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Libertarians gather in Indianapolis

By Bill Winter
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Call it the Melee in Middle America. Or an Adventure in Indianapolis. Or just your Holiday in the Heartland.

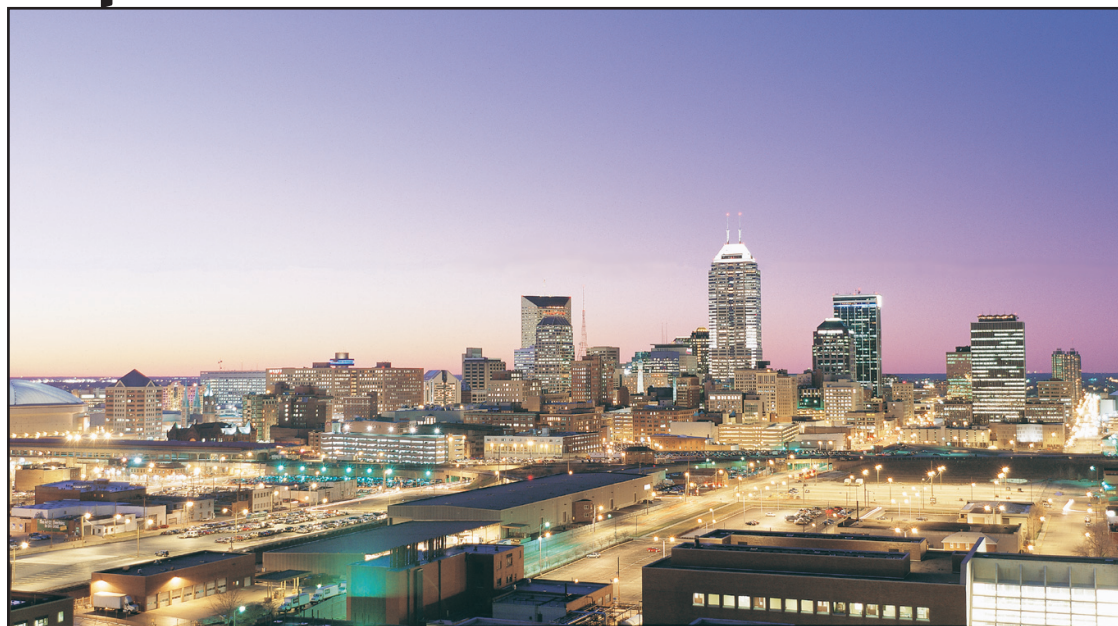
Whatever you call it, it's the Libertarian National Convention — four days of debates, elections, and speeches that will define the destiny of the Libertarian Party for the next two years.

From July 3-7, the city best known for the cheers of basketball fans and the roar of the Indy 500 car race will be transformed into the epicenter of Libertarianism in America.

Flock into the city

A thousand or more Libertarian delegates from every corner of the nation will flock into the city, arriving by plane, car, train, and bus. They will flood into the Marriott Downtown Hotel and the Indianapolis Convention Center — and get to work.

Their assignment: Select among the three announced candidates who are vying for the influential position of LP National Chair, each offering a



■ The nighttime skyline of Indianapolis, Indiana, the site of the July 3-7 Libertarian National Convention. There, Libertarian delegates will elect party officers, debate changes to the LP platform, and hear speakers like New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson, party founder David Nolan, Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), futurist David Brin, and Colorado Sheriff Bill Masters.

starkly different vision for the future of the party.

They will decide whether to change the party's Bylaws, the manual that serves as the "constitution" of the party — determining its structure, the ethical rules that

govern its staff and officers, and the relationship between the national and state organizations.

And, perhaps most crucially, they will debate the philosophical essence of the party. Delegates will decide

whether to metamorphose, modify, or maintain the party's Platform — the document that serves as the ultimate definition of what it means to be a Libertarian Party member, and shapes the party in the eyes of the public.

Given America's new political realities following the September 11 terrorist attacks, the convention is shaping up as a defining event in party history, said Steve Dasbach, the LP's executive director.

Renewed faith

"Every National Convention is important, of course," he said. "But the 2002 convention is arguably more important than most, because it is the first to deal with the fall-out from the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon: The War on Terrorism, renewed faith in government, the USA/Patriot Act, and so on.

"Delegates have an enormous challenge in front of them. They've got their hands on the Libertarian Party's steering wheel, and will determine where the LP goes from here, and how fast, and in what direction."

However, the convention is not all elections, politicking, and philosophical *Sturm und Drang*, he said. Attendees will also be treated to a world-class array of libertarian speak-

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LP targets races in

The Libertarian Party has launched the next phase of its sweeping Drug War Strategy, targeting five U.S. House members and U.S. Senators for defeat in the 2002 election.

The five federal incumbents — three Republicans and two Democrats — are the worst drug warriors in Washington, DC, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, which is why the LP will try to bounce them from office as part of a new "Incum-

bent Killer Strategy."

The goal is to scare other House and Senate members into backing away from their support for the War on Drugs, said Crickenberger.

"Of course, our primary goal as a political party is to run candidates and get them elected," he said. "But having the worst drug warriors go down at the hands of the Libertarian Party will show that it is politically dangerous for sitting Congressmen

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Uncle Sam versus the Marlboro

A quick history of the 'War on Smok-

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

G rady Carter, a 68-year-old Floridian, got rich using a rather unconventional method: Smoking cigarettes.

After more than 40 years of daily puffing, Carter was diagnosed with lung cancer.

In 1995, he filed a lawsuit against Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation — the manufacturer of Lucky Strike cigarettes — demanding that the company compensate him for his illness.

A five-year legal battle ensued. Ultimately, the Florida Supreme Court upheld a lower court verdict ordering the company to pay Carter

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NEWS BRIEFS

Steve Kubby cleared of fugitive charges

Former California LP gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby has been cleared of charges that he violated Canadian immigration law.

On May 10, Canadian Judge D. Shaw Dyck ruled that Kubby had entered Canada legally, and that he is eligible to apply for Canadian citizenship as a political refugee. The process is expected to take at least a year.

Kubby had been arrested at his British Columbia residence in mid-April for growing medical marijuana. He was also branded as a "fugitive" who had fled Placer County, California to avoid jail time for a prior drug conviction.

Kubby's wife Michele said she felt vindicated by the decision.

"A Canadian court has confirmed that Steve is not a fugitive, and I think the Canadian police and courts now recognize that they were lied to by Placer County officials," she said.

At the hearing, the Canadian Immigration Service argued that Kubby should be immediately deported to the U.S. to face a 120-day jail term, a sentence ordered by a California judge in July 2001.

But Kubby's attorney, Alex Stojicevic, said because U.S. prison officials block access to medical marijuana, deporting Kubby to serve his jail term would put his life at risk. Kubby suffers from adrenal cancer, and uses medical marijuana under a doctor's recommendation.

"Mr. Kubby is a member of a particular social group who are being persecuted in the U.S.," said Stojicevic. "As such, he is entitled to apply as a political refugee under the U.N. Convention."

Judge Dyck agreed, and Kubby was released. He still faces a Canadian drug hearing for illegally growing medical marijuana.



Planned *Atlas Shrugged* miniseries in limbo

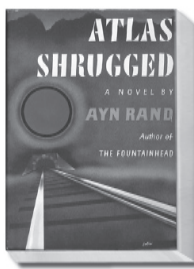
Plan to turn Ayn Rand's epic novel *Atlas Shrugged* into a miniseries for Turner Network Television (TNT) has been canceled, following a corporate reorganization.

The miniseries, originally scheduled to be broadcast this fall, entered an "uncertain phase" after its contract expired in March, said Robert James Bidinott, director of the Atlas Society, an organization for admirers of Rand's work.

The planned five-hour miniseries ran into problems when the economy slowed after the September 11 terrorist attacks, "making the \$25 million cost of the film seem riskier," said Bidinott. "And TNT went through a wrenching process of reorganization when its parent company, Time-Warner, merged with America Online. In quick succession, TNT first cut its financial commitment [to the film] to \$10 million, then withdrew from the project altogether."

That left the project in the hands of executive producer Al Ruddy, who decided to turn *Atlas Shrugged* into a feature film rather than a TV miniseries. However, he was not able to line up the talent or the financing by the March deadline, said Bidinott.

The TNT termination was the latest in a long series of dead-ended *Atlas Shrugged* movies: Since the 1970s, six screenplays have been written. "But none have been cast, let alone filmed," said Bidinott.



Medical pot initiative OK'd for Anchorage

Libertarian-led organization in Alaska has submitted petition signatures to put a medical marijuana paraphernalia initiative on the Anchorage ballot.

On April 9, the group Citizens for Implementing Medical Marijuana (CIMI) submitted more than 9,800 signatures to the municipal clerk in Anchorage — an event that drew coverage from two TV affiliates.

If certified, the initiative will appear on the ballot in April 2003.

The initiative would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter to include "the right to buy, sell, or possess those items which could be used to consume, grow or process marijuana for medicine," said LP State Chair and CIMI Chair Al Anders.

"This initiative is necessary because even though Alaska state law allows medical marijuana use, Anchorage municipal law has never been changed to accommodate that right," he said.

In fact, after Alaska citizens passed a 1998 initiative to allow use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, Anders said the Anchorage Assembly passed an ordinance that added criminal penalties for selling marijuana paraphernalia, such as certain kinds of pipes.

"Ironically, those items are commonplace and legally sold in other states where marijuana remains illegal for medical use," he said.

Party announces targets in

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to oppose drug reform measures," he said.

The new "spoiler effect" will be a key component of the LP's attempt to end federal drug prohibition by 2010, said Crickenberger.

"If we can take out just two to six drug warriors over the next few election cycles — and get credit for doing so — we can show legislators that increasing punishments for nonviolent drug users is not what the public wants," he said. "I believe this is an issue where public opinion is beginning to turn in our direction."

The five politicians targeted in the 2002 election are U.S. Rep. Bob Barr (R-GA), U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX), Senator Max Cleland (D-GA), Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR), and Senator Max Baucus (D-MT).

The five were selected according to three criteria, said Crickenberger.

■ First, the politician had to be "one of the worst in Congress on the drug issue," as measured by the number of pro-Drug War bills he sponsored over the last three legislative sessions.

■ Second, the politician had to be in a tight race, so the Libertarian Party will have a reasonable chance to affect the outcome.

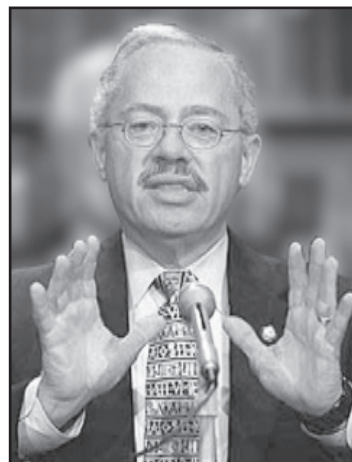
■ Third, the politician had to be running in a state or Congressional district where LP candidates have run "relatively effective" races in previous years.

Target: Bob Barr

The first target will be Bob Barr, a former federal prosecutor and four-term incumbent from Georgia's 7th District.

One of the highest-profile and fiercest drug warriors in the U.S. House, Barr was an obvious candidate for the "Incumbent Killer Strategy," said Crickenberger.

However, Barr's electoral situation is unique: Because of redistricting, Barr is competing against Republican Congressman John Linder in a primary election. The Libertarian Party will try to cause Barr to lose in the primary, which takes place in August.



■ **U.S. Rep. Bob Barr (R-GA): "People find it unconscionable that drug warriors like Barr have continued their attack on sick patients," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.**

The LP will run targeted advertisements focusing on one aspect of the drug reform agenda that has broad public support, said Crickenberger: Medical marijuana.

"In the wake of September 11, a lot of people find it unconscionable that drug warriors like Barr have continued their attacks on sick patients," he said. "Most people oppose arresting nonviolent marijuana smokers — especially medical marijuana smokers."

According to a November 2001 poll commissioned by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), 61% of respondents said they opposed arresting and jailing nonviolent pot smokers due to the increased threat of terrorism since September 11.

And a March 2002 Pew Research Center/Gallup poll found that 73% of voters support the medical use of marijuana with a doctor's prescription.

\$41,000 per race?

To implement the "Incumbent Killer Strategy," the Libertarian Party can legally spend up to \$41,000 on each targeted race — \$5,000 in direct candidate contributions and \$36,000 in coordinated expenditures on ad-

vertising, said Crickenberger.

Overall, the party expects to spend about \$100,000 on the strategy, he said.

The money will be raised from current LP members and from the drug-reform movement, using direct-mail letters and e-mail appeals, said Crickenberger.

Even non-Libertarian drug reformers should support the strategy, said Crickenberger, because it could have a chilling effect on the willingness of other politicians to continue to support the War on Drugs.

"It is important not only to defeat some of the worst drug warriors, but to defeat them because they are drug warriors," he said. "Our goal is for some of the worst drug warriors to wander the halls of Congress in 2003 as lobbyists, and say to their former colleagues, 'The reason I lost was because of the Libertarian Party and those damn drug reformers.'"

Generic TV ads

In addition to the targeted races, the LP is developing a generic medical-marijuana television advertisement for use by Libertarian candidates, said Crickenberger, and a "briefing booklet" for LP candidates to use against pro-Drug War opponents.

The Libertarian Party's "Incumbent Killer Strategy" has already generated a flurry of media stories, including pieces in the *Washington Post*, *FoxNews.com*, *Insight* magazine, and the *Hill* newspaper.

For example, *FoxNews.com* wrote: "The non-interventionist, free-marketing Libertarian Party is spoiling for a fight. The Libertarian Party is planning to challenge several incumbents in November in a so-called national 'spoiler' strategy that could put vulnerable Republicans on more shaky ground and help stir the suspense over whether the GOP can hold a House majority and wrest back the Senate from Democratic control."

The drug war strategy is one of 20 political strategies incorporated in the Libertarian Party's comprehensive Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Libertarian National Commit-

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



■ **Gary Johnson:** He's either America's bravest anti-Drug War governor — or "Puff Daddy"



■ **Ed Clark:** He still holds the record as the LP's most successful presidential candidate.



■ **Rob Kampa:** He's the public face of one of America's most influential drug reform groups.



■ **Tim Slagle:** He proves that even statism can be funny — if it's mocked by a "droll satirist."



■ **Larry Pratt:** He heads what Ron Paul called "the only no-compromise gun lobby in Washington."

Gary Johnson, Ed Clark, Larry Pratt, Tim Slagle

America's most outspoken anti-Drug War governor has been scheduled to speak at the Libertarian National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, who shocked his Republican colleagues and electrified the drug reform movement with his blunt opposition to the War on Drugs, will address convention delegates in July, LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach announced.

Joining Johnson to round out the list of convention speakers will be Ed Clark, the Libertarian Party's record-setting 1980 presidential candidate; Larry Pratt, the no-compromise head of Gun Owners of America; Tim Slagle, the proudly politically incorrect libertarian comic; and Rob Kampa, the articulate, media-savvy head of the

Marijuana Policy Project.

"With these new speakers, the 2002 Convention offers a genuinely impressive array of libertarian heavy hitters who will address core freedom issues such as drug reform and protecting the Second Amendment," said Dasbach. "And, of course, we have America's favorite libertarian funnyman, Tim Slagle, to add a touch of humor."

Leading critic

Headlining the speakers will be Gary Johnson, who says he "welcomes being called a libertarian" and has been described as the nation's leading critic of the War on Drugs.

Johnson created a firestorm of controversy in GOP circles when he branded the Drug War a failure — calling it the "greatest problem

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—Steve Dasbach

our nation faces which has an immediate solution" — and advocated the legalization of drugs.

For his efforts, he was labeled "Puff Daddy Johnson" by former Drug Czar Barry R. McCaffrey — an ironic slur against a competitive "Ironman"

triathlete who eschews even caffeine and nicotine.

Johnson has backed up his rhetoric with legislative action: During his eight years as governor, he promoted and signed bills to curb asset forfeiture, reform mandatory minimum sentences, and release many nonviolent drug offenders.

Johnson has also earned the admiration of many Libertarians for his fiscal policies: He cut taxes by more than \$106 million a year, reduced the number of state employees, and vetoed more bills than all of the rest of the governors in the United States combined.

At the convention, Johnson "will speak on his efforts and successes to move New Mexico away from a Drug War mentality toward a policy of peace, justice, and compassion," said

Dasbach. "As an example of how to turn drug reform ideas into political action, Governor Johnson is not to be missed."

Also speaking at the convention:

■ **Ed Clark:** As the 1980 LP presidential candidate, Clark and vice presidential candidate David Koch waged the most successful national Libertarian campaign in party history.

Buoyed by \$3 million from the wealthy Koch, the Clark/Koch ticket garnered 921,000 votes — about 1% of the total in the election. The campaign also marked the first time a Libertarian candidate appeared on the ballot in all 50 states.

Two years before his record-set-
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Bea Jones wins election to

A former Libertarian Party vice chair in South Carolina has won a spot on the Hardeeville city council, coming in second in a four-way race.

On May 14, Bea Jones took one of the two city council seats that were up for grabs in the non-partisan election. She garnered 46% of the vote.

The Hardeeville council has five members, each of whom serves a four-year term.

Jones, 44, said she was "humbled" by her victory.

"I am anxious to get to work and make changes that need to be made," she said. "I am eager to fulfill the faith the citizens have in me — and to show them that the government exists to serve them, not dictate terms to them."

Specifically, Jones said she will work to encourage growth and de-

velopment in Hardeeville, and to do away with ordinances that infringe on individual and property rights.

