermont LP Vice Chair **Evan Hughes** on March 16.

The measure would let voters decide whether to ban guns in the city — which Hughes said undermines the state Constitution.

"The right to keep and bear arms is protected," he said. "Putting it up for a vote opens all of our Constitutional rights to attack on a town-by-town basis."

"If Montpelier [bans guns] with its efforts, the rest of our freedoms will soon be targeted. What's next: a referendum on flag burning?"

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Robert Howard announces LNC bid

Texas LP activist Robert "Rock" Howard is running for an At-Large seat on the Libertarian National Committee, he announced in March.

"I want to ensure the Libertarian Party is focused on creating the proper environment for massive growth," said Howard. "I want vote totals and election successes to replace memberships and number of candidates as the standard for measuring our progress, to make the LP increasingly relevant to politics."

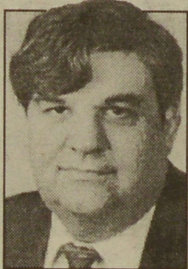
Howard, 43, is a host of the long-running Austin Libertarian television show *Live and Let Live*. Previously, he served as Travis County LP Chair, and on the Texas State Executive Committee, the Texas Bylaws Committee, and the National LP Bylaws Committee. He joined the LP "in the mid-1980s."

Howard said he has observed a "healthy trend" toward the LNC "acting increasingly like the party's Board of Directors" in "creating measurable goals" for the LP. He created an online "LNC Scorecard" at www.austliberty.org/LNCgoals to track the party's progress toward goals like 218 U.S. House candidates, 2,000 candidates nationwide, and increased party membership.

"The LNC is realizing that philosophical leaders and organizational leaders are two different things," he said. "There seems to be an effort to recruit LNC members who are better able to address business and operational concerns."

Howard is co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Tower Technology Corporation, an Austin-based Internet infrastructure software company.

At-Large LNC representatives will be chosen by delegates at the National Convention in Anaheim, CA, June 29-July 3, 2000.



■ Rock Howard: "Healthy trend"

Asset forfeiture bill passes Congress

Libertarian Party-endorsed asset forfeiture reform bill has finally passed Congress, and will become law if the president signs it.

On April 11, the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (H.R. 1658) — filed by Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (R-IL) — passed the House, after clearing the Senate in March.

H.R. 1658 will shift the burden of proof in asset forfeiture cases from the property owner to the government. Before seizing property, the government will be forced to show "by a preponderance of the evidence" that assets are linked to a crime.

The LP first endorsed a previous version of the bill in 1999, and has lobbied for its passage via e-mail "Action Items."

"Libertarians deserve credit for working for this bill for almost two years," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "I have to think that our continuing pressure on Congress helped overcome opposition from the Justice Department and the White House."

Although acknowledging that Libertarians would like to abolish asset forfeiture laws entirely, Dasbach said H.R. 1658 is a good first step.

"Until we can abolish asset forfeiture laws, we need to make it more difficult for armed federal agents to steal your property," he said. "H.R. 1658 is like a security system on your house: It's not a perfect solution, but it will give innocent Americans some protection from government criminals."

Browne website wins recognition

Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne has one of the best candidate websites, according to a leading Internet analyst — and he did it the hard way.

Browne's www.harrybrowne.org was judged the third-best site in terms of quality of programming by analyst Bob Crispen in a February *USA Today* report. Crispen called Browne's Internet presence "a good basic site."

Crispen evaluated 10 candidates' sites for the cleanness of their "coding" — the actual programming that makes them tick. Browne's site merited extra points because it was all done from scratch, "the only site coded without aid of [webpage creation] software," he said.

Browne's site ranked ahead of Democrat Al Gore's and Republican George W. Bush's in the survey, Crispen said.

Browne's webmaster, Geoff Braun, who built the site, said he was "flattered," but not too surprised.

"My design goals were very different than those of the major-party candidates," he said. "They chose prettiness, and I chose speed. The site's not perfect, but it is very accessible and functional for the typical Internet user."

LP endorses religious freedom 'restoration' lobbying campaign

The Libertarian Party has joined a national coalition that is working to pass religious freedom laws in every state and protect religious Americans from government harassment, National Director Steve Dasbach announced.

The party formally joined the Coalition for the Free Exercise of Religion (CFER) — which consists of 70 religious faith groups and civil rights organizations — on January 20 at a strategy meeting in Washington, DC.

"This Coalition is working to expand the boundaries of the First Amendment's protection of religious freedom against government encroachment, and we're proud to help," said Dasbach.

Currently, CFER is spearheading the campaign for the adoption of Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRAs) in each state. The bills would restore the "compelling interest" test — which the Supreme Court threw out in a 1990 decision — whenever the government attempts to infringe on religious freedom.

Restrictions

The current standard, the so-called "neutrality test," opens the door to increasing restrictions on religious practice, said Dasbach.

"The neutrality test says if a law wasn't designed to be discriminatory, it isn't," he said. "For example, if a government building had a rule against wearing hats indoors, and Jews couldn't wear yarmulkes because of that rule, they wouldn't be able to change the law under the neutrality test, because the law is religiously neutral."

"However, under the compelling interest test, the government would have to show a compelling interest to justify any law that discriminates against a religion. It's not a perfect solution, but it is one more weapon to restrict the power of government."

For example, after an RFRA is passed, state and local governments will have less power to use discriminatory zoning laws to prohibit the construction of churches or to close church soup kitchens, he said.

A federal RFRA passed Congress by a wide margin in 1993, but the Supreme Court ruled in 1997 that the law violated the separation of powers principle, and declared it unconstitutional.

DASBACH:

"CFER is working to expand the boundaries of the First Amendment."

The Coalition is pushing for a new federal RFRA, but also wants to pass individual state RFRAs to safeguard against any future federal rulings.

Eight states — Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Washington, and Wisconsin —

have passed their own RFRAs, according to the Coalition.

The Libertarian Party will lend practical, as well as moral, support to the Coalition's effort to pass these bills, said Dasbach.

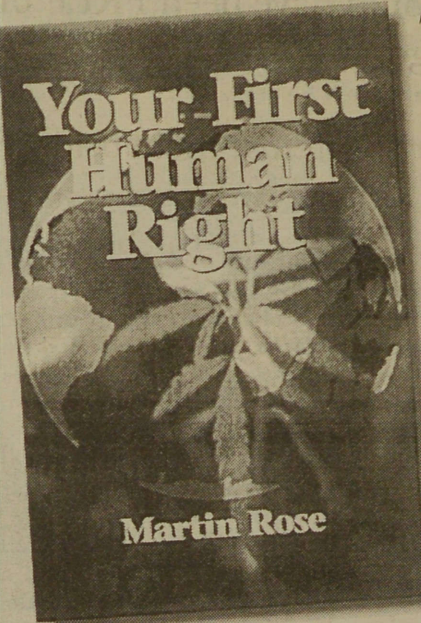
E-mailings

"As the bills come up in each state, we plan to do e-mailings to LP members in those states," Dasbach said. "We'll tell them about the bill so they can get involved, and ask them to write to their state legislators."

The CFER was founded in 1997, and includes Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and secular civil rights groups.

For information, contact the Council on Religious Freedom, 110 N. Washington St., Suite 404, Rockville MD 20850. Phone: (888) 590-8766. Website: www.c-r-f.org.

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Heroes of liberty through history

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It was during the crisis of the ancient Roman Republic that people heard Marcus Tullius Cicero express the doctrine of a "higher law," that a law isn't legitimate just because government says it is. Rather, he insisted, a law must meet standards of liberty and justice. By inspiring John Locke, Thomas Jefferson and many others, Cicero helped keep the torch of liberty burning bright for more than 2,000 years.

In the early 16th century, an era of religious persecution and frequent wars, the wandering monk Desiderius Erasmus emerged as the first modern champion of peace. "I am a lover of liberty," he wrote with his only weapon — a quill pen. He denounced persecution by both Catholics and Protestants.

Masquerading

He was among the first to say that different religions should flourish peacefully. He urged an end to burning heretics, witches and books. When Martin Luther maintained that human beings cannot choose their destiny, Erasmus defended free will. Just two decades after the Spanish established a colony in America, Erasmus wrote that "Colonization is nothing but robbery masquerading as the propagation of Christianity."

England's King Charles I claimed he was entitled to absolute power by divine right, but amidst the English Civil War of the 1640s some brilliant dissidents, led by John Lilburne, countered with the first comprehensive libertarian agenda.

Lilburne spent most of his adult life in prison, and he faced the death penalty four times, but

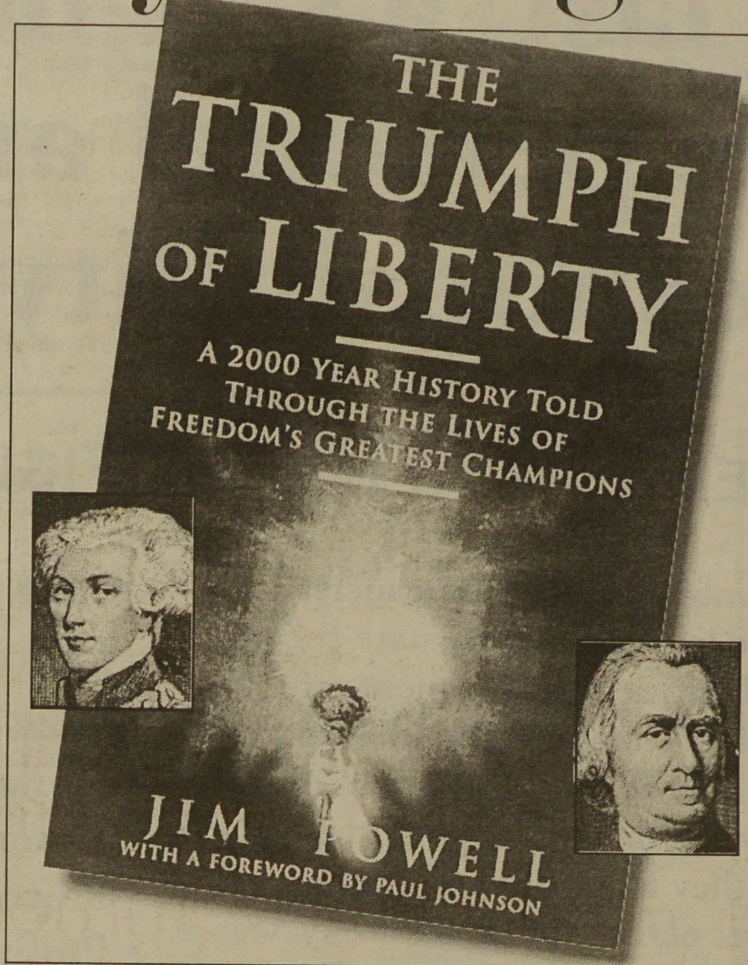
SAM ADAMS:
"Every tip of his pen stung like a horned snake," said the British.

he brought together the principles of religious toleration, private property, free trade, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, a separation of powers, a written constitution and opposition to military conscription.

The little-known Quaker merchant Benjamin Furley was a vital friend of liberty in 17th century Holland. He helped William Penn, who was struggling for religious toleration. Furley provided lodging for natural rights champion John Locke when he became an exile. Furley evidently helped get money for Algernon Sidney, who proclaimed the right of the people to overthrow tyrants, and Furley copied Sidney's manuscripts and kept them safe.

Pamphleteer

Surely, the American Revolution would not have turned out as it did without some extraordinary individuals including Patrick Henry, the dramatic orator, Thomas Paine, the passionate pamphleteer, Thomas Jefferson, who made ideas of liberty sing, James Madison, who did more than anyone else to achieve a separation of powers and a Bill of Rights, and Benjamin Franklin, whose greatest invention was the American Dream.



■ Jim Powell's book, *The Triumph of Liberty: A 2,000 Year History Told Through the Lives of Freedom's Greatest Champions*, will be published on July 4, 2000. Inserts: Two of Powell's champions of liberty: The Marquis de Lafayette (left) and "middle-aged brewer" Sam Adams (right).

My favorite Adams is Sam. He was a middle-aged brewer stricken with palsy when King George III began imposing unjust taxes on the American colonists. Sam Adams turned out to be a brilliant polemical writer and a resourceful political organizer with a keen sense of timing. The British governor of Massachusetts, Francis Bernard, snarled, "Every tip of his pen stung like a horned snake." Thomas Jefferson called him "my very dear and ancient friend."

Then there's Lafayette. He helped defeat the British at Yorktown, winning American Independence. In France, he helped topple two kings and an emperor.

Cornell University historian Stanley Idzerda remarked, "Lafayette knew only one cause during his long lifetime: human liberty. As a young man he risked his life in war and revolution for that cause. In middle age, living under the barely concealed dictatorship of Napoleon, a regime he detested, he recalled how he had been wounded, denounced, condemned to death, despised, imprisoned, beggared, and exiled — all in the service of human liberty."

"Poor, powerless, and with no prospects at that time, Lafayette asked, 'How have I loved liberty? With the enthusiasm of religion, with the rapture of love, with the conviction of geometry: that is how I have always loved liberty.'"

Lawyer Daniel O'Connell

emerged as Ireland's most important political leader for a half-century. A formidable orator, he held "Monster Meetings" which drew an estimated 300,000 people at Kilkenny, 300,000 in Mallow, and still larger crowds in Dublin, Cork, Dundalk, Navan and Tara. He secured passage of the Emancipation Act (1829) which admitted Irish and English Catholics into Parliament.

As biographer Charles Chenevix Trench observed, O'Connell "raised his people's heads and straightened their backs after generations of subjection and failure."

Troublemakers

The American abolitionist movement was financed by a handful of Quakers, since just about everybody else in the North viewed abolitionists as troublemakers. The Boston merchant Arthur Tappan and the lawyer Ellis Gray Loring backed penniless journalist William Lloyd Garrison, who launched *The Liberator* on January 1, 1831, and it was the leading abolitionist newspaper for more than three decades.

Quaker merchants supported Garrison when he started the New England Anti-Slavery Society whose first president was Arnold Buffum, a Quaker hat-maker. Garrison recruited the best anti-slavery orators including Frederick Douglass, Wendell Phillips and George Thompson.

By September 1845, free trade crusader Richard Cobden told his compatriot John Bright that he was worn out. They had been on the road almost nonstop for more than five years, addressing large crowds night after night. He hadn't seen much of his wife, and his calico printing business was in bad shape.

Bright replied that if Cobden quit, the free trade movement might collapse because "its main-spring would be gone." Cobden resumed his campaigning, and in June 1846, Britain's odious grain tariffs were repealed. This relieved starvation and ushered in a phenomenal era of prosperity.

