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■ New LP National Chairman Geoff Neale: It is "time to move forward," he said in his acceptance speech. "It's time to put the divisions behind us. It's time to build. Time to heal. Please join me."



■ Under the gaze of C-SPAN's camera, Libertarian delegates in the main Convention Hall listen to Platform debate, plot strategy, and buttonhole other delegates for impromptu lobbying sessions.

# Geoff Neale elected National Chair

*Delegates make 'historic' changes to party's Platform; celebrate their role as Champions of Liberty*

**By Bill Winter**  
LP NEWS EDITOR

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**L**ibertarians emerged from their National Convention in the heartland of America with significant changes to the LP Platform, a new chairman, and a passionate plea to "move forward" and build the party.

The convention, held under the hot summer sun in Indianapolis, Indiana, drew more than 600 delegates and about 800 total attendees.

With its theme of "Champions of Liberty," the convention officially opened to the anthemic sounds of Queen's "We Are the Champions" on Thursday (July 4) and finished on Sunday (July 7) with the election of new Libertarian National Committee members.

Over the long, festive weekend — in a series of events that sprawled across the Marriott Downtown Hotel and the Indiana Convention Center — Libertarians also made changes to the party's Bylaws, celebrated the LP's 30th anniversary, got advice from an award-winning futurist, and heard from two renegade Republican speakers.

The political climax of the convention came on Saturday, when Geoffrey Neale, immediate past State Chair of the Texas LP, was elected new national chairman in a close, three-

way race that wasn't decided until the second ballot.

"It's overwhelming and humbling to think of the confidence that the delegates chose to put in me," said Neale after his hard-fought victory was confirmed. "I feel a renewed sense of obligation to serve to the best of my ability."

C-SPAN was on hand to tape three convention events — the Keynote Address by Colorado Sheriff Bill Masters, a luncheon speech by Harry Browne, and the Saturday evening

banquet with radio talk show host Neal Boortz — for later broadcast.

The convention also attracted a surprising amount of press attention, given its off-presidential year status and location away from major media markets, said LP Press Secretary George Getz.

## Better than expected

"We got better coverage than we expected, although perhaps not as much as we might have wished for," he said. "On the positive side, every network TV affiliate in Indianapolis sent a camera crew — which is, in part, a tribute to the credibility-building work done by the Indiana LP in recent years."

"We also scored a few national TV appearances, and a nationally distributed story from the Associated Press. The word definitely got out about the convention."

Media highlights included:

■ LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach appeared on CNN's *Crossfire* on July 3 to talk about the convention, while new Chair Geoff Neale appeared on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* on July 7. The convention also generated stories on the Indianapolis Fox, CBS, NBC, and ABC TV stations.

■ The *Indianapolis Star*, the *Frankfort (IN) Times*, the *American Politics Journal*, the *Greenfield (IN) Daily Reporter*, the Associated Press, See **CONVENTION** Page 14

# Thompson: Legislator is running mate

**A**six-term Democratic state legislator with a reputation as an outspoken critic of government corruption will run for lieutenant governor as Ed Thompson's running mate in Wisconsin.

Marty Reynolds, 52, who has represented the 87th District in the State Assembly for 12 years, joined Thompson for a tour of the state to kick off his candidacy on June 20-21.

"We have a chance to change the

way Wisconsin looks at politics," said Reynolds, who is also the mayor of Ladysmith. "The two-party system is broken. It's time for a change."

With Reynolds as his



■ Marty Reynolds: Time for change.

running mate, Thompson said the ticket has gained legislative experience and balance, without losing its "common man" appeal.

"I'm excited to have Marty on the ticket as my choice for lieutenant governor," he said. "Together, we can bring accountability and a small businessman's perspective to Madison. Marty is a common man like me. Together, we will bring common sense

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# Gov. Gary Johnson: End the Drug War

*GOP governor applauds what Libertarians have 'done for this country'*

**N**ew Mexico Governor Gary Johnson blasted the War on Drugs as a "miserable failure," complimented Libertarians for their defense of freedom, and reaffirmed his belief in "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in a speech to the LP National Convention on July 5.

The trim Republican — a competitive "Ironman" triathlete who plans to climb Mt. Everest next year after his second term ends — got a warm reception from more than 600 LP delegates, who may have viewed his eight years in office as a template for a future mainstream Libertarian governor.

■ Gov. Johnson: Drug War failure.

Johnson earned rapturous applause when he noted that he had stopped every new tax increase proposed by the New Mexico legislature — and, as a result, has the "most contentious relationship with the legislature" of any governor in the United States.

## Not a single tax increase

"Never before in the history of New Mexico has eight years gone by when there was not a single tax increase," he said, to a roar of approval.

Johnson also boasted that he has vetoed over 750 bills.

To alternating waves of laughter and applause, he listed some of the legislation he rejected: Gun control bills, new cigarette taxes, helmets for pole vaulters, campaign finance reform bills, hate crime bills, cigarette

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Boston Libertarian wins 'historic' lawsuit

**A** Boston, Massachusetts property owner has won a lawsuit that allows him to replace a window on his home without government permission.

On April 29, Judge Maria Lopes ruled that the South End Historical Landmark Commission could not force Libertarian Gary Multer to rip out a new window he had installed in his home.

Lopes said the commission was "not properly formed" when it was created in 1985, and lacked the authority to order such changes.

In response to the ruling, Multer told his South End neighbors: "You are now free!"

The regulatory rumble began in late 1997, when Multer replaced the rotting window on the sidewall of his stairwell with a vinyl one, and changed the mortar on his stairs. He soon received a notice of violation from the commission, charging him with making unlawful exterior alterations to his property.

But Multer, an LP member since 1991, decided to fight the decision, and filed suit against the commission in Suffolk County Superior Court in January 1998.

After some investigation, Multer found there was no evidence that the council had approved the first commissioners as required under state statute — a revelation he said was "pretty shocking."

Judge Lopes agreed with Multer, holding that the city had not produced any evidence that the commission had been properly created.

### Julian Hecklen launches presidential bid

**T**he Libertarian Party has its first announced candidate for its 2004 presidential nomination: Julian Hecklen, a Libertarian activist from Pennsylvania.

Hecklen, 57, announced his intention to run for president on June 10. The ex-chemistry professor said he wants to run to "show people that activism can change the world."

"I believe that as a candidate for president, I can reach a large number of people who can see by my example what each individual can do," he said. "Other candidates talk about what they will do. I talk about what I have done."

Hecklen said he has publicly smoked marijuana to defy the Drug War, sued various government agencies for violating the Constitution, participated in non-violent sit-ins, and been arrested several times for defying restrictions on free speech and public assembly.

To win the nomination, Hecklen said he will attend state conventions, and try to convince delegates to endorse him.

His campaign will focus on reducing taxes, ending the Drug War, restoring the Bill of Rights, and reforming federal prisons, said Hecklen.

"I plan to use the campaign itself as a vehicle to reform the government rather than wait to be elected president," he said.

Hecklen was the faculty advisor to the Penn State Libertarians from 1997-2001, and served on the 2002 LP Platform committee. In 2001, he was elected Patton Township Tax Collector, Auditor, Assessor, Judge of Elections, and Inspector of Elections.

The 2004 Libertarian Party presidential ticket will be selected at the LP national convention in Atlanta in early 2004.

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### October 12 declared "World Smokers' Day"

**A**n international smokers' rights group has declared October 12 "World Smokers' Day," and plans to use the day to celebrate smoking and promote "tolerance for peaceful lifestyle choices."

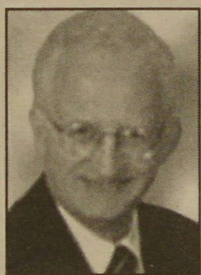
The group, FORCES International, said the peace is needed to draw attention to the increasing number of laws and taxes that target smokers, and the "escalating trend of discrimination" against people who use tobacco products.

"It's an idea that's overdue," said Enoch Ludlow, President of FORCES-USA. "Smokers are becoming persecuted — locked out of jobs, and unwelcome anywhere indoors. The public needs to be reminded of that, and start calling for an end to the injustice."

October 12 was chosen because it was the day in 1492 that Christopher Columbus's first expedition reached the New World — the event that led to the eventual export of tobacco to Europe and Asia, and the worldwide popularity of smoking.

FORCES has branches in seven countries, including Canada, Italy, New Zealand, and Russia. Founded in San Francisco in 1995, it is a non-profit organization that advocates the "restoration of civil treatment of smokers." It is not affiliated with any tobacco company.

For information, visit: [www.forces.org](http://www.forces.org) or [www.worldsmokersday.org](http://www.worldsmokersday.org).



Julian Hecklen: "Show people."

# Thompson taps six-term legislator as his Lt. Governor running mate

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to state government."

Reynolds plans to officially join the Libertarian Party, the Thompson campaign said, and will appear with Thompson on the ballot as a Libertarian.

Thompson and Reynolds visited Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Mosinee, Eau Claire, and Tomah in a whistlestop tour to introduce the new Libertarian ticket to voters and to the press.

#### Boost credibility

State political experts said Reynolds' candidacy could boost the credibility of the Thompson campaign, and allow it to reach across party lines to Democratic and independent voters.

The choice of Reynolds was a "political masterstroke," said the *Capital Times* on June 20, because the state legislator has broad appeal "not just in his northwestern Wisconsin home turf, but also among progressive populists statewide."

Reynolds also brings to the campaign a track record of opposing government corruption. On June 4, he had announced that he would not seek re-election to the State Assembly because he was "embarrassed" by the scandals that swirled around the capital.

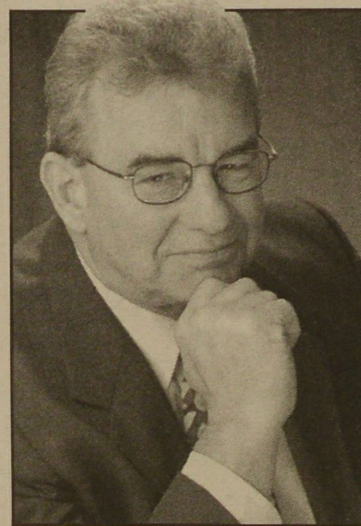
In a public statement, Reynolds criticized fellow lawmakers for allegedly being involved in illegal campaigning, and for refusing to end a taxpayer-funded partisan caucus system.

"This is truly a case of being a part of the problem, if you're not part of the solution," he said about his decision to step down.

#### End caucus system

In 2001, Reynolds had filed a bill to end the state's legislative caucus system, which costs taxpayers \$4 million a year. According to a report in the *Wisconsin State Journal*, the caucuses "operate as secret campaign machines, raising money, producing brochures, and maintaining lists of potential voters for the leaders' hand-picked candidates."

If the charges are true, Republi-



Ed Thompson: "[Marty Reynolds] realizes that you can't get reform with the two-party system."

can and Democratic politicians could be guilty of violating laws against campaigning while on the state payroll, according to the newspaper. The allegations are being investigated by the state's Election Board and by state prosecutors.

On a vote of 56-43, legislators voted to table Reynolds' bill. Reynolds criticized Republicans who voted overwhelmingly against the bill, saying, "You want to cut fat out of the budget, here's [\$4 million]. You want smaller government, here it is."

Then, in 2002, Reynolds filed a bill that would prohibit lawmakers from using taxpayers' money to defend themselves or their staffs against investigations into whether they had engaged in illegal campaigning. That bill also failed to pass.

It was Reynolds' willingness to buck the political establishment that prompted a Libertarian to ask a Democrat to be his running mate, said Thompson.

#### Walking away

"I picked Marty exactly because of what he did — walking away from the corruption in the Capitol," he said. "He realizes that you can't get reform with the two-party system we have."

Josh Morby, a spokesman for the Thompson campaign, said Reynolds

is a strong supporter of gun rights, property rights, and working people.

The legislator also gained attention a few years ago when he painted his Capitol office himself to save taxpayers' money.

However, Reynolds may part ways with the Libertarian Party on a few issues: He has said he opposes Republican restrictions on welfare payments, and supports government limits on campaign spending.

But as Thompson's Libertarian running mate, Reynolds said he is running to win — or, at the very least, to shake up the political system.

"I wouldn't be running if I didn't think we could change things," he said. "If we can bring some of the people who have been disenfranchised with politicians into the arena, then maybe we will have accomplished something."

#### Elected in 1990

First elected to the State Assembly in 1990, Reynolds serves on the Agriculture Committee, the Tourism and Recreation Committee, and the Natural Resources Committee. In April 2001, he was elected mayor of Ladysmith, a town in the northwest corner of Wisconsin.

A plumber by trade and owner of a bed-and-breakfast establishment, Reynolds is married and has four children. He served in the U.S. Air Force (1969-1975), and is a member of the American Legion and the NRA. In 1989, he won the Outstanding Community Leader Award.

In a March poll, 7% of Wisconsin voters said they supported Thompson for governor (another 21% were undecided). His campaign has already garnered coverage in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and on the *Today Show*.

In the November election, the Thompson/Reynolds ticket will face incumbent Republican Governor Scott McCallum and one of four possible Democratic candidates.

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## HQ staffers arrested in medical pot protest rally

*Event targets DOJ's 'war on sick people'*

Two staff members from the Libertarian Party's Washington, DC headquarters were arrested when they participated in a nationwide protest against the federal government's ongoing war on medical marijuana.

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger and LP Campus Coordinator Marc Brandl were taken into police custody on the steps of the Department of Justice (DOJ) building in Washington, DC on June 6. They had chained themselves to the door and to other protesters.

Along with eight other activists from the medical marijuana movement, Crickenberger and Brandl were handcuffed, charged with the misdemeanor offense of trespassing to block access to public property, and jailed. Both were released that same day after paying a \$50 fine.

Crickenberger said he joined the protest because he had "met dozens of medical marijuana patients who have found what is often life-saving relief from this medication. Having seen what I have seen, and learned what I have learned, how [could] I not do all I can to end this injustice for others?"

His participation in the event, said Crickenberger, was also designed to draw attention to his Congressional campaign in Virginia's Eighth District, and his role as point man in the LP's Drug War Strategy — which seeks to end federal drug prohibition by 2010.

On the front steps of the DOJ building, Crickenberger, Brandl, and activists from the Marijuana Policy Project, Common Sense for Drug Policy, Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, and the Drug Reform Coordination Network wrapped themselves in chains, chanted slogans, and refused to move.

### "Not a Criminal"

Under the bright morning sun, other protesters on a nearby sidewalk held posters with pictures of medical marijuana patients, and captions stating: "A Patient, Not a Criminal" and "Medical Marijuana Saves Lives."

In prepared remarks, Crickenberger warned the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) that if it continues to criminalize patients' access to marijuana, the agency will be subject to "coordinated grassroots resistance," including continued public protests.

"We're here to focus public attention on this issue," he said. "Marijuana is one of the most benign therapeutic substances, and it makes no



■ LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger (center) reads a prepared statement while chained to the door of the Department of Justice Building in Washington, DC. Crickenberger, LP Campus Coordinator Marc Brandl, and other protesters were showing opposition to the federal government's ongoing crackdown on medical marijuana patients in states that have legalized the drug for medical use.

sense for the federal government to be prosecuting patients who use it."

After warning participants to evacuate the premises or be arrested, officers taped off the immediate area, instructed journalists and onlookers to leave the site, and handcuffed the protesters.

### SWAT team members

They were then forcibly escorted by police officers and SWAT team members into vehicles to be transported to jail.

At the police station, protesters

changed "from resistance mode to persuasion," said Crickenberger.

"[We were] chatting up the officers about drug reform policy as if they were our old buddies," he said. "I don't think we made many points with this group, though one of the officers even said he would arrest his own mother on her deathbed if she smoked medical marijuana. When we challenged him, he would not back off from the statement. 'The law is the law,' [he said]."

Crickenberger and Brandl were both released after about seven hours.

The Washington, DC rally was one of 55 coordinated protests by more than 1,000 participants at DEA offices and other federal buildings in cities across the country. The events were organized by the drug-reform coalition Americans for Safe Access.

The protest was held in anticipation of a June 7 federal court decision in California that affirmed the right of the DEA to close down medical marijuana dispensaries in states that have passed medical marijuana initiatives.

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## Arkansas LP submits petitions to trim tax

*Measure will repeal food, medicine tax*

The Arkansas Libertarian Party has submitted signatures to qualify a constitutional amendment to abolish the state's food and medicine tax — and save state residents up to \$200 million a year.

On July 5, the LP submitted over 86,000 signatures to the secretary of state in Little Rock. About 70,600 signatures are required to place the measure on the November ballot — giving Libertarians a "good chance" that voters will get to decide the issue, said LP State Chair Gerhard Langguth.

"We got about the same amount of signatures as a term-limits initiative got in 1992, and that ended up being approved," he said. "We're well on track to be successful."

The secretary of state's office now has 30 days to verify the signatures, said Langguth. If the party falls short, they will have an additional 30 days to make up the discrepancy by submitting additional signatures.

The submission of signatures to the secretary of state culminated over a year's worth of work, said Langguth, during which the Arkansas LP and other anti-tax volunteers gathered signatures for the initiative at state fairs and other events.

### Legal challenges?

Now, Libertarians are expecting legal challenges from pro-tax opponents, said Langguth.

"The question becomes whether the politicians can come up with an underhanded way to strike it from the ballot," he said. "I feel we've done everything humanly possible to make it bulletproof. We hope that for once, truth and justice will prevail."

If passed by the voters, the amendment would "abolish and forever prohibit" the taxation of food and medicine in the state, starting July 4, 2003.

Currently, most household food items — like breads and cereals, fruits and vegetables, meats, fish, and poultry, and dairy products — are taxed at a 5.125% rate. Arkansas is one of only 10 states that taxes food purchased for home consumption without any offsetting relief for low-income families.

If the constitutional amendment does make it onto the ballot, state voters have already signaled their willingness to pass it. A 1999 survey by the Arkansas Poll company found that 72% of Arkansas residents want to eliminate the tax on groceries.

For more information, visit [www.foodtax.org](http://www.foodtax.org).

## Libertarian finishes first in election for town council in James Island, S.C.

Running on a platform of lower taxes and smaller government, a Libertarian has won election to a town council in South Carolina.

After finishing first out of 12 candidates in the June 18 election, Bill Woolsey was sworn into office as a member of the James Island Town Council two days later.

Woolsey garnered 1,550 votes to win one of four at-large seats. It was the first election for the new town of 20,000 residents, which was approved in a referendum in May.

Now that he's in office, Woolsey said his biggest challenge will be to protect property rights in the face of voter demands to limit development.

"Most voters seemed supportive of my low-tax, small-government mes-

### MOST VOTERS

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*be difficult.*

— Bill Woolsey

sage," he said. "But managing the transition from county to town control of land use and zoning without uncompensated takings will be difficult."

The secret to his election victory, said Woolsey, was aggressive campaigning, name recognition from past campaigns, a history of community activism, and his background as an economics professor at The Citadel, a Charleston military college.

"The Citadel name creates instant respect in South Carolina," he said. "It was enough to gain the support of graduates, as well as their parents, uncles, children, grandchildren, and cousins."

During the month before the election, Woolsey said he knocked on over 1,000 doors and spoke to about 500 citizens. He spent election day soliciting votes at the town's second largest polling place while his wife, Kathy

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Cloud could be in two-way U.S. Senate race

In what might turn out to be a historical first, a Libertarian candidate in Massachusetts could face only one major-party candidate in a two-way race for U.S. Senate.

On May 30, LP senatorial candidate Michael Cloud submitted over 12,400 signatures to the secretary of state in Boston to qualify for the ballot. Only 10,000 signatures were required.

In so doing, Cloud became the second candidate to file for the seat currently held by Democrat John Kerry. The state Republican Party failed to select a candidate at its convention on April 6.

Although an independent candidate could file for office and submit signatures by July 31 [after *LP News* went to press], no other candidate had done so as of early July, said Cloud.

No previous LP candidate has ever run in a two-way race for U.S. Senate. However, in 2000, a Libertarian, a Green, and an independent ran against an incumbent Republican for U.S. Senate in Arizona.