Furthermore, Jones said she would focus on expanding business opportunities in the city.

"I want to make sure [businesses] know they are welcomed, and that we feel they profit not just themselves, but the city, also," she said.

Spent \$470

Jones spent about \$470 on her campaign. In addition to the \$130 registration fee, she bought one large campaign sign and five small, wire-framed signs to advertise her candidacy.

Her victory illustrates why Libertarian Party members should be optimistic about the party's pro-freedom message, said Jones.

"The more restrictive government



■ **New Hardeeville, South Carolina city council member Bea Jones:** "I am anxious to get to

becomes, the more adherents we have to our firm stance on individual rights, personal responsibility, and limited government," she said. "We

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Mass. tax repeal initiative heads for

A Libertarian initiative to eliminate the Massachusetts income tax is headed for the November ballot, now that the state legislature has refused to consider the measure.

Carla Howell's Committee for Small Government (CSG) has started to collect additional petition signatures to place the initiative on the general election ballot, after the May 1 deadline for legislative action passed, said CSG spokesman Michael Cloud.

Bay State politicians refused to consider the politically explosive initiative that would save state taxpayers \$9 billion a year because of a "real-politick cost-benefit assessment," he said. "They knew the Boston newspapers and TV news wouldn't report it, [so] they saw no cost in failing to vote — and no

THE LEGISLATURE

stonewalled us on

a vote. We half

expected that. But

Birmingham's tie

was an eye-opener.

—Michael Cloud

advantage in taking a vote."

According to the Massachusetts state constitution, both the State House and State Senate are required to hold hearings and vote on any initiative that gets preliminary approval

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POLITICAL NEWS

Rick Stanley convicted for civil disobedience

Rick Stanley, the LP's candidate for U.S. Senate in Colorado, has been convicted of illegally carrying a deadly weapon in violation of a Denver ordinance.

On May 16, a six-member jury returned a guilty verdict against Stanley after one hour of deliberation. District Judge Robert Patterson has set a sentencing hearing for July 25.

The 47-year-old Stanley faces a maximum penalty of a \$999 fine and one year in jail.

"We knew exactly what was going to happen here," said Stanley. "It should be clear now that the Denver government has purposefully denied me my Constitutional rights, and is acting like this is a police state."

Stanley had been arrested for openly carrying a gun at a Bill of Rights Day celebration in Denver in December 2001. He had notified Denver police in advance about his intent to violate the city ordinance.

After a speech, Stanley stuck a gun into a holster on his belt, and was promptly charged with violating Denver Municipal Ordinance 38-117.5(b), which bars individuals from carrying guns in public.

The Denver businessman received the nomination of the Colorado LP at the state party convention in Leadville on May 18. He narrowly defeated challenger Steve D'Ippolito of Colorado Springs, 78-67.

Stanley said he plans to appeal the jury's verdict, and will fight the case all the way to federal court if necessary.

For more information, visit: www.stanley2002.org.



John Sophocleus wins ACAA endorsement

Alabama Libertarian candidate John Sophocleus has received a "co-endorsement" for governor from the Alabama Consumers Against Arbitration (ACAA) — marking his first endorsement of the campaign.

On May 20, the ACAA, a consumer advocacy group active since 1999, endorsed Sophocleus and Charles Bishop, a candidate for the Democratic nomination, after surveying all the contenders, said campaign manager Scott Kjar.

"Each candidate received a questionnaire, upon which candidates were chosen who best represent the ideals of upholding the state and national constitutions, especially with respect to the Seventh Amendment [which protects the right to a jury trial]," he said.

Immediately afterward, Sophocleus won his second endorsement of the campaign, said Kjar — from Wyn Bieber of the "Wyn Bieber Show" on WTBC radio in Tuscaloosa.

"Dr. Bieber was very impressed by all of the positive comments he received after having Sophocleus as a guest on the [radio] show, and has decided to vote for him in the November election!" he said.

An economics professor at Auburn University, Sophocleus ran for a U.S. House seat in 2000, garnering 13% of the vote.

For more information about the Sophocleus for Governor campaign, visit: www.votesoph.com. Or e-mail: VoteSoph@yahoo.com.



Arkansas LP files lawsuit over party status

The Arkansas Libertarian Party has filed a lawsuit to gain status as a recognized party, after the secretary of state ruled it had submitted too few signatures to qualify.

Filed on May 17 in Little Rock, the suit demands that the LP be recognized as a political party and that Libertarian candidates be allowed on the ballot in November.

The LP is waiting for a reaction from the secretary of state to determine whether the matter will actually proceed to court, said LP State Chair Gerhard Langguth.

"Politics is a lot like a chess game, and we are just waiting to see how the government is going to move on this," he said. "We aren't sure about what they are going to do right now."

On May 6, the party submitted 10,300 signatures to the secretary of state on the assumption that 10,000 signatures were required.

Three days later, Secretary of State Sharon Priest rejected the LP petition, saying that 21,000 signatures — or 3% of the votes in the last presidential election — were required by law.

But Priest's decision violated a 1997 court ruling that the signature requirement for third-party candidates must be the same as that of independents, said Langguth. Currently, 10,000 signatures are

Michigan Libertarians get major win with new top-of-

THE PASSAGE
of this bill should ensure ballot status for the Michigan Libertarian Party for decades to come.

—James Hudler

In what party leaders are calling a "huge legislative victory," the Michigan Libertarian Party has helped push through a bill that "practically guarantees" the LP will retain its ballot status each election cycle.

LP State Chair James Hudler said he was "very excited" about the new law.

"I have gone through the task of ballot access petitioning [for the LP] at least six times in the past 30 years," he said. "The passage of this bill should ensure our ballot status for decades to come."

On May 30, Republican Governor John Engler signed Public Act 399, which changed the definition of a party's "principal candidate" from the candidate whose name appears at the top of the ballot to whichever statewide candidate received the most votes in an election cycle.

1% of winning vote

Prior to the bill's passage, a party could only retain ballot status if its top-of-the-ticket candidate garnered a vote total equal to 1% of the winning candidate for secretary of state in the previous election.

The change is important because LP presidential candidates have tra-

ditionally not received enough votes to retain the party's ballot status, said Tim O'Brien, former state LP executive director. The party was then forced to spend about \$30,000 on a petition drive to regain ballot status after each presidential election.

Moreover, the party has frequently opted not to run candidates for governor or U.S. Senate in non-presidential years, to increase the odds that the party would maintain ballot status, said O'Brien.

"Certain candidates — like those for state board of education — usually do get enough votes to maintain our ballot access," he said. "So, in the past, we were forced either to not

run top candidates, or to do so and then go through a grueling petition drive to get back on the ballot. We no longer have that dilemma."

The victory culminated several months of lobbying work by Michigan Libertarians.

In October 2001, Rep. Leon Drolet (R) and Rep. Robert Gosselin (R) introduced the bill to the House Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

After the bill was passed out of committee, Libertarian Party members used an Internet lobbying tool — www.SpeakOutMichigan.org — to send e-mails to legislators. Each state legislator received about five or six e-mails on the subject, said O'Brien.

Caught their attention

"A handful of e-mails from concerned constituents might not seem like much, but considering this was a relatively unknown bill, it sure caught their attention," he said.

Libertarian Party leaders also testified before the legislature, and the LP organized a coalition of Green Party, Reform Party, ACLU, and League of Women Voters activists to support the bill.

In March 2002, the bill passed the
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Colorado activist offers calendar showcasing female

A Colorado Libertarian has created a calendar that celebrates the softer side of the Libertarian Party.

Spearheaded by Bette Rose Ryan and the Victory in Colorado Now PAC, the calendar features photographs of female libertarian activists posing in libertarian-themed settings.

"There aren't too many women in the party as it is, and I thought this would be a good way to feature some," said Ryan. "I came up with the idea when I saw a similar-themed calendar [from another organization], and I thought it would be a good thing to do to try to benefit the LP. I'm excited about this project."

Each picture in the 16-month calendar — which begins in September 2002 — will feature a female activist from Colorado engaging in libertarian-style activities, said Ryan.

Sewing a flag

For example, one picture in the calendar, called "Repairing the Union," features a female libertarian on a couch sewing an American flag.

The calendar will highlight special dates as well, said Ryan, including Tax Day on April 15 and Independence Day on July 4.



■ Libertarian Jamie Kent is shown sewing an American flag in a new calendar produced by the Victory in Colorado Now PAC. The calendar features photographs of libertarian women in libertarian-style settings.

Each calendar is available for a donation of at least \$10, said Ryan.

"[Even] our printer is excited about the project," she said. "He seems to think it will be very popular, although I would be happy if we can just raise some money from it for Colorado candidates."

Ryan said the calendar will be

advertised in the *Colorado Liberty* newsletter, and possibly in *LP News* at a future date. Some calendars will be available at the national convention in July in Indianapolis, Indiana.

To order a calendar, e-mail: betterose@aol.com. Or write: Bette Rose Ryan, 10063 C Grove Court, Westminster, Colorado, 80031. Make checks

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TALKING POINTS

Curious anti-drug ad effects, and redundant Republicans

■ Uncle Sam's dope

Looks as though scientists researching the medical benefits of marijuana may have inadvertently hit on a way to discourage Americans from smoking dope: Let the government grow it.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, participants in a publicly funded study into whether marijuana relieves pain in HIV patients are complaining that the research joints — grown on a government farm in Mississippi — are of low quality.

"I couldn't smoke the stuff any more," Phillip Alden told the newspaper. "I was disgusted with the federal government."

— **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**
May 7, 2002

■ Toy gun control

In 1994, an English homeowner, armed with a toy gun, managed to detain two burglars who had broken into his house, while he called the police. When the officers arrived they arrested the homeowner for using an imitation gun to put someone in fear. Parliament is now considering making imitation guns illegal.

— **JOYCE LEE MALCOLM**
The Boston Globe, May 26, 2002

■ Bush-league laws

Two new criminal classes recently have become evident: those that let their hedges grow high and those that prefer to trim them back. One group stands accused of imperiling public safety; the other of endangering the planet.

And both have run afoul of petty totalitarians and environmental inquisitors in local governments for doing with their private property what they see fit.

In Norfolk, Virginia, Doug Nicoll faces a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine for trimming bushes on his lot without permission from the city's "Wetlands Board."

In Palo Alto, California, 61-year-old Kay Leibrand was arrested for allowing Xylosma bushes in her yard to grow taller than the 2-foot height limit set by the city. She faces up to six months in the county lockup for her crime.

Both parties say they had no idea they were breaking the law when they did, or did not, trim the shrubbery in question. But ignorance of even idiotic laws apparently is no excuse.

Leibrand, who has lived in the same house since 1966 and currently is battling breast cancer, says her hedges buffer a backyard patio and garden area from the noise of autos whistling along the street. She wants to keep them the way they are.

But the city of Palo Alto says the bushes obstruct the views of motorists and pedestrians and could result in accidents. "This is about protecting kids who are too small to be seen from being hit by cars," the city attorney has said, shrewdly playing the sympathy-for-children card.

Though Nicoll and his wife, Tammy, had been trimming back the bushes on their Norfolk-area property since they bought the place in 1994, that city's Wetlands Board voted in March to fine the couple \$1,000 for "conducting regulated activity without a permit."

In between coffee breaks, a city environmental-services employee had been spying on the culprits for months, apparently worried that trimming the bushes could kill them, leading to erosion, storm-water runoff and the eventual destruction of the world as we know it.

— **SEAN PAIGE**
Insight, May 13, 2002

■ Dept. of Poisoning

At a training seminar in January sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health (which is the agency responsible for enforcing food-handling rules), at least 15 of the 150 participants came down with food poisoning, most likely from the catered box lunches or in-class treats.

— **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**
May 17, 2002

■ Fiscally rancid

Despite the fact that the Republicans control the White House, the House of Representatives, and 30 governorships, the nation is now in the midst of the biggest government spending spree since LBJ.

Incredibly, the domestic social welfare budget has expanded more in just two years (\$96 billion) under George W. Bush than in Bill Clinton's first six years in office (\$51 billion).

Even more discouraging is the spending trend line.

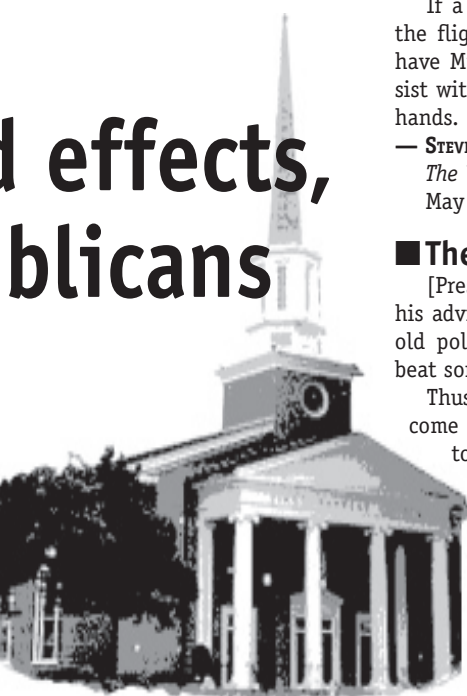
Every year since the Republicans first took control of the House in 1995, spending roadblocks have been further removed.

Domestic spending fell by an impressive 3% in real terms in the 104th Congress (1995-96) when Republicans seized control of the House and Senate for the first time in 40 years.

The next Congress raised spending by 4%, the next by 11% and this one is on pace to raise the budget by 15%.

All of this is reminiscent of the old Reagan quip that to say that Congress spends like drunken sailors is an insult to drunken sailors.

One only need look at the vote on the Farm Bill . . . I've covered federal



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
means nothing without property rights.
If they can get away with this, imagine
St. Patrick's Cathedral

budget issues for nearly two decades. If the Farm Bill wasn't the most fiscally rancid legislation I have seen, it's certainly in the top three.

Yet two out of three Republicans voted for it, and, worse yet, Mr. Bush not only signed it, he crowed that it would secure the "independence of the American farmer." Independence from what exactly? The free market?

Republicans are suffering from a politically lethal identity crisis. If the budget bulge that we're now witnessing were happening under a Democratic presidency, Republicans would be howling in indignant outrage.

If the tidal wave of spending isn't soon reversed, the Republican Party may soon discover that it is both redundant and replaceable.

— **STEPHEN MOORE**
The Wall Street Journal
May 16, 2002

■ 10-finger defense

Suppose you're flying on a commercial airliner when a group of Arab men wielding weapons suddenly jump out of their seats, bound down the aisles, knock over the flight attendants and passengers trying to block their way, and then break through the cockpit door.

Which of the following two thoughts would be going through your head? (1) "Oh, no, we're all going to die," or (2) "I'm so grateful those pilots don't have guns."

John Magaw, head of the Transportation Security Administration, falls in the second category. [In May],

he announced that his agency would not allow pilots to carry firearms.

If a terrorist manages to invade the flight deck however, the pilots have Mr. Magaw's permission to resist with all 10 fingers of their bare hands.

— **STEVE CHAPMAN**
The Washington Times
May 28, 2002

■ The price we pay

[President George W. Bush] and his advisers are practitioners of the old political axiom that you can't beat something with nothing.

Thus, the White House has either come up with lighter alternatives to the Democrats' agenda, or in several key areas has embraced the Democrats' proposals and effectively removed them from the campaign debate.

The bloated, big government, anti-free market farm bill that Mr. Bush signed is a case in point. It will add \$83 billion over 10 years to federal farm subsidies. It makes farmers more dependent on government handouts. It will weaken our case against foreign agricultural subsidies in future trade disputes.

No one in the White House likes this bill, but it was seen as the price they needed to pay to pick up at least one additional Senate seat in the farm states of South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Missouri, and Georgia, which have competitive elections this fall.

— **DONALD LAMBRO**
The Washington Times
May 16, 2002

■ Just say "No effect"

Advertisements paid for by the federal government to deter teens from using drugs may actually be encouraging some viewers to experiment with marijuana, according to statements made by White House Drug Czar John Walters [in mid-May].

Walters' admission came just days before the release of a federally commissioned report announcing that the \$1.8 billion anti-drug ad cam-

paign has failed to discourage teens from using drugs, and in some cases, may actually encourage use.

According to the forthcoming review, conducted by Westat Inc. and the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, "there is no evidence" indicating that the government ads have had a "desirable effect on youth," or led to a decline in adolescent marijuana use.

In fact, the evaluation noted that among 12- and 13-year old viewers, the ads were more likely to encourage the use of marijuana.

Nevertheless, despite the campaign's admitted failings, the Drug Czar is asking Congress to continue funding the program at present levels — approximately some \$180 million annually.

Walters alleges that he will manage the monies more efficiently than previous administrations.

— **NORML FOUNDATION**
May 16, 2002

■ Render unto 'seize-it'

The Good Book instructs us to render unto Caesar what is his. But what do you do when Caesar casts his greedy eye on your local church — in order to replace it with a discount retailer?

This tale comes from Orange County, California. On Tuesday night the Cypress City Council voted 4-0 to invoke its powers of eminent domain to seize land owned by the Cottonwood Christian Center, which would then be sold to Costco. The growing non-denominational Christian church had bought the mostly vacant land in 1999 because its existing building was bursting at the seams.

"What the Cottonwood example demonstrates is that the First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom means nothing without property rights," says Kevin Hasson of the Becket Fund, a public-interest law firm. "This is just the most outrageous example of something going on all the time. If they can get away with this, imagine St. Patrick's Cathedral as a Trump Towers."