Cobden went on to negotiate a treaty which led France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Norway, the Papal States and North German cities to expand peaceful commercial relations.

Housewife Elizabeth Cady Stanton launched the movement for women's rights and helped establish four organizations to promote it.

She set the agenda: equal property rights, including the right to make and terminate contracts, the right to hold property, the right to inherit property, the right to share in the custody of children, and women's suffrage to help secure these rights. Stanton and the women she inspired, especially Susan B. Anthony, kept at it for 70 years until the suffrage amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution.

170 million

The twentieth century was bathed in blood, with more than 170 million people murdered by governments. Yet from this awful century came many of the most important thinkers on liberty who ever lived.

Where would we be without Ayn Rand, who developed a compelling moral case for liberty? Where would we be without Ludwig von Mises, who explained why socialism must make millions miserable? Or F.A. Hayek, who showed why political liberty is impossible without economic liberty? Or George Stigler, who showed how government regulations tend to cause the very problems they're supposed to prevent? Or Milton Friedman, who defended liberty in more media and more countries, tackling more issues than anybody else before?

These famous thinkers needed the help of others less well known.

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Want to reserve an autographed copy of Jim Powell's *The Triumph of Liberty*? Visit: <http://laissezfaire.org>. The book is offered for \$22.95 (34% off the \$35 list price). Books are expected to be available in mid-June. Here are some early reviews:

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Heroes of liberty

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When Ludwig von Mises came to New York in 1940, an exile from Nazi-occupied Europe, he didn't have much money, and he didn't know anyone, but *New York Times* editorial writer Henry Hazlitt helped him get some research jobs and writing assignments. Hazlitt used his *New York Times* connection to help get Mises's wife's daughter out of Paris.

It was Hazlitt who persuaded Yale University Press editor Eugene Davidson to publish Mises's books *Bureaucracy*, *Omnipotent Government*, and *Human Action*. Hazlitt, of course, made his own distinct contribution to liberty by writing *Economics in One Lesson*.

A Kansas City man named Harold Luhnow helped support the work of Mises, Hayek,

Friedman and Murray Rothbard. Luhnow directed the William Volker Fund, and when New York University offered Mises an opportunity to conduct seminars but wouldn't pay his salary, the Volker Fund paid it.

Financial support

F.A. Hayek was looking for an academic position in the United States, but the best he could do

was an unpaid position with the University of Chicago's Committee on Social Thought. The Volker Fund paid his salary there.

Luhnow provided financial support which made it possible for Murray Rothbard to write his influential first book, *Man, Economy and State*. And Luhnow sponsored lectures which Milton Friedman delivered and later turned into his first popular book,

Capitalism and Freedom.

If one still has any doubt about how much a single individual can do for liberty, just remember that great angel of rescue, Raoul Wallenberg.

He defied the evil forces of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin, two of history's worst mass murderers. He confronted racists, torturers, assassins and even Hitler's chief executioner Adolf Eichmann, while saving almost 100,000 lives. More astounding, Wallenberg saved lives inside enemy territory, since escape was impossible. He was armed only with a pistol which he never used.

Although plenty has been written about economic forces, cultural influences and other impersonal factors which have an impact on history, I believe these examples serve as a reminder that people like us can and must shape events, too.

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LP registration passes 200,000

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san registration. Another 23 states do not have partisan registration for any political party.

While Libertarian voter registration was growing, both of the "major" parties lost ground. Over the last 16 months, the Republican Party lost more than 262,000 registered voters and the Democrats lost 522,000 registrants, according to Winger's figures.

The steadily growing number of Libertarians is a positive sign as the LP heads into the 2000 elections, said Dasbach.

"More voters want to be identified as Libertarians, and that has to be good news for our candidates this November," he said. "Even more significantly, it means there is a larger pool of Libertarians we can contact and ask to become contributing LP members, candidates, and activists."

Gone tomorrow

"Remember, a vote is often here today and gone tomorrow. But a registration tends to last for years and years — and sends a strong signal about where a voter's political loyalty will stay," he said. "These numbers show that more and more voters are gravitating towards the Libertarian Party's message."

Currently, the Libertarian Party has the fifth-largest number of registered voters of nationally organized political parties.

The LP ranks behind only the Democrats, the Republicans, the Constitution Party (which gets 91% of its registered voters from its affiliation with the California-based American Independent Party) and the Reform Party (which gets 62% of its voters from its affiliation with the New York-based Independence Party).

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SEC plans cyberspace snooping

A plan by the Securities and Exchange Commission to scan the Internet for "suspicious" words and phrases — and maintain a secret database of the results — is an electronic "stop-and-frisk" that will treat innocent Americans like financial felons, the Libertarian Party warned.

"Under this plan, anything you say electronically can and will be used against you in a government database," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director. "The SEC says it has 'zero tolerance' for financial fraud — but this proposal proves that the commission has no tolerance for privacy, Constitutional protections, and the concept of being innocent until proven guilty."

In late March, the SEC admitted that it was in the process of creating a surveillance system that will automatically scan the Internet for language that could indicate financial fraud.

The SEC's automated Web "crawler" would search for phrases like "get rich quick," collect e-mail addresses and names of people posting such messages, and store that information in a database for possible investigation.

Such a surveillance scheme is allowable, argued one SEC bureaucrat, because "the Constitution doesn't give people the right to use the Internet to commit fraud."

But, countered Dasbach, "The Constitution doesn't give the federal government the right to scoop up information about individuals without reasonable suspicion, and dump that information into a secret database without their knowledge or consent."

Pediatric doctors should halt gun grab

Pediatric doctors who plan to lobby for a ban on handguns because they're a "risk" to the safety of children are committing "malpractice against the Constitution," the Libertarian Party charged.

"Pediatric doctors should concentrate on helping children, not attacking the Constitution," said Steve Dasbach. "Pediatric doctors have no business lobbying to restrict the rights of adult Americans — and trying to disguise their politics as medicine."

In early April, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) passed a new policy statement demanding that handguns be banned by the federal government; that trigger locks and other "safety" features be mandated until that happens; and that the Consumer Product Safety Commission be allowed to regulate handguns.

But the AAP effort is misguided not only on Constitutional grounds, but also on the basis of the facts, said Dasbach. The reality is that guns are not a major danger to children, he said.

"The Centers for Disease Control reported that only 42 children under the age of 10 were killed accidentally by guns in 1996," said Dasbach. "While any death is tragic, keep in mind that 40 children under the age of five drown in a typical year in five-gallon water buckets, and another 80 drown in bathtubs."

"If pediatric doctors are concerned about children, why don't they lobby to ban five-gallon water buckets and bathtubs?"

Cut taxes to reduce gas prices

Federal and state politicians should impose an immediate one-year moratorium on gasoline taxes, the Libertarian Party suggested — which would save the average consumer 42¢ on every gallon of gas they buy.

"Don't blame OPEC if you're aggravated by high gasoline prices," said Steve Dasbach. "If not for greedy politicians gouging you at the pump, Americans would be paying just over a buck a gallon for gasoline."

Last month — as gas prices climbed past the \$1.50 mark — politicians debated whether to offer modest tax breaks to the oil industry to spur production, roll back 1993's tiny 4.3¢ gas tax increase, or put diplomatic pressure on oil-producing nations.

But the discussion ignores one central fact, said Dasbach: Most of the recent surge in gas prices could be erased instantly if politicians simply agreed to suspend the 43 different taxes imposed on the production and distribution of gasoline.

In fact, politicians now rake in almost as much per gallon as the oil-producing countries do, since the cost of crude oil is 52¢ a gallon, while the "cost of politicians" is 42¢, he noted.

"Instead of paying \$1.50 a gallon, consumers would only pay about \$1.08 — and save an average of \$422 this year in gasoline taxes," he said. "With gas prices going through the roof and average Americans suffering, how can politicians justify continuing such scandalous taxes?"

Advocates for Self-Government offers cyberspace 'Newsstand'

The Advocates for Self-Government has created a new online newsstand that sells a wide variety of libertarian publications for the "lowest prices" anywhere on the Internet.

The new feature — called "The Libertarian Newsstand" — was launched in early March, and can be found at the Advocates' website, www.self-gov.org.

"We think this will be a big boost for the entire libertarian movement," said Sharon Harris, Advocates president. "It's convenient one-stop shopping for libertarians who already know about these great magazines and newsletters, or for libertarians who want to discover some libertarian publications they may not know about yet."

"But more importantly, it's a way to offer these publications to the thousands of people every day who are just discovering libertarian ideas for the first time when they visit our site — and who want to quickly learn more."

Publications in "Room One" of the newsstand include *Reason*, *LP News*, *Liberty*, *Ideas on Liberty* (formerly *The Freeman*), the new *Journal of Ayn Rand Studies*, *The Independent Review*, and *Regulation*.

The Advocates also offers a "Room Two," said Harris, where other leading political, news, and business publications are available at the "lowest prices on the Internet." Titles include *National Review*, *New Republic*, *Harper's*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and more.

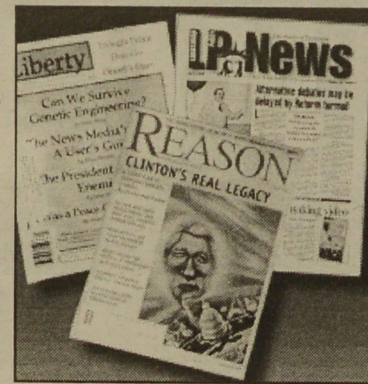
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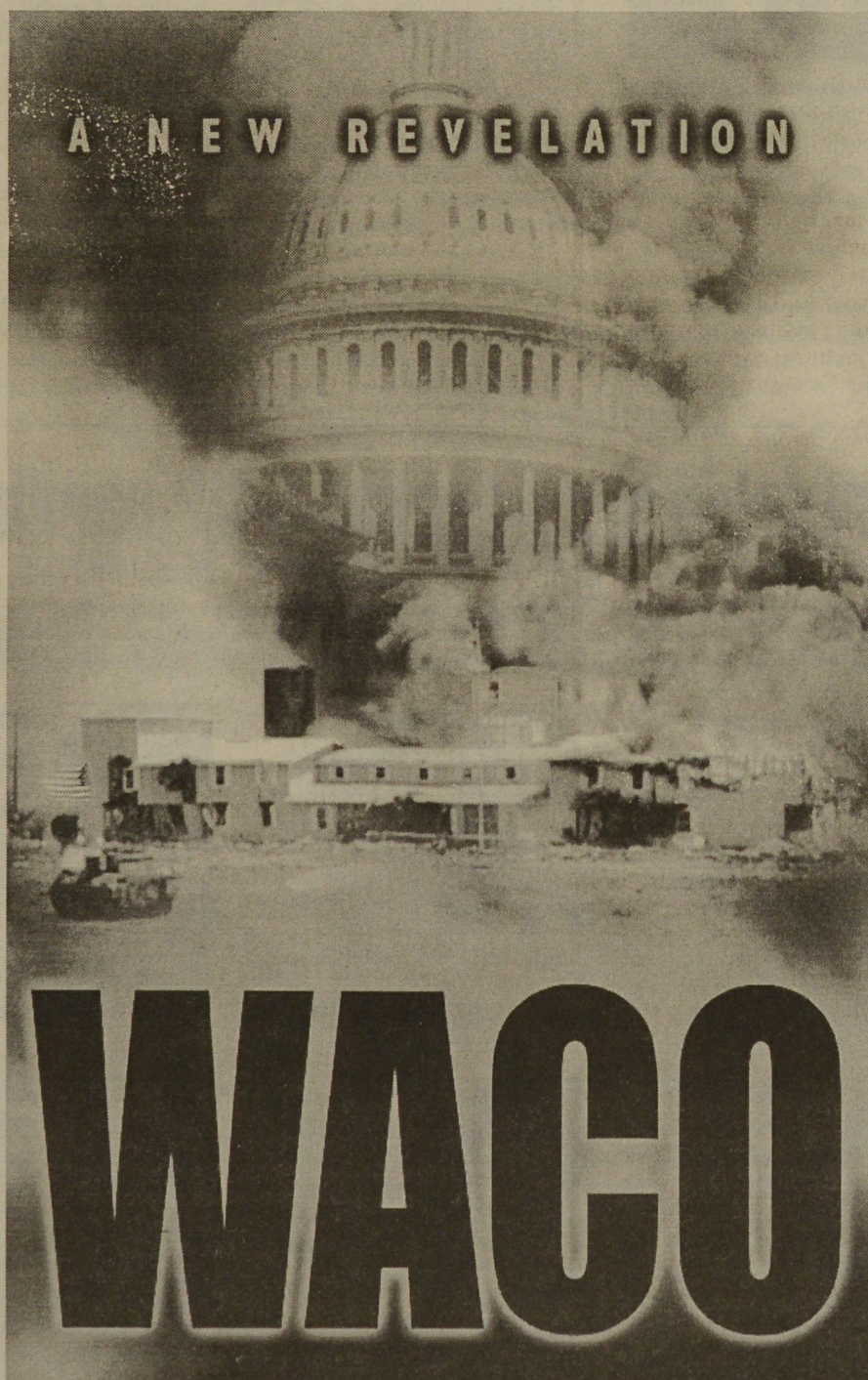
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CAMPAIGN 2000 REPORT



Pennsylvania Senate race: John Featherman versus two 'lock-step' social conservatives

Pennsylvania LP U.S. Senate candidate John Featherman said he expects a strong showing in the Keystone State this November.

How? By showing voters that his major-party rivals are in "lock-step" on all the big issues.

Featherman, 35, faces Republican incumbent Senator Rick Santorum and Democratic Representative Ron Klink this fall. Since both candidates claim to be "social conservatives," Featherman, a civil libertarian and leading privacy advocate, said he has a great opportunity.

Fresh voice

"I am running to win," he said. "Klink and Santorum are nearly identical candidates. I want to offer voters a fresh voice and an independent attitude."

Featherman, a noted privacy expert and television personality, has been on the ballot before. Now the Communications Director of the Libertarian Party of Philadelphia, he ran for the U.S. House in both a special election and the general election in 1998. He ran for State Representative in 1996.

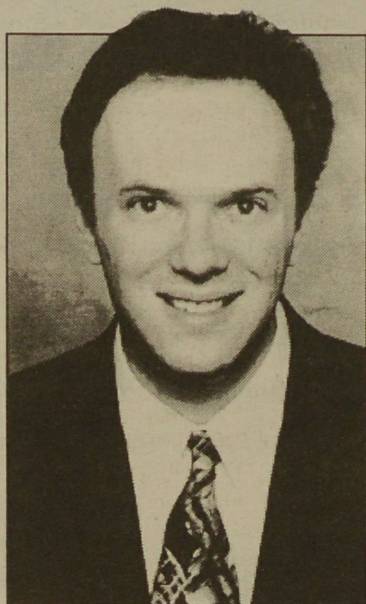
Those campaigns taught him how to play the game, he said. This year, the election will come down to basic political reality: The similarity of his rivals — and his differences with them, he said.