Instead of viewing the potential two-way race against the liberal Kerry as an opportunity to more aggressively reach out to conservative voters, Cloud said he will take the opposite tack.

Specifically, Cloud said he hopes to spend between \$300,000 and \$500,000 on anti-Drug War advertising in liberal publications to force Kerry to make drug policy reform a part of his campaign.

"Both parties have an agreement not to talk about the destructive Drug War. I think I'm in a position to try to change that," he said.

For more information, visit: [www.michaelcloud.org](http://www.michaelcloud.org).

### Texas Libertarian appointed mayor pro-tem

Libertarian city councilman in Texas got "a vote of confidence" from his colleagues and was named mayor pro tem.

On June 10, Mark Wilson of St. Paul was elected to the position by a vote of 3-1 of the city council. He will serve for one year.

The mayor pro tempore takes over as head of the council if the mayor is absent, and serves as the chief investment officer.

"As a newly elected member, I'm especially honored by the council's trust and confidence in choosing me to serve as mayor pro tem, and I'll repay that trust with hard work," said Wilson, who was just elected to the city council in May.

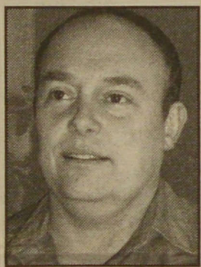
Wilson said his overall goal on the council is to establish "an atmosphere of non-interference as general policy" by limiting the number of new city ordinances and reviewing old ones.

"In the short time I've been working on council issues, I've been surprised at how much power even small municipalities can exercise under state law," he said. "I will use my position to leave that power vested with the citizens of St. Paul."

His election as mayor pro tempore is proof that Libertarians should run for local office, said Wilson.

"Not only will your participation make an immediate difference in the outlook and actions of the local government, you'll also establish credibility for libertarian thought — and Libertarian candidates — among your fellow officeholders," he said.

St. Paul, located northeast of Dallas-Ft. Worth, has 650 residents.



■ **Mark Wilson:**  
Honored by trust.

### Hornberger qualifies for Virginia ballot

Libertarian-turned independent U.S. Senate candidate Jacob Hornberger has qualified for the Virginia ballot — and now faces the challenge of trying to get as many votes as the last independent to run against the incumbent.

In June, the Virginia secretary of state confirmed that Hornberger had submitted the required 10,000 signatures to get his name on the November ballot.

He will face off against three-term incumbent Republican John Warner and independent Nancy Spannaus, who is affiliated with political extremist Lyndon LaRouche's organization. No Democrat is in the race.

Hornberger, 52, the president of the non-partisan Future of Freedom Foundation and 2000 candidate for the LP's presidential nomination, announced in March that he would run for the U.S. Senate as an independent, rather than as a Libertarian.

According to a story in the *Northern Virginia Journal*, Hornberger's campaign for the U.S. Senate will bypass radio and TV, and focus on person-to-person contacts and a "word-of-mouth" campaign.

"It's time for John Warner to go," said Hornberger. "I think there is a large body of people out there who want someone not from the two parties."

The last time Warner was in a two-way race without a Democratic opponent was in 1990, when he also faced Nancy Spannaus. The LaRouchite won 18% of the vote (196,755 votes).

# Palm Beach, Florida term limits measure qualifies for the ballot

A Libertarian initiative to impose term limits on Palm Beach County, Florida commissioners has been certified for the November ballot — and party leaders say the measure could "radically change county politics."

On June 20, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections confirmed that Libertarians had gathered the 46,000 signatures required to place the initiative before local voters. Libertarians submitted 55,000 "raw" signatures.

If it passes, the initiative will limit county commissioners to eight consecutive years in office, or two four-year terms.

LP activist Phil Blumel, who helped spearhead the effort, said he felt "relieved" that the signature-gathering process was over.

#### Invigorated affiliate

"We've been working for over a year on this, which is a pretty long time," he said. "But this effort has really invigorated our local affiliate and activists like nothing before."

The project was conceived at the February 2001 meeting of the Palm Beach LP where Blumel and Rick Shepherd agreed to steer the effort.

Over the next year, the campaign

**THE INITIATIVE**  
could "change county politics. This election is shaping up to be the biggest one we've had in a long time."

— Phil Blumel

attracted more than 70 volunteers and over 150 contributors for the petitioning process, said Blumel.

Two major fundraisers were held for the campaign: One in July 2001 netted about \$7,000 and one in April 2002 garnered about \$10,000. The party raised almost \$50,000 over the past 14 months, said Blumel.

"This was a genuine grassroots movement," he said. "We are determined to see that our initiative succeeds when it goes before the voters in November."

The initiative is necessary because there have been almost no competitive county commissioner elections in Palm Beach County since 1990, said

Blumel. In the last seven commissioner elections, only one incumbent was opposed.

If the initiative passes, it could "radically change county politics," he said. "And since we have a Libertarian candidate running in every state legislative district — as well as candidates in smaller races — this election is shaping up to be the biggest one we've had in a long time."

#### Stop the measure

Although Blumel said the county attorney is still trying to find a legal way to stop the measure from appearing on the ballot, he said he is optimistic that it will become law.

When Libertarians helped get term limits for state legislators on the statewide ballot in 1992, 74% of Palm Beach County voters supported the measure, he noted. Furthermore, Libertarians in neighboring Polk County spearheaded a drive to limit the terms of their county commissioners, which passed with 70% of the vote.

Libertarians will distribute bumperstickers, put up yard signs, and speak to civic associations and local clubs to promote the initiative in the coming months, said Blumel.

"I really think this is ours to lose," he said.

# Colorado LP helps pass new bill to reform state's asset forfeiture laws

In an example of "coordinated political action," Colorado Libertarians have helped to pass a bill that dramatically reforms the state's asset forfeiture laws.

Republican Governor Bill Owens signed the bill, HB 1404, on May 31. It had been submitted to him on May 22 after passing both houses in the legislature.

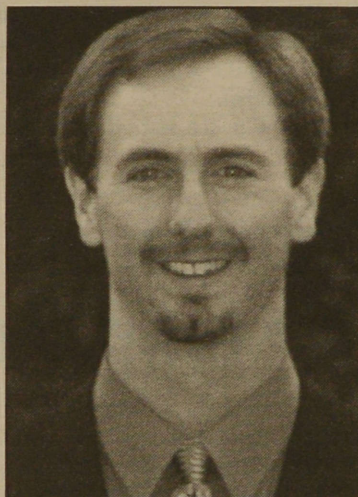
The new law requires a criminal conviction before property can be forfeited, uses forfeiture money to compensate innocent people with an ownership interest in seized property, and raises the government's burden of proof for seizing private property.

The fact that the governor signed the law is proof that public opinion is changing on asset forfeiture, said Libertarian Ari Armstrong, who helped coordinate the lobbying effort.

#### Political calculator

"We didn't know whether [Governor] Owens was going to sign the bill or not," he said. "But Owens is a political calculator, so we knew when he signed it that it had to be a pretty popular issue with the public."

As one of the 85 organizations in the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition — the group which worked to pass the bill — Armstrong said the



■ **Ari Armstrong:** "We didn't know whether [Governor] Owens was going to sign the bill or not."

LP can't take full credit for the win.

However, the party did play a pivotal role by issuing a press release on the subject and sending out an urgent action alert to its e-mail list, he said. The alert asked Libertarians to contact their state representatives and urge them to support the bill.

Bill Masters, the Libertarian sheriff of San Miguel County, also testified before the House Judicial Committee in support of the bill.

"I applaud the efforts to try to bring back fair standards to forfeiture," he said during his testimony. "The public needs to be able to trust law enforcement, and clear forfeiture rules that protect the innocent and reduce monetary incentives will help to restore some of that lost trust."

The bill was introduced in the House in March, and passed in April by a vote of 51-11.

A companion bill was then sent to the Senate, where it passed with amendments in May, 23-10.

Armstrong said asset forfeiture is a perfect issue for the Libertarian Party because "it lies at the nexus of libertarianism," appealing to both right-libertarians concerned with private property rights and left-libertarians concerned with police abuse and corruption.

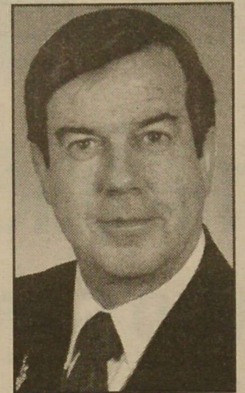
The LP effort to pass the new law was significant for two reasons, said Armstrong.

"It demonstrates the LP can have an effective voice in practical politics," he said. "It also opens up the door of the party to reach out to other groups that have common interests."

Other organizations in the coalition included the Colorado ACLU, the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, and the Justice & Peace Ministry.



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



## NO Republican Candidate. Republican Fails to Make Ballot. Libertarian Michael Cloud VS. Democrat John Kerry

**I**t'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.

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### 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.

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## TALKING POINTS

# The U.K.'s million-year wait, and who's worse: Enron or Congress?

### ■ Gun harassment

The director of campus safety at Ohio University [in Athens] ordered a journalism professor to remove an 1878 Springfield rifle from his office wall. The director said the gun, which the professor had displayed for 15 years, violated the university's workplace violence policy.

The professor removed the rifle but launched a public campaign to get it rehung. He lobbied school officials by letter and e-mail and pointed out to reporters that a cannonball fired during OU football games also violates the policy.

The school responded by accusing the professor of harassment.

— **PLAYBOY**, August 2002

### ■ Who's worse?

President Bush said he was "deeply concerned" about some of the accounting practices in corporate America and called "outrageous" the disclosure that WorldCom, which is \$32 billion in debt, had hidden \$3.8 billion in expenses.

The president added, "We will fully investigate and hold people accountable for misleading not only shareholders but also employees."

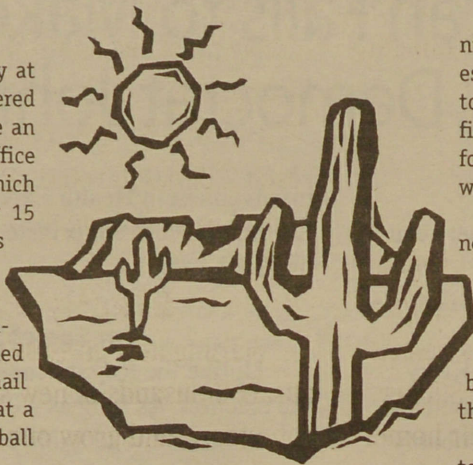
But is WorldCom really America's biggest case of accounting gimmickry and deception? I don't think so.

Ask the president or any congressman: How much debt does the federal government owe? Nine will get you 10 that they'll tell you that it's \$3.5 trillion. If they had just a tad of sophistication or honesty, they might add intragovernmental debt that'd bring the "total debt" to slightly more than \$6 trillion. Even that figure represents a level of creative accounting, deception and lies that make the actions of Enron and WorldCom seem like child's play.

[In fact], as of 2001, the accumulated federal obligations to all people who've earned Social Security and Medicare benefits are \$12.9 trillion for Social Security and \$16.9 trillion for Medicare. Combined with the public and intragovernmental debt, the total federal debt burden is an unimaginable \$35 trillion. That amounts to roughly \$120,000 for every man, woman and child in America.

There's no question that both Enron and WorldCom engaged in deceptive and dishonest practices — in a word, fraud. But let's compare what happens when deceptive accounting practices are discovered in private industry versus when they're discovered in government.

Without the SEC, the supposed guarantor against corporate hanky-panky, lifting one finger, the market has exacted high penalties. Enron and WorldCom shares of stock and their



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reputations are virtually worthless. Heads have rolled.

By contrast, what happens when Congress cooks the books and deceives Americans into believing that government debt is \$3.5 trillion or \$6 trillion, when it's really \$35 trillion? Absolutely nothing.

— **WALTER WILLIAMS**

TownHall.com, July 3, 2002

### ■ Let them eat lobster

The U.N. World Food Summit, devoted to helping the 800 million people starving worldwide, opened in Rome with a luncheon of lobster, foie gras and goose stuffed with olives for the 3,000 limousine-using delegates.

— **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**

June 30, 2002

### ■ Drugs, not terrorists

While Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida minions were diligently preparing for their murderous mission, the FBI was looking the other way with equal determination. More than twice as many FBI agents were assigned to fighting drugs (2,500) than fighting terrorism (1,151). And a far greater amount of the FBI's financial resources was dedicated to the war on drugs.

And it wasn't just the FBI. This Drug War Uber-Alles mindset infected the entire law enforcement commu-

nity, starting at the top. "I want to escalate the war on drugs," said Attorney General John Ashcroft in his first interview after being nominated for the post. "I want to renew it. I want to refresh it."

And he was true to his word. Witness the \$43 million the Bush administration gave to the Taliban just four months before September 11. Sure there was the small detail of harboring a guy named bin Laden, but the Taliban had agreed to ban the production of opium poppies.

And so the drug war trumped the terror war once again.

— **ARIANNA HUFFINGTON**

TownHall.com, June 3, 2002

### ■ Amtrak off track

Number of Amtrak's 41 routes other than the Boston-Washington, DC Metroliner that turn a profit: 0

Percentage change in Metroliner ridership since Amtrak added a new high-speed train to the route two years ago: -9

— **HARPER'S**, May 2002

### ■ Kyoto's dirty secret

Kyoto's ineffectiveness remains the great dirty secret of the treaty, one its creators have been eager to hide under piles of statistics.

Only a few brave souls have been willing to root through the numbers, including Professor Bjorn Lomborg, author of *The Skeptical Environmentalist*. He has been making the rounds with [a] graph, which shows changes in the world's temperature — both with Kyoto and without — over the next 100 years.

The graph, the work of a noted global-warming researcher, shows

that if nations religiously follow the treaty, we will see an expected increase of temperature of 1.92 degrees Celsius by 2100. If we don't follow Kyoto, we will get hit by the same increase by 2094.

In other words, Kyoto saves us six whole years.

That the whole world is in a huff over six piddling years might be funny, if it weren't for the very serious costs of the piddling. Starting in 2010, the world will pay up to \$350 billion a year to comply with Kyoto.

By 2050, as the treaty targets become harder to reach, the cost will skyrocket to 2% of OECD countries' GDP, or \$900 billion a year.

As it turns out, \$900 billion is also about what the effects of global warming are estimated to cost nations by 2100. In other words, as Mr. Lomborg puts it, the world will pay for global warming twice.

— **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**

June 5, 2002

### ■ Million-year wait

Britons were shocked recently by newspaper headlines saying there are now a million people on National Health Service (NHS) waiting lists. The figure means one in 60 British citizens are now waiting for medical treatment.

Of those who are sick and actually need the NHS to do something for them, one in six are condemned to wait.

But the headlines conceal a more disturbing fact: The enormous length of time people spend waiting for care.

We have calculated that adding up the hours, days, weeks, and months Britons spend waiting for care produces an astounding fact. Britons already in the queue for medical treatment will wait a total of one million years for care.

— **MATTHEW YOUNG & EAMONN BUTLER**

Health Care News, June 2002

### ■ Banning politics

There is nothing in the recently enacted Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act that is not designed to protect incumbents from challengers.

Incumbents regard the First Amendment as a campaign finance

loophole. That law, which President Bush disingenuously signed after suggesting it was unconstitutional, goes a long way toward closing that "loophole."

The three things that can threaten an incumbent are so-called soft dollars from national party coffers to provide significant support to a challenger; a wealthy, self-financed challenger; and outside "issue advocacy" efforts to educate voters on an incumbent's record.

BCRA addressed all three concerns. The 98.6% reelection rate for House incumbents in 2000 may actually go up in the future, as a result.

Soft dollars were banned, so the threat of a challenger backed by national party spending is gone.

Self-financed candidates now find that the hard-dollar contribution limit for incumbents is tripled to \$6,000.

As for issue advocacy, well, you can still do that, but you can't mention the name of a candidate for federal office in advertising for two months prior to an election. Ultimately, the campaign restriction folks want to ban all private political expression in campaigns by funding them through taxes.

— **EDWARD H. CRANE**

Cato Policy Report, May/June 2002

### ■ Military luxury

A \$24,000 sofa and armchair. An \$1,800 pillow. And \$45,800 in silver and china. Such accoutrements would cause little surprise if found in the abodes of the wealthy and well-known.

But government auditors discovered these pricey items not in a mansion but at Air Force and Army bases in Saudi Arabia, the rest of the Persian Gulf, Europe, and the Balkans.

In a report, the General Accounting Office informed Congress that its auditors found a number of "seemingly unneeded expenditures" made by the Air Force and Army in 2000 and 2001.

Among those were \$4,600 worth of "white beach sand" for an air base in the Arabian desert and a \$3,400 Sumo wrestling suit for another.

The Air Force was also criticized for what the GAO deemed unjustified and excessive spending, including:

At al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates, the service bought a \$2,200 coffee table. At Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, it bought a \$24,000 loveseat and arm chair.

— **LISA HOFFMAN**

Scripps Howard News Service, May 30, 2002

### ■ 64,431 pages

For the past six years, Cato scholar Clyde Wayne Crews Jr. has compiled a respected tally of the cost of regulation to the American economy: *Ten Thousand Commandments: An Annual Snapshot of the Federal Regulatory State*. Here are the key facts:

- Agencies issued 4,132 final rules in 2001.

- Regulation costs the economy \$854 billion a year, equivalent to 8.4% of U.S. GDP.

- The 2001 Federal Register contained 64,431 pages.

— **CATO INSTITUTE**, June 11, 2002

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Early advertising attracts new supporters and volunteers.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

# Michigan city councilmen trim Troy taxes; Colorado LP candidates mix pubs, politics

### ■ ARIZONA

## Libertarian files suit against firearms law

A Phoenix Libertarian has filed a lawsuit against the state government after he was barred from carrying firearms on public property.

In early May, **Ernest Hancock** tried to check his firearm at the local Department of Revenue while he paid his sales taxes. He was refused, and was ordered to check his weapon at the local police station.

State law requires that individuals licensed to carry weapons check their guns at local police stations or store them in a locker before entering public buildings. The application of the law varies between localities.

In a special-action suit filed with the state Supreme Court on May 14, Hancock asked the court to strike down the law because it infringes on his Second Amendment rights.

"Arizona state government was never given any authority to restrict the right to bear arms," he said.

### ■ ARKANSAS

## State LP gets first-ever Libertarian in office

An LP member has been appointed to the El Dorado city council — making him the first Libertarian office holder in Arkansas history.

**Rodney Wimberly** beat out three contenders to take over a seat that was vacated after the sitting mayor resigned. Starting July 1, he will serve the remaining six months of the term.

"I've been fighting with this city council at every turn, so it feels kind of strange to be on the other side of things," he said.

Wimberly, 52, said he hopes to cut out "wasteful items" in the city budget, including subsidies to private entities such as a softball complex and a local boy's club.

If the Arkansas LP gains ballot status this year, Wimberly said he looks forward to being the party's mayoral candidate in November.

El Dorado (population: 25,000) is just north of the Louisiana border.

### ■ COLORADO

## Libertarian candidates do campaign pub-crawl

It was a night of parties and politics for Denver Libertarians, as two



Photo by James Rushing

## In Los Angeles, Libertarians protest DEA raids

■ In a June 15 rally in front of the Wilshire Federal Building in Los Angeles, Libertarians display two empty wheelchairs — which symbolize missing friends who were killed by the federal government's war on medical marijuana.

The rally, attended by a "larger, vociferous but orderly crowd," had two goals, said *Los Angeles* Libertarian editor **Richard Venable**: "One was to protest recent raids on cannabis buying clubs by the DEA [Drug Enforcement Agency], despite California's Compassionate Use of medical marijuana law. The other was in memory of **Peter McWilliams**, writer and activist for medical marijuana."

McWilliams, a bestselling author and LP member, died in 2000 after a federal court ruled that he could not use medical marijuana to treat the nausea brought on by the medication he used to treat AIDS and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The event was part of a series of coordinated protests held around the USA.

statewide LP candidates took their pro-freedom message to voters on a campaign "pub crawl."