Cypress's city fathers aren't bigots; they simply insist that Cottonwood's

"We must remember that a right lost to one is lost to all."

— **WILLIAM REECE SMITH, JR.**



That's one of the great things about Libertarians: We're not just interested in our rights. No, we willing for fervently fight for everyone's rights. Black and white. Men and women. Young and old. Even generations yet unborn. There's a way you can make sure America's precious rights won't be lost by a future generation: By naming the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To privately discuss this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (931)

2-Way U.S. Senate Race for Michael Cloud

NO Republican Candidate. Republican Fails to Make Ballot.

It's Official! Secretary of State's Office confirms that the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate fell 3,000 signatures short.

Weak Republican Party

Massachusetts Republican voter registration is only 13%.
So the Massachusetts Republican Party concentrates its resources on races where it has a chance of winning.
They know they can't beat Democratic U.S. Senator John Kerry.
So at their April 6th Republican State Convention, they didn't nominate a candidate for U.S. Senate.

One Republican jumped into the race, got out of the race, then got back in again.
He needed 10,000 nominating petition signatures to make the Ballot. He turned in less than 7,000 signatures. He failed to make the Ballot.

Republican Agony and Embarrassment

Eight years ago, the Republicans thought they could elect a U.S. Senator in Massachusetts.
1994. The Republican Revolution. Republican Mitt Romney spent \$7,624,491 in his U.S. Senate race against Ted Kennedy. Romney got 42% of the vote.
1996. Massachusetts Republican Governor William Weld spent \$8,002,123 in his U.S. Senate race against John Kerry. Governor Weld got 45% of the vote.
2000. The Republican leadership wrote off the U.S. Senate race against Ted Kennedy. Republican businessman Jack E. Robinson decided to run anyway.

Mr. Robinson was dogged with accusations of driving under the influence of alcohol, plagiarism, and sexual harassment. In fact, the Massachusetts Media dubbed Mr. Robinson "Jack the Tongue."
Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jack E. Robinson got only 1% more of the vote than Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Carla Howell. His weakness. Her strength.

The Republican Party can't win with well-funded serious candidates.
The Republican Party can't afford to be humiliated by candidates like Jack E. Robinson.
That's why there is NO Republican candidate in this U.S. Senate race against John Kerry.

John Kerry's Strength

U.S. Senator John Kerry is polling between 70% and 80%.
John Kerry believes he's unbeatable. He probably is.
With 70% to 80% in the polls, John Kerry believes he can safely ignore Michael Cloud's Libertarian U.S. Senate campaign. He probably can.
With 70% to 80% in the polls, John Kerry will concentrate on his 2004 Presidential campaign.
This gives Michael Cloud a huge opportunity. He can campaign without interference. He can accept speaking opportunities and political events that John Kerry will simply skip.
John Kerry will not actively campaign for U.S. Senate. Michael Cloud will.

The Libertarian Difference

Michael Cloud will make a passionate and powerful case for personal responsibility, individual liberty, and small government. Libertarian.
Michael Cloud will call for an End to the War on Drugs. He will make the Libertarian case against Drug Prohibition. He will call for the immediate pardon of over 1,000,000 non-violent drug offenders serving time in federal prisons.
Michael Cloud will call for an End to the War on Guns. He will make the Libertarian case against Gun Prohibition. He will call for the immediate repeal of the reputed 20,000 Anti-Gun laws.
Michael Cloud will call for an End to federal government responsibility, authority, and involvement in education. He will make the Libertarian case against the Department of Education. He will make the Libertarian case for voluntary and free-market education.
Michael Cloud will call for an End to federal government responsibility, authority, and

involvement in Health Care. He will make the Libertarian case for private, competitive, free-market health care.

Our Secret Strength

Unlike the Republicans, we don't have to win the election. As long as we fail forward.
Michael Cloud's job, as the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, is to dramatically increase Libertarian support. Radically increase the number of Libertarian voters. Recruit hundreds of new Libertarian Party members. Enroll scores of new Libertarian activists. And increase our vote total. Fail forward.
Michael Cloud is a full-time Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate — running a full-time campaign. Not part-time. Not just before work. Not just after work. Not just on weekends or holidays. *Full time.*

We have just over 117 days to campaign for personal responsibility, individual liberty, and small government. Libertarian.
117 days to reach out to Gun Freedom activists, Home Schoolers, Tax-Cutters, Fiscal Conservatives, and supporters of small government.
117 days to raise enough money to run serious TV advertising — and convince John Kerry to face me.
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■ CONNECTICUT

Libertarians rally to defend homeschooling

Libertarians joined over 1,000 people in Hartford on March 4 to rally against a proposed bill that would interject the state government into homeschooling.

The bill, HB 5535, would force homeschool teachers to have a high school degree, file a notice of intent with a local government school superintendent, provide a written curriculum that consists of at least 900 hours per calendar year, and schedule independent assessments of the child's academic performance.

"Homeschoolers made it clear they want to maintain their rights to choose how they educate their children," said LP activist **Linda Rasch**.

Other Libertarians who attended the rally included LP State Chair **Lenny Rasch**, Vice Chair and former homeschooler **Ned Vare**, Secretary **James Madison**, Assistant Treasurer **Andrew Rule**, and **Dawn Barry**, homeschooler and former president of the Home Educators Association.

"Homeschooling is an ideal Libertarian issue, as homeschoolers are asserting their right to make decisions about their family without 'help' from government bureaucrats," said Rasch.

■ GEORGIA

'Click It' effort sticks it to state drivers, says LP

Libertarians are telling state

Online Resources for LP Members

■ Find contact info for your state Libertarian Party or your State Chair
Visit: www.LP.org
Click on: Organization
Click on: State Parties
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■ Find contact info for the National Committee
Visit: www.LP.org
Click on: Organization
Click on: National Committee
Click on: LNC Directory

■ Renew your membership
Visit: www.LP.org
See: Special Features (left side)
Click on: LP Members



Tennessee LP rallies (again) against income tax

■ Tennessee LP Vice Chair **Heather Scott** joined hundreds of other protesters at an anti-income tax rally at Legislative Plaza in Nashville on May 15.

Scott and other Libertarians were protesting another attempt by Republican Governor **Don Sundquist** and GOP legislators to impose a 4.5% income tax. A week later, the State House failed to pass the measure on a 45-49 vote.

At the rally, protesters hoisted signs, waved American flags, and cheered and whistled while surrounded by state police in riot gear.

It was the third year in a row that Tennessee Republicans had unsuccessfully attempted to impose an income tax to close the state's multi-million dollar budget deficit.

legislators to "Stick It" after the government's "Click it or Ticket" campaign caused traffic jams throughout the state over the Memorial Day weekend.

Police used checkpoints and additional roving patrols as part of a "massive crackdown" against drivers and children who were not wearing seatbelts — creating a massive inconvenience for drivers, said LP State Chair **Helmut Forren**.

"First, our government lies to us by claiming that the seatbelt law will never be used to pull people over," he said. "Then they waste their limited law enforcement resources setting up checkpoints and roadblocks to harass peaceful citizens."

Furthermore, said Forren, the Transportation Department's own figures admit that 92% of parents already obey child seatbelt laws, making such a campaign unnecessary.

"Is it too much to ask that our government servants treat us like the adults and law-abiding citizens that we are — and start paying more than just lip service to the job they should really be doing?" he asked.

■ ILLINOIS

Cal Skinner proposes

reducing spending — not increasing taxes, said Skinner.

"I know what the people want, and it's not higher taxes," he said.

■ ILLINOIS

State LP honors midwife with 'Vigilance' award

Libertarians have honored a midwife with the state party's Edward Bushel "Eternal Vigilance" award, which is given to an individual for "outstanding service and dedication to the principles of liberty."

Yvonne Cryns was presented with the award at the party's annual convention, held March 23 in Rolling Meadows. Cryns gave an "emotionally charged speech" as she accepted the award, said LP Executive Director **Scott Kohlhaas**.

A professional midwife, Cryns was accused by the state of failing to properly recognize distress signs while delivering a breech-birth baby. The baby later died.

In 2000, a Lake County jury indicted Cryns on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum of five years in prison. In 2001, a mistrial was declared after a jury split 10-2 in favor of conviction, and the district attorney announced he would pursue the case.

However, Illinois Libertarians said the state is persecuting Cryns because she practices midwifery without a license.

■ INDIANA

Libertarians speak out against job-skills tax

Libertarians are protesting a new state tax that forces business owners to pay for job-skills training for unemployed workers — saying the tax is designed to line the coffers of politically powerful unions.

The bill, HB 1962, taxes each employer's total taxable wages from the previous calendar year at the rate of .09%.

The money collected will go to a newly created worker-training fund in Indianapolis that will benefit workers who have lost their jobs. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development estimates the tax will raise \$59 million over three years.

However, the real motivation behind the law is to provide grants to politically powerful labor unions, charged LP Executive Director **Brad Klopfenstein**.

"[The fund's board] consists of half union members, and is designed to allow labor unions to veto any grant request," he said. "Will such a board give grants to non-union businesses? We wouldn't bet on it."

■ IDAHO

Kootenai LP: We won't

meddle with initiatives

Kootenai County LP candidates have pledged to "honor the will of the citizens" if elected, following a Republican-led attempt in the state legislature to overturn a citizen-approved term limits initiative.

At a press conference on April 29 outside the county courthouse, eight Libertarians signed the pledge, promising "never to vote to overturn, repeal or otherwise substantially alter any law enacted by the people through the exercise of their initiative rights."

LP candidate **Mike Bechtold** said he thought the LP could use the issue to recapture political offices from the Republican Party.

"We think we have some real viable people," he said. "We're tired of these Republicans running the show."

Candidates who appeared at the conference included **Stan Smith**, (House 4B); **Melissa DiGiovanni** (county clerk); **Christian Kirsch** (county commission); **Mark Bechtold** (House 4A); **Dan Gookin** (Senate District 4); **Ron Perry** (Secretary of State); **Andy Jolliff** (House 2A); and **Tom Macy** (county commission).

■ IOWA

LP candidates speak at May Marijuana March

LP members participated in an International Marijuana March in Des Moines, highlighting the "human costs" of the War on Drugs.

Between 300 and 500 people attended the May 4 event, which was covered by CNN. The rally was hosted by Cures Not Wars, a national anti-Drug War organization.

In a speech to the crowd, LP gubernatorial candidate **Clyde Cleveland** argued that the War on Drugs is a failure, and said legal hemp production could help Iowa farmers. He also touted his plan for "bottom-up government" for Iowa, as outlined in his campaign book, *Restoring the Heartland*.

In addition, Cleveland noted that he was wearing a hemp shirt, hemp pants, and even a hemp hat.

In a follow-up speech, state attorney general candidate **Ed Noyes** said he supported reforming Iowa's marijuana laws and the state's prison system.

For campaign information visit: www.clevelandforgovernor.org.

■ MASSACHUSETTS

Young Libertarian raises money for HIV testing

A young LP candidate for selectman in North Billerica has started a non-profit organization to raise HIV prevention awareness and money for HIV testing.

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The festive event, held May 13 at the Five Seasons Brewery in Atlanta, raised money to help Libertarian candidates get "over the

The party featured live music, door prizes, gift certificates, impromptu speeches by candidates, and gift baskets, said Freese.

"The issue is advantageous for our party, because it affords us an opportunity to demonstrate that we are the party that can be relied upon to defend the right to self-defense," said Turbett.

LP State Chair Bob Collison bid \$8,000 for the advertisements at an auction hosted by a local PBS station in May. The ads, which will air in the

Fairfax party rejects

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THE REVIEW

Campaign finance follies

■ *Unfree Speech: The Folly of Campaign Finance Reform*, by Bradley Smith. Princeton University Press. Hardbound, \$26.95.

Back in the days of vinyl records, the quirky comedy troupe the Firesign Theatre released an album entitled *Everything You Know Is Wrong*.

That could also be the subtitle of Bradley A. Smith's book on campaign finance reform, *Unfree Speech*.

In just 286 pages, the law professor-turned-Federal Election Commissioner makes the case that everything you've heard about money in politics — that there's too much of it; it "corrupts" the system; restrictions on money don't violate the First Amendment — is wrong.

Along the way, Smith treats us to a history of campaign spending. For example, who knew that George Washington, in his first run for the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1757, spent 39£ to buy 160 gallons of rum to woo 319 eligible voters? Talk about a spirited campaign.

Smith also provides a comprehensive overview of campaign finance laws — which "have a long pedigree" in America, he writes. Major laws regulating campaign finance were passed in 1881, 1907, 1910, 1925, 1939, and 1943.

Regulation reached its crescendo in 1971, with the passage of the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA). Had the campaign corruption dragon finally been slain? Not quite. Over the next few years, the Watergate scandal broke, along with the disclosure that the Committee to Re-Elect the President (Richard Nixon's aptly named CREEP) had raked in millions in illegal and quasi-legal contributions.

Oops. More laws were clearly needed. So, in 1974, Congress passed amendments to FECA, which limited presidential campaign spending and set up a system of public financing, restricted contributions to federal races to \$1,000 per person, and created the Federal Election Commission to enforce the new rules.

The result? Incumbent re-election rates began to rise. Spending on Congressional campaigns soared by 400%. PACs proliferated. Interest groups, prohibited from contributing directly to candidates, started running "issue" ads to influence the outcome of races.

Reviewing their handiwork, campaign finance reform supporters announced that the system was still too costly and still mired in corruption. More reform was needed, they decreed. That's where the second, most valuable section of *Unfree Speech* begins. In it, Smith shoots down one pro-"reform" argument after another:

■ **There's too much money in politics.** In fact, political expenditures account for just .05% of the nation's GDP.

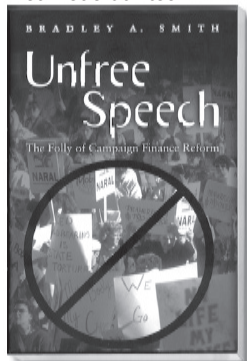
■ **Campaign contributions "buy" votes.** Oh really? Take the much-vaunted power of the NRA. The gun-lobbying group poured \$8.4 million into Congressional races between 1989 and 1998. However, the NRA's donations amounted to two-tenths of one percent of the total Congressional campaign spending — hardly a "realistic explanation for the NRA's alleged power," notes Smith.

■ **Money buys elections.** Not necessarily. While it's true that the candidate with the most money *usually* wins, "the strong correlation between spending and victory may stem from the desire of donors to contribute to candidates who are likely to win, in which case the ability to win *attracts money*," he writes — not vice versa.

Unfortunately, politicians apparently didn't read *Unfree Speech* before passing the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, which banned "soft money" contributions and limited the ability of organizations to air issue ads 60 days before a general election.

Even before the ink had dried on the law, radical *new* proposals were being floated: Abolish PACs. Mandate free TV advertising. Limit contributions just to a candidate's district. And perhaps most chilling: Pass a Constitutional amendment to allow politicians to regulate campaign advertisements.

One more law, promise the so-called reformers, and America



Kentucky Libertarians help end

After a 16-year campaign, Kentucky Libertarians have helped end a "fraudulent and inefficient" vehicle emissions testing program in Jefferson County.

On April 8, Governor Paul Patton signed HB 618, which will eliminate the vehicle emissions test (VET) effective November 1, 2003.

In doing so, the governor ended a program that, instead of improving the environment, simply inconvenienced citizens and was "practically guaranteeing dirtier air," said Libertarian George Baumler, a member of the STOP THE VET group which led the fight.

"The truth [has finally become] known about the counterproductive and fraudulent nature of the program," he said.

An 89-7 vote

HB 618 passed the Kentucky General Assembly on an 89-7 vote on March 12, and a companion bill passed the State Senate on a 26-12 vote on March 26.

The votes — and the governor's signature — marked the conclusion of a political battle that began in 1986, just two years after the VET was implemented in Jefferson County.

The program required all privately owned cars and trucks to undergo an annual emissions test at local VET centers. For participating in the program, Jefferson County and the state of Kentucky became eligible

THE TRUTH HAS finally become known about the counter-productive and fraudulent nature of the program

—George Baumler

for as much as \$1.7 billion in annual federal highway subsidies.

However, Libertarians and other citizen activists said the VET did little to actually improve air quality.

"[Since 1984], air quality has continued to improve each year — even with more and more vehicles on the road, and more vehicle miles driven each year," said Baumler.

"But this improvement in air quality came mainly from improved onboard emissions control equipment on newer cars and trucks, cleaner burning fuels, and older, more polluting vehicles simply wearing out and coming out of service."

Since 95% of cars and trucks passed the VET, the test could not "be responsible for removing the tons of pollutants that VET proponents claimed," said Baumler.

In addition, since the state participated in the VET program, the

federal government allowed it to issue pollution credits to major industries, he said.

"Commercial polluters purchased the credits, so that they in essence could continue polluting at current levels, or higher," said Baumler.

To combat the VET, Jefferson County Libertarians joined the fledgling STOP THE VET group, which allied with a conservative citizens' action group called Take Back Kentucky.

Door to door

Over the years, STOP THE VET lobbied the legislature, held forums, distributed handbills door to door, and wrote letters to the editor. Libertarians assisted with the efforts, and on March 14, the Jefferson County LP conducted a public meeting with a representative of the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District to publicize the issue.

With Governor Patton's signature on HB 618, the group finally claimed victory. The VET will terminate in late 2003, when the state's contract with the company operating the program expires.

"Now that the VET-generated credit exemptions are gone, the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District can concentrate on correcting industrial and commercial pollution, and the citizens of Jefferson County, Kentucky and surrounding areas can all begin to breathe a little easier," said Baumler.