"They're both from western Pennsylvania; I'm from the east," he said. "They're both for the war on drugs; I want to end it. They're both pro-life; I'm pro-choice. They're both owned by special interest groups; I have never taken PAC money, nor will I ever."

But Featherman said he knows just being different won't be enough to win. That will take media attention, and he said he can get it.

"If I decide to rely upon the media to fairly cover my candidacy, then I will lose," he said. "I learned in 1998 that I must create news and not expect a two-party biased media to give me equal coverage."

"Pro-active is the key to my campaign. What I may lack in economic and political clout, I will make up in media savvy, telegenic appeal, and an energetic attitude. Political stunts and newsworthy events along with an ag-



■ **John Featherman: "What I may lack in political clout, I will make up in media savvy, telegenic appeal, and an energetic attitude."**

gressive Internet campaign will generate plenty of TV coverage."

He will use the tactics he used in the Spring 1998 special House race, said Featherman, when he became "the only Congressional

candidate in the history of the Libertarian Party to gain the endorsement of a major daily newspaper," the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

He won the endorsement after convincing the skeptical editorial board to sit down with Libertarian candidates.

"I contacted an editor and criticized his paper for refusing to interview our candidates for possible endorsement," said Featherman. "I contended they should at least hear our views. He offered us an opportunity, but said the board would be very unlikely to ever endorse a Libertarian for federal office."

But Featherman made the unlikely happen.

Independent

The paper endorsed Featherman in the special election, writing, "The best potential member of the House in this special election is Mr. Featherman . . .

"He has the courage to say Social Security should be means-tested. Unlike most local pols, he understands the benefits of free trade. In a Congress dominated by insiders, John Featherman would

bring a fresh voice and an independent attitude."

He will pursue that sort of guerrilla media strategy again, said Featherman, until he has enough money to compete head-to-head with his opponents.

Featherman has another source of media coverage as well: His own TV show. He is a correspondent on privacy issues for Channel 57 in Philadelphia, and said he has "outstanding name recognition" in that city because of it.

"The local news affiliates call me in as a privacy expert, giving me tremendous free coverage in the greater Philadelphia metropolitan area," he said. "My challenge is to extend my name beyond that area."

Money

And that will take money, he said.

"I hope to raise a lot," he said. "I expect to raise at least \$100,000. If we exceed that, we will appear on paid TV."

Featherman is the founder and editor of *Privacy Newsletter*, a monthly publication "devoted to helping everyday folks protect their privacy."

He is a leading authority on privacy issues and has appeared on the four major networks, CNN, and in the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. He holds a B.A. and an M.B.A. from Columbia University.

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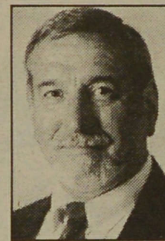
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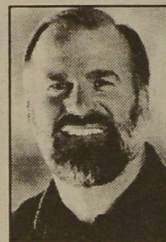
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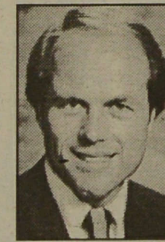
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Ron Crickenberger 'walks the walk' in campaign for U.S. Representative

Libertarian Party National Political Director Ron Crickenberger is going to do more than "talk the talk" about the importance of running for office this year — he's going to "walk the walk" by running for U.S. Congress.

In January, Crickenberger, 44, filed to run for the Eighth District House seat in Virginia.

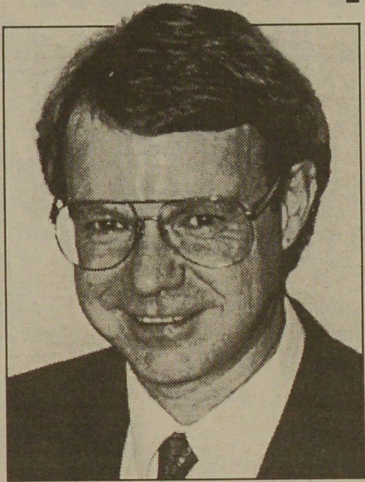
"Although I've coached or managed dozens of campaigns from President to local city council, I've never run for office myself," he said. "Running for office will help me do a better job as Political Director, since I'm sure I will learn many things about campaigning by running that I would never learn just by managing."

But Crickenberger, who works full-time for the party in its Washington, DC headquarters, had more than experience in mind when he decided to throw his hat into the Congressional ring, he said: He also had personal, ideological, and strategic motives.

Jim Moran

First, there was his opponent: Incumbent Democrat Jim Moran.

"I could not sit by and see Moran go unchallenged this year," he said. "Moran has one of the worst voting records for freedom in Congress. He was the sponsor of the bill to force a national ID card on every American."



■ **Ron Crickenberger: He's running because "I believe in leadership by example."**

Then, there were the issues.

"If you want a freer country and more prosperity for your children, promoting the Libertarian philosophy through campaigns is absolutely the most effective means," he said. "Whether it's a potentially winnable campaign for your local town council or a statewide race for governor, running for office gives you the best return on your Libertarian investments of time and money."

And, finally, there was the opportunity to help accomplish a goal that Crickenberger said is very important to him: Running LP candidates in a majority of Congressional districts.

The Libertarian National Committee set a goal in 2000 of running at least 218 U.S. House candidates. If the LP meets this goal, it will be the first third party in 80 years to do so, noted Crickenberger.

"I've always believed in leadership by example," he said. "I've always been willing to do whatever I've asked others to do, whether it was petitioning, donating, or fundraising. I've decided to apply that personal standard to running for office as well."

Make it easier

And there's one more reason he's running, said Crickenberger: To make it easier to recruit other Libertarians to run for office.

"Running will give me one piece of additional clout when I call Libertarians across the country," he said. "It's hard for them to say 'no' when I'm already doing what I'm asking them to do."

Crickenberger has served as the LP Political Director since March 1997. In that role, he recruits, trains, and supports LP candidates around the USA. He is also coordinating the LP's 50-state ballot access effort.

For information about his Congressional campaign, write: Crickenberger for Congress, 308 North Virginia Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. E-mail: RonCrickenberger@compuserve.com.

PRESIDENTIAL 2000 CAMPAIGN

Barry Hess campaigns in 3 states in quest to reach the White House

Arizona Libertarian Barry Hess has spent the last two months on the road in his bid for the LP presidential nomination, and said he has a plan to "take the White House in 2000."

In February and March, Hess addressed LP state conventions in California, Delaware, and Illinois. In each speech, he has laid out what he sees as the LP's strategy for victory in 2000.

"It's time to stop sending messages to Washington; it's time to start sending representatives to Washington," Hess told Delaware Libertarians on March 4.

"We have the highest percentage of activists of any political party. All we have to do is each pull a small part of the load, and with the combined efforts of all of us, we'll have the equivalent resources of a \$200 million campaign."

"Now is the time to let everybody know we've arrived, no

BARRY HESS:

It's time for the

LP to take its

"place as America's first party."

longer a third party, but taking our place as America's first party."

Hess said he plans to attend state conventions in Colorado, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Texas in coming months. He may add another six states to his travel schedule, he said, "but frankly that will be up to the generosity of our contributors."

"My objective is to let the audience know my basic philoso-

phies and principles," he said. "I'm learning to refine and polish the message, but I know I have a long way to go. It feels better each time I can get in front of a crowd with the Libertarian message."

Internet

In addition to working the convention circuit, Hess is actively campaigning on the Internet, he said.

"We have to become our own press," he said. "A big part of this is to exploit the Internet. We have a website [www.hess2000.com] full of video clips and audio clips, and we are scheduling live chat sessions accessible to anyone anywhere."

Hess faces Harry Browne, Don Gorman, and Dave Hollist for the LP presidential nomination. The nominee will be selected by delegates at the party's national convention in Anaheim, California, June 29-July 3.

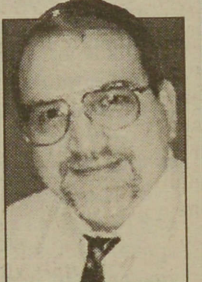
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Campaign news from around the USA

In Delaware, former state party chair **Brad C. Thomas** has announced he is running for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. In Texas, **Steven Multhaup** won the nomination of the Galveston County LP for Texas State Representative (23rd District). "It is time for the citizens of Galveston County to have a real choice," said Multhaup. "I intend to show how Libertarian ideas are effective solutions to today's issues." And in Illinois, **Dave Wood, Jr.** has announced he is running for State Representative (104th District).

■ In presidential news, the **Harry Browne** for President half-hour TV infomercial — "The Great Libertarian Offer" — aired in Atlanta, Georgia and St. Petersburg/Clearwater, Florida on March 13. In Massachusetts, final numbers were released for the nonbinding March 7 Libertarian presidential primary: **Harry Browne** came in first with 40%; **Kip Lee** won 8%; **Larry Hines** (who has dropped out of the race) won 4%; **L. Neil Smith** won 4%; **Edison McDaniels** won 3%; and **David Hollist** won 2%.

■ Nebraska Libertarians nominated several U.S. House candidates at their April 2 state convention: **David Oenbring** (1st District), **John "Jack" Graziano** (2nd District), and **Jerry Hickman** (3rd District). **Robert Eckerson** also volunteered to be a write-in candidate for U.S. Senate on the May primary ballot. And in Ohio, **Michael Chmura** will run for the U.S. House (13th District).



■ **Oenbring: U.S. House**

■ On March 9, the Arkansas Libertarian Party was officially notified that its petition to place the LP presidential ticket on the ballot had been certified by the Secretary of State, reported Vice Chair **Gerhard Langguth**. And on March 30, the Alabama LP received notification that the Secretary of State's office had "verified 40,306 signatures" to put the party on the 2000 ballot — more than the 39,935 required by law.

■ **Gail Lightfoot**, the LP candidate for U.S. Senate in California, won 111,426 votes in that state's "blanket" primary on March 7, coming in sixth of 15 candidates of all parties. Lightfoot said she will now campaign "all-out" to put the names of all California LP candidates in the public eye by November. In Massachusetts, a nice plug for LP candidate for U.S. Senate **Carla Howell** appeared in the March 19 *Boston Herald*: "Who could have guessed that Kennedy's most credible challenger in Campaign 2000 would be Libertarian nominee Carla Howell?"

■ In Indiana, LP Congressional candidates **Joe Hauptmann** and **Na'ilah Ali** have agreed to run a "joint" campaign in the 6th and 10th Congressional districts, respectively. "By combining our media dollars and harmonizing our message we will better be able to be heard by the greatest number of voters," said Hauptmann. In Pennsylvania, **John Featherman** was nominated on April 2 as the LP candidate for U.S. Senate, along with **John Famularo** (State Treasurer), **Jessica Morris** (Auditor General), and **Julian Heicklen** (Attorney General).

■ More than three dozen Libertarians have filed to run for office in Utah, said State Chair **Jim Dexter**. In all, at least 43 Libertarians will be on the ballot for federal, state, and local office, he reported. Heading the list: **Jim Dexter** (U.S. Senate), **Dave Starr Seely** (U.S. House District 1), **Peter Pixton** (U.S. House District 2), **Kitty K. Burton** (U.S. House District 3), **Dub Richards** (Governor), **W. Andrew McCullough** (Attorney General), **Jim Elwell** (State Auditor), and **Hugh A. Butler** (State Treasurer).

■ A new discussion list has been created for delegates to the LP National Convention to discuss business and strategy. Visit: <http://www.lp.org/conv/2000/>. Or e-mail: LP-National-Delegates-on@list.LibertarianActivist.org.

■ The Missouri LP has announced it will field candidates for all statewide races and all nine Congressional districts in the August 8 primary. The party will also run candidates in three State Senate races, 16 State Representative races, and two county races, said State Chair **Jim Higgins**. "Libertarians in Missouri have proved once again that we can function as a team," he said. In Maine, the state LP will run at least 15-20 legislative candidates this year, said Press Secretary **Jeff Weinstein**. That's up from only one State Representative candidate in 1996 and four in 1998.

CENSUS 2000 CAMPAIGN

Media Highlights

The campaign against "nosy" Census questions has generated one of the biggest bursts of media coverage in Libertarian Party history, said LP Press Secretary George Getz. "Our 'Boycott the Census' campaign isn't just burning up the phones of radio shows, spreading like wildfire on the Internet, and putting the Census Bureau's \$7 billion campaign at risk — it's also making headlines across the country," he said. Here is a sampling of the newspaper coverage the LP's campaign has generated:

■ Initially, it was the Libertarian Party that denounced the 53-question census form as being "too intrusive." Leaders of the party, which has 200,000 registered voters, urged Americans to ignore all but the first question on the form, which asks how many people live in their household.

— *The Washington Times*, March 31, 2000

■ Noting the real purpose of the long form's queries, Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach made headlines recently when he stated, "Census information is used to forge the chains that bind Americans to failed government programs, meddlesome bureaucracies, and a sky-high tax rate."

— *Lawrence Reed, The Detroit News*, March 19, 2000

■ Now, [the government's] appetite for details of our private lives is insatiable. How old are you? What's your race? There are 15 choices here. George Getz, the Libertarian Party's spokesman, sardonically notes that South Africa's apartheid government had only four racial classifications.

— *Don Feder, The Boston Herald*, April 3, 2000

■ The Libertarian Party is urging citizens to fill out the first question and leave the rest blank. Risk the [\$100] fine, urged George Getz, a Washington, D.C.-based spokesman for the party. "A lot of people wonder what they're going to do with the information. We don't know," Getz said.

— *Associated Press*, March 27, 2000

■ The Libertarian Party said in Washington on Monday that Americans have a unique opportunity to say "yes" to the Constitution and "no" to what the party calls "busybody bureaucrats in Washington, DC" by refusing to answer most Census 2000 questions. Officials of the House Subcommittee on the Census had no comment on the Libertarian Party statements when contacted by CNSNews.com.

— *Conservative News Service*, March 20, 2000

■ "This big, bossy, busybody government is trying to ask questions they have no business asking," says George Getz, the Libertarian Party's press secretary. According to Getz, Libertarians oppose answering census questions beyond those that fulfill the basic function mandated in the Constitution.