On June 15, LP gubernatorial candidate **Ralph Shnelvar** and LP senatorial candidate **Rick Stanley** took about 25 supporters to several Denver bars. The event netted several new Libertarian voter registrations for the LP, said Shnelvar.

"This is a huge crowd of easy pickings," he said. "There are thousands of people who go to the bars on a Saturday night, and every weekend it is different."

Stanley handed out over 500 flyers for his campaign, and said he would like to do similar outreach at least twice monthly in the future.

"Between pubs, we were thanked over and over for the very real outreach to the people that other politicians will never do," he said.

### ■ COLORADO

## Privatized forests could help reduce wildfires

Libertarians offered condolences to state residents affected by wildfires — while recommending that the government privatize forests to decrease the likelihood of more blazes in the future.

In mid-June, several wildfires swept through thousands of acres in the region, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate their homes and causing millions of dollars in property damage.

But what was lost in most of the headlines was the fact that such fires could be largely avoided, said State LP Public Information Officer **Mike Seebeck**.

"The Libertarian Party of Colorado believes that proper stewardship

through responsible private parties will preserve our forests efficiently for years to come," he said.

The state LP urged the state government to privatize government-owned land, eliminate some logging contracts, and revise water laws to conserve water for fire fighting.

Fewer government employees might also help, said Seebeck — since one government employee was charged with setting the fire that triggered the out-of-control blaze.

### ■ COLORADO

## Governor 'out of touch' with drug reform law

Libertarians blasted Governor **Bill Owens** for vetoing a measure that would have reformed state drug policy — saying ill patients should not be treated like criminals.

The bill, SB 39, would have released many low-level drug users from jail and put them into treatment programs, freeing up space in prisons for violent criminals, said LP State Chair **John Berntson**. The bill was vetoed on June 7.

"Governor Owens, are you this out

of touch with reality?" asked Berntson. "Drug abuse is an addiction, an illness, and it is far overdue for it to be treated as such."

Although the Libertarian Party supports the repeal of all drug laws, the bill mandating treatment over incarceration would have started Colorado on a "good and proper path," said Berntson.

"We need the state to punish crime when it is a crime, and the people to treat illness when it is illness," he said. "The state should not be punishing illness as if it were a crime."

### ■ FLORIDA

## Libertarian offers rock song to promote liberty

A Florida Libertarian has recorded a Libertarian-themed rock song, and is offering it free of charge to Libertarian organizations and candidates.

The song, now available on CD, can be a tool to help build the Libertarian Party, said **Robert Gibson** — for example, by local organizations and at candidate press conferences or campaign events.

"The problem is that we're a large, but largely invisible party," he said. "But Libertarian music is an effective way to get our pro-freedom message out to the public."

Tentatively titled "Libertarian," the four-minute, uptempo song was mixed at a professional recording studio in Thousand Oaks, California.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the song, e-mail: [ceo@serve-em.com](mailto:ceo@serve-em.com). Or call: 1-(800)-737-8336.

### ■ ILLINOIS

## Petitioning almost leads to arrest of LP member

An East Dundee Libertarian narrowly avoided arrest after he refused to stop petitioning on public property without a permit.

On May 11, LP member **Ken Prazak** was collecting signatures to get LP candidates on the ballot when he was approached by local police officers. The officers told him he was

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violating a city ordinance that requires demonstrators to have a permit, and ordered him to leave the area immediately.

But Prazak refused, arguing that he had a First Amendment right to be on the property, and that the ordinance was unconstitutional. The officers consulted the state's attorney's office, and received word that Prazak was correct.

His refusal to leave cut the heart out of the two-year-old ordinance, which had previously come under fire by critics who said the measure was unconstitutional, said Prazak.

"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, I guess," he said. "A right's a right, not a privilege."

#### ■ MICHIGAN

### LP city councilmen trim Troy taxes by \$145,000

Two Libertarian city councilmen have succeeded in cutting their local property taxes — a political victory that will save taxpayers about \$145,000.

Spearheaded by Troy council members **David Eisenbacher** and **Martin Howrylak**, the tax cut was passed on May 13.

The final vote was 7-0, but Eisenbacher said he and Howrylak had to overcome the objections of two council members who had fought against any tax reduction.

The tax cut went into effect on July 1, reducing Troy property tax rate by .03 mills. One mil is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 in taxable value.

The tax cut is "exceptionally significant" because it prevented the council from adding various projects into the budget, and will help restrain future spending, said Eisenbacher.

"It will be an ongoing battle to keep this trend," he said. "We have started the process of turning the tiller on a large ship."

#### ■ MICHIGAN

### Councilman gets hostile reception at drug forum

Libertarian city councilman **Andy LeCureaux** got beat up over drugs. Verbally, that is.

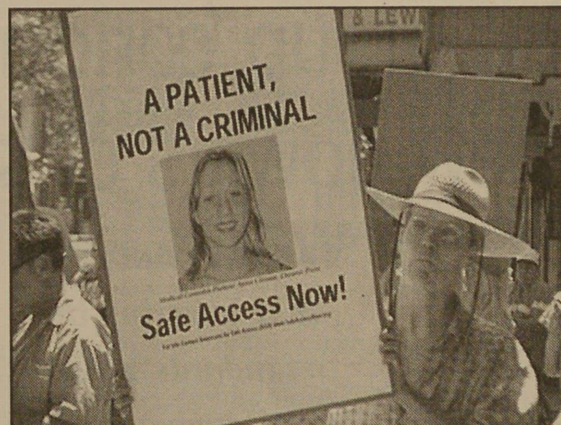
On May 30, LeCureaux spoke to about 50 attendees at a drug-reform symposium in Hazel Park — arguing in favor of an initiative that would offer treatment as an alternative to jail time for first-time drug offenders. The initiative will appear on the statewide ballot in November.

LeCureaux told the audience he favored the decriminalization of drugs completely, saying "millionaire drug dealers are on the side of keeping drugs illegal."

When he got a hostile reaction to his comments, LeCureaux couldn't figure out why — until he discovered that the event, hosted by Democratic U.S. Congressman Sander Levin and an Oakland County assistant prosecutor, was actually a forum against drug reform.

But LeCureaux said he is glad he attended the event and spoke out.

"I was the only person there that had a different point of view — and they were going to hear it from me," he said.



### 'A Patient, Not A Criminal,' say Libertarians in San Jose

■ Carrying signs that stated: "A Patient, Not A Criminal," "Marijuana Is Medicine," and "DEA — Please Take My Cancer, Not My Medicine," approximately 50 Libertarians and other demonstrators marched in front of the DEA office in San Jose, California on June 6.

"The protest was peaceful, and we didn't block pedestrian or vehicle traffic," said local Libertarian **Dennis Umphress**. Nevertheless, "We had four uniformed and one plain-clothes SJPD officers watching us."

The event was designed to show opposition to the federal government's ongoing raids on medical marijuana centers, and arrests of medical marijuana patients, he said.

"If the DEA raids more local marijuana clubs, as expected, we may have another protest in the near future," said Umphress.

The rally was one of 55 coordinated protests at DEA offices and other federal buildings in cities across the country. The events were organized by the drug-reform coalition **Americans for Safe Access**.

#### ■ NEW MEXICO

### Lea County LP opposes town annexation plan

Lea County Libertarians have passed a resolution opposing an annexation plan — which they say would violate the constitutional rights of property owners.

The Hobbs city council is considering whether to annex part of the county's rural areas into the city, extending the "tentacles of government" onto local residents, said LP County Chair **Christina Groth**.

"Nothing about this annexation derives from private property owners spontaneously initiating this 'urge to merge' by annexation or any other means," she said in late May. "Every citizen of the county of Lea is resoundingly affected by irreversible taking by annexation."

The annexation will force higher taxes on property owners, the imposition of city laws on livestock owners, and loss of privately owned water wells, said Groth.

Annexation entails "government intervention into private property for interests commonly exterior to owners' Constitutional rights," she said.

#### ■ NEW YORK

### LP uses guerrilla tactics to fight new tobacco tax

Libertarians have kicked off a campaign that they hope will eventually send the state cigarette tax up in smoke.

In an example of guerrilla politics, the party distributed brochures in June, informing smokers that they could purchase mail-order cigarettes without paying the state tax. The tax was raised from 39 cents to \$1.50 per pack in April.

"What we're doing is offering a direct and immediate benefit to smokers who are under attack by the government," said LP State Chair **Al Dedicke**. "We want them to know that they can be free of the state tax immediately."

The state tax is in addition to a recently imposed New York City cigarette tax of \$1.50 per pack, said Dedicke.

"Our ultimate goal is to eliminate all cigarette taxes in New York by forcing retail sellers to put pressure on politicians," he said. "But taking revenue out of the hands of the government is certainly a success as well."

#### ■ NORTH CAROLINA

### State LP loans \$2,000 to Illinois petition drive

The North Carolina LP executive committee has decided to loan \$2,000 to the Illinois LP to help finish that state's ballot access drive.

The committee unanimously voted to give the financial help on June 15 because members remembered that the North Carolina LP was in "exactly the same position" as

Illinois last year, said state Executive Director **Sean Haugh**.

"Now that we are safely on the ballot and financially healthy again, it only seemed right to help our Libertarian brothers and sisters in Illinois," he said.

"I'm personally humbled by this gesture," said **Scott Kohlhaas**, executive director of the Illinois LP. "The Libertarian Party of Illinois will never forget the kindness shown to us by the [North Carolina Libertarians]."

In mid-June, the Illinois LP needed 6,000 signatures to finish its drive. It has since finished petitioning, and is now facing a challenge from the state Republican Party.

#### ■ TEXAS

### Libertarian appointed to development committee

A Little Elm Libertarian has been selected by the local Chamber of Com-

merce to serve as its representative on the town's Economic Development Committee.

On March 18, **Robert West** was appointed to serve a two-year term on the five-member board.

West, an LP candidate for state representative, was selected after giving a speech to the Chamber of Commerce arguing against a sales tax that would be used to fund additional mass transit.

The mission of the committee is to use about one-third of the city budget to "promote economic growth and attract new residents," said West — but he has different plans.

"I intend to see this committee abolished and return its funding in the form of a property tax cut to city residents," he said. "There is nothing that the city could do to attract more business and residents than a 33% cut in the property tax."

#### ■ TEXAS

### Polk Co. LP supports Indian gambling rights

Charging the state government with "raging hypocrisy," Polk County Libertarians have passed a resolution decrying a judicial decision that will close a local Indian casino.

On June 26, the county LP executive committee unanimously rejected a federal court ruling that the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes must close their casino within 30 days to conform with Texas anti-gambling laws.

According to the resolution, the local LP supports "the Alabama and Coushatta tribes in their continued legal and political battles against those who would deny them their equal right to freedom and economic success."

The ruling is especially egregious because the state has legalized a lottery and gambling on horse and dog racing to raise revenue, noted Polk County LP Chair **Kris Overstreet**.

"The state government comes into this case as a raging hypocrite," he said. "The government likes gambling just fine if they get a cut of the take."



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## THE REVIEW

### The descent from liberty

■ *Locke, Jefferson and the Justices*, by George M. Stephens. Algora Publishing. Softbound. \$21.95.

Reviewed by Jonathan Trager

LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**A** Libertarian in present-day America is one heck of a frustrated individual.

After all, Americans have a Constitution that limits federal government power, a Bill of Rights that guarantees basic freedoms, and a "don't tread on me" Declaration of Independence.

Yet, a cursory glance at the political landscape in America today reveals enough government programs, alphabet agencies, and government-run institutions to leave a freedom-lover more than slightly disillusioned. Just how did America's limited government turn into one that's . . . not?

This is precisely the question that George M. Stephens seeks to answer in his new book, *Locke, Jefferson and the Justices*.

In this scholarly work, Stephens, a contributor to the North Carolina-based John Locke Foundation, convincingly details how America departed from its libertarian roots — and how our nation can regain its original identity.

According to Stephens, it's all pretty simple: Americans' conception of government has changed. Whereas people once believed government existed simply to protect private property, today it is widely viewed as an agency empowered to evoke "the public good" — whatever that might be.

The author traces the foundations of American politics to John Locke, the English philosopher who first theorized that government exists as the guarantor of private property. In the Lockean sense, "private property" refers not only to a one's land, money, and physical products, but also to one's opinions, person, and faculties.

This idea of government as property protector was enshrined in Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence. The statement that government exists to secure "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" clearly is Lockean in nature.

Despite random bouts with the Federalists and others who argued for more centralized government control, the Jeffersonian vision of limited government largely prevailed throughout the 19th century, argues Stephens.

But with the Progressive Era near the turn of the 20th century came a "swing away from Lockean rights" — largely because of the U.S. Supreme Court. Stephens shows how the high court went beyond merely honoring private contracts when rendering its decisions to actively promoting the "welfare" of the citizenry.

For example, Stephens cites the groundbreaking case of *Lochner vs. New York* (1905). *Lochner*, a bakery owner, was convicted of violating a state law that limited bakeries to a 60-hour workweek. He appealed to the Supreme Court, saying the law violated his freedom. The government argued the law was valid because it protected worker health.

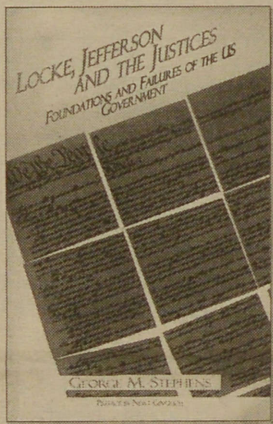
In a near 180-degree reversal from its earlier stances, the court upheld the conviction, saying: "It is to the interest of the State that its population should be strong and robust, and therefore any legislation which may be said to make people healthy must be valid as health laws."

The lone dissenter: Oliver Wendell Holmes, a libertarian. Holmes not only excoriated the other justices for their decision, but derided other government activities such as school laws and the U.S. Post Office, which he said infringed on individual liberty.

Unfortunately, Holmes was a dying breed. After Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, Stephens documents how it became commonplace for Supreme Court justices to engage in judicial activism.

At times, I found the writing in the book to be somewhat dry and academic. Stephens is a former professor of economics at North Carolina State University, after all.

However, the academic nature of the book also represents considerable depth of scholarship. And at about 200 pages, it is a concise explanation of how America has morphed from the Land of the Free to the Land of the Governed.



## LP joins group 'concerned' about FBI's new powers of surveillance

**T**he Libertarian Party has co-signed a letter to Congress expressing concern that new FBI surveillance standards may spawn a "campaign against lawful dissent and religious expression."

The letter, drafted by the Free Congress Foundation (FCF), was signed by LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach and sent to the U.S. House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee on May 18.

The party signed the letter — which was endorsed by a broad coalition of conservative, religious, and libertarian organizations — because Libertarians are always concerned when the government expands its powers of surveillance, said Dasbach.

"Since September 11, the federal government has dramatically increased its power to monitor innocent Americans," he said. "As important as the fight against terrorism is, the government must understand that this fight does not give it the power to violate the Bill of Rights, conduct illegal searches, or infringe on basic civil liberties."

### Monitor public meetings

The Free Congress Foundation drafted the letter after Attorney General John Ashcroft announced new guidelines which allow the Federal Bureau of Investigations to monitor public meetings, Internet sites, and religious events without evidence that a specific crime had been committed.

Ashcroft said the powers were needed to help the agency fight terrorism in the post-September 11 environment.

However, the Free Congress Foundation's letter charged that the new guidelines gave too much power to federal law enforcement agencies which have a questionable track record of respecting civil liberties.

"During the previous administration, the American people witnessed an FBI that routinely overstepped the boundaries of its authority by eroding Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable search and seizure," said the letter, which was signed by FCF Vice President for Policy, Lisa Dean.

"Under Attorney General Reno, the FBI targeted religious groups as well as pro-life and pro-Second Amendment organizations and labeled them as likely to commit acts of terror. That created a mindset within the agency that those who previously have stood for American ideals, are now seen as potential ter-

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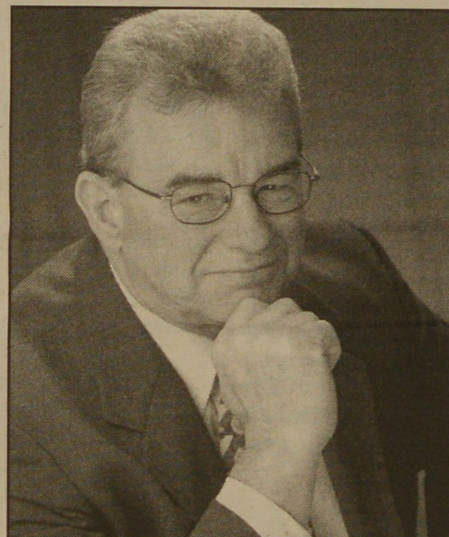
— Lisa Dean

system of checks and balances established in our Constitution should not be undermined. We are concerned that lowering the surveillance standards would cause such a system of checks and balances to implode."

### Religious Freedom Coalition

In addition to the Libertarian Party, the letter was signed by the Religious Freedom Coalition, the Association of American Physicians & Surgeons, Gun Owners of America, the Arab American Institute, the Family Research Council, CatholicVote.org, and other groups.

Before Ashcroft's policy change on May 30, FBI agents were prohibited from conducting public surveillance. The regulations had been in place since 1976, after it was revealed that the FBI had routinely spied on anti-Vietnam War and civil-rights groups during the 1960s and 1970s.



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## THE ISSUES

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### Homeland Security Dept. is false promise

Americans who believe that a Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security will make the nation safer are being naive, Libertarians say.

"We challenge every American to name one government agency that has solved the problem for which it was created," said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party executive director.

The Department of Homeland Security, announced by President Bush in June, would be the third-largest Cabinet agency, with a budget of \$38 billion and 170,000 employees. The goal of the mammoth department, Bush said, is "securing the American homeland and protecting the American people."

"Libertarians are 100% behind Mr. Bush's goal," said Dasbach. "But anyone who believes that another huge bureaucracy will protect America is being naive. The landscape of Washington, DC is littered with gargantuan government agencies that do nothing but suck billions of dollars out of the private economy while performing no useful function."

For example, "The Education Department hasn't improved education, the Housing Department has produced only slums, and the Labor Department has never created a job," he said.

"Yes, it would be nice if the Dept. of Homeland Security proved to be the exception to the rule. But there's no reason to believe it will be — especially since most of the employees will be bureaucrats shuffled in from other agencies that failed to prevent 9/11 in the first place."

### Hookers or terrorists? FBI makes wrong call

Here's one question Congress should ask as it investigates whether U.S. intelligence lapses contributed to the September 11 terrorist attack, Libertarians say: Why were a dozen FBI agents investigating a brothel in New Orleans on the same day that terrorists crashed airliners into the World Trade Center?

"It's clear that the FBI has been practicing unsafe sex on the taxpayer's dime," said Steve Dasbach. "Americans are less safe every minute law enforcement spends investigating 'crimes' like prostitution instead of tracking down terrorists and other violent criminals."

In an unusual federal prostitution case that set New Orleans abuzz, the FBI is prosecuting a mother-daughter team who ran a bordello in the French Quarter. The agency revealed in mid-June that an FBI undercover team had eavesdropped on more than 5,000 phone calls to the brothel over the past year.

The most shocking bit of information to emerge: On September 11, the day terrorists commandeered four airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, FBI agents were eavesdropping as hookers arranged sexual liaisons. Even worse, agents continued monitoring the brothel after the 9/11 attacks, Dasbach noted.

"At a time when terrorists are planning further attacks on Americans, deploying even one agent to spy on hookers is a threat to national security," he said.

### Congress, stay out of jumbo flyer debate

The American Obesity Association should drop its complaint against a Southwest Airlines policy of charging overweight passengers for an extra seat, Libertarians say, because it flies in the face of common sense.

"This threatened lawsuit is ridiculous," said Steve Dasbach. "Why shouldn't a business be able to charge customers more money if they use more of a particular product?"