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Early advertising attracts new supporters and volunteers.

Early advertising demonstrates strength and

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THE ISSUES

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

Anti-drug ads may have increased drug use

An anti-drug ad campaign that may have actually *increased* teen drug use shows that the Office of National Drug Control Policy is incompetent and should be abolished, say Libertarians.

"This is your government's brain — on drugs," said Ron Crickenberger, LP political director. "The television ads financed by this bumbling federal agency could be luring your child into using drugs. It's time to recognize the danger posed by cash-snorting bureaucrats who are addicted to your money, and abolish the drug czar's office."

In May, Drug Czar John P. Walters was forced to admit that the five-year, \$929 million ad campaign developed by the Partnership for a Drug Free America "isn't reducing drug use" after a devastating study was released by the Westat research firm and the University of Pennsylvania.

After showing the ads to a group of 12- to 18-year-olds, researchers found no decline in the number who said they intend to try drugs in the next year. More shocking: Some kids who saw the TV ads said they were slightly *more* likely to smoke marijuana after seeing the ads — prompting Walters to admit that the ads may "incite curiosity."

"If Walters is correct, this failed ad campaign has turned the government into a de facto drug pusher," Crickenberger said.

Adding insult to injury is the fact that parents are forced to pay for the dangerous TV ads, Crickenberger added.

"If you're a parent who has trusted the government to keep your child from drugs, you have a right to be angry," he said. "Politicians have squandered your money and left your children in danger."

Cuba trade embargo punishes Americans

By continuing to support the U.S. embargo on Cuba, President George W. Bush is undermining the freedom of the American people, Libertarians say.

"The U.S. government has no business ordering Americans not to trade with or travel to Cuba," said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach. "By stubbornly refusing to repeal this failed, 40-year-old law, Bush is punishing the American people for the crimes of Fidel Castro."

In an appearance in Miami's "Little Havana," Bush called for democratic reforms in Cuba and reaffirmed U.S. support for the trade embargo imposed on dictator Fidel Castro in 1962.

But by focusing on removing Castro from power, Bush has ignored the fact that the embargo is undermining two fundamental American freedoms: The freedom to trade and the freedom to travel.

Federal law imposing sanctions on Cuba makes it illegal for U.S. firms to trade with that nation, and travel restrictions created in 1963 impose fines of up to \$50,000 on Americans who are caught traveling there.

"The trade ban violates the economic freedom of every American," Dasbach said. "Individuals in a free country should be able to buy and sell goods freely to whomever they like, without government approval."

"According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S. firms lose between \$600 million and \$1.2 billion worth of business per year by not being able to trade with Cuba. Why should American businesses and consumers be punished because Cuba is a communist state?"

Apologize to Dionne Warwick for drug charges

Libertarians have a suggestion for the government officials who arrested singer Dionne Warwick at the Miami airport for marijuana possession: Drop the charges immediately — then apologize to Ms. Warwick.

"Americans aren't clamoring for protection from pot-smoking musicians, so why is the government arresting them?" asked Steve Dasbach. "In turbulent times like these, police agencies should focus on defending us from terrorists and other violent criminals. Dionne Warwick is neither — so the government should leave her alone."

The 61-year-old Warwick was detained at Miami International Airport in May when baggage screeners found 11 marijuana cigarettes in her lipstick container. Warwick, who gained fame in the 1960s for "Walk on By" and "I'll Say a Little Prayer," was charged with possession of less than 5 grams of marijuana.

"It's time to say a little prayer for the politicians and prosecutors who are so misguided that they're wasting valuable police resources on harmless marijuana smokers," said Dasbach. "How many dangerous criminals will walk on by as law enforcement spends its time — and your money — prosecuting people like Dionne Warwick?"

Libertarian Party suffers setback in Arizona filing

A court decision that Harry Browne was wrongly kept off the 2000 presidential ballot in Arizona because of an "unreasonably early" filing deadline has been overturned by the state supreme court.

On May 24, the court ruled that the state's June filing deadline does not violate the First Amendment, as the party's 2000 presidential candidate had claimed in his lawsuit against the Arizona secretary of state, Browne vs. Bayless.

"We conclude that [the law] does not impose severe restrictions on Browne's First Amendment rights and furthers important regulatory interests of the State," wrote Judge Patricia Escher in the court's decision.

The 5-0 ruling overturned a previous June 2001 appellate court decision in Browne's favor.

Maverick faction

Browne had sought to be placed on the Arizona ballot as an independent candidate in 2000, after a maverick LP faction nominated science fiction author L. Neil Smith as its presidential candidate. Browne appeared on the other 49 state ballots (plus DC) as the Libertarian presidential candidate.

The Arizona high court decision marked the first time that such an early filing deadline has been upheld in a state supreme court, said Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot*



■ **Harry Browne: He was kept off the Arizona presidential ballot in 2000 as an independent.**

Access News.

"What is happening to the U.S., that the opportunities for late entry into the presidential election are being taken away from us?" he asked. "[It is] ridiculous and alarming."

LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach said the decision "sets a terrible precedent."

"This poorly reasoned decision upholds an unnecessary roadblock for other third parties," he said. "Fortunately, barring another incident like the one in 2000, the LP should not have a problem putting its presidential candidate on the ballot again in Arizona."

The supreme court decision is the latest chapter in a protracted legal battle that began in 2000, after an internal schism in the state LP created two rival parties that endorsed two different presidential candidates.

After efforts to reconcile the factions failed, the pro-Browne and pro-Smith groups submitted separate sets of presidential electors to the secretary of state by the June deadline. Days later, a district court judge awarded Smith the Libertarian place on the ballot.

As an independent

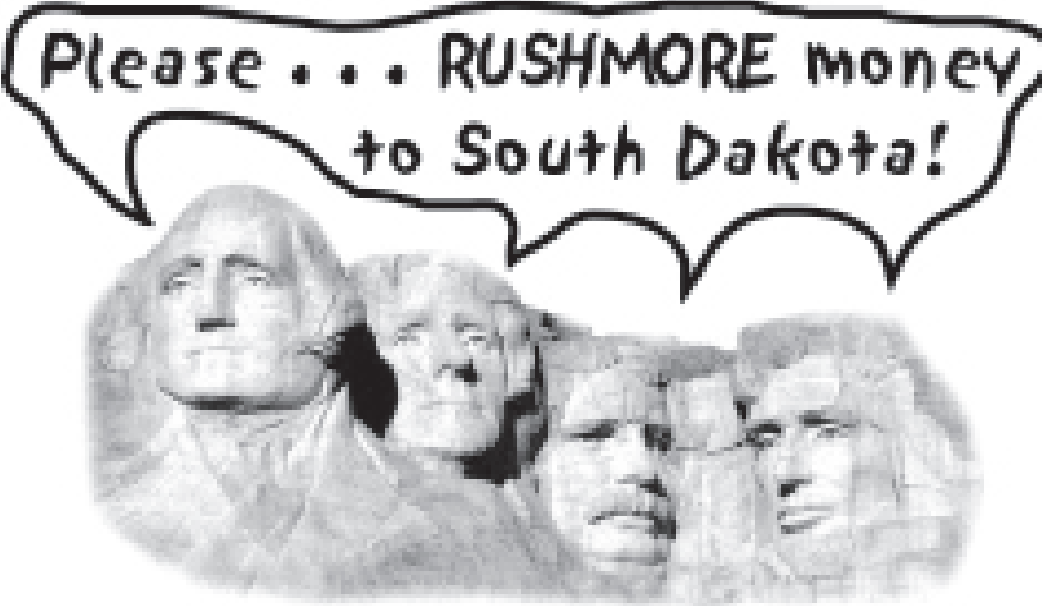
Consequently, Browne attempted to get on the ballot as an independent candidate, turning in nominating petitions and a slate of electors in August. The secretary of state rejected his petitions, and the LP filed a complaint in district court.

In September 2000, the district court rejected the lawsuit on procedural grounds, thereby upholding the June deadline.

The LP appealed, and in June 2001, an appellate court overturned the earlier ruling, saying the June deadline imposed a "suspect burden" on voters' rights by treating independent candidates differently than party candidates, and by imposing a greater burden on them.

The court also found the state had advanced no "substantial reasons" justifying the June deadline, and

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CONVENTION 2002

Convention Schedule

TUESDAY, JULY 2

9:00a-5:00p: Libertarian Victory School (separate registration)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

9:00a-5:00p: Libertarian Victory School (separate registration)

3:00p-10:00p: Convention Registration (Lobby)

8:00p-12:00a: Opening Night Party

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:00a-6:00p: Registration (Lobby)

9:30a-10:00a

Welcome to Indianapolis:

Steve Dasbach; Mark Rutherford; Hon.

Phil Miller; Tribute to John Perry

10:00a-10:45a:

Ron Crickenberger, LP Political Director and candidate for U.S. Congress (VA); Andy Horning, candidate for U.S. Congress (IN); Special July 4th Address, former Costa Rican Congressman & Presidential candidate Otto Guevara

10:45a-11:45a:

Business; Treasurer's Report; Bylaws Report

10:45a-11:45a:

David Bergland, "The Temperament Toolkit: Communication Power & Team Building"

10:45a-11:45a:

Mary Ruwart, "Building Consensus on the Tough Issues: Abortion"

12:00p-1:30p:

Gold Luncheon: Harry Browne, "The Prospects for Liberty in America"

1:45p-2:30p:

David Brin, Futurist and Author, "The Cheerful Libertarian." Others TBA

2:30p-4:30p:

Bylaws Report & Debate

2:30p-3:30p:

Sharon Harris, "How to Win Hearts and Minds to Liberty"

2:30p-3:30p:

Mary Ruwart, "Building Consensus on the Tough Issues: 9-11 Responses." w/ Bill Winter & Harry Browne

3:30p-4:30p:

Michael Cloud, "Black-Belt Persuasion"

3:30p-5:30p:

Panel: "I Want to be Elected," Ron Crickenberger, Ed Clark, others TBA

4:30p-5:30p:

Mary Ruwart, "How to Create Short Answers to the Tough Questions"

6:30p-7:30p:

Liberty Pledge Reception

7:45p-9:15p:

National Chair & LNC candidate Forum

9:30p-10:30p:

4th of July Fireworks

Evening:

Hospitality Suites

FRIDAY, JULY 5

7:30a-8:45a:

Breakfast of Champions. David Brin, "The Transparent Society." Or Hon.

John Buttrick, "Liberty and the Law"

8:00a-6:00p:

Registration

9:00a-9:30a:

Keynote Address: Sheriff Bill Masters

9:30a-11:30a:

Platform Report & Debate

9:30a-11:30a:

Panel: "Adventures in Public Office" Hon. Willy Marshal, Mayor of Big Water (UT). Others TBA Sarah Lawrence, "Is That a Burqua on the Bedroom Floor?"

9:30a-10:30a:

10:30a-11:30a:

Jim Lark & Marc Brandl, Campus Organizing

11:30a-12:00p:

John Berthoud, NTU President. Others TBA

12:15p-1:45p:

Gold Luncheon: Congressman Ron Paul

2:00p-2:45p:

Rebecca Sink-Burris, Libertarian candidate for Sec. of State (IN); Ed Thompson, Libertarian candidate for Governor (WI); Carla Howell, Libertarian candidate for Governor (MA)

2:45p-4:45p:

Platform Report & Debate

2:45p-3:45p:

Libertarian Lawmen Panel: Sheriff Bill Masters; Judge John Buttrick; District Attorney Norm Vroman

2:45p-3:45p:

Public Policy Panel, Participants TBA

3:45p-4:45p:

Workshop: Otto Guevara, members of the Costa Rican LP

3:45p-4:45p:

Drug War Panel: Steve Dillon, President of NORML; Rob Kampia, President of MPP; Ron Crickenberger, LP Political Director

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ting presidential bid, Clark had run for governor in California, garnering 5.5% of the vote. He is also the author of the campaign book, *A New Beginning*.

"Ed Clark is an engaging, lively speaker with keen insights — and a respected elder statesman of the party," said Dasbach. "Anyone who enjoys hearing about LP milestones and party history will enjoy hearing Mr. Clark speak."

Tim Slagle: He's the man who *The Twin City Reader* called a "droll, flag-burnin', politically incorrect satirist." A polished humorist, Slagle "fights a never-ending battle for truth, Liberty, and the American way," said the newspaper.

Slagle has appeared on the MTV Half Hour Comedy Hour and on Showtime's Comedy Club Network. He has also performed for the Heartland Institute, the Future of Freedom Foundation, and the Center for the Study of Popular Culture.

"Tim Slagle's routine is hilarious, and his performances at LP conventions are always well received," said Dasbach. "He proves that along with serious political activity and philosophical discussions, freedom-lovers have a funny side as well. And he proves that even statism can be funny — if it's mocked properly."

Rob Kampia: The Executive Director of the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), he heads one of the most influential drug-reform organizations

NATION CONVENTION



Gary Johnson, GOA's Larry Pratt

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America: Who better to speak about the battle to preserve the Second Amendment? —Steve Dasbach

in the country.

As the public face of the MPP, Kampia has testified before Congress, conducted numerous radio and TV interviews, and filed lawsuits across the country to advance the cause of marijuana decriminalization.

He was also the LP candidate for Washington, DC Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, garnering 3% of the vote.

"Rob Kampia proves every day that he is a dedicated defender of liberty by championing the rights of marijuana users — especially those who are terminally ill," said Dasbach. "He brings unique expertise to our convention."

Larry Pratt: He's the executive director of the 300,000-member Gun Owners of America (GOA), which Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) called "the only no-compromise gun lobby in Washington."

GOA, which is "dedicated to pro-

moting [Americans'] Second Amendment freedom to keep and bear arms," also provides an e-mail alert service to members and offers legal assistance to individuals involved in gun-related lawsuits.

As the head of GOA, Pratt has appeared on numerous national TV programs including the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, CNN's *Crossfire* and *Larry King Live*, and many others.

He is also the host of "Live Fire," a Second Amendment show heard on over 100 radio stations across the USA.

In addition, Pratt is the author of *Armed People Victorious* (1980) and *On the Firing Line: Essays in the Defense of Liberty* (2001).

"Larry Pratt is standing tall on the front lines against the war on gun ownership," said Dasbach. "Who better to speak about the battle to preserve the Second Amendment?"

Elect officers

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

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

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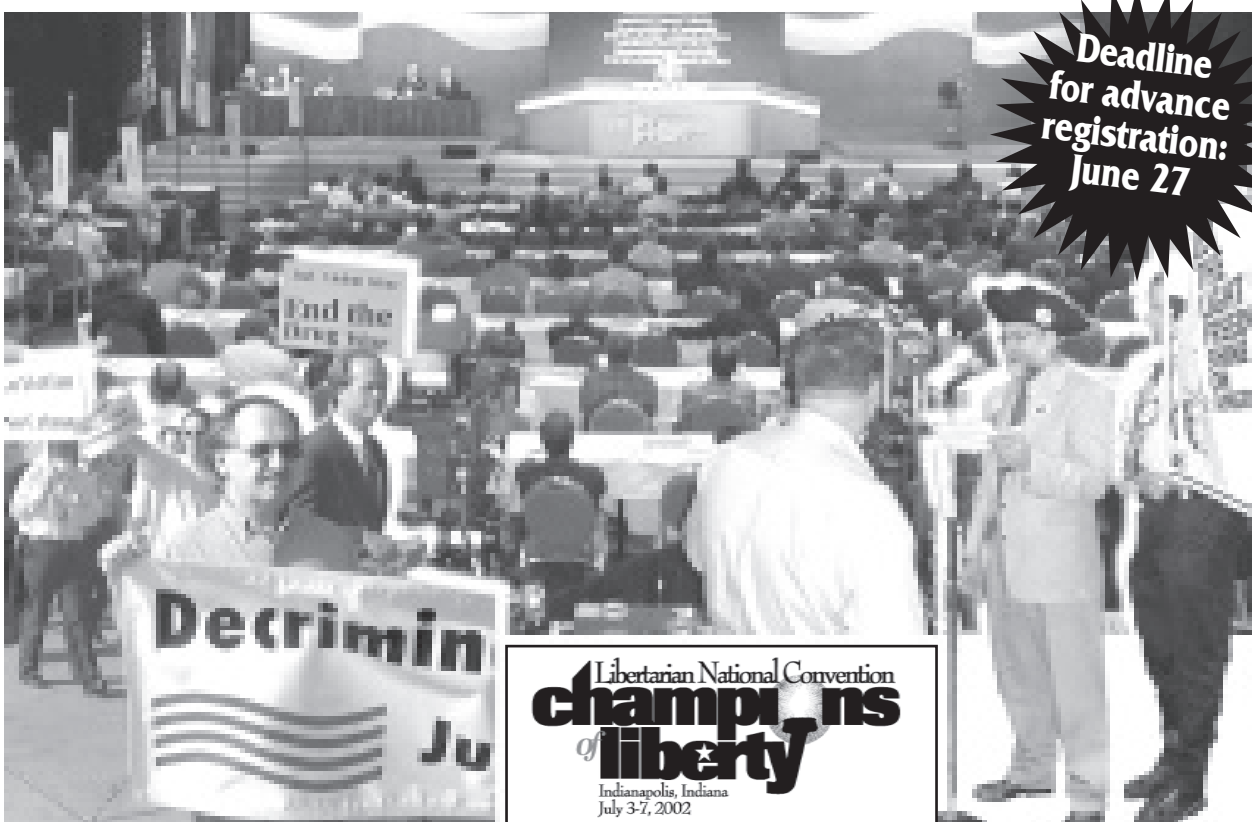
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On Wednesday, July 3, you can register in person at the Marriott Downtown Hotel, starting at 3:00 pm. Or, you can register in-person on Thursday at 8:00 am, just before the Convention is called to order.