— *Utne Reader*, March-April 2000

■ The fact is, innumerable residents across the country are refusing to participate in the census, beyond a simple head-count. Steve Dasbach, leader of the Libertarian Party, is actually encouraging the practice. "The U.S. Constitution says the purpose of the Census is to make an enumeration; that is, to take an accurate count of Americans for the purpose of apportioning Congressional districts," he said. "But the federal government has gone far beyond that Constitutional mandate, and uses the Census to ask dozens of probing questions."

— *WorldNetDaily.com*, March 22, 2000

■ Steve Dasbach, the party's national director, called for Americans to answer only how many people live in their houses. "For once, we find [the government] doing something that is actually constitutional — conducting a census — and we think people should participate and answer that one question that the Constitution requires, which is how many people live in your home," said George Getz, the party's national press secretary.

— *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, March 16, 2000

■ The Libertarian Party is encouraging people to answer just one question on the census. The Constitution demands asking only the question about the number of people living in a household, said George Getz, a Libertarian spokesman. "What else does the government need to know?" Mr. Getz said. "Why should we trust these government agencies?"

— *The Dallas Morning News*, March 13, 2000

Anti-Census campaign sparks radio, TV, newspaper coverage

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ment to discriminate against Americans based on their racial or ethnic background," said Dasbach. "In other words, Census information is used to forge the chains that bind Americans to failed government programs, meddlesome bureaucracies, and a sky-high tax rate."

As public outrage about the intrusive Census form started growing, the party's efforts — and a series of anti-Census press releases — generated a firestorm of media requests for the party.

In all, anti-Census party spokespeople did more than 75 radio interviews that were broadcast on 2,055 individual stations, did upwards of 40 print interviews, and made four national TV appearances.

Touched a chord

"Our campaign — and the points that we made — really touched a chord," said LP Press Secretary George Getz. "We haven't been this busy media-wise since our Know Your Customer campaign."

Media highlights over the past month include:

■ An appearance by Dasbach on CNN's popular *Crossfire* on April 5, where he debated U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY).

In the spirited interview, Dasbach hit hard on the Census form's racial questions, noting that Americans have 18 "official" racial classifications to choose from — which is 14 more than were used by the apartheid government of South Africa.

"The racial data that's gathered is the basis for all these race-based programs that we've allowed to build up over the years, where we've started to pigeonhole people based on the color of their skin," he said. "If our goal is that of Dr. [Martin Luther] King, that we have a colorblind society, then we need to stop putting people in pigeonholes based on what color their skin is."

■ An appearance by Dasbach on the Fox News Channel's *O'Reilly Factor* on March 24.

■ A taped interview with Getz on the Fox News Channel on March 18.

■ An appearance on Court TV's *DC Insider* show by Dasbach on March 17.

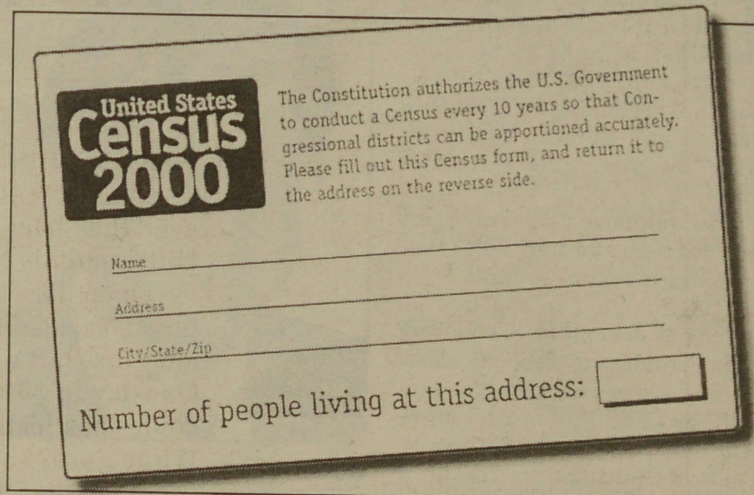
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■ During its anti-Census campaign, the Libertarian Party showed journalists a mock-up of a "Constitutional Census form" that fit on a postcard and asked only one question, "Number of people living at your address?"

■ A call by John Stossel of ABC News for a possible segment on his "Gimme a Break" feature on 20/20.

■ A taped interview on National Public Radio on 520 stations.

■ An interview with the CBS Radio Network on 1,000 stations.

■ Coverage on popular Web-based news services like WorldNetDaily.com, Conservative News Service (CNSNews.com), and APBnews.com.

■ A mention in the "progressive" magazine *Utne Reader* (April/May).

■ An interview with the Associated Press for a nationally distributed news story.

Bureau stops asking people nosy questions about their race, income, and disabilities — and returns to their Constitutional function of simply counting the population.

Around the time the LP's effort reached a crescendo, the Census Bureau announced they were seeing "new worrying signs that many people were refusing to complete and return the longer version of the form," according to the *New York Times* (April 15, 2000).

While 65% of households that had received the short form had returned it, only 51% of the long form households had done so — a gap that was twice as large as the long/short form gap in 1990.

It's difficult to judge how much of that drop is attributable strictly to the Libertarian Party's campaign, said Dasbach.

Out in front

"We were certainly out in front on this issue, but it's hard to quantify how much Census outrage we inspired, and how much is simply a case of Libertarians being out in front of a wave that was already building," he said.

"However, it's clear that interviews we did on 2,000 radio stations, more than three dozen newspaper articles and editorials, and four national television appearances must have had some impact."

During the anti-Census campaign, the party was also careful to offer a solution to the constantly declining response rates, said Dasbach: Put the Census form on a postcard containing only one question: How many people live at your address?

Such a strategy would "raise response rates dramatically, protect Americans' privacy, and comply with the Constitution," he said. "It's an inexpensive, obvious, and practical solution — no wonder the politicians refuse to do it."

GEORGE GETZ:

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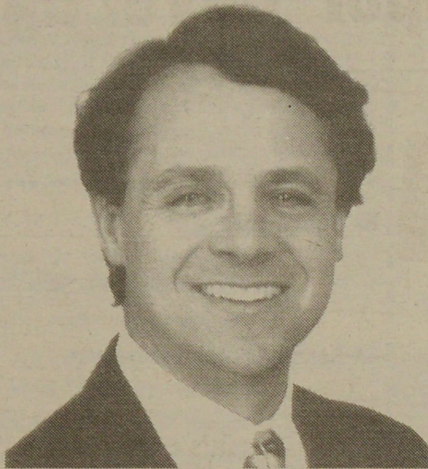
■ And calls from reporters from *USA Today*, the *Portland Oregonian*, *Boston Herald*, *Arizona Republic*, *Detroit News*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, *Washington Times*, *St. Paul Pioneer-Press*, *Florida Times-Union*, and *Indianapolis Star*.

The campaign — and the publicity it generated — apparently ruffled some feathers at the Census Bureau, said Getz.

On March 20, Getz got a call from the bureau's communications director, Steve Jost, who complained, "You Libertarians are really stirring up the pot!"

"I'll take that as a compliment," said Getz. "And we'll keep stirring the pot until the Census

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The White Rose: A Lesson in Dissent

by Jacob G. Hornberger

The date was February 22, 1943. Hans Scholl and his sister, Sophie, along with their best friend, Christoph Probst, were to be executed by Nazi officials that afternoon. The prison guards were so impressed with the calm and bravery of the prisoners in the face of impending death that they violated regulations by permitting them to meet together one last time. Hans, a medical student at the University of Munich, was 24. Sophie, a student, was 21. Christoph, a medical student, was 22.

This is the story of the White Rose. It is a lesson in dissent. It is a tale of courage — of principle — of honor. It is detailed in three books: *The White Rose* (1970) by Inge Scholl, *A Noble Treason* (1979) by Richard Hanser, and *An Honourable Defeat* (1994) by Anton Gill.

Hans and Sophie Scholl were German teenagers in the 1930s. Like other young Germans, they enthusiastically

joined the Hitler Youth. Unlike so many other Germans, however, they later turned against Hitler and his Nazi regime.

Open dissent was impossible in Nazi Germany, especially after the start of World War II. One day in 1942, however, copies of a leaflet entitled "The White Rose" suddenly appeared at the University of Munich. The leaflet contained an anonymous essay that said that the Nazi system had slowly imprisoned the German people and was now destroying them. Germans needed to rise up, the essay declared, and resist the tyranny of their own government.

The leaflet caused a tremendous stir among the student body. It was the first time that internal dissent against the Nazi regime had surfaced in Germany. The members of the White Rose, however, did not limit themselves to leaflets. Graffiti began appearing in large letters on streets and buildings all over Munich: "Down with Hitler! ... Hitler the Mass Murderer!" and "Freiheit! ... Freiheit!" ("Freedom! ... Freedom!")

The Gestapo was driven in to a frenzy. It knew that the authors were having to procure large quantities of paper, enve-

lopes, and postage. It knew that they were using a duplicating machine. But despite the Gestapo's best efforts, it was unable to catch the perpetrators.

On February 18, 1943, however, luck ran out for the members of the White Rose. Hans and Sophie Scholl were caught leaving pamphlets at the University of Munich and were arrested, along with their friend Christoph Probst. All three were immediately indicted for treason.

On February 22 — four days after their arrest — their trial began. Sophie Scholl shocked everyone in the courtroom when she said to the judge: "Somebody, after all, had to make a start. What we wrote and said is also believed by many others. They just don't dare to express themselves as we did."

In the middle of the trial, Hans's and Sophie's parents, Robert and Magdalene Scholl, tried to enter the courtroom. Magdalene said to the guard: "But I'm the mother of two of the accused." The guard responded: "You should have brought them up better."

The judge pronounced his judgment on the three defendants: Guilty of treason. Their sentence: Death.

That afternoon, the prison guards permitted Hans, Sophie, and Christoph to have one last visit together. Sophie was then led to the guillotine. One observer described her as she walked to her death: "Without turning a hair, without flinching." Christoph Probst was next. Hans Scholl was last; just before he was beheaded, Hans cried out: "Long live freedom!"

Today, every German knows the story of the White Rose. A square at the University of Munich is named for Hans and Sophie Scholl. There are also streets, squares, and schools all over Germany named for the White Rose. The German movie *The White Rose* is now found in video stores in Germany and the United States.

Richard Hansen summed up the story of the White Rose: "In the vogue words of the time, the Scholls and their friends represented the 'other' Germany, the land of poets and thinkers, in contrast to the Germany that was reverting to barbarism and trying to take the world with it."

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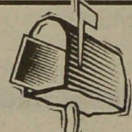
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Gorman campaigns in 5 states

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the nomination and provides an alternative to Al Gore and George W. Bush, many people will be grateful to this Deerfield resident."

In another media mention, Gorman was recognized by a major newspaper as one of the "manliest" candidates in the race for the White House.

Manliest candidate

In the "Heard in the Hall" column in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on April 2, Clea Benson noted that Gorman was in the state for the LP convention, and announced that "there's another contender for [the] award for the manliest presidential candidate."

The Libertarian candidate, she wrote, "knows how to shoot pistols and rifles, teaches survival skills, pilots a plane, skydives, and scuba dives. But all that's just child's play for Gorman, who left home at 16, became a merchant marine, and then started his own highrise waterproofing company."

If that's not enough, Gorman also once "organized a Cuban, Russian, American volleyball game in the midst of the Angola civil war while ringed by armed communist troops."

Gary Copeland starts Chair bid

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in early February that he would not seek re-election to the post.

Copeland currently has two rivals for the Chairmanship: Virginia LP Vice Chair Jim Lark and Massachusetts LP activist George Phillies. The new chair will be selected by a vote of the delegates at the LP National Convention in Anaheim, California, June 29-July 3, 2000.

To contact Copeland, e-mail him at: ern@epires.com. Or call: (714) 545-9022.

George Phillies runs for Chair

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Phillies received 2,800 votes in a bid for U.S. House in 1998; he was unable to obtain ballot access in his 1996 U.S. Senate bid. He served on the Board of the Massachusetts LP from 1996-1997 and was the state party's Executive Director in 1996.

Phillies is the third candidate to enter the Chair's race, and faces Virginia LP Vice Chair Jim Lark and California LP activist Gary Copeland.

For more information on the Clean Slate Action Program candidates for the LNC, e-mail Phillies at phillies@wpi.edu or visit www.cleanslate2000.org.

The only question left, wrote Benson: "But could he take on Gov. Jesse Ventura?"

After the Pennsylvania visit — where he participated in a debate with Harry Browne and Barry Hess — Gorman encouraged his rivals to agree to more debates.

"Let's debate plans for party unity, for growth, and for victory," he said. "The Libertarian Party must choose its path for the next century. Let's take off the gloves,

go at it, defend our answers against sharp criticism, and let the members decide."

The LP presidential candidate will be selected by delegates at the National Convention in Anaheim, CA, June 29-July 3, 2000.

■ **Don Gorman (center), candidate for the LP presidential nomination, talks with delegates at the Pennsylvania state convention on April 1.**



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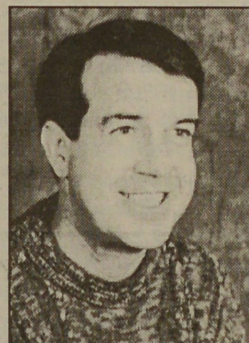
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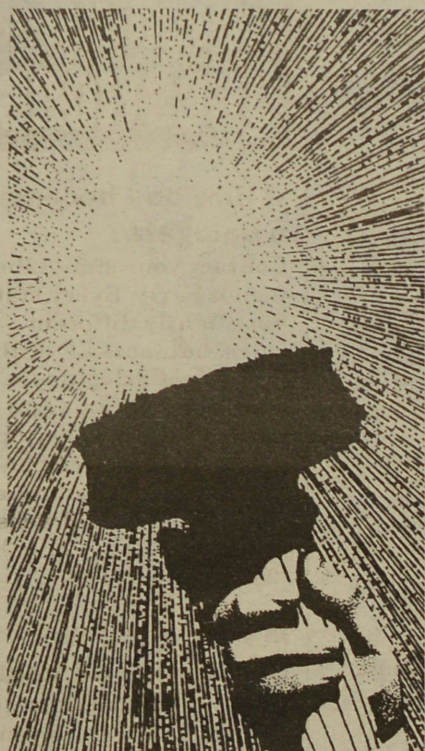
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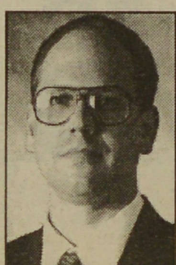
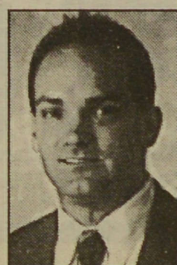
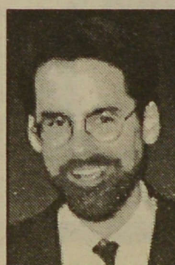
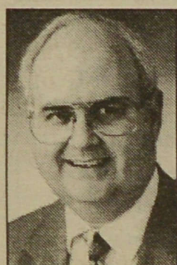
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enberger: One for candidates, focusing on how to maximize the last four months of your campaign; and one for LP activists, focusing on the “basics” of party-building, such as raising money, recruiting volunteers, generating media, and building a political infrastructure.