Southwest Airlines came under fire for its policy of charging "jumbo" flyers for two seats in June, when the airline said it had stepped up enforcement of its policy in response to complaints that obese passengers were making things "uncomfortable" for other flyers.

Miriam Berg, president of the Council on Size & Weight Discrimination, said, "If a person takes up more than one seat, that's not the problem of the person, that's the problem of the seat."

But if Congress gets involved — and prohibits airlines from charging overweight people for two seats — what's next?

■ Should restaurants be forced to fork over "super-sized" portions of food to overweight people, at no extra charge?

■ Should bars be prohibited from charging customers for a second, third, or fourth drink if they can't stop drinking?

■ Should it be illegal for a home-builder to charge large families more money because they need a bigger house?

"Common sense dictates that companies can't have a one-size-fits-all pricing policy," Dasbach said. "But when has common sense ever stopped Big Government from throwing its weight around?"

# Mass. Libertarians pass final hurdle for tax repeal measure

Massachusetts Libertarians have filed a final batch of signatures to qualify for the ballot an initiative to abolish the state income tax — setting up a titanic political battle this fall over the fate of \$9 billion in taxpayers' money.

On June 28, the secretary of state in Boston certified that 12,500 valid signatures had been submitted by the Committee for Small Government, which is spearheading the effort. In this final stage of the qualification process, just over 9,500 signatures were required to place the initiative on the ballot.

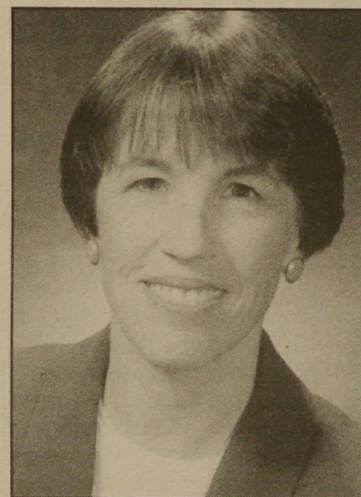
When Massachusetts citizens step into the voting booth on November 5, they will have the power to eliminate the state's current 5% tax on wages, the 5% tax on interest and dividends, and the up-to-12% tax on capital gains, said Carla Howell, the head of the Committee for Small Government (CSG) and the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor.

#### Largest tax cut

"The voters of Massachusetts will finally have a chance to vote themselves the largest tax cut in Massachusetts history," she said.

If passed, the initiative will save \$3,000 per year for the average Massachusetts taxpayer, and slash state government revenues by \$9 billion per year.

The initiative has already been criticized by politicians and some



■ Committee for Small Government head Carla Howell: "The voters will finally have a chance to vote themselves the largest tax cut in Massachusetts history."

journalists, who said the initiative could cripple state government.

Howell disagreed. The initiative will merely "downsize state government spending from today's bloated \$23 billion to a more modest \$14 billion," she said.

To counter the growing drumbeat of opposition, Howell said the CSG will now work to educate voters about the need to pass the measure, which has been dubbed the "Small Government Act."

Step one will be Liberty Direct — a plan to have hundreds of volun-

teers distribute 1 million copies of a "9 Common Sense Reasons to End the Income Tax" flier to voters, she said.

Step two will be to run hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of radio and TV ads, promoting the Small Government Act. The ads will focus on the economic benefits of the initiative, said Howell.

If passed, the measure will "create 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs in Massachusetts," she said. It will "put \$9 billion back into our local economies — and get it out of the hands of the politicians on Beacon Hill."

Howell said she will also promote the initiative in her campaign for governor, and Michael Cloud will tout it in his campaign for U.S. Senate.

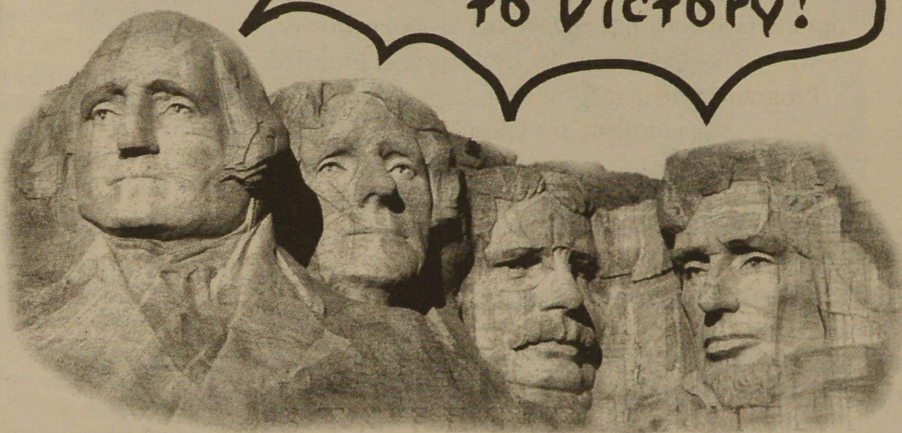
#### Write argument

In addition, Howell and Cloud will write the argument in favor of the Small Government Act for the Massachusetts Voter's Guide, which will be mailed to the state's 4 million registered voters.

Now that the signature-gathering portion of the effort is over, Howell said she was grateful to everyone who donated money or volunteered to help to put the initiative over the top.

"I'm thrilled that the Boston media, the legislature, and big government special interest groups couldn't stop us," she said. "And I'm excited that for the first time in LP history, a plank of our Libertarian platform will go directly before the voters."

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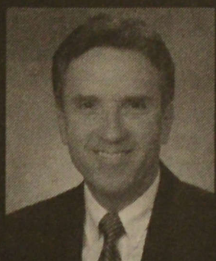
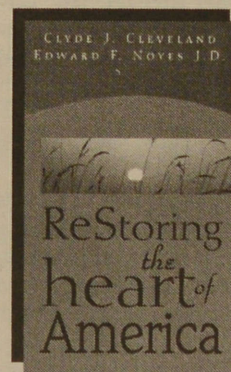
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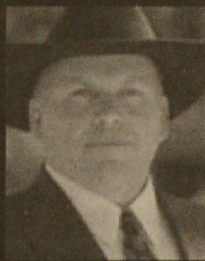
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# Convention '02: 'Important work got done'

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and *Insight* magazine sent reporters to cover the convention.

■ Radio stations WPZZ (Indianapolis), WKBV (Richmond, Indiana), WIBC (Indianapolis), and the Metro Networks (heard on about 1,000 stations across the USA) either did broadcasts from the convention or phone-in interviews.

In one of the most moving moments at the convention, three deceased Libertarians were honored with the party's highest volunteer awards.

On Saturday, by acclamation:

■ Richard Pearl, Sr. was given the Sam Adams Award as best Libertarian Party activist. Pearl, the former State Chair of the Tennessee LP who died of lung cancer in 2002, was lauded for spearheading the LP's successful campaign against a state income tax.

■ Bruce Baechler was honored with the Thomas Paine Award as best Libertarian Party communicator. Baechler, who died in a car crash in 2000, was a past State Chair of the Texas LP, a campaign manager, and frequent ballot access petitioner.

■ John Perry was honored with the Thomas Jefferson Award for Lifetime Achievement. Perry, a New York City policeman, was killed in the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center when he tried to rescue people from the blazing building.

Most of the official business of the convention took place in the enormous Sagamore Ballroom in the Convention Center. The main stage was flanked by twin banners of the American flag and the party's Statue of Liberty logo — as well as massive projection screens that broadcast close-ups of all the speakers.

Stretching to the back of the convention hall were row after row of white table-clothed tables for delegates — each one piled high with campaign posters, promotional fliers from Exhibit Hall vendors, invitations to hospitality suites, and handbills passionately lobbying for Platform changes — under a forest of vertical signs identifying each state delegation.

## Most important vote

In the most important vote of the convention, Geoff Neale was elected new national chair. He replaced Jim Lark, who did not run for re-election.

Neale finished in first place after the first ballot with 45.8% of the vote, ahead of Massachusetts LP State Chair Eli Israel (31.2%) and Massachusetts activist George Phillies (21.6%). Other options, including NOTA, won 1.4%.

In a surprise move, Israel withdrew from the race after the first ballot and encouraged his supporters to "stand behind Geoff Neale" in the name of party unity.

Neale sealed his win with a second-ballot victory over NOTA (None Of The Above) on a voice vote.

In his acceptance speech, Neale told delegates that it is "time to move forward. It's time to put the divisions



■ LNC member Michael "MG" Gilson de Lemos checks in at the convention registration booth, helped by volunteer Lisa Stronawski.

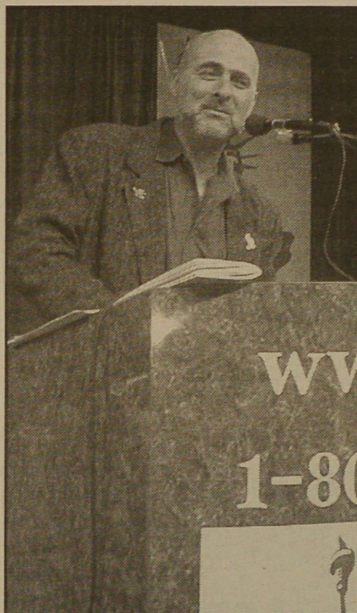
behind us. It's time to build. Time to heal. Please join me."

As chair, Neale vowed to provide honest, open, and ethical leadership; furnish more tools for affiliate parties, candidates, and activists; and deliver sustainable, quality LP growth at all levels.

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In Platform debate on Thursday and Friday, delegates approved a new "Executive Summary" for the Platform, which added a one-sentence overview of the party's position on



■ Futurist and science fiction author David Brin tells Libertarians they need a "new product" — such as a broader distrust of authority — to convince more voters to support them.

■ Outgoing LP Chair Jim Lark, who ran the day-to-day business of the convention, looks out over the broad sweep of the main hall.

each major political issue.

Delegates also gave the Platform Committee permission to create a new standard format for each Platform plank: A one-sentence summary, additional discussion of the issue, proposed solutions, and statements detailing party action on the issue.

"These alterations represent historic changes to our method of communicating the principles that define us," said Platform Committee Chair Mike Dixon. "We have given our candidates a new tool in the form of the executive summary."

Also, for the first time, delegates approved a plank endorsing proportional voting and condemning gerrymandered districts. They also deleted a past call for the abolition of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency; opposed the Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security; and called for the repeal of the USA/Patriot Act of 2001.

## Birthday party

The convention was interrupted for a birthday party on Friday night, as delegates belatedly celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the LP. After a lighthearted presentation by Bill Clinton impersonator Damian Mason and a more somber speech by LP founder David Nolan, delegates marked the historic occasion by devouring yellow birthday cake with vanilla icing.

On an equally festive note, about 400 delegates attended the gala banquet on Saturday night, and applauded as Cato Institute President Ed Crane was presented with the Champion of Liberty Award for his role in founding the influential think tank, and for his leadership in the LP's early days.

In a gracious acceptance speech, Crane said, "There is only one party that cares about the essence of America, and I'm very proud to accept an award from that party this evening."

In between business, debates, and elections, delegates also heard from a variety of speakers, including:

■ Colorado Libertarian Sheriff Bill Masters. In his keynote speech, Masters said the War on Drugs "tarnishes the badge" of law enforcement while making Americans more vulnerable to vicious criminals and terrorists.

■ David Brin, the author of the award-winning non-fiction book, *The Transparent Society*. In a challenging speech, Brin urged Libertarians to broaden their anti-government message to include suspicion of all authority. "You need to make a new product and sell it to the people," he said.

■ New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson. The two-term Republican blasted Drug Prohibition, saying it "is tearing this country apart." In addition, he applauded Libertarians for "what you've done for this country."

■ Otto Guevara, presidential candidate of Costa Rica's Movimiento Libertario. Noting that his party elected six Libertarians to the national legislature a few months ago, Guevara said, "To win the intellectual argument, Libertarians must expose socialism, and the war, injustice, and poverty it brings about."

■ Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX). Paul charged that most of the anti-terrorism legislation passed since September 11 was politically motivated, "to see who will take control of Congress in the next election cycle. I think it's time they care about something more — our personal liberties."

## A success

While attendance in Indianapolis was lower than expected — which Dasbach said seemed to be a result of the poor economy and the lack of the excitement found at a presidential nomination convention — the consensus among delegates was that the party's 18th national convention was a success.

"My sense is that delegates feel important work got done," he said. "Also, they feel the party will rally behind new Chair Geoff Neale. That there's a lot of enthusiasm about candidates like Ed Thompson in Wisconsin. And that we came out of this convention with real momentum."



# In tense race that goes to second ballot, Geoff Neale is elected new national chair

**T**exas Libertarian Geoff Neale has been elected as the new national chair of the Libertarian Party in a race that had everything: An inconclusive first ballot, an unexpected concession, and a misty-eyed plea for unity at the end.

In the climax to almost a year of electioneering — and following three days of frenzied campaign activity at the convention — Neale was elected to the party's highest office on the second ballot on Saturday, July 6.

He defeated Massachusetts State Chair Eli Israel and Massachusetts local activist George Phillies.

In his acceptance speech, an emotional Neale told delegates, "It's time to move forward. It's time to put the divisions behind us. It's time to build. Time to heal. Please join me."

Neale, 47, will serve as the head of the Libertarian National Committee for a two-year term. But his road to victory took him through the hardest-fought race for national chair since 1985.

After a three-way debate between the candidates on Friday night — which was lauded by delegates for its courtesy, vision, and humor — state delegations finally cast their ballots on Saturday morning.

Neale fell short of a first-ballot win, garnering 45.8% of the vote (261 votes). Israel won 31.2% (178 votes), while Phillies trailed with 21.6% (123 votes). None of the above (NOTA), abstentions, and others earned 1.4%.

Because party bylaws require a candidate to win a majority, the race appeared headed to a second ballot. Phillies, the third-place candidate, would be knocked out of the running.

However, Israel stunned the audience by taking the podium and conceding.

## Stand behind Neale

"I love the Libertarian Party and I hope now that I'm going to prove it," he said. "Party unity is very important to me. Therefore, I withdraw my candidacy at this time and I ask all who voted for me to stand behind Geoff Neale."

Neale bounded on stage to shake Israel's hand, and Israel left to a standing ovation.

After debate over proper parliamentary procedure, Neale defeated NOTA on a voice vote to seal his victory on the second ballot.

In his acceptance speech, Neale said that he had attended nine national conventions, and that the last time a race for national chair had gone to multiple ballots was in 1985.

"Competition brings out valuable qualities in individuals," he said. "I'm a much better candidate today."



Later, Neale said the significance of his win was finally sinking in.

"It's overwhelming and humbling to think of the confidence the delegates chose to put in me," he said. "I feel a renewed sense of obligation to serve to the best of my ability."

As chair, Neale said one of his top priorities will be to offer "enhancement" training to LP candidates.

"The goal is to give our candidates feedback on how they present themselves to the electorate," he said. "I think these sessions will greatly aid our candidates."

A software company president in Houston, Texas, Neale has served four terms on the LNC. He served as State Chair of the Texas LP, 1998-2002.



■ New LP national Chair Geoff Neale (left) shakes hands with challenger Eli Israel after Israel's unexpected concession speech.

# Help us prevent the "next" President Kennedy

In 2002, one gubernatorial campaign will likely stand out in media coverage far above any other—Maryland. The current Lt. Governor, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, daughter of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, is all but guaranteed the Democratic nomination for governor. She's the first female Kennedy to run for a high office in a long while.

And the American media is eagerly gobbling up every sound bite! On the day she announced her candidacy, she was front-page news in most of the major media outlets. She was above the fold in *USA Today*, mentioned in a recent *Parade* magazine article, and gushed about on major news networks, such as ABC, touting her as a possible front-runner for "the first woman president."

After seeing her in action for the last 8 years, **we hope not!**

Can we as Libertarians let this happen without a fight? **NO.** The policies and precedents set by the Democrats have decimated many of our freedoms and liberties. Her candidacy, she hopes, will be a stepping stone to the Oval Office. Both taxes and gun control have been greatly stepped up in Maryland during her term of office. Can you see this happen nationwide?

The other alternative is no better. Republican Congressman Bob Ehrlich, the expected GOP nominee, calls himself a conservative, but doesn't seem to vote like one. He has consistently voted against protecting our freedoms in the House, such as voting for the Lautenberg Amendment and the National ID when it came up. He also admits to liking many of the programs the Democrats have enacted, including "smart growth" which tramples property rights.

Can we as Libertarians really let this election go by without having a voice of freedom in it? **NO.**

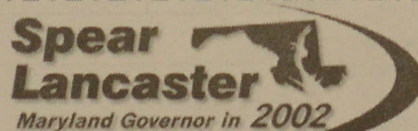
Spear Lancaster is fighting for all Marylanders, and can articulately deliver the Libertarian message. You'll be able to see and hear him on Friday afternoon at the National Convention. He has sold his full-time business and devoted the rest of his life to work on regaining our lost freedoms. He can play a role in this election, but he won't be as effective without financial support from Libertarians from all across this nation. His race will also guarantee ballot access for the immediate future and hold LP registration gains for the long-term.

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# Old faces, new faces voted onto National Committee

Delegates added a few fresh faces to the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) at the national convention in Indianapolis, while returning a number of incumbents to office for additional two-year terms.

In elections on July 6, Indiana activist Ken Bisson was re-elected as vice chair, narrowly defeating Maryland challenger Steve Boone, 260-238.

"I'm grateful to all the members for giving me another chance on the LNC," said Bisson. "My goal will be to assist our new chairman, Geoff Neale, whenever it is appropriate. I was very impressed with the efficiency with which he ran his first LNC meeting."

In the race for party secretary, incumbent Steve Givot from Colorado handily beat Carol Moore of Washington, DC, 349-147.

"I appreciate the continued support of our membership for my efforts as party secretary," said Givot. "My top priority will be completing



the work of the governance task force under the strategic plan."

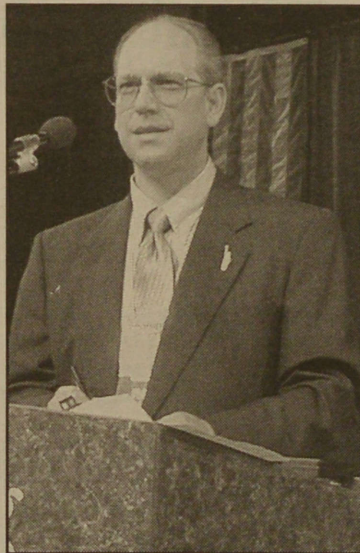
For the position of treasurer, incumbent Deryl Martin of Tennessee was re-elected by voice vote against NOTA (None Of The Above).

On July 7, delegates elected five LNC At-Large Representatives from a packed field of 11 candidates.

## Retained incumbents

Delegates voted to retain incumbents Mike Dixon (Arizona) and Don Gorman (New Hampshire), while electing newcomers Bette Rose Ryan (Colorado), R. Lee Wrights (North Carolina), and Austin Hough (Illinois).

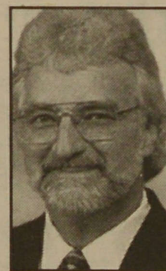
Falling short in the At-Large balloting were Al Anders (Alaska), Aaron Starr (California), Starchild (California), Dan Karlan (New Jersey), Sam Goldstein (Indiana), and Richard



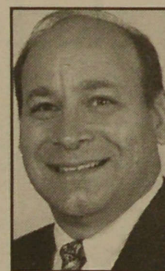
■ LP Vice Chair Ken Bisson: "Grateful to all the members for giving me another chance."

Freedman (Massachusetts).

Delegates in regional caucuses also chose nine Regional Representatives for the LNC, returning six in-



■ Deryl Martin: Re-elected as Treasurer with no opposition.



■ Secretary Steve Givot: Will work on Strategic Plan.

cumbents to office in the process.

Re-elected to the LNC were:

■ Alaska's Ed Hoch, (Region 1: AK, CO, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA, WY).

■ California's Joe Dehn (Region 2: AZ, CA, HI).

■ Indiana's Mark Rutherford (Region 3: IN, KY, MI, OH).

■ Florida's Michael "MG" Gilson de Lemos (Region 4: AL, FL, GA, NC, SC).