You can attend specific events (July 3-7) by purchasing tickets for the various speakers or entertainment events at the convention. (Business sessions are free.)

You may even still have time to become a delegate for the Convention. Some states have not yet filled out their entire delegate slates, and may be able to appoint you as a delegate at the convention. Others still have openings for alternate delegates, who can fill in for missing delegates during business sessions. For more information, contact your state party leadership.

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- 5:30p-10:00p: Libertarian Night at Victory Field (picnic & baseball) [tentative]
- 6:30p-8:00p: Torch Club Reception
- 8:15p-10:00p: **30th Anniversary Celebration:** Damian Mason: "Politics, Prozac, and Playing Bill Clinton;" David Nolan, founder of the Libertarian Party, "Once in a Lifetime: The Libertarian Party at the Crossroads of History."
- Evening: Hospitality Suites



SATURDAY, JULY 6

- 7:30a-8:45a: **Breakfast of Champions: "On the Shoulders of Giants"** — John Hospers, Tonie Nathan, David Bergland, Ed Clark
- 8:00a-6:00p: Registration
- 9:00a-9:45a: Michael Cloud, candidate for U.S. Senate (MA) "Personal Responsibility Sets Us Free;" Reginald Jones
- 9:45a-10:45a: **LNC Chair Nomination Speeches**
- 10:45a-11:00a: **Voting**
- 11:00a-11:30a: Special Performance: Comedian Tim Slagle
- 11:30a-11:50a: Announcement of results by state
- 11:50a-12:05p: **Acceptance Speech**
- 12:05p-1:50p: Lunch Break / Regional Caucuses
- 1:55p-2:30p: Steve Dillon, President NORML; Larry Pratt, President, Gun Owners of America (GOA)
- 2:30p-3:30p: **LNC Officer Nomination Speeches**
- 3:25p-3:40p: **Voting**
- 3:40p-4:00p: Speaker(s) TBA
- 4:00p-4:15p: Announcement of results by state
- 4:15p-5:15p: **LNC At-Large Nomination Speeches**
- 5:15p-5:30p: **Voting**
- 6:30p-7:30p: Banquet Reception
- 7:30p-12:00a: **Gala Banquet/Dancing;** Ed Crane, President Cato Institute; Champion of Liberty Award; Neil Boortz, radio talk show host
- Evening: Hospitality Suites



SUNDAY, JULY 7

- 7:30a-8:45a: **Breakfast of Champions:** Educational Choice Panel sponsored by Milton & Rose Friedman Foundation; Joe Bast, Rob Enlow, others TBA.
- 9:00a-9:30a: Gary Nolan, radio talk show host
- 9:30a-9:45a: Announcement of At-Large results
- 9:45a-10:30a: **Judicial Committee Nominations**
- 10:30a-10:45a: **Voting**
- 10:45a-11:15a: Speaker(s) TBA
- 11:15a-11:30a: Announcement of results
- 11:30a-12:00p: **Resolutions**
- 12:00p: **Adjourn**
- 1:00p-5:00p: **First meeting of newly elected Libertarian National Committee**

Convention Q&A

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On July 3 (Wednesday), you can register in person at the Marriott Downtown Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, starting at 3:00 pm. Or, you can register in-person on Thursday at 8:00 am, just before the Convention is called to order. (Late arrivals can also register on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.)

You can attend specific events (July 3-7) by purchasing tickets for the various speakers or entertainment events at the convention.

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'02 Convention will determine

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ers, including:

■ **Gary Johnson:** The rugged "Ironman" triathlete — and two-term governor of New Mexico — who brought down the wrath of the Republican Party when he called for the end to the War on Drugs.

■ **David Brin:** An award-winning futurist, his intriguing premise is that Americans can only win the war for privacy by giving up their traditional notions of privacy.

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■ **Geoffrey Neale:** He's the current State Chair of the Texas LP.

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■ **George Phillies:** He's currently the Chair of the Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association in



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Geoffrey Neale: "LP growth."



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Arizona court deals party

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concluded that it was impermissible under the First Amendment.

However, the secretary of state appealed the decision to the state supreme court, which unanimously overturned the appellate court's decision.

The high court ruled that the early deadline gives the state government the time it needs to prepare absentee ballots, print optical scan ballots, and complete any judicial reviews of ballot challenges.

But that line of reasoning is "non-

sensical," said Winger, given that the state primary deadline is only 90 days before the general election.

"The court claims that the state needs all this time [from the filing date to the election] for technical, administrative reasons, even though the attorney for the secretary of state admitted in court that they don't need that much time!" he said. "It is a travesty of a decision."

The decision was also odd, said Winger, because "for the entire 20th century — until 1993 — the petition deadline was in October or September. Suddenly, in 1993, it was moved to June!"

Dasbach said the party is considering filing an appeal for a rehearing, based on factual mistakes in the decision.

Arizona currently has the second-earliest filing deadline of any state in the nation. Texas, with a May

Michigan LP scores major ballot reform

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House by a vote of 103-0, and was then introduced to the State Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill passed out of committee, and the LP duplicated the tactics it used in the House. The Senate passed the measure 36-0 in late May.

"We were delighted when the bill

passed the Senate, because we don't have the same kind of connections there that we do in the House," said O'Brien. "We knew that if it passed there, it would probably be signed by the governor."

On May 22, the bill was sent to Governor Engler, who signed it one week later.

Next milestone

Hudler said the next major milestone in the party's development will be gaining major party status. To be considered a major party in Michigan, one of a party's statewide candidates must garner at least 5% of the vote.

"I look forward to the inevitability of that occurrence in the near future," he said.

"In addition to changing the

Texas candidate

An LP candidate for state representative held a "competitive shootout" to raise money for his campaign.

On April 27, Michael Badnarik tested his shooting prowess against six other marksmen at Cook's Sure Shot Gun Range in Austin. The participants competed for prizes by firing 10 rounds at a target 25 feet away, while supporters looked on.

"I wanted to give gun owners an opportunity to 'rub elbows' with a pro-gun candidate that does more than just talk about guns," said Badnarik.

The \$250 he raised helped his campaign, said Badnarik, who supports the repeal of all state gun laws.

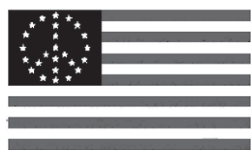
"All our other rights are meaningless if we fail to protect the Second Amendment," he said. "It is the right that protects all of the others."

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CORRECTIONS

■ **June 2002:** The "Campaign 2002" report about Ilana Freedman's race for U.S. House contained two factual errors: Freedman previously ran for State Senate, 4th Middlesex District (not State Rep., 5th District), and her opponent Marty Meehan is a 12-year incumbent (not 10-year). Also, to clarify, Freedman said her trip to Israel was not a "creative publicity event" related to her campaign, but was intended to "ascertain serious information that may be critical to our own national security in this country."

■ **June 2002:** In the Affiliate News section, Jim Lesczynski was incorrectly identified as the Chair of the Manhattan LP. In fact, Jak Karako is the chair. Mr. Lesczynski's name was also spelled incorrectly.



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Mass. income tax repeal initiative heads for

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to appear on the ballot.

If the legislature passes an initiative, it becomes law after the governor signs it. If the legislature rejects an initiative, supporters must launch a second round of signature gathering to qualify it for the ballot.

The lack of action from the State Senate was especially surprising because Senate President Tom Birmingham had publicly promised Howell that the measure would come up for a vote in that chamber, said Cloud.

"The legislature stonewalled us on a vote," he said. "We half expected that. But Birmingham's lie was an eye-opener."

The Committee for Small Government had delivered 75,629 signatures to the secretary of state on December 4, 2001 to pass the first qualifying threshold. According to state law, 57,100 valid signatures were required to put the initiative before state legislators.

Now, Libertarians must collect another 9,517 certified signatures by July 3 to qualify for the November ballot.

351 town clerks

"We need 12,500 certified signatures to make our initiative challenge-proof," said Cloud. "We have to distribute them to 351 different town clerks, get them certified, pick them up from 351 towns, and turn them in to the secretary of state's office. This is hard, but it's much less hard than the 75,629 certified signatures we collected last fall."

Once the final signature count is certified, Cloud and Howell will write a ballot argument in favor of the initiative. It will appear in the

Massachusetts Voter Guide, which will be mailed to 4 million state voters in late summer.

The initiative — dubbed "The Small Government Act to End the Income Tax" — would repeal the Bay State's 5% tax on wages, the 5% tax on interest and dividends, and the up-to-12% tax on capital gains.

If the initiative passes, the average state taxpayer will save \$3,000 annually, said Howell, who is also the LP candidate for governor.

"This is the biggest tax revolt in Massachusetts since the Boston Tea Party," she said. "This is a first step toward making Massachusetts government small."

However,



the campaign to pass the initiative has run into a roadblock, said Cloud: A virtual media "blackout."

"[We've had] eight months of censorship by the news media," he said. "Eight months of suffocating silence."

Although the initiative could have an enormous impact on Massachusetts politics, most of the state's major media outlets — including the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald*, and the local CBS, ABC, PBS, and Fox TV

news affiliates — have refused to report on it, said Cloud.

In response, the Committee for Small Government is planning a three-week television advertising campaign to reach voters, said Cloud.

"Our TV ad blitz will reach 2 million [voters], nine times. These ads will make the case for ending the income tax in Massachusetts," he said.

For more information, visit: www.smallgovernmentact.org. Or write:

Jones wins council

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can't convince the world — but we can convince one person at a time."

Jones served two terms as vice chair of the South Carolina LP in the late 1990s. She has written political columns for the *Carolina Morning News*, a local daily newspaper, for the past six years. Previously, she wrote for the *Low Country Weekly* and the *Jasper County Sun*.

Professionally, she has worked as a retail manager, and has been a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician and firefighter.

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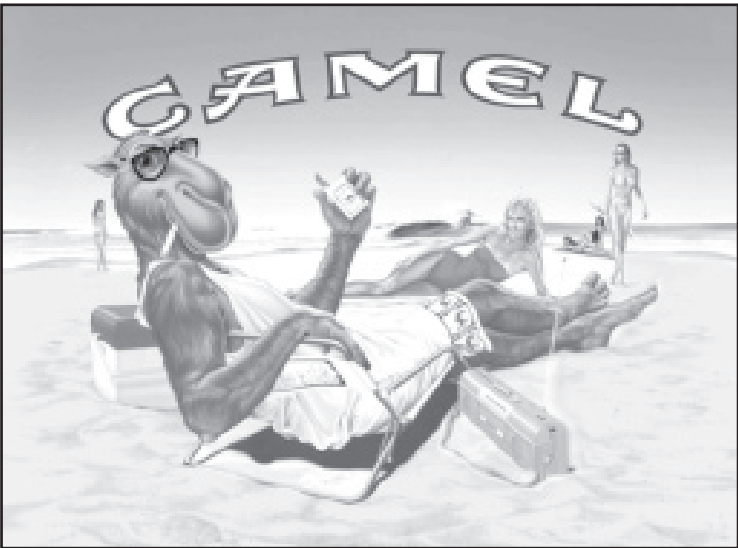
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Smoking: Carcinogens, cartoons, and

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\$750,000 for his medical expenses — plus interest.
“[This case was] about the cigarette companies being held responsible,” said the triumphant Carter, the recipient of a bounty of just over \$1 million.
Carter’s case is just a microcosm of the new War on Smokers. Spearheaded by zealous public health crusaders and politicians, the conflict isn’t being fought with bombs and bullets, but with dubious data and loaded language. For many, “Big Tobacco” has become public enemy #1.


It’s almost enough to make a tobacco executive long for the good old days, when the yellow, aromatic plant wasn’t considered such a menace to society.
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Originally cultivated in the Americas, many Indian tribes believed tobacco had medicinal properties. After Christopher Columbus brought the plant back to Europe, smoking was widely regarded as a soothing and — get this — health-enhancing activity.
One prominent physician, Dr. Johannes Vittich, said there is “no doubt that tobacco can cleanse all impurities and disperse every gross and vicious tumor, as we find by daily

experience.”
“It cures cancer of the breast, open and eating sores, scabs and scratches, however poisonous and septic, goiter, broken limbs, and many other things,” he added.
Not everyone was as pleased. Pope Urban VIII forbade smoking tobacco in any Catholic church, a transgression punishable by excommunication. In Hindustan, the Mogul emperor would punish smokers by splitting their lips. In Turkey, Sultan Murad IV often drove a pipe through a smoker’s nose immediately before his beheading.
But elsewhere, tobacco enjoyed immense popularity. French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte was said to have smoked about 50 cigarettes per day. German Prime Minister Otto Von Bismarck spoke fondly of smoking, saying it leaves one feeling “better tempered.”
In America, mass antipathy toward smoking didn’t emerge until the turn of the 20th century, and even then, the anti-smoking movement was mostly confined to puritanical pockets of “progressives” who claimed that the habit caused an array of infirmities — including color blindness, baldness, stunted growth, and sterility.
Even during the height of alcohol



■ **Joe Camel, the smooth, sunglasses-wearing cartoon who promoted Camel cigarettes, was criticized not only for his suggestively shaped head, but also for his potential appeal to the Nickelodeon generation.**
prohibition in the 1920s, the tobacco industry was largely untouched by the heavy hand of government.
With the rise of television in the 1950s, cigarette advertisements became ubiquitous, and celebrity spokespersons for tobacco companies were commonplace.
The turning point for American smoking came in 1964, when Surgeon General Luther Terry released a report that persuasively linked smoking to lung cancer. Soon after, the government required the Surgeon General’s warnings to be printed on cigarette packs (1965), forbade cigarette manufacturers from running TV ads (1971), and banned smoking on interstate buses and domestic airline flights over six hours (1990).
And that was just the beginning.

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In the 1990s, the government launched an all-out offensive against tobacco companies:
■ In 1993, the Environmental Protection Agency put out a report that claimed “passive” smoking was responsible for about 3,000 lung-cancer deaths per year. Health activists used the report as justification for promoting a litany of local ordinances prohibiting smoking in private restaurants and businesses.
There was just one problem: The report was as phony as a candy cigarette. In 1998, U.S. District Judge William Osteen ruled that the agency had cherry-picked its data, and used unorthodox methodology to “prove” the connection between second-hand smoke and cancer.
“The court is faced with the ugly possibility that the EPA adopted a methodology for each chapter, without explanation, based on the outcome sought in that chapter,” he wrote.
The judge’s findings confirmed a Congressional Research Service report that stated there is no evidence to support classifying environmental tobacco smoke as a “Class A Carcinogen,” the most definitive link between a chemical and cancer.
■ In 1994, Congress dragged executives of the seven largest tobacco companies — labeled the “Seven Dwarfs” by the mass media — in to testify before a committee. Before television cameras and millions of viewers, the Congressmen asked the executives whether they had evidence that tobacco was addictive.
In the spotlight and under pressure, the representatives made a major blunder. Rather than admit what the vast majority of Americans already knew — that nicotine, along with caffeine, chocolate, and Kung Fu movies are indeed “addictive” — they simply lied.
It was a public-relations fiasco from which the companies never recovered.
■ In the mid-1990s, David Kessler, the Ivy League-educated, bearded commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, decided to make regulating tobacco his personal crusade.
Appointed by President George Bush and retained by President Bill Clinton, Kessler had a reputation as an intense bureaucrat who passionately believed that nicotine should be regulated like cocaine or heroin.
“When Kessler believes something is right, he will use whatever moral, legal and regulatory persuasion he has,” an FDA official once said.
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The War on Smoking: Uncle Sam vs the Marlboro

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advertising within 1,000 feet of a playground or school, eliminating tobacco vending machines, and forbidding tobacco companies to sponsor public events. He also advocated limiting all other advertising to black text on a white background, except in adult periodicals.

Kessler's regulations would have been expensive: The Bar-ents Group LLC estimated the cost of implementing them at more than \$1 billion for the tobacco industries and consumers. In addition, the policy would have meant billions of dollars in lost revenue for ad agencies, magazines, newspapers, and billboard companies. As a result, there was a fierce backlash and the new measures never got off the ground.

Frustrated by Kessler's lack of success, anti-smoking forces opened a new front against the tobacco companies, claiming they were targeting children with seductive — and sexually suggestive — cartoon characters like Joe Camel. The Cartoon Battles had begun.

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In 1988, Camel cigarettes were having a tough time. Public opinion polls revealed that the brand was widely perceived as an "old man's" cigarette, and sales were slipping. Brand manufacturer R.J. Reynolds needed a new spokesperson.

The company got one in the form of Joe Camel, a smooth, sunglasses-wearing, cigarette-smoking cartoon. The character quickly became as well known as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

As Joe Camel began popping up in ads, on tee-shirts, and on billboards, a curious charge was leveled against the hip new character: Portrayed as the object of desire of sexy females, some of the more perceptive Camel connoisseurs noticed Joe's head had certain — ahem — phallic qualities.

In an interview in *Print* magazine, however, Mike Salisbury — the creator of Joe Camel — denied the charges.

"I was just trying to make this stupid [camel] head have some kind of expression I could change from ad to ad, and I remembered how Sean Connery as James Bond could move his eyebrows so expressively," he said. "So I ripped off his eyes and eyebrows and Don Johnson's hair."