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- ✓ Vote on any changes to the LP's official Platform
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Convention Speakers

Here is a partial list of confirmed speakers for the Libertarian National Convention, June 29-July 3, 2000, in Anaheim, California.

■ Russell Means

Indian rights activist & star of *The Last of the Mohicans* and *Natural Born Killers*

■ Jack Gargan

Former Chairman of the embattled Reform Party

■ Melanie

Emmy Award-winning singer and songwriter

■ Mike McNulty

Producer of the documentary, *Waco: A New Revelation*

■ Barbara Branden

Author, *The Passion of Ayn Rand*

■ Neal Boortz

Syndicated libertarian radio talk show host

■ John Berthoud

President, National Taxpayers Union

■ Marshall Fritz

Founder, Separation of School & State Alliance

■ Mary Ruwart

Author, *Healing Our World*

■ Tim Slagle

Professional comedian

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■ David Nolan

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■ David Thibodeau

Author of *A Place Called Waco: A Survivor's Story*

■ Barbara Goushaw

Keynote speaker & LP campaign manager

■ Bonnie Flickinger

City Council, Moreno Valley (California)

■ Phil Miller

City Council, Greenfield (IN)

■ Gary Nolan

Syndicated libertarian radio talk show host

■ Sara Cotham

Former Executive Director, LP of Indiana

■ Bill Masters

Libertarian sheriff, San Miguel County (Colorado)

Branden, Melanie, and Gargan confirmed for Convention 2000

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Convention, which will be held June 29-July 3, 2000 in Anaheim, California.

"The Libertarian Party tends to attract extraordinary people," said Crickenberger. "With our growing line-up of extraordinary speakers, the same is true for our National Convention."

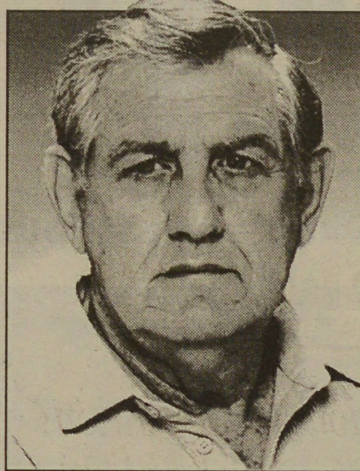
Included in that list of "extraordinary" speakers are:

■ **Jack Gargan.** He first made a national name for himself when he started T.H.R.O. — Throw the Hypocritical Rascals Out — in 1990. The non-profit corporation, dedicated to term limits and ending deficit spending, ran a series of full-page advertisements in newspapers across the country, and earned Gargan the title of "Hero of the Week" from *Time* magazine.

In 1991, he helped launch the "Draft Ross Perot" movement. His association with the quirky billionaire led to a nine-year alliance with United We Stand America and then the Reform Party — and stints as Florida Reform Party Chairman and candidate for U.S. House in Florida in 1998.

In 1999, Gargan was elected national Chairman of the Reform Party. He took office on January 1, 2000, and was unceremoniously booted out six weeks later in a bitter struggle — complete with fistfights and death threats — between competing factions in the party.

■ **Barbara Branden:** She was part of one of the most exciting intellectual movements of the 20th century: Ayn Rand and the development of the Objectivist philosophy.



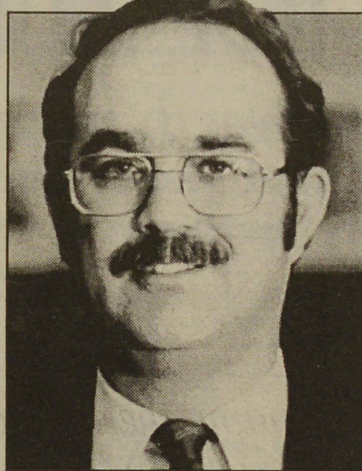
■ **Jack Gargan:** He went from "Hero of the Week" to the most controversial man in the Reform Party.

With her husband, Nathaniel Branden, she was a colleague of Rand for 18 years, a member of the "Rand Circle," managing editor of *The Objectivist*, and executive vice president of Nathaniel Branden Institute in New York.

After the Objectivist movement splintered — the victim of all-too-human emotions and an all-too-doctrinaire approach to philosophy — Branden went on to write the bestselling biography *The Passion of Ayn Rand* in 1986. It was later made into a movie for the Showtime network.

■ **Melanie:** She's had a musical career that has spanned more than three decades — starting at the original Woodstock and still going strong in 1999 with a greatest hits CD.

Melanie, born Melanie Safka in 1947, first came to public prominence in 1969 with an appearance at the famous Woodstock music festival.



■ **David Nolan:** For inventing the "Nolan Chart," he was named an "Outstanding Intellectual of the 20th Century."

Over the next five years, she had a string of hits in the United States, including "Lay Down (Candles in the Rain)," "What Have They Done to My Song, Ma," "The Nickel Song," and "Brand New Key," which hit #1 in 1971.

Over the years, Melanie has released 25 albums, won an Emmy Award in 1989, made an appearance on a Spice Girls album in 1996, and issued a new greatest hits collection entitled *Ring the Living Bell: A Collection* (Renaissance Records).

She's also a libertarian: In the liner notes of her last CD, she wrote, "I'm a total Libertarian. Vote Libertarian, [and] don't worry about wasting your vote."

■ **David F. Nolan** was the prime mover behind the formation of the Libertarian Party in 1971, and has played a number of roles in the party since then: Interim Chair; editor of *LP News*; and Chairman of the LP Platform,

Bylaws, and Judicial Committees.

Aside from his role in founding the LP, Nolan is best known as the originator of the groundbreaking "Nolan Chart," a two-dimensional map that displays a more accurate model of political beliefs.

In 1999, he was named one of the "2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by the England-based International Biographical Centre.

His career has included work in publishing, advertising, marketing, World Wide Web sites, and talk radio. He holds a political science degree from MIT.

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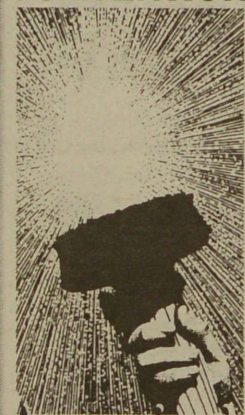
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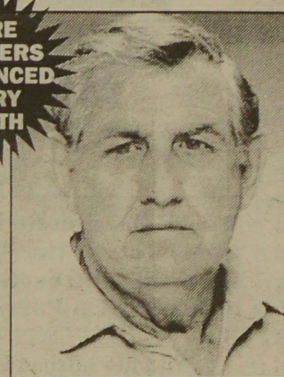
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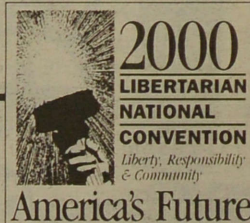
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New Mexico LP fights for major party status

New Mexico Libertarians have won a partial victory in a legal battle to gain major party status — and said they are “optimistic” they will eventually win a complete victory.

On March 23, a state judge in Santa Fe ruled that the Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) had enough registered voters to qualify as a major party.

But, simultaneously, District Judge Stephen Pfeffer ruled that the party had not met a second standard of winning 5% of the vote in a statewide election — a decision which means the LPNM will remain a minor party.

The party will appeal that second ruling because it will prevent two or three dozen Libertarian Party candidates from getting on the ballot this November, said State Chair Joseph Knight.

“We’ll fight this for the next two years if we have to,” he said. “Right now, there is nothing we can do but [continue to] let the process go through the courts.”

The battle over major party status began in 1999 after New Mexico Libertarians launched a voter registration drive.

Their goal: To register enough new voters to pass the threshold of 2,975 registered Libertarians required for major party status.

Problems

But the drive ran into problems in December after a few petitioners hired by the party were accused of misleading some registrants, said Knight.

According to complaints by a few dozen registered voters, some petitioners told people they were signing a ballot access petition, not changing their registration.

In response, the LPNM suspended the questionable employees and offered to pay for a mailing to all newly registered Libertarians, to confirm they did choose to register with the party.

“We’re just as anxious to get to the bottom of this as [the Election Bureau],” said Knight at the time. “If [any petitioner] broke any laws, it was without the party’s knowledge or consent.”

But the state government announced that a criminal investigation would be launched, and said it would not recognize about 1,500 Libertarian registrations in every county in the state — even though discrepancies had surfaced in just a handful of counties.

On February 2, the state government officially refused to certify the Libertarian Party as a major party. Without those 1,500 non-recognized registrations, the

party had failed to cross the required threshold of one-third of one percent of voters, said the secretary of state.

As a result, the party did not qualify for a June primary, which would have allowed LP candidates to get on the November ballot with very low petitioning requirements.

Instead, LP candidates will have to collect hundreds or thousands of signatures, which means the party will probably run just a

handful of candidates this year, instead of the three dozen it had planned to run, said Knight.

No right

In response to the ruling, the LPNM filed a lawsuit against the state, arguing that only 14 registrations have been proven invalid, and that the state had no right to reject every registration just because some were questionable.

“I don’t have any problem if a county clerk decides that a par-

ticular voter registration may have a problem,” said Knight. “But I have a problem when we’re singled out [and the state government treats] our registrations differently than other parties.”

In the decision on March 23, Judge Pfeffer agreed, and ruled that any registration forms not under investigation must be counted as valid.

However, in an unexpected twist, he also ruled that the party had failed to meet the state’s sec-

ond requirement for major party status — 5% or more of the vote in a statewide race.

Although LP State Land Commissioner candidate Maurice McDonald received 9% in his 1998 campaign, Pfeffer ruled that the 5% must come in a presidential or gubernatorial race.

But as the battle moves into appeals, Knight said he is optimistic about the final outcome.

“I’m overjoyed that the state has to count all of our legitimate registrations,” he said. “While we lost for now on the 5% rule, I am optimistic we will eventually win on that count, too.”



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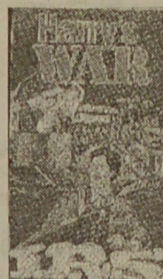


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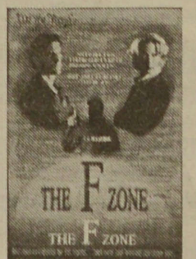
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The Forum

The connection between jazz and liberty

Some people might find it strange to hear of a jazz musician who is interested in politics, but that is not as uncommon as you might believe.

Career musicians are just as much hard workers and family men as any other field. Unfortunately, the news media tends to overplay the occasional addict or drunk, in spite of the fact that they are rarely successful and have a short musical life span.

In music, jazz represents freedom. As long as the player stays within the framework of the music, he is playing the music the way he wants to — interpreting it in his own manner and style. After years of reading music that others have written, playing the way someone else directs, jazz has a great deal of appeal to a person who treasures his own particular freedom.

The majority of trained musicians cannot play jazz — with its need for improvisation — and need the guidance and leadership of others. In this sense they are typical of a large part of our population.

The jazz musician, however,

tends to rebel against too much authority and can be called the

“Free Spirit” of the music world.

Freedom of action in music is no different than the freedom that the Libertarian philosophy offers. To be able to live your life and pursue your interests as you choose — as long as it does not interfere with another's space or activity — is the most worthwhile goal a person can achieve.

Exposure to politics

My own exposure to politics and freedom of choice started in Chicago in the 1940s. I was a member of the Catholic Youth Organization marching band.

We were asked to play for then-President Harry Truman, who was making a visit to the city. My Republican upbringing — plus a youthful lack of tact and diplomacy — led me to object and refuse to play for Truman. Needless to say, the band director was not pleased, and I was asked to leave and not come back.

Strange as it may seem, I felt

By Plato Smith



■ Plato Smith: “The jazz musician tends to rebel against too much authority.”

good about my pint-sized Patrick Henry stand, though I don't imagine Truman minded one bit.

Some years later I became enthused over Barry Goldwater's position on politics and organized a Draft Goldwater movement in North Florida. We received strong news coverage and had several successful rallies.

In the middle of this one afternoon, I received a phone call from a man who identified himself as the Republican State Party Chairman — Basil something or other.

His first words were, “What the hell do you think you're doing with this Goldwater thing?” He went on to tell me that I should mind my own business and let the people who ran the party decide who the nominee should be.

Needless to say, I was less than polite in my response. Luckily Goldwater was successful in our area — but I learned a strong lesson from that phone call: Don't believe all that the politicians tell you about being a good citizen and exercising your rights.

Precinct Captain

Even stranger, once the nomination was over and Goldwater's campaign had begun, the Republican Party called and asked me to be a precinct captain.

My answer was simple: I changed my registration to Independent and kept on working for what I believed.

In the years since then I've

played for President Bush and Senator Orrin Hatch and several other Republican bigshots — but I did it, as the song says, my way.

There is some humor in political activity, however. While we were playing for President Bush, a lady schoolteacher who had a bunch of kids with her (supposedly rooting for Bush) came up to me and asked me to play “Happy Days Are Here Again,” the theme of FDR's first campaign. She had a sly grin on her face — but I had to disappoint her, I'm afraid.

So why am I a Libertarian?

My own way

It's simple. I want my freedom and the right to live my life my own way — whether in politics or music. I prefer to be a contributing member of society instead of a reluctant part of a herd of sheep.

As in playing jazz, Libertarian philosophy answers a need to express a love of personal freedom. In a jazz band, each player is expressing himself individually although working together to create a whole. American society could reach that same goal one day if we keep working at it.

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How impeachment and morality created a new Libertarian

She was disgusted with the Clinton fiasco, but didn't like the GOP legislating morality . . .

I attended my first Libertarian meeting about six months ago. Because I was different from others at the meeting — I guess I fit the profile of a “Soccer Mom,” sans the children — several people were curious about me. When they asked why I was checking out the Libertarian Party, my response was, “Anger!”

While I didn't know very much about the Libertarians yet, I was angry with the way the established parties were handling the Clinton scandals.

I spent several months becoming more upset and complaining, and then I decided I had no right to complain about the system unless I was doing something to improve it.

Republican?

My first instinct was to become more active in the Republican Party. But the behavior of the Republican leadership during the Senate impeachment trial left a bad taste in my mouth, so I was ready to consider an alternative.