■ Maryland's Lorenzo Gaztanaga (Region 5: DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV).

■ Iowa's Mark Nelson (Region 8: IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI).

Elected to the Libertarian National Committee for the first time were:

■ Arizona's George Squyres (Region 2).

■ Maine's Mark Cenci (Region 6: CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT).

■ Tennessee's Steve Trinward (Region 7: AR, LA, MS, NM, NV, OK, TN, TX).

Alternates are: Mike Fellows (Region 1), Mark Hinkle and Scott Lieberman (Region 2), Jeff Zweber (Region 3), Sean Haugh (Region 4), Fred Childress (Region 5), Bonnie Scott (Region 6), Tim Hagan (Region 7), and Bob Sullentrup (Region 8).

## Judicial Committee

Seven candidates were elected to the Judicial Committee by acclamation: Committee Chair Dean Ahmad (Maryland), Greg Clark (Washington), Rock Howard (Texas), Tom Knapp (Missouri), Richard Moroney (Iowa), David Nolan (California), and Blay Tarnoff (New York).

# Delegates make 'historic' changes, additions to Libertarian Platform

New executive summary, support for proportional representation get added

The Libertarian Party Platform emerged with "historic changes" from the 2002 LP national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana — including a new executive summary and support for proportional representative voting.

In addition, modifications to the Platform were adopted in the areas of military policy, internal security, and colonialism.

During debate and voting on July 4 and 5, two "significant" structural resolutions were passed, said Platform Committee Chair Mike Dixon: One added an executive summary, and another will revise the future format of each Platform plank, without altering the ideological content.

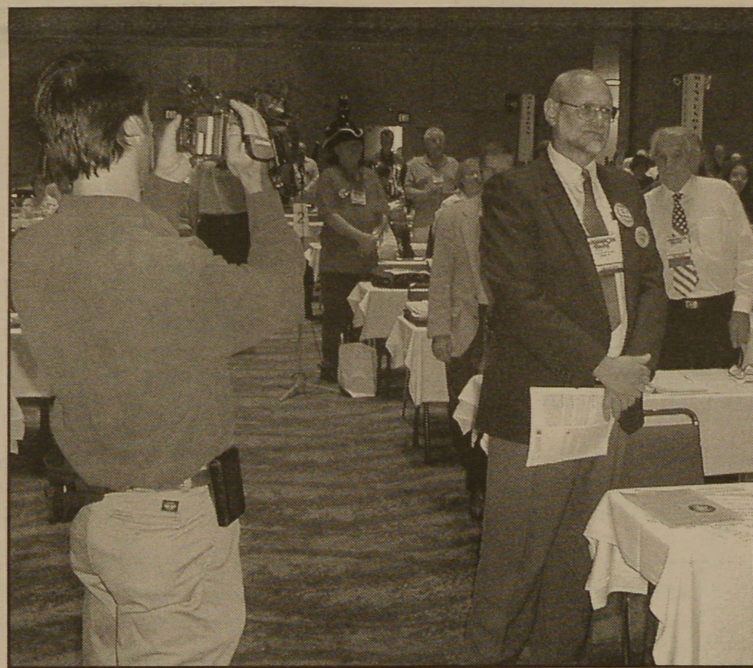
## A new tool

"We have given our candidates a new tool in the form of the executive summary," he said. "These alterations represent historic changes to our method of communicating the principles that define us as a political party."

The new executive summary gives a one-sentence overview of the party's position on each plank. It will be inserted after the Statement of Principles and before the body of the Platform.

For example, the summary of the Energy plank states: "We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production."

The Platform Committee was also



■ Doug Scribner (left), a California LP activist, videotapes delegates as they participate in a standing count of votes during Platform debate.

given permission by delegates to finalize a new standard format for each Platform plank by October 1, 2003.

There was "considerable sentiment" from Platform Committee members that each plank should contain a one-sentence summary, discussion of the issue, proposed solutions, and statements detailing what the party has already done on the issue, said Dixon.

The completed reformatting proposal will be presented to the next Platform Committee for consideration at the 2004 national convention.

Delegates also had the opportunity to vote — yes or no — whether

to retain the current planks in the Platform. All 61 planks were retained, with votes in the affirmative ranging from a high of 73% for the "Freedom and Responsibility" plank to a low of 53.4% for the "Women's Rights and Abortion" Plank.

After the retention vote, delegates voted to make changes to several planks:

■ Language in the Military Policy plank advocating the elimination of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty was dropped because the treaty has already been rejected by the U.S. government. The plank continues to

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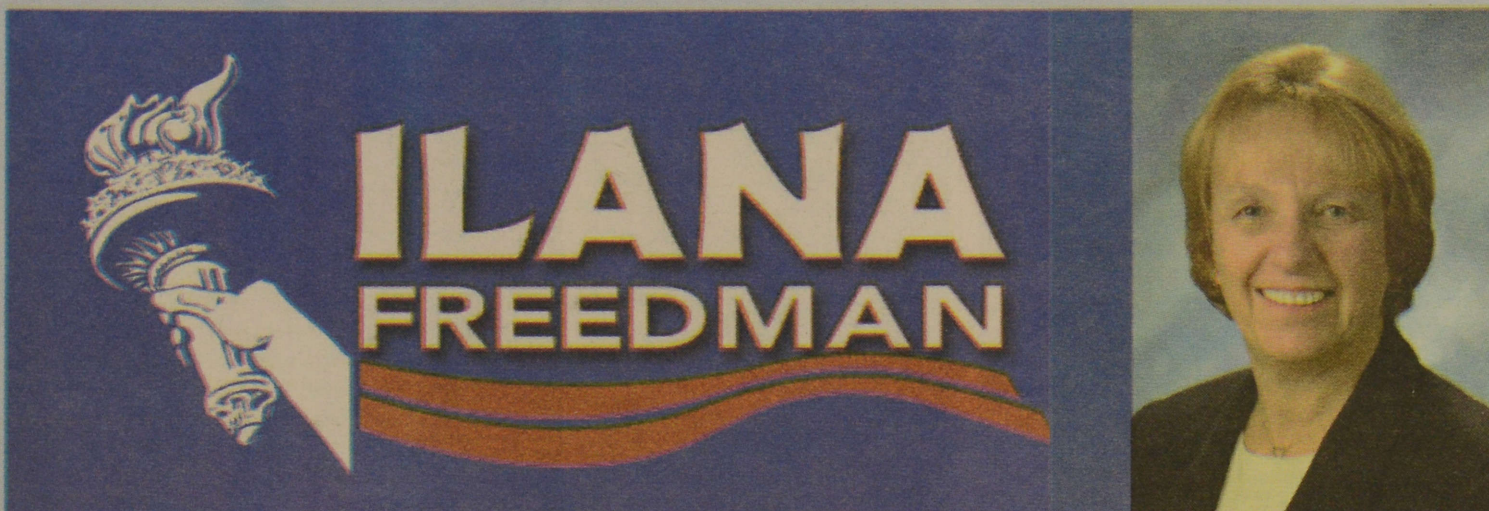
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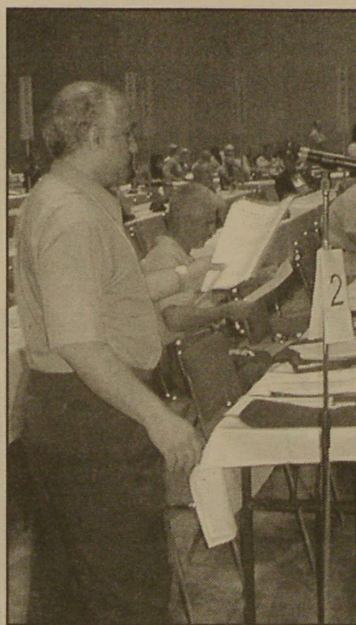
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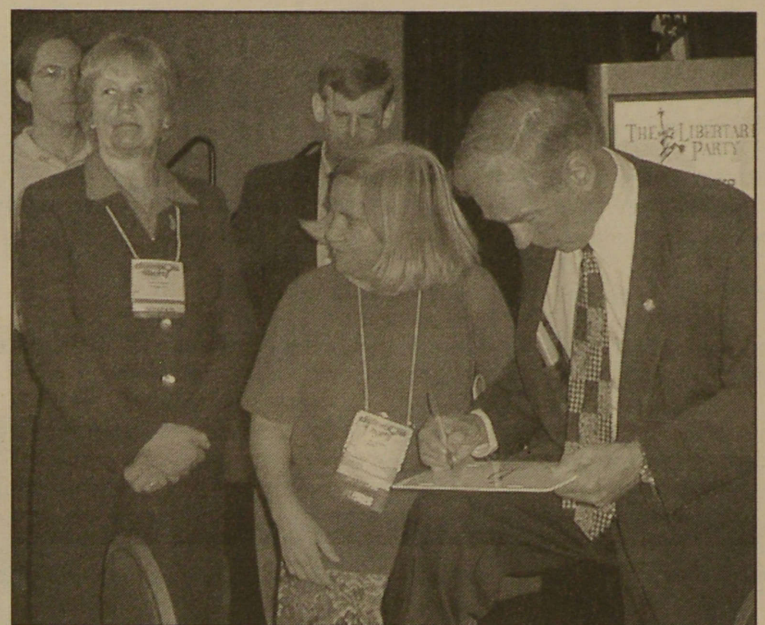




■ Wisconsin LP delegates Aaron Biterman (left) and Vernie Kuglin talk during a pause in the action in the main Convention Hall. Biterman was active in the George Phillies for national chair campaign.



■ Maryland delegate Dean Ahmad makes a point during Platform debate on Thursday, July 4.



■ Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) signs autographs after his luncheon speech on Friday, July 5. Standing to the left is Massachusetts candidate for U.S. House (5th District) Ilana Freedman.

## Scenes from the 2002 National Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana

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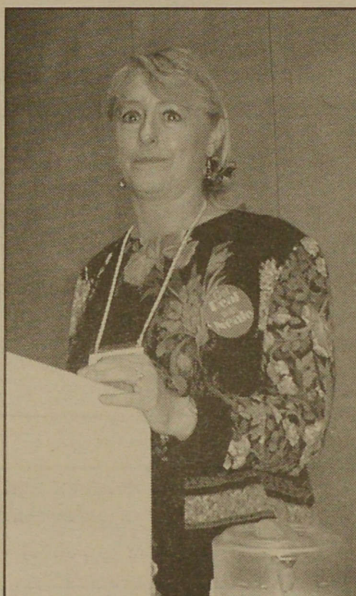
■ Indiana resident Andy Horning is interviewed by the Metro radio network after he announced his candidacy for the U.S. House (7th District) at a press conference at the national convention.



■ Past Connecticut LP State Chair James Madison helps himself to another piece of cake at the Libertarian Party's 30th Anniversary celebration on Friday night. Delegates were entertained by a humorous presentation by Bill Clinton impersonator Damian Mason and a more somber talk from LP founder David Nolan.



■ LP News Editor (and outgoing LP Director of Communications) Bill Winter (center) talks about libertarian progress around the world with former Costa Rican Congressman Otto Guevara (left) and Vince Miller from the International Society for Individual Liberty.



■ Mary Ruwart seems surprised by an audience comment during a session on "Building Consensus on the Tough Issues: Abortion."



■ Ann Cason staffs the Liberty Penguin booth at the Exhibit Hall at the National Convention. The popular Liberty Penguin line has grown to include tee-shirts, koolie cups, and caps. About two dozen exhibitors offered products, books, and ideas to delegates in the Exhibit Hall.



## Gov. Johnson touts tax cuts, testy legislative relationship

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regulations, property restrictions, motorcycle helmet laws, and even a bill that would have mandated exercise for dogs and cats in pet stores.

"I vetoed all sorts of bills," Johnson summarized wryly.

Johnson also laid out a libertarian manifesto that he said guided him while in office.

"I believe in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," he said. "I believe in the American Dream. I believe in the Constitution of the United States. I believe in self-responsibility. I believe in limited government."

### Signature issue

However, the businessman-turned-governor saved his greatest passion for the War on Drugs, which has been his signature issue since he went public with his anti-Drug Prohibition views in 1999.

For speaking out against the drug war, Johnson was sneeringly referred to as "Puff Daddy Johnson" by then-Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey, and faced demands that he resign from office.

But Johnson didn't back down from his previous statements. With his voice rising in anger, he said, "The War on Drugs is an absolute miserable failure. I don't think there is a bigger issue facing us today."

Americans should not take drugs, stressed Johnson — and, in fact, he



encouraged people to also reject alcohol and tobacco — but it is Drug Prohibition that "is tearing this country apart, not drug use," he said.

The Drug War causes myriad problems, he said:

■ As many as 1.6 million people are arrested each year for violating drug laws, which means that "we're releasing violent criminals to make room for drug users," he said.

■ Sentences for drug crimes are discriminatory, with blacks and Hispanics seven times as likely to go to jail as whites.

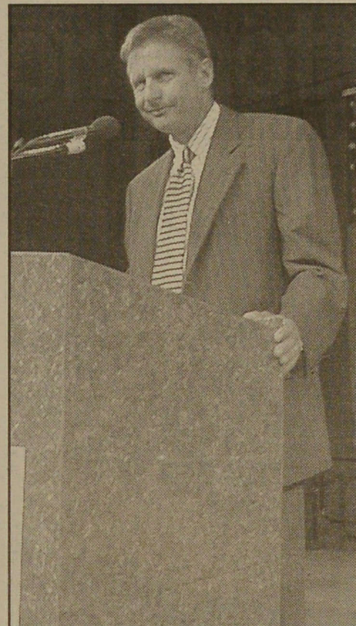
■ Because Drug Prohibition creates a black market, "marijuana sells for more than gold," he said.

■ Politicians exploit the drug issue to get elected, he said. For example, Congress passed a bill that denies student loans to people convicted of a drug crime — while still giving loans to murderers and rapists.

### Legalize marijuana

At the very least, the government should legalize marijuana, said Johnson, and concentrate on harm reduction policies.

"Let's [just] get tough on people who do drugs and then do harm to



■ **N.M. Governor Gary Johnson:** "I believe in limited government. I believe in the American Dream. I believe in self-responsibility."

others," he said, while working to reduce the "death, crime, and disease" that comes with illegal drug use.

When his term as governor expires this year, Johnson said he will start a non-profit organization called Americans Against the War on Drugs, which will lobby politicians.

"I hope I can make a difference," he said.

Johnson ended his speech by praising Libertarians.

"I applaud you all as Libertarians," he said. "I applaud you for what you've done for this country."

## Platform adds summary, opposes USA/Patriot Act

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oppose the future creation of any similar treaty.

■ In the Election Laws section, a new plank was approved that endorses proportional voting in multi-member districts, and instant runoff voting for single-winner elections. Such systems are "more representative of the electorate at the federal, state, and local levels," the new plank states.

Language was also approved to condemn gerrymandered districts, which create "a substantial government-imposed barrier to election of non-incumbent political parties and candidates."

■ In a reaction to the September 11 terrorist attacks, language was deleted in the Internal Security and Civil Liberties plank that called for the abolition of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency.

The new plank states: "The defense of the country requires that we have adequate intelligence to detect and to counter threats to domestic security."

### Homeland Security

However, language was added to the plank opposing the Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security, and calling for the repeal of the USA/Patriot Act of 2001, the Counter-Ter-

rorism Act of 1996, and all other similar legislation.

The only significant proposal approved by the Platform Committee but rejected by delegates would have modified the Juries plank to express opposition to the practice of "death qualification." This practice allows prosecutors to eliminate jurors who are opposed to the death penalty in capital cases.

"I'm disappointed that we ran out of time to consider changes to the party's Immigration plank, but overall I think we accomplished a lot," said Platform Committee member Erin Hollinden.

### Bylaws changes

Changes were also made to the party's Bylaws, which govern the operating policies of the Libertarian Party, election of officers and candidates, and national conventions.

Delegates voted to require an explanatory statement for disaffiliation of any affiliate by the LNC; deleted an obsolete reference to ex officio delegates; authorized the use of electronic fund transfers by the national office; raised from \$20 to \$100 the amount of money the national office can disburse in cash if necessary; and eliminated the state-by-state roll calls during elections of officers, except for the first vote for LNC Chair.



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# Champion of Liberty award winner Ed Crane: Washington's 5 myths

*The founder of the Cato Institute is honored*

**I**n a moving ceremony that many LP members said marked a reconciliation of sorts between the political and intellectual wings of the libertarian movement, Cato Institute President Ed Crane was presented with the Libertarian Party's highest honor at the Libertarian National Convention on July 6.

To a standing ovation before almost 400 people at a gala banquet in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday night, Crane was given the Champion of Liberty Award for his pioneer role in founding the Cato Institute, and for his leadership role in the early days of the Libertarian Party.

The decision to give Crane the Champion of Liberty Award was an easy one, said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach, who presented the glittering trophy.

"It's usually a difficult question," he said. "But this year it wasn't. There was only one possible choice for this year's Champion of Liberty Award."

## Strong and true

Noting Crane's 25 years of work with the Cato Institute, Dasbach said, "Ed Crane's vision has remained strong and true. He has built the Cato Institute into a massive intellectual force for liberty."

Crane co-founded the non-partisan Cato Institute in 1977. Since then, he has guided it to its current status as perhaps the most influential and respected think tank in America.

In the mid-1970s, Crane also served as LP national chair, and was campaign manager for the Ed Clark for President campaign in 1980. He parted ways with the LP in the early 1980s, after a bitter battle over strategy split the party.

Since then, Crane has expressed doubt that a third party can succeed



in America, and has concentrated his energies on influencing politics in the intellectual realm — through research, position papers, Congressional testimony, books, and media appearances by Cato scholars.

However, in a gracious speech that prompted numerous eruptions of applause, Crane had only compliments for the philosophical views of the Libertarian Party.

While noting that he is a registered independent — "I don't have any biases at all," he said to laughter — Crane contrasted what Libertarians believe with the "Five Great Myths" of Washington, DC:

■ First, that there is a "great partisan debate going on inside the beltway." In fact, "the battle is between the Incumbent Party [of Republicans and Democrats] and the American people," he said.

■ Second, that Democrats support free speech and the First Amendment. However, he said, as supporters of "politically correct" speech laws and campaign finance reform, Democrats "are determined to shut down free expression. It's shameless."

■ Third, that Republicans favor free trade. But President Bush's recent support for steel tariffs — which threaten to start a "worldwide trade war" — proves "there is no principle guiding Republicans."

■ Fourth, that Democrats support civil rights. In reality, they support quotas and "identity politics," he said, which are at odds with the traditional American view of equality.

■ Fifth, that the Republican Party believes in limited government. Citing the GOP's support for greater fed-

iffs, lawsuits, and other means.

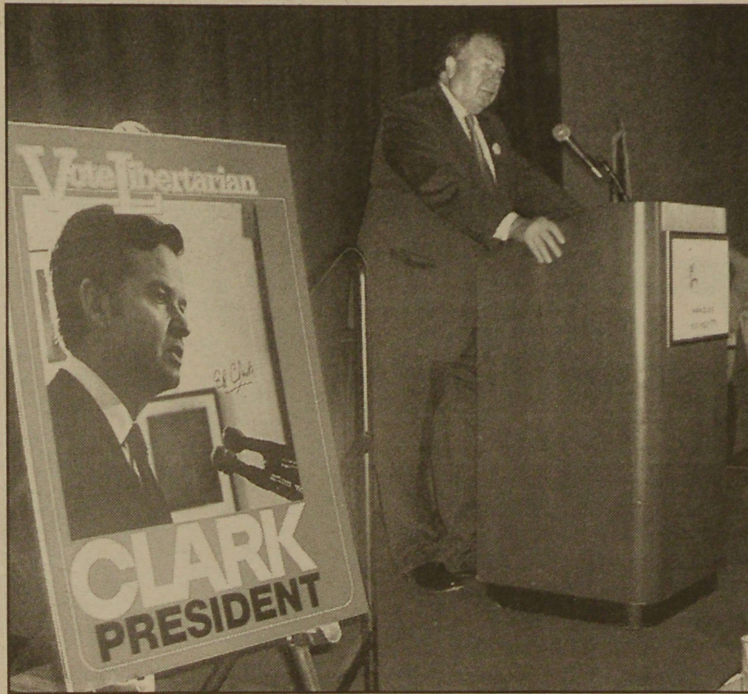
All told, government takes about \$657 billion in hidden taxes, Berthoud told the crowd, which hissed in disapproval.