However, anti-smoking forces were less concerned with Mr. Camel's artistic merit, and more concerned about his appeal to the Nickelodeon generation. R.J. Reynolds was using the character to recruit a new wave of juvenile addicts, they claimed.

The ferocity of their charges caused others to jump to Joe's de-

fense, saying the charismatic camel was no different than many other popular corporate characters.

"Last time I checked, people under the age of 18 weren't major buyers of life insurance, household cleaners, automobile rust-proofing, or tires — yet Snoopy, Mr. Clean, Rusty Jones, and the Michelin Man are used to promote those products," said Joe

count savings that result from earlier smoking-related deaths.

But in 1998, the "Big Four" tobacco companies — Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Lorillard, and Brown & Williamson — decided it was better to settle than fight, and negotiated a deal with all 50 states. The total payout: A whopping \$246 billion. In exchange, the companies avoided trial costs and what would undoubtedly have been a vicious smear campaign against them. They also gained immunity from future state suits.

Anti-smoking crusaders at the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society were ecstatic, expecting the settlement money would be used to finance anti-smoking educational efforts.

They soon learned that government can be an unwieldy weapon. A study conducted in 2001, three years after the settlement, estimated that only 7% of the money from the tobacco settlement had been spent on such campaigns.

Instead, politicians spent millions of dollars repairing sidewalks (California), building schools (Colorado), doling out scholarships (Michigan), and various other vote-buying projects.

"There was a sense when the states settled the suits that it was a good deal," said Cassandra Welch, manger of government relations for the American Lung Association. "The reality is, there's an uphill battle in every state."

Worse yet, the settlement money hasn't come out of tobacco company revenues. Immediately following the settlement, the price of a pack of cigarettes soared by 45 cents, as companies passed on the cost of the settlement to consumers.

And the federal government has been trying hard to raise that even further.

Prior to the state settlement, then-President Bill Clinton had unsuccessfully pushed for a \$1.50 per-pack tax increase on cigarettes to finance new government spending. That proposal was defeated after the tobacco companies counterattacked with a \$40 million advertising blitz.

In 1999, the federal government decided that if you can't beat 'em, sue 'em. Taking a page out of the states' playbook, the feds also filed suit, demanding to recoup the cost for billions of dollars of smoking-related health care, and accusing cigarette-makers of a "coordinated campaign of fraud and deceit."

When Republican Attorney General John Ashcroft took over the helm of the Justice Department, many pundits assumed the tobacco suit would fade away.

That has not been the case. Instead, the Bush administration has



■ **The government funds heavy-handed tactics to convince people to stop smoking. Above: A take-off of a Marlboro ad makes a link between smoking and male sexual dysfunction. On page one: A bald-headed ad targeted at young people suggests smoking is a "smelly, puking habit."**

Bast, president of the free-market Heartland Institute in Chicago.

In 1997, the Federal Trade Commission sought to bar the company from using Joe Camel, alleging the campaign "unlawfully caused or was likely to cause substantial and ongoing injury to the health and safety of children and adolescents under the age of 18."

The agency dropped its complaint after tobacco companies agreed to stop using cartoon characters to hawk cigarettes as part of a condition in a 1997 lawsuit — a lawsuit that ultimately changed the very nature of government-industrial relations.

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That same year, the battleground shifted from carcinogens, cartoons, and commercials to a more fundamental goal: Money. Billions of dollars worth.

The question: Do smokers impose a cost to state treasuries in the form of additional medical expenditures? If so, claimed government attorneys, states were entitled to compensation from the tobacco companies.

These lawyers were just blowing smoke, countered a number of scholars. Studies by Harvard Economist W. Kip Viscusi and the Congressional Research Service showed that state governments actually make a profit from smokers — after factoring in cigarette excise taxes and pension ac-

THE HITLER YOUTH disseminated anti-smoking propaganda, condemning smoking as "race poison" and a "liberal perversion."

continued pushing hard to seize up to \$1 trillion from the beleaguered industry.

In addition, in March 2002, the Justice Department asked a federal court to impose Kessleresque restrictions on the industry — including limiting ads to text-only, black-and-white formats, reserving half the

space on cigarette packs for health warnings, banning cigarette vending machines, and forbidding cigarettes from being labeled light or mild.

Such proposals have led some libertarians, including George Mason University economist Walter Williams, to decry would-be smoking regulators as "Cigarette Nazis."

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Exaggeration? You decide.

The Nazis — or members of the National Socialist Workers Party — were vehemently opposed to smoking, labeling it a crime against the state.

Government-controlled health magazines — such as *Gesundes-Volk* (*Healthy People: Journal for the Health and Entertainment of the Workforce*) and *Volksgesundheits* (*People's Health*) — were filled with anti-smoking articles. There

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CAMPAIGN 2002 FOREVER REPORT

Jim Richardson's campaign for sheriff will come down

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

As a deputy sheriff in Washington State over the past 22 years, Jim Richardson has worked under five different sheriffs. This November, he hopes to become the next one in charge.

The 55-year-old Richardson is running for the sheriff seat in Skamania, a county of about 10,000 people located just over 20 miles east of Vancouver.

Thanks to his professional experience, Richardson said he has a "great opportunity" to pull out a victory in November.

"In this county, the sheriff is more of a business manager and budgeter than a patrolman," he said. "I am more than qualified to handle the job, and have already received an outpouring of support."

Richardson brings valuable partisan campaign experience to the race as well: In 2000, he ran for County Commissioner, receiving just under 31% of the vote in the three-way race. The victor garnered 35.5%.

And in 2001, Richardson successfully ran for county cemetery district commissioner, a position in which he currently serves.

Two-way contest

Now, Richardson will likely be running in a two-way contest against a Republican challenger. Fortunately for his campaign, said Richardson, many local residents are fed up with the Republican network, under which the sheriff's office has become somewhat of a "paramilitary operation."

"Local citizens are tired of being pulled over and harassed for having a dented license plate by officers



■ **Sheriff candidate Jim Richardson:** "Local citizens are tired of being pulled over and harassed."

who think their job includes lording power over them," he said. "If I'm elected sheriff, these Gestapo tactics will stop."

State LP Campaigns Chair Kelly Houghton said the Richardson campaign could be a breakthrough opportunity for the state LP to chalk up its first-ever partisan win.

"The [Washington State LP] has struggled for decades to elect its first partisan official," he said. "Jim Richardson represents the best chance in our 30 years of history to win a partisan election."

If elected sheriff, Richardson said he will seek to correct law enforcement practices that have "stretched the law-enforcement resources thin."

Since 1995, the sheriff's office budget has more than doubled — in-

creasing from \$1.5 million to \$3.5 million — as the department has taken on more and more government contracts, said Richardson.

For example, 70% of the county is national forest, controlled by the federal government. However, Richardson said the local sheriff's department has accepted responsibility for policing the area — leaving far fewer resources to protect citizens and their property.

"Making major cuts may not be an issue as this package is also signed off by the county commissioners," he said. "That doesn't mean that I won't be looking for ways to cut back — it just means that it will take a little more effort and won't be possible to do overnight."

In addition, Richardson said he has researched the methods of Sheriff Bill Masters in Colorado and intends to contact him for ideas on how to deal with "consensual" crime laws.

"Victimless crimes are responsible for most of the inmates in our jail at any given time," he said. "I intend to try working with the court system locally in an effort to find alternate ways of addressing punishment for these situations."

Filing for office in July costs only a \$550 fee, and Richardson said the race is winnable with a war chest of about \$8,000.

A matter of trust

Ultimately, the race will come down to "a matter of trust," said Richardson.

"I don't like to toot my own horn, but I really think we have a better than 50/50 shot of winning this thing," he said. "It's going to come down to who the voters trust the most to handle the responsibility and make the changes that need to be made."

A former Democrat, Richardson joined the LP in 2000. He has been a sergeant in the Corrections Division for the last six years and was selected as "Corrections Officer of the Year" in 1999 by coworkers.

For more information, e-mail: jimr@skamania.net. Or call: (509) 427-4412. Or write: The Committee to Elect Jim Richardson Sheriff, P.O. Box 697, Carson, WA 98610-0697. Any donation of \$20.00 or more must

POLITICS 2002

State Chairs, survivors, & woman of the year

■ **New State Chairs galore:** In Alaska, **Gordon Hartlieb** was elected new State Chair, while **Nydra Karlen** was elected State Chair in Nebraska. In Tennessee, **Ray Ledford** took over as State Chair after the death of **Richard Pearl, Sr.** In addition, **Kevin Houston** was elected State Chair in Minnesota, along with **Albert Dedicke** (New York), **James Hudler** (Michigan), and **J. Fred Staples** (Maine). In Florida, **Marcus Vahle** was appointed the state LP's Executive Director. In New Jersey, **Emerson Ellett** was re-elected as State Chair.

■ At the Illinois LP state convention, March 22-24, **David Thibodeau** announced that he had joined the Libertarian Party. Thibodeau is the author of *A Place Called Waco: A Survivor's Story*, and one of only nine people to survive the FBI's siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. In Washington state, three Libertarians were honored with the state party's Activist of the Year award: **Erne Lewis** (for sponsoring an asset forfeiture reform initiative), **Charlie Novy** (for outreach efforts), and **Bruce White** (for winning a seat on the Kent City Council).

■ In California, Libertarian **Martha deForest** was honored as "Woman of the Year 2001" by the San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce. DeForest had helped qualify and pass Measure "L," an initiative that rolled back the county's utility tax in March. "Martha contributed to the effort to save Santa Cruz County homeowners, business owners, and renters over \$10 million per year in taxes," said **Patrick Dugan**, a member of the California LP Central Committee.



■ In Vermont, **Joel Williams**, currently the Poultney Town Justice of Peace and Town Moderator, received the party's nomination for governor on May 7. Williams had previously run twice for governor under the Vermont Grassroots Party banner before resigning from that party in 2001. In addition, the Vermont LP nominated **Christopher Costanzo** for attorney general and **Denny Lane** for auditor of accounts. In Indiana, **Andrew Horning** has announced his candidacy for U.S. House (7th District). Horning was the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor in 2000. In New Jersey, **Liz Macron** won the state LP's nomination to run for the U.S. Senate. In Colorado, **David Aitken** filed paperwork to run for secretary of state.

■ A flurry of Libertarians have announced that they will run for At-Large seats on the Libertarian National Committee at the upcoming National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana: **Alvin Anders** (Alaska), **R. Lee Wrights** (N.C.), **Starchild** (California), **Richard Freedman** (Massachusetts), **Austin Hough** (Illinois), **Sam Goldstein** (Indiana), and **Bette Rose Ryan** (Colorado). Current At-Large Representative **Don Gorman** (New Hampshire) has announced he will run for re-election.

■ In Connecticut, charges have been dismissed against LP activist **Richard Lion**, who was arrested on Tax Day for allegedly trespassing on Post Office property during a rally, reported LP State Chair **Lenny Rasch**. In Washington state, **Janice Moerschel** was elected Chair of the Spokane County LP. Past **Harry Browne** radio shows are available for download in MP3 format from www.HarryBrowne.org/Archives.htm. Browne's show is broadcast on 29 stations across America every Sunday at 10:00 pm (ET).

■ **Media news:** LP Press Secretary **George Getz** went 12 rounds with pugnacious Bill O'Reilly on the O'Reilly Factor on Fox News on May 7, debating whether Mike Tyson should be allowed to box. The winner: Getz by decision. The LP's national office in Washington, DC fielded 19 calls in response to a May press release about an overweight aerobics instructor in San Francisco. The city's Human Rights Commission had charged a fitness center with "discrimination" for refusing to hire the plus-size would-be Jazzercise. Countered LP Executive Director **Steve Dasbach**: "It's obvious that anti-discrimination laws are being stretched to ridiculous proportions."

■ In Georgia, **Michael Warren** has announced a bid for Bibb City Commission. In Montana, **Adam Fordlund**, 24, will run for State House (District 30). Also in Montana, **Stan Jones** has launched his campaign for the U.S. Senate. In Nebraska, **Dave Dawson** will run again for governor. He last ran in 1998. In Idaho, **Thomas Macy** filed to run for Kootenai County Commissioner. In Missouri, **Gene Palmer** will be a candidate for State House (District 51), while **Scott Wilson** is running for U.S. House (District 5). In Texas, **Dan Murphy** has filed to run

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THE FORUM

Explaining Communism so even high school students

As a spokesperson for the Libertarian Party in San Diego, I have given speeches to scores of classes, both high school and college. I have found that conventional economic arguments seldom work well with young students, and particularly so with high school kids. Economic issues are usually not meaningful to those who have been wards of their parents and of the state all their lives.

As others have demonstrated far better than myself, moral arguments are often more persuasive than empirical reasoning. Still, some empirical evidence is helpful, particularly if the students themselves provide it.

From each, to each

I have adopted an analogy I extracted from another spokesman for liberty. To demonstrate the failure of the Communist principle of "from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs" (from the *Communist Manifesto*), I deliver some variation of the following speech:

"Currently your class performance is based on the free market, libertarian system of grading. The best 'producers' get A's and the worst get F's, with the rest of you falling somewhere in between, depending on how well you do on the work.

"But it's not fair. Many factors effect how well a student performs in this class. Some of you inherited better brains. Some eat better food.

Some carry a heavier course load.

Some have to hold down a second job. Some of you have a sex life (or don't have a sex life) — there are a million variables that effect how well you do in this class.

"Students of the world, unite! Imagine that we have a Communist coup in this class. We throw out your decadent capitalist professor and appoint me, a doctrinaire Communist, as your new teacher. Let's apply Communist principles here in the classroom.

"Let's make three assumptions:

"1. Your grades are important to you — a good grade will help you get into a better graduate school, or obtain a higher paying job. (Let us ignore the fact that such rewards should not exist in a communist society).

"2. In spite of the fact that this course is presented in riveting fashion, you have other things you would rather do than study and attend this class. In other words, it's a job, not an adventure.

"3. The class grade distribution matches the classic 'bell-shaped' curve we all learned in statistics



class. You remember the spread—a lot of C's, less B's and D's and a few A's and F's." (A little further explanation may be necessary with high school students and others not familiar with this basic statistical concept.)

"As a doctrinaire Communist, I know that the first rule is that we must redistribute the wealth 'from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs,' from the *Communist Manifesto*."

(If I'm feeling frisky, I might in passing claim that this redistribution maxim is part of the U.S. Constitution and see if anyone picks up on my misstatement.)

"In this example, the 'wealth' is the class grade. The solution is elegantly simple. Everyone will receive the class average. What could be more fair? In this example, that would mean that initially everyone would get a grade of C.

"Justice has arrived!

"Now, let me ask three questions:

"1. Those of you who currently get A's, you will now get the class average no matter how hard you work. Will you work as hard, harder or less hard?" (Wait for a response. Gently force

them to answer.)

"2. Now, those of you who make C's, you will get the class average anyway, so how hard will you work?" (Wait for a response. If a student insists that students will work as hard or harder, be polite, but ask for a show of hands on the question.)

"3. I realize that the people making F's have already dropped out of class, but if they had stayed, they would now get the class average. If it's possible, wouldn't they work even less under this system?" (Wait for a response.)

Workers' paradise

"Of course, by inference, those making B's and D's will also work less hard under this version of the workers' paradise. Now, if everyone is working less, what will happen to the class average?" (Wait for a response.)

"Exactly. And that is why every socialist system eventually collapses. Under socialism both the producers and the non-producers learn that working literally doesn't pay.

"As they used to say in the U.S.S.R., 'We pretend to work, and they pretend to pay us.'"

If someone brings up grading on a curve as a cure for this problem, I explain how inflated grades are different from more goods and services. But sometimes the question makes for a nice transition into the nature of inflation.

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Libertarians must work with Greens

Perhaps the most strategically important thing the Libertarian Party organizations around the country can do is embrace the Green Party whenever possible.

It is often the case that Libertarians scorn those who hold views different from their own. This is after all a party of ideological purity. Thus, it is understandable that an attitude of impatience for other political groups or personalities develops. Too often however, in our zeal to prove everyone wrong, we lose the chance to convince others that we are right.

When political outsiders like Ralph Nader or Jesse Ventura meet with some success, the Libertarian Party members and leadership are slow to congratulate them and quick to criticize. This is so despite the fact that we should be celebrating every victory that rattles the status quo.

In addition to the snobbery that comes from knowing that you are right about everything, there is also an element of wondering why these guys get the press and attention. There is frustration that so many fail to see that we — Libertarians — are the true alternative.

This is an understandable response considering the fact that Harry Browne fared almost as well as the much better publicized Pat Buchanan in the last election — unbeknownst to the media and their audience. Yet, we must take these blows to our esteem in stride. Let's not be reactionary when our true goal is to create the reactions.

Ears of the youth

If we hope to capture the nation's attention, we must welcome our allies and work with them, realizing that an ally to libertarianism is anyone who challenges the state of things. Specifically, we need to work with the Green Party helping to augment their presence in the political arena, and doing the same for libertarianism in the process. The Greens have an important asset: they have caught the ears of the youth.

There has never been a grassroots political movement in the history of western civilization that did not rely on and owe their success to the youth. The Green Party is no exception. Their very existence is due to the numbers of young people who have rallied around their message. Moreover, their leadership has done a good job of speaking to this vital constituency.

However, when one asks the youth that are enamored with the Greens about their political concerns, "universal health care" is not the first thing off their lips. Rather, one hears

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Property rights, crime, and government's

■ **Editor's note:** The following essay is a summary of a lecture Ralph Shnelvar gave to a drug policy class at the University of Denver on April 15, 2002.

Ronald Coase won the Nobel Prize in 1991 for what is now known as Coase's Theorem.