While never particularly active politically, I had been a Re-

publican since college. I guess I would have called myself a

Reagan Republican. Yes, Ronald Reagan wasn't perfect, but I did admire his leadership and optimism, and I was pleased with the tax cuts implemented during his administration, and with the deregulation he supported.

But for several years I had been feeling disenchanted with the Republican leadership. George Bush was a big disappointment, and I was appalled by the party leadership's failure to effect real reforms after the “Gingrich revolution” and the Clinton scandals.

I also felt uncomfortable with the leadership's clumsy attempts to placate the religious right by changing the Republican platform.

Please note that I am a Christian, and this is an important part of my life. However, one cannot legislate morality.

I cannot control the desires of another person's heart, and I can-

By Shefali O'Hara

not instill faith at the point of a sword. The Christian message is one of love, not of aggression, and the mode of conversion is by example and persuasion, not through legislative imperatives.

While many of the Founding Fathers were devout men, they understood the danger of a federally imposed religion.

Morality

So I was increasingly ambivalent about the Republican Party's platform. While I agree with many of their ideas for economic reform, I disagree with their attempts to legislate morality.

At first the Libertarians attracted me because they advocate lower taxes. However, as I learned more about libertarianism, I became more and more enthusiastic about its basic tenets and philosophies.

The Libertarian Party is the only one willing to treat Americans like adults. Some adults are not exactly mature, but treating them like children won't help.

When issues are viewed from

a logical viewpoint and not an emotional one, the Libertarian philosophy is the most coherent. Unfortunately, as Niccolo Machiavelli observed, “Most people have eyes and can therefore see. However, few people have the ability to reason. Therefore appearances are everything.”

So the two established Machiavellian parties appeal to the emotions; and to the extent they emphasize style over substance, they seem to succeed.

The Libertarian Party appeals to the thinking person, so it is less popular. But as more people become angry with the two older parties, as they ask more questions about the established parties' ability to implement true reform, there will be more opportunities to educate people and help them to reason.

A few months ago I saw such an opportunity. A friend of mine, disturbed by the Columbine killings, said he wanted to ban guns.

I asked him, “Do you think banning guns will disinvent

them? Do you think banning guns will also ban hatred and the urge to kill?”

We started to talk, and he began thinking about the issue instead of reacting emotionally. As the failures of current government policies become more apparent, opportunities for such discussions will increase, and many people will be surprised to learn how much of the Libertarian platform they really do support.

Coincides

When I approached the Libertarian Party, I discovered a philosophy that coincides with my own. While I am not in absolute agreement with the party Platform, I do believe this is the party I should be involved with.

I believe it is a party that will not reward my involvement with the same sense of betrayal I earned from the Republicans.

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From Communist to Libertarian (in just four months)

It took four months to learn that Communists didn't practice the "equality" they proclaimed

During my 44 years of life, I've been young only once (unfortunately), but naive twice (so far). My youthful naivete, borne of innocence, was excusable — but my second bout of naivete was my own personal blunder.

Now a proud member of the Libertarian Party, I was once (less than a year ago) a "card-carrying" member of the Communist Party USA.

If I'd ever needed it demonstrated to me that there are hypocrites in politics, then my second shot at naivete — in joining the CPUSA — was definitely the place to have proved it!

Equality

As a visually impaired woman, whose visual acuity fluctuates between slim and none, I'd spent the better part of my adult life searching for the "equality" that all Americans were Constitutionally guaranteed, but that I'd never found.

By the time I was 42, I was so desperate for both equality and a chance to make a difference in my country's political scene — and my life — that I'd trusted the first

political pundits who gave me a second look. Those were the Commies of the CPUSA; the very same Commies to have taught me why to despise Communism!

Following my initial encounters with the leadership of the Communist Party of Michigan — and following several extremely difficult times reflecting on how I could overcome the condescension afforded me by my "comrades" in the Communist Party — I'd decided that if I demonstrated that my disability didn't define me, but rather, my *abilities* did, they'd naturally get in line with their own rhetoric of "tolerance" and accept me as an equal.

But I was wrong about that. After being only afforded the very prejudices that CPUSA says it does not "tolerate," I began looking for other areas in which the "Diktat" of Communism didn't confer with reality.

I'd begun an extensive search for the truth. In doing so, I'd begun reading all sorts of literature

from all sides of the political spectrum.

Much to my surprise, I'd found my own viewpoints reflected in — not the works of Communism's "greats" — but instead in the writings of folks like James Bovard [author of *Lost Rights*], Martin L. Gross [author of *The Government Racket 2000*], and Marvin Olasky [author of *The Tragedy of American Compassion*].

I'd also been listening to my local radio talk stations, which were broadcasting views that reflected what I was thinking.

A farce

And so, less than four months into my membership in the CPUSA, I'd found myself disparaging my choice in political affiliations. It was becoming clear to me that not only are Communists hypocrites, but Communism itself is nothing but a farce!

In order to avoid deep emotional depression, I remained a member in CPUSA for quite a while after I'd become cognizant that I would never achieve equality there — and that their cause of Socialism was neither an honorable cause, nor a viable one.

I kept reading all sorts of books, and agreeing with all manner of radio broadcasters. And, lo

and behold, one day, just before I quit the CPUSA, I found that those views in the books I was reading (that reflected my own) were those of "Libertarianism."

I then sought out the Michigan chapter of the LP, and now my second bout with naivete is gone.

There's one final comment I'd like to make: I thank my God ev-

ery single day that I am blind but able. For, if I were not blind, and perhaps less able, it probably would've taken me far longer to find out that Communism is — and always was — a farce!

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FROM The Chair

Tips for choosing our new LP National Chair

Some months ago, I announced that I would not seek re-election as National Chair. My reason for that early announcement was to give anyone who wanted to run for Chair ample time to mount a campaign. Some have already done so, and I expect more. Terrific!

This means that LP members, particularly the delegates to our 2000 National Convention, need to prepare for some important decisions. What should you be looking for in a National Chair? Who should you support? How? Ask yourself the same questions regarding people running for other offices (Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) and positions on the LNC.

Because this is a presidential nominating convention, most of the attention at the convention will be on that. However, the people you select as national officers and LNC members will be making important decisions for the Party for two years. So think about it and choose wisely.

What can this elder statesman tell you that might help?

It's not a matter of who you like (although that's not irrelevant), but rather, the direction you want the party to take. What policies do you think the LNC should adopt that will help the party grow and become more effective in bringing libertarian approaches into the political mainstream?

Consider the wasted vote argument. This is similar. We tell people to support the political party that best represents their views, which is usually the LP.

Here I'm telling you to support the candidates who best articulate the direction you'd like to see the party take. Find out what a candidate's goals for the party are, determine whether you agree or disagree, and act accordingly.

■ **What about experience, expertise, and reputation?** A candidate's past record of activism is damned important. Has he or she been a candidate, campaign manager, fundraiser, state party officer or LNC member? That's valuable experience, but just as helpful is knowing how effective the person was.

■ **Find out what the Libertarians who have worked with him/her have to say.** Ask: Is this a person who gets the job done? Further, it's not just LP experience that's important. People who have run companies or non-profit organizations might have a great deal to offer even if they haven't run for office or been on the LNC. Look 'em all over.

■ **Can the candidate(s) afford the position?** All national officers and LNC members are unpaid volunteers. They attend the meetings at their own expense and incur other expenses as well. Depending on LNC meeting locations and travel distances, this can be thousands of dollars per year for each one. Ask the candidates: can you afford to attend all the meetings? And if you can afford it, do you have the time and the commitment to actually do it?

How should you work for the candidate(s) you decide to support? Do it in ways that will benefit the party — no matter who wins.

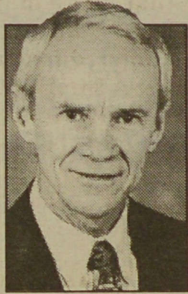
Here's where I must address factionalism. In any large and diverse organization, factions are inevitable, and that's not necessarily bad. So long as different members have different views about the best goals for the party, there will be factions. Leaders and candidates who reflect those different views will accumulate groups of supporters who agree with them. Factions.

When the different factions focus on the substance of the goals, and the debate is over which goals are best for the party, good things happen.

The campaigns then deal with the choice of who is most committed, and able, to achieving positive goals for the organization. Decisions are easier for the delegates; negative, personality focused campaigning is avoided. That sounds good to me.

Finally, whomever you support, have some fun, maintain a sense of humor, respect the opposition, and help make the 2000 Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention the marvelous and memorable experience you deserve.

Thanks for a great two years.



By David Bergland, LP National Chair

Space: The 'final frontier' of wayward government waste?

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 Peter Orvetti

LP NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Washington, we have a problem.

Since its Cold War genesis, America's space program has been under government control. Our pioneering nation's reach for the "final frontier" raced ahead as long as there were political points to be won.

But after the U.S. beat the Soviets to the moon, and later, after the Soviet Union fell apart, the space program all but ground to a halt. Today, the government space enterprise is little more than a shipping service, toting private satellites into the heavens.

How can we get back on track in space? One answer: Take NASA off the government dole, and let private enterprise blast off in its place.

Many Americans and scientists may shudder at the thought of terminating funding of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Who but the government can afford to fund space exploration? If we cut off NASA, won't we be cutting off our ladder to the stars?

Not at all. For, despite the storybook history lessons of Columbus and Magellan setting sail to find "new worlds" for their government sponsors, the primary motivation for exploration has always been profit. Free-market space exploration will almost certainly lead to scientifically and medically useful permanent outposts in space faster than NASA ever could.

Money

Ed Hudgins, a Cato Institute scholar and NASA veteran, has noted that early attempts to get mankind off the ground were motivated by money.

"The Wright brothers acted as private individuals, pursuing their own vision and using their own money," he wrote. "Lindbergh was trying to win the privately offered \$25,000 Orteig Prize. Much of early civil aviation was funded privately." Even the first government aviation "funding" was in the form of a prize to a private inventor.

So the earliest efforts to "slip the surly bonds of earth" were also attempts to slip cash into pio-



neers' own pockets. Even the first space efforts were privately paid: The first liquid-fuel rocket, on which NASA would later base its program, was launched in 1926 by Robert Goddard. For the next decade, he was funded principally by the private Guggenheim Foundation.

For awhile, it looked like people might one day be zooming through space as casually as they journey today around the world via commercial jets. Then the government stepped in.

"The civilian space program and NASA were born of the Cold War wish to wipe out the embarrassment of early Soviet space successes," Hudgins told Congress in 1995. "But the program also

the government lost interest in space, and NASA started to sputter.

Did it have to be that way? Hudgins noted that air travel was common 30 years after the Wright Brothers' 1903 mission at Kitty Hawk, and planes traversed the Atlantic regularly just a decade after Lindbergh's 1927 flight. But almost 40 years after John Glenn's first space flight, "travel into space is still an expensive luxury," he wrote.

Moon base

"Why are no regularly scheduled commercial spaceflights available?" Hudgins asked. "Because no government agency that runs with the efficiency of the Pentagon and the U.S. Postal Service will ever realize the dream of commercially viable orbiting stations or moon bases."

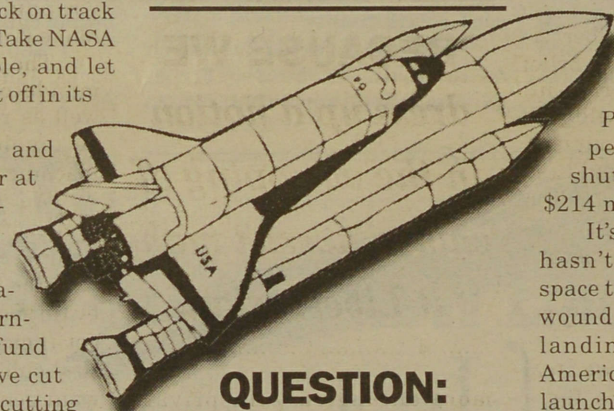
Since deregulation, air travel costs have dropped by 30%, and shipping oil costs are down 80% — "but the government's reusable shuttle has actually made spaceflight more expensive," wrote Hudgins. How expensive? According to Duke University Professor Alex Roland, the per-person cost of recent shuttle missions is "between \$214 million and \$286 million."

It's not that the government hasn't considered privatizing space travel. As NASA's successes wound down after the 1969 moon landing, a private company, American Rocket, offered to sell launch services to NASA and to private businesses. But NASA "planned to monopolize government payloads on the shuttle and subsidize launches of private cargo as well," according to Hudgins. The agency turned down American Rocket, and adopted a new role as a galactic UPS.

As the 1980s dawned and NASA struggled to build a space station, Houston-based Space Industries offered to do the job for a maximum of \$750 million, promising a "mini-station" for government and private use. Though this mini-station would have helped NASA build its own larger space station, NASA feared competition might lead to funding cuts and turned down the offer. The NASA space station was never built.

Private sector resentment of the government space agency grew so strong that, in 1987, when the Commerce Department floated the idea of an early-aviation-style prize to the private firm that could build the first permanent moon base, several companies jumped at the chance — with the stipulation that NASA play no role in the endeavor.

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QUESTION:

Is it possible to have a free-market space program?

was born of the American pioneering spirit, to reach for other worlds. While commercial, scientific and exploratory space ventures ideally should be left to the private sector, in the late 1950s many Americans believed that only governments could undertake such endeavors."

And it worked — for awhile. But after the triumph of Apollo 11 and Neil Armstrong's "small step,"

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Ain't got time for Jesse

This was one election Jesse Ventura couldn't win. A large majority of respondents to this month's unscientific Pulse question — "Should we invite Jesse Ventura to join the Libertarian Party?" — gave a "thumbs down" to any outreach to the Minnesota governor and former Reform Party member.

In the survey, which drew a disproportionately large number of responses from Ventura's home state, 63.2% said the LP should not reach out to Ventura. Among Minnesota respondents, the rejection was even more lopsided.

These Body-slamers said that while Ventura may "talk the talk" of a Libertarian, he doesn't "walk the walk" — pushing for government transportation projects and public education funding, while increasing the state budget and failing to carry out a tax-cut promise.

But 28.9% did urge the LP to embrace Ventura. Some pointed to his support for personal freedoms and the decriminalization of victimless crimes, while others said that he's a major national figure who is "politically homeless." Ventura could bring the LP much-needed public and media attention, they argued.

A final 7.9% said the question was irrelevant, since it's up to individuals to seek out the LP, not the other way around. These respondents had mixed feelings about whether Ventura was a good fit for the LP, but said it's up to him — not the Libertarian Party.