## Virtuous intentions?

"When government goes to such great lengths to take our money, you can immediately dismiss the idea that government acts with virtuous intentions," he said.

To effect real fiscal change, anti-tax activists and Libertarians need to join forces, said Berthoud.

"Let us work to elect honest men and women to office who will work to restore limited government, as our forefathers envisioned," he said.



■ Cato Institute founder Ed Crane said the Libertarian Party is the only "party that cares about the essence of America" — respect for the dignity of the individual. On his left is a poster from Ed Clark's 1980 presidential campaign, which Crane managed.

eral involvement in education and church-based charity, "there is no area of civil society where they don't support the federal government's involvement," he said.

## Foreign policy myth

A final myth, which is no myth, said Crane, is that there is a bipartisan foreign policy in Washington, DC. There is such a bipartisan policy, he said, and "it's interventionist."

By contrast, there is only one party in America that genuinely supports free speech, free trade, equality before the law, and a non-interventionist foreign policy, "and that

is the Libertarian Party," he said.

The true essence of America is "respect for the dignity of the individual," said Crane. "There is only one party that cares about the essence of America, and I'm very proud to accept an award from that party this evening."

Following Crane, syndicated radio talk show host — and LP member — Neal Boortz took the stage to regale banquet attendees with his sharp wit and political insights.

"Freedom is under attack," he said. "Freedom needs friends. And I couldn't be in a room full of bigger friends of freedom."

# Larry Pratt: No compromise on gun rights

**S**tanding on principle is the only way to stave off laws that undermine American rights, said gun-rights champion Larry Pratt to delegates at the Libertarian Party national convention.

"I am opposed as a matter of principle to concessions," he said. "In my experience, concessions don't do anything to stop our opponents from trying to take more of our rights."

In his July 6 speech, "The Establishment Versus the Second Amendment," the head of the Gun Owners of America (GOA) talked about the Juvenile Justice Act, and his organization's role in defeating it.

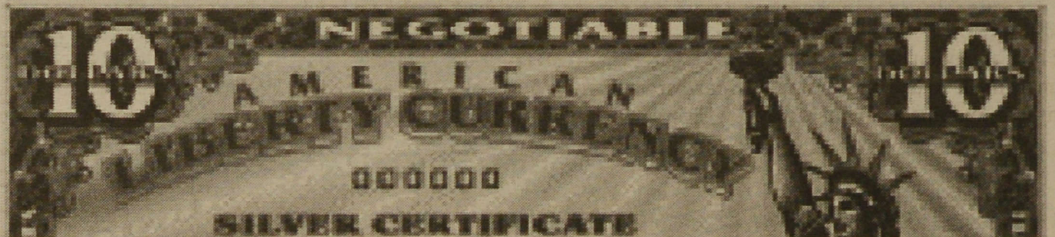
Introduced by Utah Republican Orrin Hatch in the U.S. Senate in 1999 after the Columbine massacre, the bill included such provisions as mandatory trigger locks and a ban on high-capacity magazines.

But unlike other pro-gun organizations that were willing to compromise, Pratt said the GOA stood against the bill in its entirety.

After an aggressive lobbying campaign spearheaded by the GOA and other gun-rights supporters, Hatch withdrew the bill from consideration.

However, that doesn't mean that gun owners can afford to rest on their laurels, said Pratt.

"The other side isn't afraid to lose, and they just keep coming until they wear their opponent down," he said. "We defenders of the Second Amendment need to be as vigilant."



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# Berthoud: Federal revenue scams

**T**he federal government is worse than organized crime when it comes to pilfering money from Americans, John Berthoud said at the national convention on July 4.

"Both government and the Mafia extort money, but in some ways I'd argue that government is worse," said Berthoud, the president of the National Taxpayers Union. "When the Mafia takes your money, at least they are upfront with you about it."

Berthoud said the problem with the government is that it often engages in what would be considered "racketeering" in the private marketplace. Especially egregious, he said, is the "hidden revenue" the government collects via corporate taxes, tar-



# Sheriff Bill Masters: Drug War 'tarnishes badge' of U.S. police

The War on Drugs is a tragic waste of resources that makes Americans more vulnerable to vicious criminals and bloodthirsty terrorists — while it simultaneously "tarnishes the badge" of law enforcement.

That was the blunt message delivered in the Keynote Address by Sheriff Bill Masters to delegates at the Libertarian National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 5.

"We've tried it. It doesn't work," said Masters about the War on Drugs. "But we're not supposed to question a policy that funnels millions — probably billions — into the hands of punks, criminals, and terrorists."

In a speech repeatedly punctuated by applause, Masters, the chief law enforcement officer in San Miguel County, Colorado, charted his course from pro-Drug War zealot to high-profile dissident who dared question the "emperor's new clothes."

## A few drunks

When he was first elected sheriff in Telluride 23 years ago, the small Rocky Mountain town was a "blue-collar community of hard-rock miners" where the chief law enforcement problems were "a few drunks and a few fights," said Masters.

One time, when he had to face down a gang of street toughs, townspeople rallied behind him because they considered themselves the "sheriff's back-up," he said.

However, as Telluride transformed itself into a popular ski resort, drugs like marijuana and cocaine started showing up in increasing quantities,



and the sheriff enthusiastically jumped into the War on Drugs.

"I took the [drug] laws seriously," said Masters. "We started arresting more and more people for small amounts of marijuana. We arrested businessmen, high school kids, housewives, and the editor of the local newspaper."

As the San Miguel County War on Drugs escalated, and a broader swathe of citizens were arrested, the relationship between the townspeople and the sheriff's office cooled, said Masters.

Citizens who once stood proudly "behind me now hung me in effigy," he said.

However, two events finally caused Masters to reconsider his views on the War on Drugs.

The first was when a brutal serial killer kidnapped a local woman. Masters turned to the FBI to help, and visited the agency's training center in Virginia.

There, he was shocked to see a mere handful of FBI agents assigned to kidnapping cases, with papers piled high on their desks, he said. Meanwhile, hundreds of new DEA agents were being trained to fight the War on Drugs, so they could arrest people for smoking marijuana.

Later, back in Telluride, a newly arrested drug dealer told Masters, "Every time you bust someone [for



■ San Miguel, Colorado Sheriff Bill Masters: Thanks to the Drug War, citizens who once stood proudly "behind me now hung me in effigy."

drugs], my risk, my price, and my profits go up."

"He could have taught economics at high school," said Masters ruefully.

And another dealer told Masters: "Sheriff, maybe you're trying to shove hay into the wrong end of the horse."

"Sometimes you need to hear that," said Masters.

## The wrong place

At that point, Masters said, "I realized that our priorities were all wrong. I had failed my community by not analyzing the drug problem. I had directed our precious law enforcement resources in the wrong place."

After September 11, Masters said he had another revelation: That the War on Drugs makes America more vulnerable to such terrorist attacks.

"The year before September 11, the United States arrested 700,000 people for drugs ... and one suspected terrorist," he said. "I don't like those numbers."

And while the FBI said it lacked the resources to check out reports of suspicious foreigners taking "kamikaze flying lessons" at flight schools, it had the resources to arrest "three-quarters of a million Americans for possessing a harmless plant," he said.

Instead of continuing a harmful policy that "tarnishes the badges" of law enforcement, Americans should follow the lead of Libertarians, and end the War on Drugs, concluded Masters.

"Upholding liberty must be the priority of laws in a free society," he said.

# Ron Paul: September 11 is continuing threat to liberty

A flurry of legislative activity has taken place in Washington, DC since September 11 — and most of it has been harmful to liberty, Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) told delegates at the Libertarian National Convention on Friday, July 5.

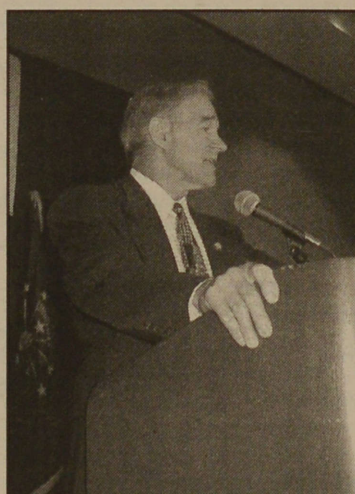
"September 11 is the day that liberty was totally undermined," he said. "Our jobs as defenders of liberty have been made more difficult."

In a speech titled "Learning the Lessons of 9-11," the lone libertarian legislator in the U.S. House spoke about his crusade against statism in a post-September 11 America.

## Standing ovations

Paul, known as "Dr. No" by his colleagues for his refusal to vote for anything not authorized by the U.S. Constitution, was interrupted several times by standing ovations.

"This is a different reception than I get at certain Republican functions," the 1988 LP presidential can-



■ Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX): "September 11 is the day that liberty was totally undermined."

didate said at one point to laughter.

Paul prefaced his talk by saying he recently ran into John Ashcroft, and mentioned to the U.S. Attorney

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— Ron Paul

General that he was going to speak at the Libertarian convention.

"Ashcroft said to pass on that he is definitely in favor of protecting the civil liberties of all Americans," said Paul, to even louder laughter.

Two of the major threats to the civil liberties of Americans are the USA/Patriot Act and the creation of military tribunals, said Paul.

"No [written] version of the Patriot Act was available to Congress before the vote, but everyone except for me voted for it anyway," he said. "This is unfortunately the way Washington works."

And all such post-September 11 anti-terrorism measures are politically motivated, charged Paul.

"Everything that is done now is done for political power, to see who will take control of Congress in the next election cycle," he said. "I think it's time they care about something more — our personal liberties."

"Unfortunately, there is a drumbeat of fear," he said. "People who are frightened are more willing to give up more of their freedoms."

It is most important to recognize that patriotism does not mean "blind loyalty to the government," but "love of country, freedom, and the American tradition of the rule of law," said Paul. "The purpose of all political action should be to promote liberty."

# Otto Guevara: Costa Rican success is a lesson for U.S.

The great strides toward freedom that Costa Rica has taken over the past four years offers valuable lessons to American Libertarians, Otto Guevara told delegates at the LP national convention on July 4.

"Just like in the United States, Costa Rican politics has been dominated by two political parties that have been stealing our freedoms," the Costa Rican politician said. "But we are determined that Costa Rica will be a libertarian nation in our lifetime."

Guevara, who ran for president on the Movimiento Libertario ticket in Costa Rica in 2002, delivered the special July 4th address to hundreds of delegates on the opening day of the LP national convention.

Guevara provided a foreign perspective to the challenges faced by Americans in a speech entitled "From Socialism to Libertarianism."

To achieve success, said Guevara, Libertarians require a political system that is open to alternative parties, a team of dedicated activists to help spread the message, and the ability to persuasively explain Libertarianism to voters.

His remarks had added credibility because of the success enjoyed by the Movimiento Libertario. In the 2002 election, the party won six seats in the 57-member national legislature, up from the one seat it held previously.

■ Otto Guevara: You must "loudly expose socialism."

It was his "uncommon, promising, brave" vision of liberty as the lone Libertarian in the Costa Rican Congress from 1998-2002 that set the stage for Movimiento Libertario's electoral victories, said Guevara.

## War, injustice

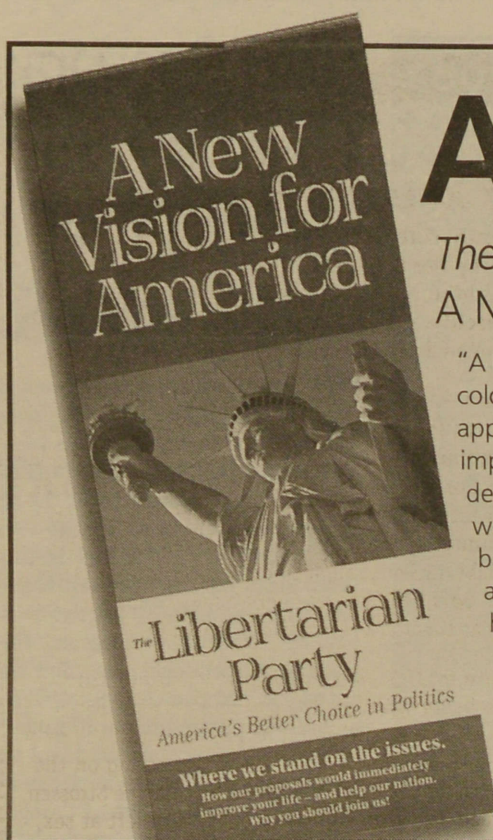
"To win the intellectual argument, Libertarians must loudly expose socialism, and the war, injustice, and poverty it brings about," he said.

However, Guevara said his party would not have been able to get its foot in the door if not for proportional representation.

"Without it, we would never have been able to break into the system," he said.

Finally, Guevara urged Libertarians to get involved in the political process. "We can change minds and bring people to our side," he said. "If we want liberty in our lifetimes, each of us must be a champion of liberty."



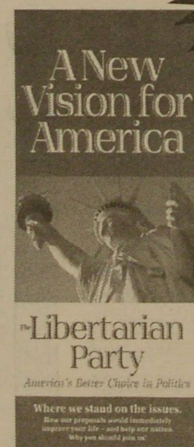


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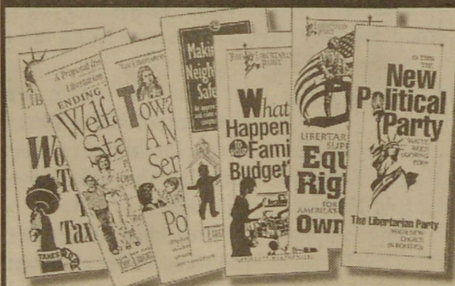
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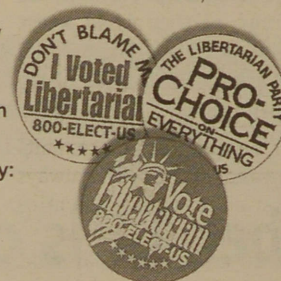
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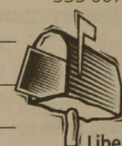
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## Suwanee (GA) city council race is about principles for Jim Lenahan

Former Republican county chair makes first run for public office

A decade ago, Jim Lenahan would never have dreamed about running for office as a Libertarian Party candidate.

At that time, he was the Republican Party chair of Gwinnett County, Georgia. His loyalty to the GOP, said Lenahan, stemmed from his belief that the Republican Party was the party of smaller government.

The only problem was that too many Republicans weren't committed to that smaller-government vision.

"We'd get candidates wanting the Republican endorsement who had no principled opposition to big government whatsoever," he said. "In my opinion, there is no reason to have a political party if the party does not have a set of principles — and the Libertarian Party is nothing if not principled."

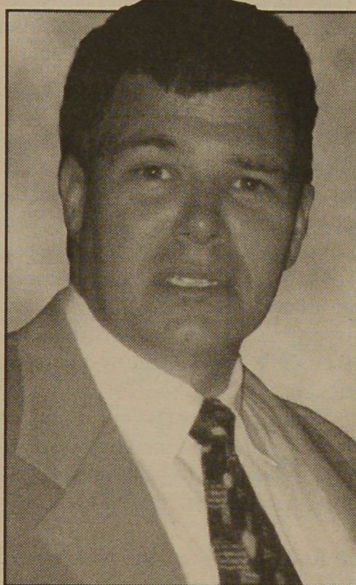
Having joined the LP in June 2001, Lenahan is now seeking to bring his philosophy of limited government to his campaign for the city council of Suwanee.

Located in the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Suwanee has about 6,000 registered voters. The city council has five seats, one of which is up for grabs in a special election scheduled for August 20.

### Serve the people

But Lenahan, 40, said his goal isn't just to win the election — it's to serve the people with his agenda once elected.

"There is no reason to run a campaign if the end goal of that campaign is reached on Election Day," he said. "My history is testament to the fact that I serve. I lead. I give what



■ City council candidate Jim Lenahan: "I'm very optimistic about my chances in the election."

it takes to do the job right."

During his campaign, Lenahan will focus on the issue of managing growth while protecting property rights. As the chair of the Suwanee Planning and Zoning Commission, Lenahan said he has the experience to balance the two interests.

During his two years on the commission, Lenahan said he instituted several pro-private property practices such as getting property owners' agreement on any staff or committee recommendations — and always publicly stating the Libertarian principles that guided his decisions.

"While it may appear at first glance that the Planning and Zoning Commission is antithetical to the ideas of liberty, in reality, the two play well together," he said. "What we do is try to make sure that expression of liberty by one party does not infringe upon the right of another party. It is very refreshing to see that principles can be put into practice."

### Reducing tax burden

Another focus of the campaign will be reducing the tax burden on Suwanee residents, said Lenahan.

It won't be easy: Last November, Suwanee voters approved a \$17.7 million bond referendum. The measure — a four-fold increase in the city budget — has effectively doubled

property taxes, said Lenahan.

In response, Lenahan is touting a plan to make paying the tax optional. Under his plan, any taxpayer who voices opposition to the tax in a local newspaper and testifies before the city council could exempt him or herself from the property tax increase.

Lenahan said he would also like to reduce traffic congestion by using local police to more effectively direct traffic. He would also repeal regulations on private transportation services to allow for greater competition and improved services.

### Common sense

"The positions I represent are all common sense solutions based on Libertarian philosophy," he said. "In every area, I will work to create competition and more choices for local residents. With Libertarians, you know that a very well defined philosophy — and not political expediency — is behind every decision."

Lenahan faces two other candidates in the non-partisan race. One just wants to be elected and has no vision of what he would like to accomplish, said Lenahan, while the other is more concerned with fixing the "trivial wrongs" of the current administration.

On a campaign budget of about \$7,500, Lenahan said he can produce enough handouts, signs, and mailings to win this race. He also plans to go door-to-door, meeting as many residents as possible and soliciting votes.

"I've been an active member of this community for years, and a lot of people know me," he said. "I'm very optimistic about my chances in the election."

"This is the first contested race in Suwanee in many years, but the choice for the voters is just as clear as it has ever been."

A professional computer consultant, Lenahan is the founder of Websecretaries.com, and Data Basics International, Inc. — two Suwanee-based businesses. This is his first run for public office.

For more information, or to make a contribution, e-mail: JimLenahan@aol.com. Or write: Committee to Elect Jim Lenahan, 400 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., # 5281, Suwanee, GA 30024.

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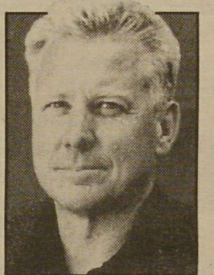
### Utopia, Mother Jones, and 'The Machine'

■ In Washington, DC, **Katharine DeBurgh** was elected State Chair. In Pennsylvania, **John Storey** was appointed State Chair. In Washington state, **Brien Bartels** has been hired as the new executive director. In South Dakota, **Brian Lerohl** was selected as new State Chair. In Texas, **David DeLamar** was elected State Chair.

■ In Michigan, the state LP's top-of-ticket candidates — with the ability to earn ballot status for the party — will be **Diane Barnes** and **Scotty Boman**, both running for State Board of Education. In Indiana, the Marion County LP nominated **Barry Campbell** for sheriff, **Kurt St. Angelo** for county prosecutor, **Lew Richardson** for county assessor, and **Steve Siroky** for county recorder. In Washington state, **Jeff E. Jared** has declared his Libertarian candidacy for State Representative (48th District). In Texas, **Jeff Daiell** was nominated as the LP's gubernatorial candidate at the state convention, June 8-9.