Coase's Theorem states that if property rights are well defined, then, in the absence of transaction costs, the efficiency of resource allocations is not affected by the initial distribution of property rights.

In simple English, what this means is that it doesn't matter who ends up "originally" owning things, the benefit to society is the same. Of course, it may not be fair to the people originally competing for the things, but once it is settled, then society as a whole benefits from the productive uses of the things.

There is, though, a big question: how do we get the well-defined property rights that are a condition of

Coase's Theorem? If governments do

not exist then we are likely to end up with people constantly fighting to secure their control over property rather than using the property to fulfill their own ends; a kind of Hobbesian natural state in which lives are nasty, brutish, short, and constantly fighting for and defending resources.

Arbitrating body

Thus Coase's theorem demands that some sort of arbitrating body must exist because property rights would otherwise not be well defined. That is, the "well-defined property rights" means that something has to



decide what belongs to whom.

In today's society that body is called government. For the purposes of this lecture, let's assume the current state of affairs: governments exist, assign, and defend some property rights but make owning other property "illegal."

So when government makes it illegal to own, say, peanuts or pot, then — as is beautifully explained in a gem of a paper, "Risk and Regulation in Informal and Illegal Markets" by Cross and Peña — informal and possibly violent illegal enforcement mechanisms will arise.

You are not going to go to the police or the courts to ask them to get your six pounds of marijuana back from the dealer who didn't deliver. In order to do so you must depend on either your own violent tendencies or employ the efforts of some goon squad.

Thus, government trying to stop people from owning marijuana or alcohol or guns or gold or books (each

of these was illegal to own privately at one or another time in history) will create the individual violence and/or the Mafia that it and the general public so justly despise. The problem, of course, is that the government has created the Mafia by making the product illegal in the first place.

Box of cereal

When you go into a store to buy a box of cereal, your transaction costs are low. You know that the product is likely to be pure. You know how much you will pay. You trust the manufacturer and the merchant. You know that you will not go to jail for being in possession of Wheaties.

When a pot smoker buys from a dealer, the transaction costs are high. You have no recourse to anyone if the product injures you. You don't know if the person that you are buying the bag of pot from is a policeman or an informant. Worse, you don't know if you will be robbed before or after the

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Continued from Page 24 transaction is complete. that we don't yet know about hemp precisely because societal resources know is how much *more* useful it can be. We don't know because govern- Some of you will be the policy wonks of the 2030s. Some of you will be someone wastes his life and taxpayer money by sitting in a jail

But perhaps the saddest consequence of making certain products illegal is that an entire range of productive capacity is denied us. Specifically, there are many things

We already know that hemp is extraordinarily useful. What we don't

When you in this class reach the point in your life where the reins of power pass into your hands, I sincerely doubt that hemp and/or marijuana will still be illegal. My unscientific poll of those on this campus tells me that the electorate will demand that marijuana be legalized. Whether it be in a year, five years, or 50 years is, in some measure, up to you.

Government can be good. Where it defends property rights fairly, it

Come join me in my fight to free us from the evils that this government has heaped upon us. Come help me correct these terrible wrongs.

■ **About the author:** *Ralph Shnelvar is the Libertarian candidate for governor of Colorado. This essay reprinted from the May 2002 Colorado Liberty.*

Thus, we have an amazing opportunity for dialogue, debate, and much-needed political energy. There should be debates on every college campus between the Greens and Libertarians. Likewise, Browne (or some other Libertarian Party spokesman) and Nader need to meet on every talk show possible, every C-SPAN panel, and in every public speaking opportunity.

So let's not be so threatened by the Green movement. Let's see it for what it is: our movement.

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Why you should attend the *Individual Conven-*

On the tiny island of Anguilla in the northeastern Caribbean, the locals don't call the holiday that falls on January 1st "New Year's Day." They call it *Old Year's Day*.

Unlike Americans who look relentlessly forward, the Anguillians use the day to reflect on the year just past.

Same holiday. Just a different focus.

Taking a cue from the Anguillians, I'd like to suggest that the upcoming Libertarian National Convention is misnamed. Especially the "National" part.

Think about that word. It suggests a certain imposing scope. It sounds intimidating, impersonal. The whole nation is involved! How important can one solitary Libertarian be at such a national event? If you attend a national convention, you're lost in the crowd, right? Anonymous. Insignificant.

Actually, that's not the case. And that's why — in the spirit of the Anguillians — I'd like to encourage you to attend the upcoming Libertarian *Individual* Convention.

Same event. Just a different focus.

Because, you see, a single individual can have a profound impact on a convention. Ordinary Libertarian delegates can alter the outcome of debates and elections. Even one speech can have a dramatic impact.

I remember one convention a few years ago — perhaps it was 1993 or 1996 — when delegates were vigorously debating whether to remove the phrase "the cult of the omnipotent state" from the LP Statement of Principles.

Delegates stepped to the microphone like heavyweights entering the ring, and unloaded rhetorical jabs and uppercuts. Some argued the phrase sounded, well, *cultish*, and kept the party from gaining more mainstream acceptance. It had to go, they thundered. Others said the phrase was a perfect distillation of what Libertarians were fighting against. It must stay, they roared.

Changing the Statement of Principles is a herculean task. According to party Bylaws, seven-eighths of the delegates must vote in favor of any change. But the sense on the convention floor was that the anti-cultists had the momentum. Astonishingly, it appeared they were going to get the required votes.

A final delegate stepped up to the microphone. I can't remember exactly who it was — only that his comments changed everything.

The Statement of Principles, he said quietly, was poetry, political *poetry*. To change a single word, he said, would be shameful.

His heartfelt speech did the trick. It swayed just enough delegates, and the motion fell a few, heartbreaking votes shy of the required total.

One delegate. One speech. One individual who made a difference.

But it's not just weighty debates where the individual is the star. You'll also find that your best memories of a convention are individual events — unique happenings, away from the roar of the crowd.

Here's my favorite: At the 1991 convention in Chicago, I was walking down a corridor with several other delegates from New Hampshire.

At the time, New Hampshire had established a reputation as a real go-getter state. Our membership was soaring, and one out of every four Libertarians in public office in America was from the Granite State.

A few young delegates from another state — I can't remember which — passed us and did a double take. They had recognized us. "You guys are from New Hampshire, aren't you?" they asked.

"Yes," I said. "We are."

They dropped to the ground in front of us and started genuflecting, Wayne and Garth style. "New Hampshire!" they exclaimed. "*We're not worthy! We're not worthy!*"

Our small New Hampshire delegation walked on air after that. I still smile when I think about it.

If you attend the 2002 Convention, you'll have a chance to experience your own highlights — and perhaps be the individual who determines what language is changed (or not changed) in the Platform, or which candidate is elected (or not elected) to an influential party office.

It's not a "nation" who will make that happen. It's you. An individual. But *only* if you attend the Convention.

One more multicultural perspective: If you visit Ho Chi Minh City,



There is a free-market solution to America's health-

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

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

America has a health care problem that has developed into a full-fledged epidemic. Over 40 million Americans currently lack health insurance. Skyrocketing health care costs eat up about 15% of the nation's total productivity. Thousands of businesses have dropped their employee health care benefits.

How did the American health care system become so diseased?

Prior to the 1960s, America had a health care system that many considered the best in the world. Most Americans could afford to pay for health insurance; hospital procedures didn't cost a week's pay; charity hospitals were available for the poor and indigent; and doctors even made house calls.

Then the federal government stepped in with programs and regulations that would allegedly make health care even more accessible. Since then, prices have gone up at a feverish pace, and increasing numbers of people are unable to afford coverage.

The ballooning cost of health care has been met by cries for even more government intervention. In the past year, politicians have proposed a Medicare prescription drug benefit, a "mental health parity" bill to force insurers to cover mental illnesses, and a "Patients' Bill of Rights" to give individuals more power to deal with health maintenance organizations (HMOs).

Worse than the disease

But further government intrusion into the health care market would be a cure worse than the disease. For a case in point, just look to America's northern neighbor.

Under Canada's "free" health care system, tax revenues fund all health care. There are no user fees. No insurance companies. No health care management organizations. At first blush, it sounds like the perfect patient paradise.

The reality is quite different. Canadian politicians may have been able to dispense with the for-profit system, but they have been unable to repeal the laws of supply and demand.

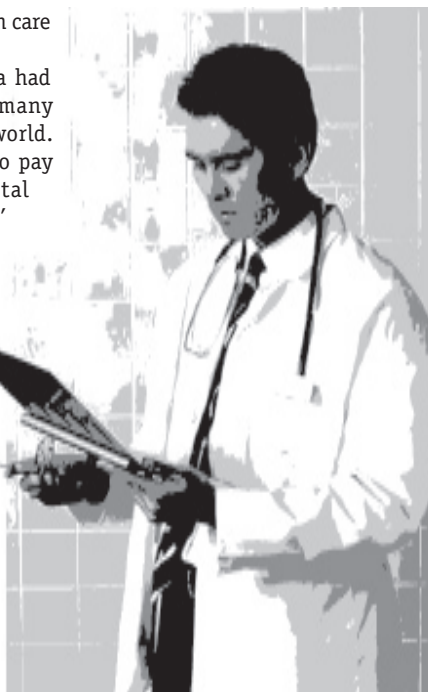
According to the Canadian Fraser Institute, hospital waiting times have increased a dramatic 51% since 1993, when the median total wait for Ca-

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nadian patients to receive treatment was already 9.3 weeks.

Why? Because with government paying health care bills, there is no reason for individuals to economize. As a result, every minor ache or pain is viewed as a legitimate reason for a medical visit. So Canadian physicians suffer from case overload, while Canadian patients wait. And wait.

As Guy King, former chief actuary for the Health Care Financing Administration, noted, "When people,



either patients or doctors, are spending other people's money, they do not worry about the cost or number of services consumed."

That's the problem in a nutshell. Today, almost half of all American health care dollars are spent by governments — not by private individuals. In addition, reams of regulations further burden health care providers.

Rather than further enmeshing

the government in medicine, we should dramatically reduce its role — and, by doing so, make health care more affordable. To that end, politicians should:

■ **Replace the FDA.** According to the Food and Drug Administration, getting a new drug approved costs a pharmaceutical company \$300 million on average, and can take as long as 10 years.

This regulatory hoopla not only boosts the price of drugs, but it keeps potentially life-saving medicines off of the market. As a result, patients suffer and die.

Take the case of Propanalol. In 1968, the FDA approved this drug, but, for almost a decade, refused to allow it to be used for angina or hypertension. A study by Arthur D. Little, Inc. estimated that roughly 10,000 Americans died for lack of the drug for each year the FDA prevented doctors from prescribing it.

Not only does the FDA keep prices high and waiting periods long, but as Robert Goldberg of Brandeis University said, "The FDA has sat on or rejected drugs for depression, schizophrenia, kidney cancer, and epilepsy — not because they were unsafe, but because in the final analysis the agency didn't think the drug was so important or effective."

If we disposed with the FDA, patients and their doctors would be able to decide whether a particular drug is "important or effective" — not health care bureaucrats.

Moreover, private certification associations could fill that niche, similar to how Underwriters Laboratories (UL) certifies electrical appliances. UL is an independent not-for-profit organization that rates electrical products, giving them a non-governmental safety seal of approval.

■ **End Medicare and Medicaid.** Passed in 1965, Medicare is a compulsory medical welfare program for the elderly, while Medicaid is a medical welfare program for the poor.

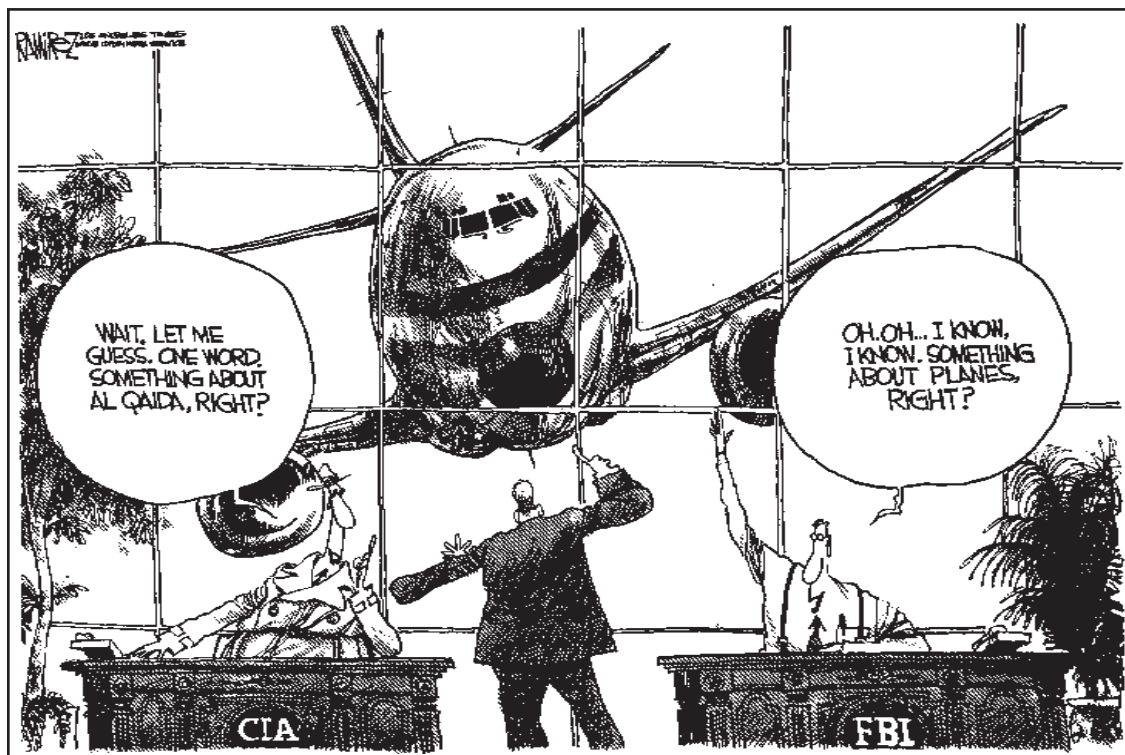
According to former LP presidential candidate Harry Browne, the average senior citizen now pays more than twice as much from their own pocket for health care as they did before Medicare — even after allowing for inflation. In addition, there are over 100,000 pages of Medicare regulations in the *Federal Register*.

Meanwhile, the payroll tax to fund the programs continues to rise. In 1965, the tax was just .9%, divided between employer and employee. Today the tax is 2.9%, taking \$1,200 from the average worker's income.

According to Browne, "Because these programs impose so many requirements, the health-care system now has far more administrators per patient and far fewer doctors and nurses per patient. Those big medical bills aren't paying your doctor's

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■ Not unconstitutional

The letter from Chris Fortner in the June *LP News* raises two points about the Vermont LP's opposition position to school prayer.

Fortner said he would agree with our position against prayer in public schools except that he is opposed to having public schools at all. He should be aware, however, that the Vermont Libertarian Party also opposes public schools, and has long objected to any government involvement in education.

Nevertheless, I would disagree that our opposition to public schools renders the issue of school prayer "moot" for Libertarians. The political reality in Vermont is that, whether we like it or not, we do have public schools here, and there is legislation under consideration to introduce religious observances into them. We oppose as a matter of principle any measures that would make an authoritarian government activity even more authoritarian. And we would support any measures that would make such activity less authoritarian, even if we can't get rid of the activity altogether.

Immediate insistence on all-or-nothing libertarianism does severe damage to our Party. It weakens our influence. It relegates us to the political sidelines on many issues, and gives us an irrational utopian image. Our party in Vermont consistently supports government policies in the direction of greater liberty, even if such policies might fall short of Libertarian perfection.

Fortner's second point is that the Constitution doesn't authorize public schools. While Fortner is right, he should understand that in our constitutional system it is only the federal government that must have

specific constitutional authorization for its actions.

"State and local governments, on the other hand, need only be free of constitutional prohibitions in order to carry out the actions they wish, as the tenth amendment says."

Unfortunately there is nothing in the Constitution that prohibits the states from establishing public schooling.

We simply must stop insisting that anything we don't like is somehow "unconstitutional." Such assertions are often untrue. When we insist otherwise, it damages our credibility with the voting public.

— CHRISTOPHER D. COSTANZO
Randolph, Vermont

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■ Not our candidate

An important correction must be made to Aaron Biterman's letter "Local Power," from the June Mailbox.

John Wayne Smith is not a Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF) gubernatorial candidate. His candidacy was soundly rejected at the LPF convention in February.

Please let Mr. Biterman and all

the readers know that although he continues to falsely portray himself as such, Mr. Smith does not represent the many good libertarians here in Florida.

— DARYL HENEGAR
Pinellas Park, Florida

■ Starving children

Last night on television I saw one of those appeals by the Christian Children's Fund. You've seen them, too. Heart-tugging camera shots of cute little children, in need of new clothes and a bath, are seen wandering among trash and squalor in some unnamed locale.

For only 67 cents per day, you can take care of one child, but of course there are more that need help too, so the problem requires "everyone you know" to send just \$20/month.

I don't know how much money they receive, or how much gets to the true outreach effort and how much stays at the headquarters and pays for more TV ads, but it is a very effective message.

I think it would be a magnificent idea for the Libertarian Party to start producing television ads with heart-tugging camera shots of cute little children shown wandering among trash and squalor in some locale.

The key message, however, would include a few hundred words about how authoritarian government and denial of civil liberties is the cause of this problem. The concept is for the TV ad campaign to be self-financing, and to the extent there is a surplus, it could be paid over to the Christian Children's Fund.