Here is a representative sample of the responses:

■ NO. Ventura has surrounded himself with Democrats, opposed tax cuts, strongly supported government schools, and generally acted like a major-party politician. He is shamelessly self-promoting and an embarrassment to the state.

— TIM LEE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

■ NO. Not for his utterances but for his hypocrisy in not even attempting to cut Minnesota's government. If Ventura desires to join us, let him demonstrate his commitment to libertarianism through action.

— HOWARD WILSON, Andover, New Hampshire

■ YES. We need people with name recognition to put the LP on the political map. Abe Lincoln never would have become president if General Fremont had not put the Republican Party on the map in 1856.

— NEIL MULLIN, Portland, Connecticut

■ NO. The Libertarian Party ain't got time to bleed. Don't let my ex-mayor use the LP to increase his celebrity status.

— LARRY CLIFFORD, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

■ NO. Jesse may lean libertarian on some social issues and he may sometimes make libertarian-sounding statements. But just like many other politicians, his actions do not match his rhetoric.

— JIM RONGSTAD, Woodbury, Minnesota

■ YES. We are seeking to increase our membership, and Ventura would increase it by one. Any publicity we got would be a help with others wavering about whether to join the LP.

— COLIN F. SEWARDS, Mansfield, Texas

■ NO. I voted for Ventura, and found out the hard way that he was the first Democrat ever to campaign as a "libertarian." Jesse "The Statist" Ventura's massive state budget increase makes him a shining example of the lack of integrity that defines the other parties.

— PAUL SATHE, St. Paul, Minnesota

■ NO. Ventura has called himself a libertarian but he makes campaign appearances with Al Gore. I believe that he holds his finger to the wind to determine how to approach any given issue. The LP may very well need more exposure, but not at the expense of ideology.

— BRIEN KROEGER, Brooklyn, Connecticut

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Failing Grade

When I joined the Libertarian Party, I was under the belief that we desired self-government. Then why on earth would you even suggest that to save our children the government should tax the families that have no children so the ones that do can be rewarded with tax credits [Libertarian Solutions, April 2000]?

What happened to self-responsibility?

And to suggest that we steal money from the people for a voucher system so we can send kids to church-run schools is even more anti-Constitutional. Perhaps Peter Orvetti should be writing for the National Republican Party and not the Libertarian.

— RICK CHATFIELD

Marthasville, Missouri

■ Editor's note: The Libertarian Solutions column noted that vouchers are "controversial" among Libertarians, and could lead to increased government control of private schools. The column also noted that, among Libertarians, dollar-for-dollar tax credits are a more "popular" first step towards educational reform and freedom.

Don't Vouch For It

In the "Libertarian Solutions" column on educational freedom, you quote Joseph L. Bast and David Harmer, who claim vouchers would not result in greater government control of private schools because the government already controls private schools.

The logic of this argument escapes me. Because government already controls private schools, we should invite them to become

BECAUSE WE dress up a notion in the wrapping of 'choice' doesn't make it Libertarian.

more entangled with private schools? That would only guarantee that we never escape those controls. Vouchers are more likely to result in the further entanglement of school and state, not the separation.

Ultimately, the very real concern that vouchers would likely result in government control is not the main concern from a Libertarian perspective. The whole notion of government-funded vouchers is that one's "choice" should be subsidized from the fruits of another's labor without their consent.

This approach separates choice from the responsibility of supporting one's choice and makes it a government-provided entitlement. Just because we dress a notion up in the fancy

wrapping of "choice" does not make it a Libertarian notion.

The real answer is to repeal mandatory attendance laws as well as regulations on what can be taught and who can do the teaching.

We should also introduce the notion of gradually replacing the funding of public schools by taxes with the funding of public schools by tuition. Private schools have to get their funding by tuition and so should the public schools if we want genuine competition.

— ROBERT MAYNARD

Williston, Vermont

Right Steps

Having complained about the March "Libertarian Solutions" column, I must commend Peter Orvetti's column in April. The best part of the column was his emphasis on the value of "interim steps" resulting in "moving in a Libertarian direction."

It seems to me that too many of us only accept a final solution, holding us back from many opportunities that may result in substantial movement toward freedom.

Let's remember, movement equals momentum.

— CARL WATERS

Logansport, Indiana

Abortion, Nullification

I'm writing about the recent debate in LP News about abortion. The debate has focused on whether or not Libertarians can justify, philosophically, an anti-abortion stance. I believe the focus on philosophy totally misses the point of how abortion would be handled under a Libertarian

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■ **YES.** Jesse Ventura has consistently voiced libertarian views on taxes, guns, consensual crimes, and the role of government. The LP has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

— JASON MILLER, Hudsonville, Michigan

■ **NO.** We should not invite politicians who increase the size of government to join the LP. Courting people who don't understand and support the LP platform will dilute the party, not strengthen it.

— CASSANDRA D. HOCUTT, Atlanta, Georgia

■ **LET HIM DECIDE.** Parties don't choose members, people choose to be members of parties. If Jesse believes he is a Libertarian he should be welcomed into the party. Individual party members will choose whether or not to support him.

— PHIL UNDERWOOD, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

■ **NO.** The Reform Party is the chameleon of American politics. If Ventura could control it, he'd turn it into a viper. If he joined us, he'd destroy the LP.

— DAVID C. ROTH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

■ **NO.** Although Ventura is charismatic and would bring attention to the LP, his record as governor shows that his idea of libertarianism means "liberal."

— LARRY HAMILTON, Castle Rock, Colorado

■ **YES.** Consider Ventura's public statements on drugs and prostitution. The Body, The Brain, The Man. Ask him in.

— BOB DOSTAL, Iowa City, Iowa

July Question: Too Doctrinaire?

In an interview at FreedomChannel.com on March 28, third-party expert J. David Gillespie (author of *Politics at the Periphery: Third Parties in Two-Party America*), said the Libertarian Party ought to be able to "resonate" more with voters — but is held back by its "reputation of being a party that is doctrinaire."

"What often happens," he argued, "is that if you appeal to people purely on a doctrinal level, you appeal to people who agree with half of your position — but not the other half."

Do you agree? Does the Libertarian Party adhere too rigidly to its philosophy in a "doctrinaire" way — and suffer because of it? Or does the party's staunch commitment to Libertarian principles work to its advantage?

■ **QUESTION:** Is the Libertarian Party too philosophically and politically doctrinaire? Why or why not? (Please limit answers to no more than 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** June 5, 2000

June Question: One Issue?

On November 7, 2000, American voters will see something on their ballots they have never seen before: At least 218 Libertarian Congressional candidates, running in a *majority* of U.S. House districts.

And in the months leading up to Election Day, those candidates will campaign across the USA, speaking at forums, talking on the radio, and participating in debates.

Given this unprecedented opportunity, what *message* should those candidates focus on? In other words, what *one* political issue would you like to see these candidates devote the most time and energy to? Economic issues? Civil liberties? The Drug War? Education? *What?*

■ **QUESTION:** Which *one* single issue would you encourage the 218+ Libertarian Party U.S. House candidates to focus on, as they campaign for office? And why? (Please limit answers to no more than 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** May 5, 2000

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legal system.

If we're going to say that abortion is first-degree murder and charge people accordingly, then the accused would be entitled to a fair trial, one that would consist of a randomly selected group of citizens.

A Libertarian judicial system allows jurors to nullify laws they disagree with, even if only one juror out of twelve decides to nullify. Since more than one out of twelve people believe abortion should be legal, convictions would be very difficult to obtain. Not to mention the difficulty in a Libertarian (or current) society of preventing the manufacture, possession, importation, or consumption of all drugs, including the abortion pill.

Writing a law is one thing. Enforcing it, convicting people, and getting results from it are another.

— GLEN W. GOODMAN
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

■ The Sixth Census?

I received my Census form in early March. When I received it, I was ready to answer the one Constitutional question on the form. Then I read the question. It asked, "How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2000?" Since I am not psychic, it was obvious to me that I was unable to answer this question until April 1, 2000. So the form was set aside until that date.

In mid-March I received a postcard from the Census Bureau politely reminding me to fill out my Census form. This letter is being written in late March and already my radio is complaining that not enough people have returned their Census forms so the Census Bureau has to hire people to go door to door to get the necessary information.

So now I am full of questions. Does the Census Bureau think that everyone is psychic? Are the people who did turn in their Census forms psychic? Was I supposed to call the Psychic Hotline when I received my Census form? Has anyone at the Census Bureau actually read their questionnaire?

— MICHAEL COOK
Sterling, Virginia

■ Bad Form

I hadn't made a decision on what to do with the Census. Was it worth \$100 to make a point that would probably be ignored?

Then I got the Census long form in the mail, and I started going through the questions.

What possible legitimate purpose can the government have for knowing what time normally I left for work last week, or how many people rode to work in my car? Or what my 1999 income was (when they already have my 1040)? Or

what heating fuel I use? Or my annual utility bills? Or how many rooms my house has?

Then I read the intro letter more completely. They had the gall to say, "The amount of government money your neighborhood receives depends on your answers." Government money? That was already my money and my neighbors' money before they confiscated it. Now we have to jump through hoops to get some of it back?

It also said that "your privacy is protected by law (Title 13 of the U.S. Code), which also requires that you answer these questions." I looked up Title 13. It basically gives the Secretary of Commerce a blank check to ask anything he wants on the Census form, and we're required to answer.

They promise me money for my neighborhood if I comply, and legal sanctions if I don't. It's the carrot-and-stick routine, but I refuse to be the donkey. Forget it.

— MIKE STICKLES
Denver, Colorado

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"is the carrot-and stick routine, but I refuse to be the donkey."

■ Brockovich: Libertarian

I saw the movie *Erin Brockovich* last Tuesday, and it took until Saturday for me to recognize its theme as pure Libertarian — the free-market, property rights approach to solving environmental damage, exactly as set forth by Harry Browne!

— DICK GACH
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

■ Primary Education

I supported Project Archimedes throughout the campaign. It is unfortunate it did not accomplish completely what it set out to, but it did create awareness of the LP and brought in new members. The problem was too large an audience and too few resources to reach them. Perhaps it is time to start using the "system" to our advantage.

The Republicans and Democrats start receiving huge

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amounts of pre-election free press coverage through their primary processes. It begins in Iowa and New Hampshire a full year before the general election. We Libertarians finally get to participate in the election process around August or September when the election has been decided, for most American voters, as a choice between a Democrat and a Republican. We must struggle for any press coverage.

Why don't we commit, over the next four years, the bulk of our national party-building resources to recruiting and promoting the LP in Iowa and New Hampshire? Let's roll out a grassroots campaign that inundates those two states with Libertarianism. Let's make sure that by the spring of 2004, every person in Iowa and New Hampshire has heard of the LP and is aware of our platform. Then, in the fall of 2003 let's get our top presidential candidates in those two states campaigning aggressively and vociferously.

What could the outcome of this strategy be? The same national press coverage and exposure that the Democrats and Republicans now enjoy early in the election process.

— DAVID A. DYER
Orlando, Florida

■ Lark's the One

A 20-year-old activist recruited this year is likely to serve the Libertarian Party for 50 years or more, and LNC Chair candidate Jim Lark is the LP's undisputed leader in recruiting young activists.

Always traveling at his own expense, Jim has crisscrossed the country, helping establish college campus libertarian organizations and training and motivating local activists.

As LNC Chair, Jim Lark would be an energetic, hands-on leader. Combining the organizational skills of a systems engineer with 16 years' experience in Libertarian Party activism, Jim Lark is the right person to take the party to the next level. I urge his election as LNC Chair.

— RICHARD KERR
Morgantown, West Virginia

■ Means to Victory?

I would suggest Russell Means for the ideal celebrity candidate for president.

Russell Means ran for the Libertarian presidential nomination in 1988 against Ron Paul. Russell Means, if he could get the nomination, would likely win more votes than any other previous candidate, if not win the election with Jesse Ventura style.

His Green-leaning Libertarianism and celebrity status would be effective for recruiting numerous Democrats, independents, and unregistered voters into the party and lead to more Republicans being recruited as their fear of causing a Democrat to get elected would be greatly reduced.

I would suggest Harry Browne as his running mate for
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his organizational and fund-raising skills as well as his ability to articulate a purely libertarian message.

— **KEITH GARDNER**
Decatur, Georgia

■ Next Time Online

It's time for the LP to open its convention business to all members, so that the party reflects the views of its supporters.

Millions vote in the major parties' primaries, but the LP leaves decisions on our Platform and presidential nominee to a small group of delegates, bypassing rank-and-file members. When the party was smaller, a large percentage of members were delegates. This summer, however, only 4% of members will vote on our presidential nominee. By 2004, that may be less than 1%.

Libertarians can reinvent the American political party by moving convention business to the Internet. Instead of having to leave their jobs and travel across the country for a week, members could vote on all business online. The physical convention site could be maintained to provide a national television platform, offer working seminars and speakers, and host social activities.

Just as liberal Republicans and conservative Democrats are underrepresented at their conventions, certain groups of Libertarians are not well represented among the activists that attend our conventions. These groups could bring more ideas and diversity to the party and help us attract mainstream voters.

As the party grows, we must include new members in the process and respect their views. Democratizing our convention is a necessary step. Only by embracing those who join us will the Libertarian Party continue to attract support and win elections.

— **DARREN GREWAY**
Holland, Pennsylvania

■ Libertarian Lottery?

Regarding the Pulse Question [LP News, March 2000] — "Should the LP 2000 presidential candidate accept federal matching funds?" — I think Scott Nazzarine's "Give it away" idea has explosive potential.

Let's say the LP candidate qualifies for \$300,000 in matching funds and returns \$10 each to the first 30,000 people that send in a self-return envelope for said refund before specified deadline.

To qualify for the refund, respondents must be non members.

Along with the token \$10, each potential new Libertarian gets a letter stating: "It gets even better if you help the LP get into the White House and Congress — much better!"

The press releases, advertising, and dialogue related to this

LP action could make a powerful contribution to LP growth.

— **JOHN R. BOYD**
Reno, Nevada

■ Money-Back Guarantee

I liked the idea of taking matching funds and refunding them to taxpayers but, alas, it's impossible due to lack of tax information and simple logistical economics.

Any targeting would create more enemies than friends, and at least appear to be self-serving.

However, don't give up on turning Leviathan against itself! Why not take the matching funds and publicly dedicate 100% to ballot and debate access efforts in the name of free voter choice?

It puts the public money to a clear public service consistent with the LP mission, is still an immediate media attention-grabber, leverages our existing efforts, and may indirectly reap access benefits for the LP!

— **MIKE BOERSTE**
North Augusta, South Carolina

■ Waiving Principles?