■ In Illinois, LP candidate for U.S. House (9th District) **Stephanie Sailor** will appear on the ballot with "vs. the Machine" as her nickname. Sailor said the name is "original [and] ambitious," and will help get her message out. A cute quote on AlterNet.com, reflecting on the **Cato Institute's** recent 25th anniversary: ACLU President Nadine Strossen once described Cato's creed as, "Turn right at money, turn left at sex, and straight ahead is utopia." At the New Mexico state convention, **Ed Nagle** was presented with an aluminum clipboard (in lieu of gold) in appreciation of his ballot access signature-gathering efforts. Also, **Bonnie Richardson** was honored with the "Barrier Breaker's Award" as the first Libertarian to be elected to public office in the state.

■ According to Alexa.com in mid-June, the Libertarian Party's website (www.LP.org) scored higher in its web traffic ranking than the Democratic Party's site, the Republican National Committee's site, or the Green Party's site. San Miguel, Colorado Sheriff **Bill Masters** got a nice write-up in the July-August issue of *Mother Jones* magazine for using money from asset forfeiture to help cocaine addicts get treatment.



■ Bill Masters: *Mother Jones*

■ In Florida, Libertarian National Committee member **Michael "MG" Gilson De Lemos** has been appointed to the Pinellas Home School Board. Also in Florida, **Stan Lee** was appointed to the Volusia County North Peninsula Services District; **Mark Eckert** was selected to serve on the Orange County Nuisance Abatement Board; and **Bob Rettie** was appointed to the Fort Walton Beach Zoning Board. In North Carolina, Roxobel Town Commissioner **Henry Boschen** switched his registration to Libertarian.

■ **International notes:** In Washington, DC, five mayors from Paraguay visited the national LP's office in June to learn about third parties in America. The visit was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Program. In Holland, Libertarians are mourning the death of **Michael van Notten** at age 68 from a heart attack. A longtime International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) representative, van Notten co-founded the Dutch Libertarian Center in 1975.

■ In Wisconsin, **David L. Comey** announced his bid for State Representative (14th District). In Michigan, **Leonard Schwartz** will run for District Court Judge (45B). In Massachusetts, **Ilana Freedman** qualified for the ballot in her race for U.S. House (5th District) when she submitted 2,873 signatures in early June. She's running against Democrat incumbent **Marty Meehan**. In Kansas, **Dennis Hawver** was nominated as the LP candidate for governor, with **Joel Haller** as his running mate. It's only the second time in 30 years that Kansas Libertarians have fielded a gubernatorial candidate.

■ In Massachusetts, **Carla Howell** participated in a debate hosted by the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Greater Boston Business Council. She faced off against potential Democratic contenders on the topic of gay and lesbian concerns. It was one of four debates Howell attended in June. In Alabama, in an unscientific online poll hosted by the local NBC TV affiliate in mid-June, Libertarian gubernatorial candidate **John Sophocleus** won 20%.

■ In South Dakota, the state party nominated eight candidates for office: **Nathan Barton** (governor), **Eric Risty** (lieutenant governor), **Kurt Evans** (U.S. Senate), **Terry Begay** (U.S. House), **Gwen Caldwell** (State Senate, District 30), **Alex Martin** (Commissioner of School and Public Lands), **William Stone III** (Public Utilities Commissioner), and **Bob Newland** (Attorney General). In New Jersey, **Daniel S. Wright** filed to run for Haddonfield Freeholder, **Colleen Fida Foster** is running for Barrington Freeholder, and **Robert Hull** is a candidate for Wall Clerk.

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## THE FORUM

# What is the best way to promote liberty and the Libertarian Party?

**W**hat is the best way to promote libertarianism? Should you lobby, petition, or demonstrate on behalf of specific issues? Should you be a candidate (or support candidates) for non-partisan local office, partisan local office, or partisan state or federal office?

What is the best way for you to "challenge the cult of the omnipotent state" and defend the rights of the individual?

Answering that question is a lot like answering: What type of exercise is best for you? Many fitness gurus preach running, weight lifting, biking, etc. Regardless of the theoretical advantages of different exercises, none will do you any good unless you do it. And most people won't do any exercise for long unless they enjoy it.

Likewise, many political gurus preach lobbying, petitioning, demonstrating, non-partisan local campaigning, partisan local campaigning, or partisan state and federal campaigning. The gurus usually evaluate

these methods using cost/benefit analysis. They usually define the benefits as winning an election, getting a large percentage of votes, getting a large number of votes, attracting new Libertarian members, eliminating bad government policies, or preventing proposed bad government policies.

Regardless of the theoretical advantages of each method, most Libertarians won't do it for very long unless they enjoy it.

### Most important

The issues that are most important to most Libertarians are state and federal issues, such as: (1) ending civil asset forfeiture, (2) supporting the right to bear arms, (3) ending unreasonable searches and seizures, and (4) ending the war against herbal medicines, like marijuana.

Therefore, many Libertarians like to be (or support) candidates for par-

**By Leonard Schwartz**

tisan state or federal office. Although they know that they will get a small share of the votes, they aren't concerned with that measure of success. This is the best way to run on specifically Libertarian issues. They consider this the best way to promote libertarianism and recruit new members.

Other Libertarians like to be (or support) candidates for non-partisan local office. These elections avoid the wasted-vote problem and are the easiest to win.

Candidates for local office rarely have distinctly Libertarian issues. In Michigan, Fred Collins and Martin Howrylak won city council elections on utilitarian issues. Mark Owen won a city council election after a successful petition drive on a Libertarian issue. Only Andy LeCureaux won a city council election without a specific issue criticizing incumbents.

Some Libertarians prefer the middle ground of being (or supporting) candidates for partisan local office. This allows them to run as Lib-

ertarians. With limited campaign budgets, they can get a larger percentage of the vote than in races for state or federal office.

Many Libertarians believe that if many Libertarian candidates get more votes than the difference between the Democrat and Republican, in future elections those candidates will try to attract Libertarian voters by adopting Libertarian positions on the issues. Thus, Libertarian positions will become *mainstream* positions.

Many Libertarians support lobbying, petitioning, and demonstrating on behalf of specific issues. These are more direct ways of eliminating bad government policies and preventing bad policies from being adopted.

### Wasted-vote problem

Libertarians usually can form coalitions with non-Libertarian groups to achieve these goals. These methods avoid the wasted-vote problem of partisan elections. Furthermore, these usually are inexpensive ways of promoting libertarianism and the Libertarian Party. These methods are especially popular during non-election years.

Promoting libertarianism can be fun. Use whatever methods you consider enjoyable, to achieve whatever measure of success you value.

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## Why I'm a Libertarian, U.K. version

**I** am a Libertarian . . . Because wherever in the world something resembling libertarianism happens, life is good.

Because wherever in the world the opposite of libertarianism happens, life is crap awful.

Because letting other people take care of themselves means I don't have to.

Because me taking care of myself means other people don't have to.

Because I honestly and truly don't care what other people do to each other in bed, or in any places where I am not regularly present, provided only that they are happy. Not caring is the essence of charity. Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people trying to help.

Because an armed society is a polite society.

Because there isn't enough sex and violence on television.

Because selfish people are so much more pleasant to deal with. They tell you what they want. And they listen when you tell them what you want because what you want could make them rich.

Because if hard drugs are as dangerous as people say, there is no better punishment for taking hard drugs than the consequence of taking hard drugs. Reality is, as always, its own reward and its own punishment.

Because maybe hard drugs aren't so bad for you after all! You decide. That way I don't have to decide for you.

Because in a society without government safeguards, reputation is everything.

Because free people follow wise traditions, and governments destroy wise traditions.

Because the defense of capitalism cannot be left to capitalists.

Because the Arts Council is to arts what the Fire Brigade is to fire.

Because newspapers should be allowed to print lies, filth, nonsense, and tastelessness.

Because pollution is the result of things not being owned. Nobody owns the ozone layer.

Because life would be terminally boring if the only things that were allowed were things that I personally would allow.

Because people should be allowed to choose their own risks.

■ **About the author:** *Brian Micklethwait is the Editorial Director of the Libertarian Alliance in the United Kingdom. An expanded version of this essay appeared in the Libertarian Alliance's Political Notes No. 181 (May 2002).*

# My Top Ten national convention memories

**T**his year's LP national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana was the first one I attended during my short tenure as a Libertarian Party member. Overall, I'd say it was a terrific experience.

Of course, I was there on the party's dime, so I spent most of my time at the convention taking notes of speeches, writing articles, shooting photographs, updating the website, and credentialing journalists.

But there are a few non-work related things that I believe will stick out in my mind until the next national convention in 2004.

So, in no particular order, here are my Top Ten memories of the 2002 Libertarian Party national convention:

**1) Eating donuts in the media room.** Each morning I'd get to the media room and make a beeline for the donuts and coffee, which the Communications Dept. stocked for volunteers, staff, and journalists. Unfortunately, those donuts made me gain 183 pounds. Consequently, I am suing the LP for putting donuts out where I could find them. My attorney says we have a case.

**2) Schmoozing with Ed Thompson's campaign advisor.** A coworker introduced me to this gregarious guy at the Champions Sports Bar in the hotel. He kept telling me that Ed's race is winnable, and that a victory for Ed would "open the floodgates" for other Libertarian candidates. He also kept winking at me

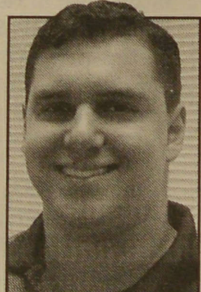
and calling me "son." I left the bar in good spirits.

**3) Evacuating the hotel due to a fire alarm.** Early Sunday (at 1:03 am), I awoke to the irritating sound of the hotel fire alarm. I don't

know exactly what set it off, but I do remember all of the groggy Libertarians shuffling down the stairs of the hotel. It was truly one of the more bizarre things that happened during the convention.

**4) Peering into the minds of certain activists.** With some Libertarians, you just can't look away. For example, I saw Gary Copeland, the California LP gubernatorial candidate, dressed in full Druid regalia. And Starchild, also a Golden State resident, wore glitter and white angel wings. God bless California — even if most of their delegates were conventionally, even *professionally*, dressed.

**5) Getting feedback on LP News.** Occasionally, someone would see my "Staff" badge and immediately start complaining to me. Why Indianapolis? Why the Marriott? Why did his marriage end? Once in a while, however, a delegate would tell me he likes



**By Jonathan Trager**

the work Bill Winter and I do on LP News. Once, a delegate turned to me and said, "You're Jon Trager, huh? You do good stuff." Not terribly eloquent, but greatly appreciated.

**6) Chatting with Harry Browne.** At the risk of seeming star-struck, I think Harry is great. He's one of the most effective communicators in the party, and he's a funny and personable guy as well. I'll say this much: Nominating a presidential candidate of equal eloquence to Harry in 2004 is going to be quite the challenge.

**7) Checking out the Church of God in Christ.** At the Indiana Convention Center, I noticed this organization was holding a convention there as well. Now, gospel singing isn't exactly my cup of tea, but the few attendees I spoke to were extremely polite — and very well dressed. Even the vendors at the convention were selling trendy apparel. Did you see those alligator skin shoes? Snazzy.

**8) Watching the outcome of the national chair's race.** Eli Israel proved he cares about party unity when he bowed out of the chair's contest on the first ballot. Although he was entitled to a run-off vote, he instead called it quits and threw

his support to Geoff Neale. It was a stand-up thing to do.

**9) Enjoying Damian Mason impersonate Bill Clinton.** A lot of people can do the raspy, southern drawl, but how many people have the face to match? This professional Clinton clone and LP member has his act down pat, and I was laughing the entire time. The real President Clinton was a political embarrassment, but he was also undeniably entertaining. How about a Hillary Clinton impersonator at the convention in '04?

**10) Just being with other Libertarians.** Prior to this convention, I had never been in a room with more than a few dozen Libertarians. It gave me a chance to meet new people who share the political ideology that I love, and I feel like I came away from the experience having grown as a party member.

With any luck, my next convention will be equally as memorable.

■ **About the author:** *Jonathan Trager is the Staff Writer for the Libertarian Party.*





## Party staffers arrested at Washington protest event

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The battle between the DEA and the medical facilities began in California, where medical marijuana has been legal since 1996.

Over the last few years, the federal government has closed the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative and the Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center, claiming both facilities run afoul of federal anti-drug laws.

"The federal government has chosen to push aside local decision-making in favor of heavy-handed raids and intimidation of medical marijuana patients and providers," charged Crickenberger.

Voters in eight states have legalized medical marijuana, including Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

### Supreme Court ruling

Medical marijuana advocates were dealt another blow in May 2002, when the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that medical marijuana distributors can't offer a "medical necessity" defense in federal court when charged with violating federal law.

"In the case of the Controlled Substances Act, the statute reflects a determination that marijuana has no medical benefits worthy of an exception outside the confines of a government-approved research project," wrote Justice Clarence Thomas in the decision.

However, the court's position runs contrary to research appearing in reputable medical journals, and contrary to personal testimony, said Crickenberger.

"Medical marijuana is frequently helpful in treating the symptoms of AIDS, glaucoma, cancer, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, and chronic pain," he said.

The Washington, DC protest attracted media attention and coverage from the Reuters and United Press International, the *Washington Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

"We are still assembling a comprehensive list of all the media hits, but it's safe to say we reached millions with our message," said Crickenberger. "We certainly succeeded enough to declare the action a success."



■ LP Campus Coordinator Marc Brandl (back), Political Director Ron Crickenberger (far right), and other protestors chained themselves to the door of the Department of Justice's office in Washington, DC to protest the federal government's anti-medical marijuana campaign.

## Bill Woolsey is elected to James Island Town Council

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Woolsey, worked the largest.

"Coming in first in the two largest polling places allowed us to make up a deficit in the smaller places," he said.

Woolsey said his track record of community activism also earned him votes.

"My core supporters are people I've worked with in Scouts, Kiwanis, church, and in the local elementary school," he said. "I was especially gratified to receive the first vote of a young woman I had met while volunteering with the Key Club at James Island High School."

Finally, a campaign for U.S. House in 2000 also appeared to boost his vote totals, said Woolsey.

### Half of what it took

"I received 624 votes on James Island when I ran for Congress, which was 5% of the total," he said. "Those votes were about half of what it took to win a [town council] seat."

Although the election was non-partisan, Woolsey made no secret of his Libertarian Party affiliation, he said — but it did not appear to be a factor in the race.

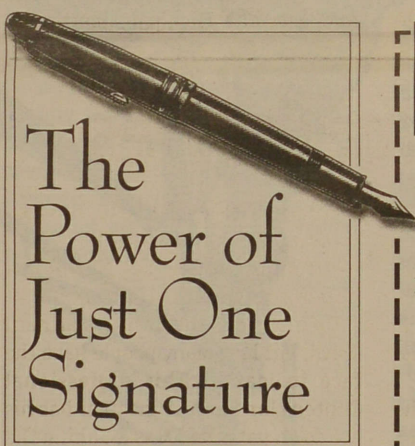
**WHAT CAN OTHER Libertarians learn from Woolsey's win?**  
**Get involved; run for a local, non-partisan office; get out and listen to the voter.**

"My core supporters know that I'm a Libertarian and vote for me anyway," he said. "I met a handful of voters whom I didn't know who remembered that I was a Libertarian, and gave me their support."

Woolsey spent about \$900 to win the race: \$100 for the filing fee and \$800 for yard signs, promotional literature, and other expenses.

What can other Libertarians learn from Woolsey's win?

"Get involved in your community, run for a local, non-partisan office, get out and listen to the voters and ask for their votes," he said.



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## THE CHAIR

# How you can help your new Chair, and the party

**R**ather than flying to the National Convention in Indianapolis, I drove there and back from my home in Austin, Texas. I valued the opportunity for my family to see parts of America that we'd never seen.

I've found my new favorite location name in the country (Hogsnort, Tennessee). I needed the time off from the pressures of the campaign and the convention to de-compress somewhat. On Wednesday, July 10th, I was back in the real world.

It's hard to be prepared for the sheer volume of issues that a new Chair must deal with, and some of them caught me unawares. However, there's nothing that came up that cannot be dealt with, primarily because the staff, the previous National Committee and especially the former Chair, James Lark, were on the job doing good work on behalf of the LP. The transition is under control.

### Suggestions and ideas

I've received numerous e-mails of congratulations on my election. Thank you one and all. I've received numerous e-mails containing suggestions and ideas. Please keep them coming.

I also received some very good feedback on how I can do things better, and this I especially value. I want to do a better job as your Chair every day, and your constructive input will be of great value to me. I will listen to what you have to say.

I have also received numerous offers of assistance. Assistance is definitely something the LP can use at this time. Let me tell you some ways you can help.

I am seeking to create a cadre of skilled, experienced people that I call pro bono consultants. Perhaps you can be one of these. My pro bono consultants are experts in any number of fields who want to contribute to the success of the LP at the national level. We cannot limit ourselves to only the members of the staff or the National Committee in our fight for liberty. We must strive for ways to use greater numbers of people.

I intend to create working groups of skilled individuals. These groups will develop plans, strategies, positions, and solutions for the obstacles that face us. If you want to be one of these pro bono consultants, please e-mail me at [chair@LP.org](mailto:chair@LP.org).

Of course, we need more resources at the national level. Our Treasurer, Deryl Martin, made an impassioned plea at the National Convention for more commitments to monthly pledges, especially via credit card donations. As he explained it, many of our erratic cash flow problems will only be improved by more dependable sources of income. Your monthly pledges are the best source of this dependable income. Can you help us fight for liberty?

Perhaps you, like me, are most interested in winning elections. If so, I urge you to give generously to candidates for public office. There are two races in particular that especially interest me.

The first is James Dan's race for Nevada Assembly District 28. In his last race for this position, he came within about 200 votes of winning against an incumbent Democrat. This time, he's running against the same incumbent, and I think he can win. Go to [www.jamesdan.com](http://www.jamesdan.com) for instructions on how to support his candidacy.

### Ahead of Ventura

The second race I'm particularly excited about is Ed Thompson's Wisconsin gubernatorial race. He's already polling at 11%, with another 8% leaning his way. This puts him ahead of where Jesse Ventura was in his successful gubernatorial bid in neighboring Minnesota at the same time.

This race has already gained national media attention, and anything we do to support him could have a major ripple effect. Whereas the Reform Party was not poised to take advantage of Ventura's win, we are in a position to put a win in Wisconsin to significant advantage. You can support Ed's campaign by going to [www.edthompson.com](http://www.edthompson.com).

I know money's short for many people, so I want to give you a few ways to help us all out, and it will cost you little or nothing. You can: attend local meetings, volunteer on a local candidate's campaign, or help organize your county.

Your help does matter. You can make a difference.



**By Geoffrey Neale**  
LP NATIONAL CHAIR

# The economic and social benefits of a less-regulated United States

**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

**Q**uestion: What do mohair, air bags, and your toilet bowl have in common?

**A**nsWER: All are regulated by the federal government.

In contemporary America, one is hard-pressed to find a product or service that is not under the regulatory control of busybody bureaucrats. More often than not, these government officials appear incapable of resisting the urge to scratch their regulatory itch.

Need proof? In 2001, the *Federal Register* — the daily government publication in which all proposed and final regulations are announced — was a whopping 64,431 pages long.

And every regulation contained therein, politicians assure us, was written to promote "the public good."

Unfortunately, good intentions don't always yield better results. Take the case of the federal government forcing medicine makers to offer childproof containers.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, Harvard economist W. Kip Viscusi has shown that federal safety-cap regulations have had no effect on the rate of poisoning deaths among children.

Since caps are labeled "child-proof," parents are apparently less careful about keeping the medicine out of children's reach. So, some greater number of children find those more-available bottles, pry them open, and take the drugs — offsetting any gains from the regulation.

### 52,000 deaths

Here's another example of regulation gone awry: According to the National Academy of Sciences, about 2,000 deaths per year since 1975 — as many as 52,000 total — can be attributed to federal laws mandating better gas mileage for cars.

Imposed in 1975, corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards were implemented in response to an energy shortage. To conserve fuel, politicians directed Detroit to produce vehicles that get better mileage for every gallon of gas.