Would they object to increasing the number of television ads, copying their idea? Yes, probably, because they want to skim their percentage

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The oddball problem

Some call them "oddball" candidates. Others call them quirky, individualistic, bizarre, or offbeat. But *LP News* readers call them a problem. In response to this month's unscientific Pulse question — "Does the Libertarian Party run too many 'oddball' candidates?" — a 41% plurality agreed.

Such candidates, who focus on out-of-the-mainstream issues or brag about unconventional habits, beliefs, or lifestyles, put "Libertarians in an embarrassing defensive position" said one respondent.

However, 23.5% disagreed. Instead, they argued, unusual candidates are *not* a problem because they showcase the Libertarian Party's individualistic nature in a positive way, and because they probably possess a "high degree of personal integrity."

Another 23.5% did not specifically answer the question.

The question was triggered by a Joel Miller column in *WorldNet-Daily.com*, which took the LP to task for running "self-described Druid" Gary Copeland for governor in California. Such candidates, opined Miller, make the LP look like a "haven for oddballs."

Here is a representative selection of responses:

■ I'm not sure if the LP runs too many oddball candidates, as I don't know how many of our candidates are oddballs. If candidates are running their campaigns with a focus on their oddball characteristics, it may not be putting the best foot forward for the LP. We need to focus on the issues, not the personal quirks of the candidates.

— DAWN BARRY, Newington, Connecticut

■ Yes! California especially! Let's face reality; mainstream voters will not feel confident about a Druid or a man who wants to make his pet ferret legal. If oddballs are the only LP candidates available, I suggest not running them and instead spending money on public relations for the party or a registration drive. These types of candidates also put Libertarians in an embarrassing defensive position and distract us from discussing the important issues with others.

— RICHARD PAUL OTTAVIANO, JR., Long Beach, California

■ Does the Libertarian Party run too many "oddball" candidates? Certainly we do, because that is primarily what the LP is: a nationwide collection of "oddballs" and one-issue fanatics. At the grassroots level, the party consists of individuals whose favorite pastime is flaming all other libertarians for their divergent views. The occasional candidate who offers serious solutions to current political issues never receives any attention from the mainstream press, but the Druid, or the ferret candidate, are readily publicized, thereby perpetuating our loony image.

— KRIS DORSEY, Los Angeles, California

■ It depends what you define as the mainstream. I admire Gary Copeland for standing up and declaring his spirituality, even though most Americans don't understand it. I can see how it could hurt a candidate, but probably no more so than our candidates who've advocated such "outside the mainstream" ideas as eliminating the income tax or the Drug War. The Democrats and GOP run candidates who are outside the mainstream in some way, such as declaring themselves communists or being convicted criminals, and it doesn't seem to hurt them any. If a voter dismisses a candidate simply for being who they are, would they really be open to our ideas anyway?

— RICH TOMASSO, Nashua, New Hampshire

■ "Beggars can't be choosers." The solution to the oddball problem involves building our membership, so that we have more presentable candidates to select from.

— MICHAEL R. EDELSTEIN, San Francisco, California

■ Most oddball candidates will automatically withdraw if they come to see that the new goal of the Libertarian Party is to win elections. Everything the LP leadership does should be rewarding to those who win elections and discouraging to those who are not interested in winning. For example, the national party should disaffiliate with the LP leadership in any state party that is not increasing its state election results by more than the average state's percentage of increase. Also the national leadership should set an example by voluntarily resigning if national election results fall below those of the previous election cycle.

— BRIAN EENIGENBURG, Salt Lake City, Utah

■ Freedom, choice, and individual responsibility are outside of the mainstream. Therefore, the Libertarian Party itself may be considered

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an “oddball” for supporting freedom. Having said that, I believe that running an “oddball” candidate may be the “straw that broke the camel’s back,” and may turn away voters who would have otherwise voted for the Libertarian Party candidates and issues.

— **MICHAEL NANCE**, San Francisco, California

■ “Oddball” candidates can be used to our advantage. They obviously possess a high degree of personal integrity. When faced with criticism regarding a candidate’s “quirks,” ask the critic if they *really* know the candidate they’re favoring. Most likely they know the image, not the substance. Also remind the critic that the power party “squares” brought us to our current condition.

— **KEN PARMALEE**, Morrow, Georgia

■ Do “oddball” candidates give Libertarians a wacko image and damage the party? Yes, they probably do. Too many Libertarian candidates believe they are the “sole voice” of the party. If they refuse to separate their own opinions from party policy they are, in fact, committing a lie. This has nothing to do with free speech.

— **WALTER MOREY**, Palm Bay, Florida

■ The problem isn’t that we run too many oddball candidates. After all, being an “oddball” didn’t hurt George W. Bush or Al Gore. The problem is choosing candidates who like to emphasize their “oddball-ness.” Playing up one’s differences from everyone else may be good for one’s ego, but it’s suicidal politically speaking.

— **WALT THIESSEN**, Simsbury, Connecticut

■ The problem is that the party doesn’t run its candidates; the candidates run themselves. To solve this problem: 1. A candidate must be approved by his local party, and by the party at the level he is running (county, state, national). 2. The candidate must follow the guidelines set by the party, or be “disowned.” 3. Each candidate must write and speak clearly and publicly about mainline political issues, not just a

Sept. Question: Improve *LP News*?

Here at the Pulse column, we’ve asked *LP News* readers about a myriad of topics: Political issues, party strategies, cultural questions, the proper response to terrorism, candidates, and so on. Now it’s time to ask about *LP News*. The newspaper you hold in your hands is the “official” voice of the party. It’s read by about 32,000 LP members, party supporters, and interested voters. It’s the *one* newspaper in America devoted to reporting on the national Libertarian Party, as well as state and local LP activity (and even some news from the broader libertarian movement). Our question: Does *LP News* do a good job? Specifically, what part of the newspaper do you look most forward to reading, or enjoy the most? And what part do you skip, or find most boring or irritating? And if you were suddenly appointed editorial czar of *LP News*, what one thing about the paper would you improve, or add, or delete? And why?

■ **QUESTION:** What do you like best about *LP News*? What do you

August Question: Is cloning ethical?

In a May 2 op-ed essay in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled “The Fall of Libertarians,” Francis Fukuyama argued that the limitations of libertarian thinking are “becoming increasingly clear” in the area of biotechnology. Fukuyama, who thinks cloning and genetic engineering should be banned, wrote that Libertarians support “the freedom to design their own children genetically.” However, he stated, we should be “skeptical of arguments that say that genetic engineering is just another choice” since such an action is a “risky experiment.” Libertarians are wrong, he concludes, “to say that individual freedom should encompass the freedom to redesign those natures on which our very system of rights is based.” Is Mr. Fukuyama correct? Do Libertarians *really* support cloning and genetic engineering? *And should they?*

■ **QUESTION:** As a Libertarian, do you think cloning is ethical? If not, should the government ban it? And is it ethical to attempt

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for overhead off the top in lieu of allowing someone else to produce similar ads.

But I really like the idea of promoting the link between poverty and suffering and bad governments.

— **JOE COBB**

Dana Point, California

■ Slogan bandwagon

Is it too late to get on the slogan bandwagon? I have two suggestions, expressing both what we support and what we oppose:

“Freedom, Pure and Simple.”

“Against All Enemies, Foreign And Domestic.”

— **BRIAN TOWEY**

Durham, North Carolina

■ Taxes and prices

“Replace taxes with prices” would make a good party slogan, or at least a bumper sticker.

With prices, *you* decide what you can afford and when; *you* choose what to get; *you* make sure you get what you pay for; and both buyer and seller like the deal.

But with taxes, *they* decide what you can afford and when; *they* choose what to give you; you may not get what you’re supposedly paying for; and tax payer and tax eater are likely to begrudge each other.

Replace taxes with prices.

— **ANDREW LOHR**

Chattanooga, Tennessee

■ Now 34 pounds

I would like to thank *LP News* Staff Writer Jon Trager for his notice

about my campaign and my loss of (then) 31 pounds (now 34) in the June issue’s Affiliate News.

Plus, he spelled my name right!

— **JEFF DAIELL**

Libertarian for Governor (Texas)
Houston, Texas

**YOU CANNOT TAKE
political control of
a modern state from
the inside without
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isting institutions.**

■ Woo the military

As pointed out in a recent National LP fundraising letter, we are America’s only political hope for a free future.

For everybody’s sake, our overriding goal should be nothing less than the taking of the reins of state, as opposed to the moving of public policy (advocated in our mission statement). The Strategic Plan put forward by the National Committee does not really address one of the major elements that can be seen as necessary to accomplish this task.

You cannot take political control of a modern state from the inside without the support of at least some

of its existing institutions. You simply can’t be against everybody.

How can the libertarian ideal be of advantage to any of these folks?

The obvious example would be our military. Since it is one of the institutions that justifies our union, we should immediately begin wooing the brass as well as the enlisted ranks with the prospect of much better pay, weapons, prestige, and safety by means of a clear mission. In other words; political bait.

Some of the money saved by the elimination of needless programs goes to them, and rightly so. People who agree to possibly die for their employer deserve better than average compensation, not food stamps.

Bringing existing institutions to their side is the greatest shortcut a political party can hope for. Point 5 of the Strategic Plan, favored by the majority of responding members, seeks to increase public support for our ideas.

However, the public follows their institutions, which is why every political season sees a sea of endorsements by groups such as the police and fire departments, to name a few.

I ask my fellow readers as well as the National Committee: who else can be brought to our side, and how? Their people will follow.

— **TONY SMULLIN**

Everett, Washington

■ Too many laws

RepealBadLaws.org: This website does not exist, but it ought to. I am not a lawyer and I am too busy to make and maintain such a website. Maybe one out of the 30,000 individuals who read this page will see

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Stay tuned.

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this and create such a site to the benefit of us all.

At all levels of government there are far too many laws that impose all kinds of costs on most of us every day. Milton Friedman was once asked what government should do and he replied that it first should repeal most laws. Which laws? Open the site for suggestions. Organize, index and cross reference them all.

It is too easy for legislators to create new laws. It is just as easy to abolish them. Imagine the fun that politicians can have competing to please constituents who are pissed off by stupid and harmful laws.

What a great campaign slogan: "I will go to the capital to be a law-breaker, not a law-maker!"

— JIM STEHR

Atlantic Beach, Florida

■ Elect, don't debate

Debating societies talk; political parties attempt to elect candidates. I'll repeat that, elect candidates, whether for president of the United States or Election Judge.

Many letter writers in the *LP News* seem to be more interested in debating which candidates to run. I believe we ought to be concentrating on electing candidates across the spectrum. And, we ought to be celebrating the libertarian accomplishments of those who actually are elected.

Perhaps it's a water district commissioner in Oregon protecting his constituents' resources from being gobbled up by a larger district. Perhaps it's Art Olivier privatizing services in Bellflower, California. In any case, the only way to have government of whatever size do libertarian things of any scope is to elect Libertarians. Debating won't get it done.

When I voted in 2000, I had more fun than in all my voting since my first in 1968. I was able to vote for Libertarian presidential and Congressional candidates who I believed would move the country in the correct direction. In 2002, I'll be able to vote for governor and congressman.

Please, Libertarians, let's do not reduce the choices which we provide to the American people.

— KENNETH BRYANT

Nashville, Tennessee

■ Spoiler strategy

Increasingly I read of LPers wanting a "spoiler" strategy: Trying to get our candidates more votes than the difference between first and second place. Some want specifically to target Republicans in close races with

that in mind.

These LPers seem to think that afterward the major party loser closest to us in policy (almost always the Republican) will look at our candidate's 1% or so of the vote and think, "If only I'd adopted this policy

of the Libertarians, I'd've gotten that extra 1% and won." Reflection shows this idea is very wrong.

Rather, the major party loser is likely to console himself, "At least I came in second; had I espoused policies like the Libertarians, I might've gotten only 1% of the vote!"

One has to consider the votes one could lose with certain stances, as well as the votes one could win.

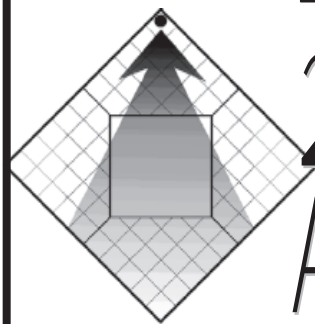
Therefore a spoiler strategy such as above will work only like judo — i.e., pushing a major candidate and that candidate's portion of the electorate farther in a certain policy direction that that candidate was going in anyway.

Pushing signature issues that differentiate the LP strongly from other parties won't work as that kind of spoiler strategy, although trying to

push Republicans to be more conservative (as by cutting taxes more deeply) might work in some races.

Candidates should just run for the offices they're most interested in and knowledgeable about, on the issues they're most comfortable and motivated with, and forget about overall LP strategy. Good candidates are preferable to good grand strategy.

— ROBERT GOODMAN



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Those with ★★ by their names completed 2 of the 3 activities; the 11 people with ★★★ did all 3 outreach

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Health care re-

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country club dues — they're financing a bigger and bigger health-care bureaucracy."

If the government ended these programs, the government-mandated administrative costs would disappear, and the price of care would drop.

■ **Institute a universal medical tax credit.** About 90% of workers with health insurance are covered through their employers, who write off health care coverage from their taxable business revenue. As a result of this tax code enticement, many American workers consider health insurance to be "free."

A medical tax credit would, by contrast, encourage consumers to pay closer attention to how their health care dollars are spent.

Under such a system, each taxpayer would personally pay for health insurance and medical costs — and then deduct those payments, dollar for dollar, from his or her tax bill.

According to the Council for Affordable Health Insurance, an \$800 per-person tax credit could cover 90% of a typical health insurance premium. As for the "universal" component, taxpayers could write off an additional amount and donate it to hospitals or low-income individuals.

Merill E. Mathews, Jr. of the council of Affordable Health Insurance, said, "A tax credit would be the

most efficient way to assist uninsured Americans who do not get health insurance through an employer."

■ **Deregulate insurance companies.** Currently, the government forces insurance companies and HMOs to cover certain maladies and offer services — regardless of whether you need it or not. One example is gynecological services, which must be offered even in a plan bought by a man.

Politicians also force insurance companies to cover pre-existing medical conditions — such as glaucoma or cancer — under their policies. A study by the American Society of Actuaries found that claim costs rise by an average of 38% wherever a guaranteed-issue rule is imposed.

Instead of further driving up costs, Congress should focus on deregulating health care, and allow consumers to choose a less inclusive plan tailored to their needs.

Bleak prognosis?

Considering the current trend toward a nationalized health care program, the prognosis for the ailing American system looks bleak. However, the situation is still curable if we enact a healthy dose of free-market initiatives — not additional centralized controls.

As arguments rage over how to fix America's health care system,



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many falsely claim the debate is about who should get more power: The government, or big health care companies?

But Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute said there's another way.

"It doesn't have to be more power to the government or more power to the HMOs," he said. "It could be power to the people."

He's right. Only by expanding consumer choice, freeing people to spend

A ban on smoking?

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was also *Journal Die Volksgifte* (*The Popular Poison*), wholly devoted to the government's campaign against alcohol and tobacco.

The Hitler Youth and the League of German Girls also disseminated anti-smoking propaganda, condemning smoking as "race poison" and a "liberal perversion."

Furthermore, the Nazi government decreed that tobacco advertising could not give the impression that smoking had any "hygienic values," "represent the use of tobacco as a sign of manliness," or "ridicule opponents of tobacco."

The Germans were the first to document the relationship between smoking and lung cancer in the 1920s and 1930s. In 1939, the Reich Health Fuhrer established the "Bureau Against the Dangers of Alcohol and Tobacco."

Chancellor Adolf Hitler himself was fanatically opposed to smoking, and often spoke of *Pflicht zur Gesundheit* ("the obligation to be healthy"). Since the health of the individual was required by the government as part of the national interest, Hitler declared the wishes of the individual in question were of no importance.

Back in America, few had questioned the government's role in encouraging a German-style *Ge-sundes-Volk*, or spoke out against its

increasingly rabid campaign against smoking. But that's changing.

Now, even former government health officials say the War on Smoking has spiraled out of control.

Just ask Rosalind Marimont, a former researcher at the National Institute for Health, and author of a brochure called "Casualties of Smoking: Truth, Fairness & Children."

"The War on Smoking, which started with a germ of truth — that smoking is a high-risk factor for lung cancer — has grown into a monster of deceit, tyranny, and greed, further eroding the credibility of the government, and harming our health and welfare," she writes.

Today, tobacco is still a \$48 billion industry in America. And about 25% of Americans still smoke regularly, even though everyone knows that habitual smoking may eventually lead to lung cancer or heart disease.

Yet anti-smoking crusaders refuse to give up the fight.

Asked whether she ever thought a total prohibition on nicotine would become a reality, former U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders recently said, "I think it will come, maybe not in my lifetime, but it will come."

Perhaps. Only time will tell whether such a prediction will come true, or whether the regulators' dream of a brave, new, tobacco-free America will go up in smoke.



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- ✓ Mary Rowatt (USA) ISIL Director and author of *Reclaim Our World*
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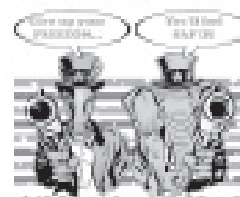
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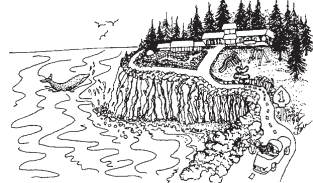
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