In the March issue of LP News, I see that Irv Rubin, leader of the Jewish Defense League, has joined the Libertarian Party. The article notes that Rubin disagrees with the Libertarians' fundamental stance against the use of violence to bring about social or political change.

Don't all new members have to agree, in writing, to forswear the introduction of violence? Why is Rubin exempt? Can we all just select the principles we favor and ignore the rest?

Do we need a member who admits to being arrested over 30

times in confrontations and for joining to obtain a platform for his religious group?

I, for one, sure as hell don't want this guy ever claiming to speak for me as a Libertarian.

— **GEORGE HOLIDAY**
Downey, California

■ Our Final Answer?

Libertarians running for federal office this year can have a positive and exciting slogan. The most popular TV show is "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Our slogan should be "You Can Be a Millionaire." We can See **THE MAILBOX** Page 34

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■ June 2-4, 2000

Missouri LP Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Saint Peters. Speakers include Doug Bandow (Cato Institute), Dick Boddie (candidate for 1992 LP presidential nomination), Sara Cotham (past Indiana LP Executive Director), Thibaut Mourgues (Mouvement Libertainien, France), and Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*). For information, call George Musmann: (636) 272-5602. E-mail: convention@lpmo.org.

■ June 3, 2000

Kentucky LP Convention, Executive Inn, Louisville. Speakers include State Senator Dan Seum and Jim Lark (candidate for LP National Chair). For more information, call: (502) 636-5326. E-mail: disco4freedom@cs.com.

■ June 9-11, 2000

Texas LP Convention, Ramada Inn Bayfront & Convention Center, Corpus Christi. Speakers TBA. For information, call: (512) 280-6540. E-mail: torchess@texas.net.

■ June 17, 2000

Idaho LP Convention, Holiday Inn Boise Airport, Boise. Candidate nominating convention. Speakers TBA. For information, call Chris Struble: (208) 362-6873. E-mail: clstruble@earthlink.net.

■ June 29-July 3, 2000

Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, Anaheim, California. Speakers include Russell Means (star of *The Last of the Mohicans* and *Natural Born Killers*), Jack Gargan (former Chairman of the Reform Party), Melanie (Emmy Award-winning singer and songwriter), Mike McNulty (producer, *Waco: A New Revelation*), Barbara Branden (author, *The Passion of Ayn Rand*), Neal Boortz (Libertarian radio talk show host), John Berthoud (president, National Taxpayers Union), Marshall Fritz (founder, Separation of School & State Alliance), Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), Tim Slagle (professional comedian), Tom Tryon (Calaveras County Commission, California), Dan Fylstra (founder, VisiCorp), Mike Tanner (Director of Health & Welfare Studies, Cato Institute), David Nolan (founder, Libertarian Party), Mark Skousen (investment advisor and author), David Thibodeau (author of *A Place Called Waco: A Survivor's Story*), Barbara Goushaw (LP campaign manager), Bonnie Flickinger (City Council, Moreno Valley, CA), Phil Miller (City Council, Greenfield, Indiana), Gary Nolan (syndicated radio talk show host), Sara Cotham (former Executive Director, LP of Indiana), and Bill Masters (Libertarian sheriff, San Miguel County, Colorado). For information, call: (800) 272-1776. E-mail: LPCONV@aol.com. To register online, visit: www.LP.org/conv/2000/

■ July 23-28, 2000

International Society for Individual Liberty's 20th Annual World Conference, University of Western Ontario, London (Ontario) Canada. Speakers include Barbara Branden (author, *The Passion of Ayn Rand*); libertarian columnists George Jonas and Karen Selick; Johannesburg (South Africa) City Council member Frances Kendall; John Hospers (1972 LP presidential candidate); James Lark III (advisor, The Liberty Coalition); and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Leon Louw. For more information, call: (800) 226-2405. E-Mail: info@libertyconferences.com. Or visit: www.libertyconferences.com.

■ July 29-August 4, 2000

Cato University, Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, California. A week-long seminar covering history, economics, law, philosophy, and foreign policy, sponsored by the Cato Institute. Speakers include David Boaz (author, *Libertarianism: A Primer*), Virginia Postrel (author, *The Future and Its Enemies*), Randy Barnett (law professor, Boston University), Barbara Branden (author, *The Passion of Ayn Rand*), Donald Boudreaux (President, Foundation for Economic Education), Doug Bandow (Cato Institute), and Deroy Murdock (Third Millennium). Registration fees start at \$1,100; some student scholarships available. For information or registration, visit: www.cato-university.org. Or call: (202) 218-4633.

■ September 23, 2000

New Hampshire LP Convention, Center of New Hampshire Holiday Inn, Manchester. Speakers include Paula Werme (LPNH activist and attorney). For information, call: (800) 559-5764. E-mail: liberty@bit-net.com.

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demonstrate how the Libertarian economic plan can enable more people the opportunity of becoming a millionaire.

— **FRED STEIN**
Dayton, New Jersey

■ The Jefferson Party

To all Libertarians who are thinking about a name change for the party. The only reason we are even discussing this is because of the existence of the American Civil Liberties Union. The reputation of this leftist group is what makes it hard for us to claim "I'm a civil libertarian."

If we do change our name, I would recommend against "The American Party" (as some have suggested) for the same reason. It's a shame to be forced into considering a name change right when we are gaining such momentum and notoriety.

My recommendation would be "The Jefferson Party" if it is not already taken. And if any of you are supporting the ACLU in

any way, I hope you stop. If you need incentive, just call and ask them to defend your Second Amendment rights and check out their response.

— **SCOTT JONES**
North Hollywood, California

■ What's In a Name?

I'm employed as a reader for a blind person, and this is how I ran across your newspaper. I'm not all that "political," or at least I haven't been until I started reading for the blind.

I've written you because I wanted to contribute my ideas to your ongoing debate about the name of your party: I've read the letter from Ward Eldred [MailBox, February 2000] urging you to change the name of the Libertarian Party to the American Party.

Is this absurd, or what? After some nearly 30 years, now your adherents want to change the name of your party! Doesn't the name "Libertarian" derive from its root word of "liberty," and isn't

liberty what the Libertarian Party says it stands for?

I think that the Libertarian Party defines the agenda of "individual liberty," and "personal responsibility" well enough. You might want to concentrate your energies on updating any undefined aspects of your party, and leave your name the name it is.

— **MIRNA A. LOWENSTEIN**
Inkster, Michigan

■ Who Becomes a Cop?

I think that this ongoing argument about whether cops are good or bad [LP News, January-March] is beside the point. Good cops sometimes do bad things and bad cops often do good things. Police are just people.

I believe it is reasonable to say, however, that a person who believes in liberty and sovereignty of the individual would have great difficulty performing the duties of a police officer. Certainly it would be impossible for such a person to be a federal agent.

This is a very sad and dangerous condition for us to be in. And this is a very good reason to support the Libertarian Party and vote for Libertarian candidates.

— **THOMAS BELL**
Bruno, Minnesota

Outer space, the free-enterprise way

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It was no surprise, then, that by 1998, commercial industry was spending more in space than the government. In 1988, private industry accounted for just 27.5% of space spending, according to the Aerospace Industries Association; by 1998, it accounted for 56.4%.

In fact, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Pedro Rustan, who worked for the space program, has estimated that by 2005, governments around the world will spend \$30 billion each year on space — while private industry will spend \$170 billion.

So free-market space is on its way, and a phase-out of NASA is a logical step. But until NASA can be privatized, there are three interim steps Libertarians can support that will help bring about a streamlined and successful private space program:

■ 1. Privatize the Space Shuttle.

The White House took a half-step toward this goal in 1995, when it gave a private company, United Space Alliance, a contract to operate shuttle services. But the program is still paid for by taxes.

The Cato Institute has suggested that NASA take things a step further, and allow United Space Alliance "to sell launch services to customers. United Space Alliance could seek paying customers and could 'rent' the shuttle from NASA for such a profit-making venture. Since United Space Alliance would have to put some of its own money at risk, it would

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have an incentive to reduce the real costs of a shuttle flight."

■ 2. End government funding of NASA launches.

NASA could still handle the science and plan missions, but the agency could be required to contract out for all launches.

"Instead of contracting for launch services, NASA still is addicted to purchasing expensive hardware while spending very small amounts on actual science — and this step could cut costs considerably," Hudgins wrote.

As Cato noted in its Handbook for Congress, "market conditions are ripe for competition to help create more private-sector launch alternatives, which will bring down prices and provide better service.

The U.S. government should not be in competition with the private sector in the provision of those services any more than it should be competing in trucking or air travel. If the government does have legitimate cargos to place in orbit, it should go to private providers."

■ 3. Force NASA to take bids from private firms for data collection.

NASA could save money by contracting out probing missions to private businesses. Currently, for example, NASA's planetary probes — which send back data on Venus and Mars — are handled by the semi-independent Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

"Rather than build their own probes, even if they are carried into space by private launchers, JPL and other NASA or government agencies should allow scientists to purchase data from the private sector," Cato suggested. That would let NASA immediately trim a large portion of JPL's \$1.4 billion annual budget.

Massive expense

It is ironic that the reason why many Americans believe only government can perform space exploration — the massive expense — is due to the way the government handles it. With privatization, there is no reason why space exploration, commercial travel, and even settlements in space cannot become an inexpensive reality.

As Hudgins noted, "those who believe that mankind has a future in space should think seriously about how to ease the government out of civilian space activities and how to shut down NASA. Only by approaching this challenge with the same honesty and clarity of mind that were needed to put men on the Moon can we honor the spirit that made that feat possible [three] decades ago."

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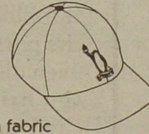
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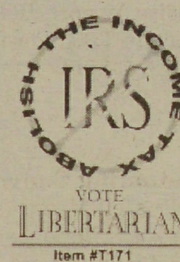
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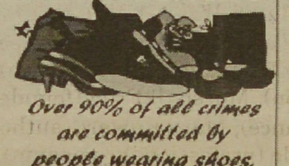
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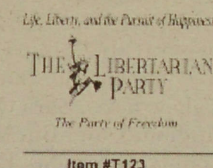
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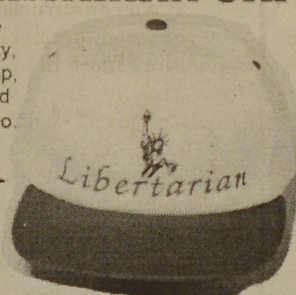
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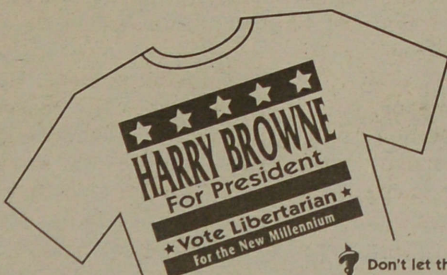
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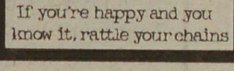
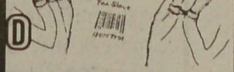


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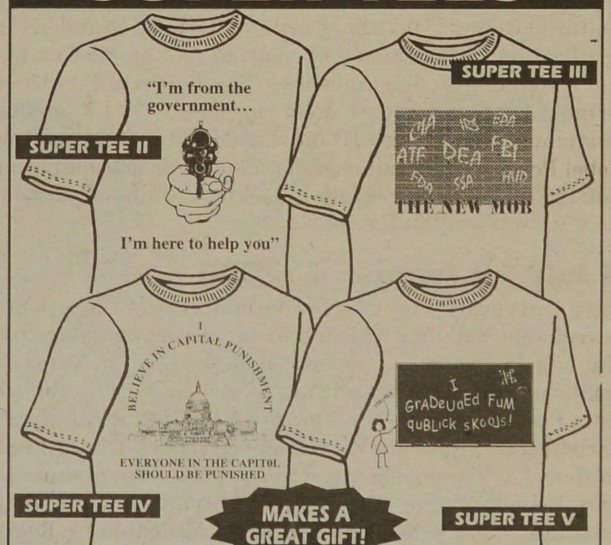
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North Carolina LP Convention, Holiday Inn State Capital, Raleigh. Speakers include Michael Cloud (Campaign Manager, Carla Howell for U.S. Senate), Harry Browne (candidate for LP's presidential nomination), and Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*). For information, call: (919) 960-9477. E-mail: convention@lpnc.org. Or visit: <http://convention.lpnc.org>.

■ May 6, 2000

Virginia LP Convention, Fredericksburg Holiday Inn North, Fredericksburg. Speakers include David Boaz (Cato Institute), Gary Reams (U.S. Senate candidate), Steve Dasbach (LP National Director), and Jim Lark (advisor, student Liberty Coalition). For information, visit: www.LPVA.com.

■ May 12-14, 2000

Indiana LP Convention, Quality Inn South, Indianapolis. Speakers include Don Gorman and Harry Browne (candidates for the LP's presidential nomination), Phil Miller (Greenfield City Council), Barbara Goushaw (LP campaign manager), and Ken Bisson (LNC member). For information, call: (800) 388-1776.

■ May 13, 2000

Wisconsin LP Convention, Embassy Suites Hotel, Brookfield. Speakers include Harry Browne (2000 LP presidential candi-

date), Eric O'Keefe (author, *Who Rules America: The People vs. the Political Class*), Gary Aldrich (author, *Unlimited Access*), and Nathan Barton (State Chair, South Dakota LP). For information, call Bob Collison: (262) 782-6957. E-mail: LPWlchair@aol.com. Or visit: www.lpwi.org.

■ May 13, 2000

Arkansas LP Convention, Best Western Inn Town, Little Rock. Speakers TBA. For information, call Rodney Wimberly at: (870) 862-6856. Or e-mail: livefree@arkansas.net.

■ May 14, 2000

Oregon LP Delegate & Platform Convention, Jane's Restaurant, McMinnville. On the agenda: Choosing delegates to the Libertarian National Convention and making changes to the state LP Platform. For more information, call Adam Mayer: (503) 255-7377. E-mail: adammay@juno.com.

■ May 17-20, 2000

13th International Conference on Drug Policy Reform, Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the Drug Policy Foundation. For information, call: (202) 537-5005. E-mail: dpf@dpf.org.

■ May 19-21, 2000

Michigan LP Convention, Best Western Executive Plaza Hotel, Ann Arbor. Speakers include Harry Browne (2000 LP presidential candidate), Prof. Richard Ebeling (Hillsdale College), Michael Cloud (creator, "The Art of Political Persuasion"), and Jon Coon (1994 U.S. Senate candidate). For information, call Emily Salvette at: (734) 668-2608. Or e-mail: salvette@aol.com.

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