What they didn't anticipate was that in order to meet the new standards, manufacturers would have to make their vehicles lighter and flimsier — with disastrous results for passengers.

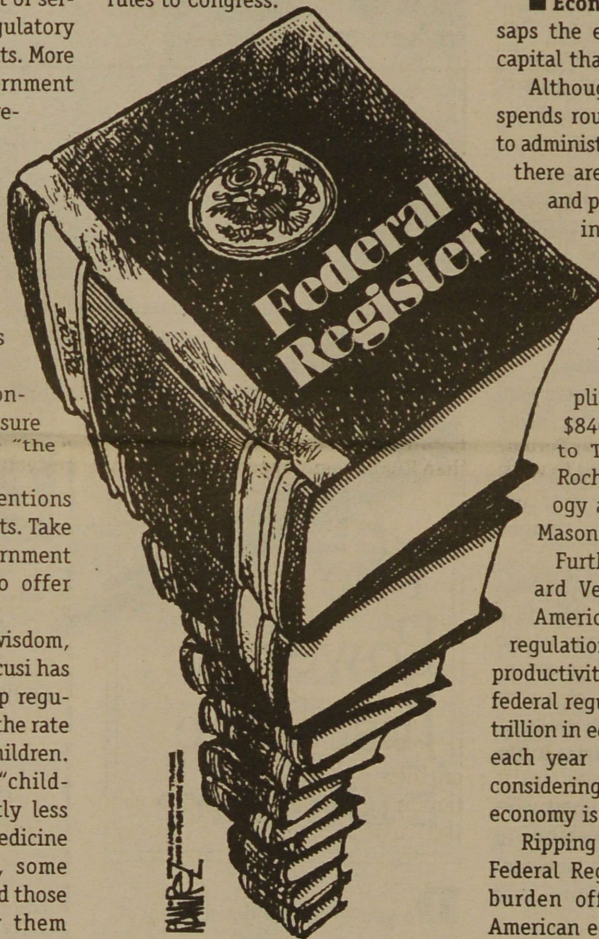
Of course, not all regulations are a matter of life and death.

One merely establishes statutory standards for fluorescent lamp bal-

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lasts. Others determine who can be a tobacco farmer, mohair producer, or cottonseed grower. Still others ensure that your toilet has a tank no greater than 1.6 gallons.

In 1996, a reform-minded Congress decided to do something about the regulatory miasma. It enacted the Congressional Review Act, which requires all agencies to submit their rules to Congress.



strike down? Try zero. All 4,132 regulations became law without debate.

According to Clyde Wayne Crews, Jr. of the Cato Institute, the current bureaucratic system amounts to "regulation without representation."

What America needs is to elect candidates to office who are committed to eliminating such oppressive regulatory agencies and departments — in other words, Libertarians.

Libertarian politicians would significantly reduce the regulatory burden, yielding a number of significant economic benefits:

■ **Economic Growth.** Regulation saps the economy of much-needed capital that fuels economic growth.

Although the federal government spends roughly \$25 billion per year to administer its regulatory programs, there are also costs on businesses and private citizens. These costs include additional paperwork, licensing and permits, worker training, attorney fees, and record keeping.

Overall, regulatory compliance costs America about \$840 billion a year, according to Thomas Hopkins of the Rochester Institute of Technology and Mark Crain of George Mason University.

Furthermore, a study by Richard Vedder for the Center of American Business shows that regulations also reduce long-term productivity. Vedder estimates that federal regulations cause about \$1.5 trillion in economic activity to be lost each year — a significant amount considering that the entire American economy is about \$10.5 trillion.

Ripping out regulations from the *Federal Register* would lift a huge burden off the shoulders of the American economy.

■ **Higher Incomes.** A low regulatory burden fosters greater economic productivity and rising incomes. Similarly, a high regulatory burden stifles productivity and produces stagnating incomes.

Between 1950 and 1973, yearly income per U.S. household grew at a rate of about 2% per year. But from 1973 to 1994, the growth rate was only about .2% per year — one-tenth as much.

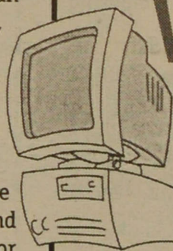
Part of that slowdown was caused by the regulation explosion. In fact, a 1995 study by the Employment Policy Foundation found that 19% of the productivity slowdown during the 1970s is attributable to regulations by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) alone.

Deregulation would create greater investment and productivity, resulting in greater income for families.

■ **More jobs.** The mountain of government regulation cripples many

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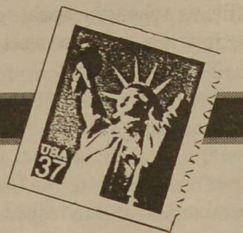


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### Control freaks

Aaron Day's column [The Forum, July 2002] urging libertarians to work with the Green Party makes me want to rip hair out of my head!

I see this illogical attitude far too often with libertarians. The idea behind it is basically the philosophy of the Reform Party: Any party or group that challenges the status quo is our ally. This is nuts!

Ralph Nader and his Greens are far worse than either Democrats or Republicans. They are far more statist and far more dangerous to liberty. We should have been campaigning against them a lot harder in the last election. Instead we were silent and watched them steal our number three spot.

We should not embrace Ralph Nader or his Green control freaks. Just because they aren't in power doesn't mean that they are not our mortal enemies.

— TED MCCARRON  
DeKalb, Illinois

### Scared to death

The article titled "Libertarians must work with Greens" by Aaron Day reminds my why I still give nominal financial support to the Republican Liberty Committee, chaired by Ron Paul.

We should *not* "celebrate every victory that rattles the status quo" as stated by Mr. Day. One plank of the Green Party platform calls for a 100% tax rate on all income that exceeds 10 times the minimum wage. Another plank calls for the federal government to break up all corporations who have more than a 10% market share.

The Green Party membership supported the Endangered Species Act,

which has been responsible for more tyranny against personal property than RICO. Greens oppose virtually all development of natural resources.

Any Green Party victory would scare me to death, not be a cause for celebration. If the Libertarian Party supports any one of these policies, please let me know so I can tender my resignation.

If I were to rate the political parties who ran candidates for president in 2000 on a scale of 1 to 10, based on their party platform, the Libertarians would rate a 9 (nobody is perfect) and the Green Party a 1 (everybody has some redeeming factor).

— JOHN W. HELPHREY  
Apple Valley, California

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embrace Ralph Nader  
or his Green Party  
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Republicans.**

### Motto bugs him

Our party motto ["The Party of Principle"] has always bugged me. Now I know why. I must have the highest principles or I can't join your organization. How exclusive is that?

Pity the person of low, little, or defective principles. Will they be allowed into such a party? Will they change their principles to conform?

I suggest the motto, "The Party of Individual Rights." Promoting and protecting individual rights and liberties is what we're all about.

— MICHAEL O'NEIL  
Victorville, California

### Cold-blooded killer

An Open Letter to Vin Suprynowicz: After seeing the advertisement for your new book, *The Ballad of Carl Drega*, in the July 2002 issue of *LP News*, I am deeply troubled by your attempt to martyr Carl Drega as a freedom fighter.

In the advertisement, you claim that it's time to start chronicling and honoring those who have given their lives in this ongoing War on Freedom. Why you would include Drega in your chronicles is beyond me.

Since Carl Drega's rampage in 1997, in which he shot and killed four people and wounded four law enforcement officers, many fringe groups and individuals have tried to cast Drega as some sort of poster child for the property rights movement. Worse yet, some have described him as a martyr, as you seem to do in your new book.

While I have yet to read your book, my impression from your advertisement and its reviews is that you are among those who would cast Drega as patriot; someone, as you say, who fought back and died.

Carl Drega was no patriot. Carl Drega was no freedom fighter. Carl Drega was a cold-blooded killer. As a life-long Libertarian and an advocate for property and gun rights, I am deeply troubled that you would put Carl Drega on the same footing as someone like Peter McWilliams.

I clearly remember the day that  
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## THE PULSE

# The ethics of cloning

For many Americans (and many politicians), the idea of cloning is vaguely horrifying. They imagine an attack of a *Star Wars*-style marching clone army, or a *Boys From Brazil*-style effort to clone Adolf Hitler, or a Ross Perot-style megalomaniac pumping out jug-eared copies of himself.

Libertarians are different. With perhaps more of a scientific background than the typical person, they seem to understand better what cloning is, its potential benefits and dangers, and the difference between therapeutic and reproductive cloning.

And unlike most Americans (and many politicians), Libertarians don't want to ban cloning. In fact, in response to this month's unscientific Pulse question — "Should cloning be banned?" — 72.7% of respondents said no. Only 4.5% supported a prohibition on cloning, while 22.7% were unsure, or gave ambiguous answers.

*LP News* readers were more split on the question of whether cloning is ethical. While 41% were willing to state with confidence that cloning is morally acceptable, 27.3% said that it is, in fact, *not* ethical — mostly because of the potential harm it could cause a cloned child. Another 13.6% argued that cloning is not a question of ethics, and 18.1% were unsure, or gave no clear answer.

Here's a representative array of responses, each one displaying the unique intellectual DNA of the respondent. (No cloned answers allowed.)

■ Cloning is the only way some infertile couples can have children. Whose rights are they violating when they try to have a baby through cloning? Obviously, nobody's. Ironically, it is the "family value crowd" that is most against cloning and most inclined to impose their views on other people. Shouldn't all Americans be free to procreate?

— JAN HELFELD, Falls Church, Virginia

■ Genetically improved children are unethical. So? Is the "Majestic Association of Maternal Aristocrats" a better judge than me what is good for me? MAMA always has my best interest at heart and will send men with guns to put me in prison for my own good. If a good argument where it can hurt other people can be made, I'm for it being banned. If banning it would protect me from myself, well you can guess what I think of MAMA state.

— WILLIAM BERRY, Los Angeles, California

■ Is cloning ethical? I don't understand the question. How is my decision to have a child a function of ethics?

— ADAM H. NORWOOD, Jacksonville, Florida

■ Reproductive cloning has no real benefit and runs the risk of creating mutilated children. Parents have no right to break their children's legs, likewise they have no right to clone until the technology is shown to be as safe as other reproductive procedures. Conversely, cloning to produce stem cells (not embryos) could lead to tissues being grown in the laboratory for rejection-free organ transplants. People should be free to pursue this humane and beneficial research.

— ALEX SMALL, Goleta, California

■ On the morality side of the issue, I'm still undecided. If cloning and genetic engineering are illegal, a black market will almost certainly appear, as evidenced by the War on Drugs, Prohibition, gambling, Cuban cigars, etc. Of course, the other issue questions whether the preborn person is being violated by genetic engineering. This is a moral decision that must not be left unto the government, and it's an issue where individuals must take responsibility and decide for themselves.

— JAMES CHRISTIAN, Princeton, Texas

■ Is cloning ethical? Of course it is, for the same reason that abortion isn't. With cloning one is creating a new life; with abortion one is destroying it. I am at loss to understand how rational creatures could pose such a question. It seems to be characteristic of any technological advance that it spawns crack-brained objections. For instance, the introduction of rail travel in Britain in the 19th century led to "reputable" physicians stating that the rapid speed of the trains (approaching 40 miles per hour) was unnatural and would lead to destruction of the passengers. We are now experiencing a great outpouring of analogous balderdash over advanced biological techniques, not because there is anything wrong with them, but because they are new.

— JEFFERY CROSS, Cleveland, Ohio

■ Is cloning ethical? I do not believe it is, for the simple reason we can't even make a government work. How can we be God?

— ROBERT W. WILLCUTT, Kemp, Texas

■ Is cloning ethical? Yes, cloning and genetic engineering can make an organ for organ donation in a sick and suffering child. A suffering  
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paralyzed adult in a wheelchair can get a broken spinal cord to work again. Growing a baby in the lab and checking for bad genes will work successfully. So cloning and genetic engineering will provide mankind great benefits if only allowed to be freely researched and implemented without government interference.

— RICHARD MUIR WYLER, Alexandria, Virginia

■ Is cloning ethical? It depends on your background. My background consists of health problems, both life threatening and others just extremely annoying. Therefore, if I had the opportunity to give my child a chance to bypass the asthma attacks or severe itching that accompanies eczema, then I would. Those without this background have no inherent sympathy for this circumstance. They need to be open-minded enough to see the other side of giving someone a fighting chance.

— KEVIN KURZAWA, Westminster, Colorado

■ I am not so much in favor of cloning as I am opposed to government prohibiting any research in cloning or genetic engineering because of someone's personal interpretation of their religion. I have not had sufficient scientific training in this field to be able to say whether cloning is good, but I am smart enough to know it, and feel that scientists are the ones who should be making the decisions.

— HOWARD ZIMMERMAN, Roanoke, Indiana

■ Cloning is the ultimate form of inbreeding, with even worse results. Sexual reproduction (meiosis) provides the new embryo with a new set of genetic material, not the worn out genes passed on to a clone. Cloning whole organisms is proving to be a disaster on practical grounds.

— JULIAN K. MARDOCK, McKinney, Texas

■ The question is not whether Libertarians support cloning and genetic engineering. The question is whether Libertarians support individual freedom and choice with respect to the use of these technologies.

— KERRY MACINTOSH, Half Moon Bay, California

## Oct. Question: A Better Platform?

At the recent National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, delegates approved what some observers called "historic" changes to the LP Platform. Specifically, they approved a one-sentence "Executive Summary" for each plank, and gave permission to the Platform Committee to work to create a new structure for each plank — consisting of the LP position, additional discussion of the issue, proposed solutions, and statements detailing what the party has already done on the topic. Question: Do you approve of these changes? Is it what our Platform needs to be a more effective outreach tool? Or, do you think the changes are a mistake? That is, do you think the Platform is still too radical, and needs to be completely overhauled to present a more "mainstream" face to voters? Or, on the flipside, do you think the Platform is excellent as it is, and these changes are an effort to "water down" the principles that Libertarians hold so dear?

■ QUESTION: What do you think about the changes to the LP Platform, approved at the recent National Convention? If you don't like them, what should be done to the LP Platform? And why? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)

■ DEADLINE: September 8, 2002

## Sept. Question: Improve 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? What part do you skip, or find most boring or irritating? Is something missing that ought to be in every issue? 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 like least? What one thing should be done to improve the newspaper? And why? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)

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Carl Drega decided that his frustration over a zoning dispute was more important than the lives of four people and their families. Casting people like Carl Drega as a patriot does a great disservice to gun rights, property rights, and libertarian activists who are on the front lines working hard to return our country to greater freedom and liberty.

— BRENDAN KINNEY

South Burlington, Vermont

## ■ The wrong pledge

The current debate on the Constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance misses the point of what is really wrong with the pledge.

By pledging allegiance to flag and republic, people are being subjected to jingoistic nationalist indoctrination that makes them vulnerable to being led like sheep by a charismatic demagogue. We have something far better to make a pledge to, and I would like to suggest the following alternative:

"I pledge to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, and to respect the rights of others by never initiating force, nor perpetrating a fraud."

I think the above statement captures the essence of good citizenship that all Americans should aspire to.

— AVERY DAVIS

Tucson, Arizona

## ■ Goodbye, Medved

I have had it with Michael Medved.

For the past two or three years, Medved has been ranting that Libertarians were "losertarians" and complaining that voting for us is a waste of votes and that people need to vote for Republicans instead.

Well, we'll vote for Republicans when they clean up their act — and not before.

On June 20, Medved did it again, only this time he trashed the LP's "Incumbent Killer Strategy" on drug war goons. He even called Ron Crickenberger a liar because he couldn't comprehend the LP's "spoiler" concept.

Then he qualified his tirade with, "When the Libertarians quit running candidates and quit interfering with elections, then I'll quit talking about them."

Even though Medved sometimes pays lip service to libertarian ideas, he has proven himself to be totally unworthy as a freedom fighter, since he routinely crucifies the only political party that has stood foursquare for individual rights. He is now doing everything he can to destroy the 30 years of progress the LP has done to protect and preserve our rights.

I urge every Libertarian and every other freedom-minded American to call, write, and e-mail the general manager of every radio station that carries Medved and demand that he be taken off the air.

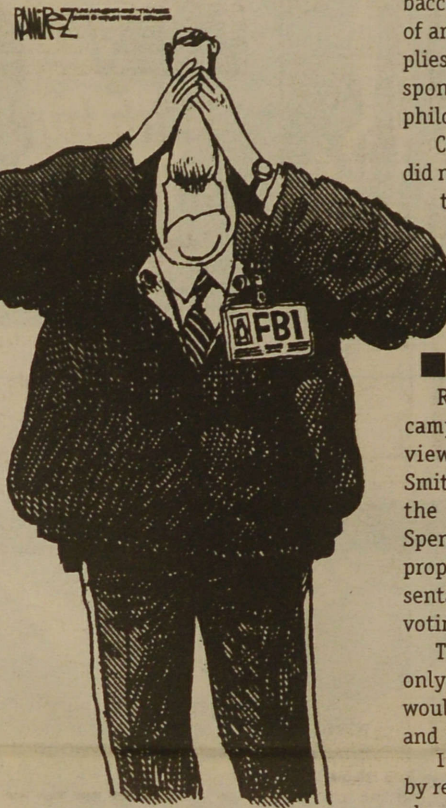
Libertarians should also make notes on what companies advertise on Medved's program and organize

whatever boycotts that may be needed to help get the job done.

Goodbye, Medved. Do something productive. Get yourself a \$5.15 an hour job at McDonald's taking orders for Quarter Pounders.

— JOHN MARTIN

Wetumpka, Alabama



## ■ Smoking lies

In the July 2002 issue of *LP News*, there is a long article on smoking ["Uncle Sam versus the Marlboro Man"].

In this article there appears the following verbiage: "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."

I disagree — they did not lie!

If the word "addictive" as it is used in the courts is to have any meaning, then it cannot be used to describe every activity in which there is a propensity to repeat the act once the act has been performed as your article seems to indicate.

The only reasonable legal defini-

tion of "addiction" is as follows: an act or practice which creates an uncontrollable propensity to repeat the act or continue the practice.

Smoking one or more cigarettes obviously does not create an uncontrollable propensity to smoke another cigarette. Too many people have quit smoking for that to be true, especially after they have been diagnosed with an illness and/or advised by their doctors or friends to quit.

Furthermore the belief that tobacco is addictive is simply a denial of any vestige of free will, which implies that the individual is not responsible for his own actions. This is philosophically unacceptable.

Consequently, the "Seven Dwarfs" did not lie, and the only lies that were told were told by those even smaller dwarfs who said the "Seven Dwarfs" had lied.

— C.T. SCARBOROUGH,  
Starkville, Mississippi

## ■ Choose them by lot

Regarding the review of a book on campaign finance reform [The Review: *Unfree Speech*, by Bradley Smith, July 2002], the best book on the subject is the book by Gerry Spence, *Give Me Liberty*, in which he proposed that the House of Representatives be chosen by lot, not by voting in an election.

The representatives would serve only one term for six years so there would be no campaigns, no elections and no incumbents.

I would amend Spence's proposal by requiring that the representatives chosen by lot be net taxpayers. This would exclude the military, the professors, the people who work for any level of government, and the people on welfare.

I also favor returning to the original method of selecting U.S. Senators by a vote of the state legislatures. That eliminates campaigns for senator.

— ALAN RICHTER

Spokane, Washington

## ■ Abortion hand-wringing

The LP has done a good deal of hand-wringing over the abortion issue, the latest example being a guest column in the June 2002 *LP News* [The Forum: "Rethinking the party's position on abortion and women's rights," by Doris Gordon].

The issue is easily resolved if we stop talking about abortion for a moment and consider what libertarians believe. How about a little Politics 101?

Libertarians by definition believe that the government should stay out of private citizens' business, both financial and social. Period.

Put this way, there is no question where the LP should stand on abortion: Oppose government funding, but also oppose any attempt to ban or regulate the practice.

So where does the problem arise? The problem arises because the LP's stands on income tax and gun control attract a lot of conservatives. Once in, they want to pick and choose the freedoms they support. But it doesn't work that way.

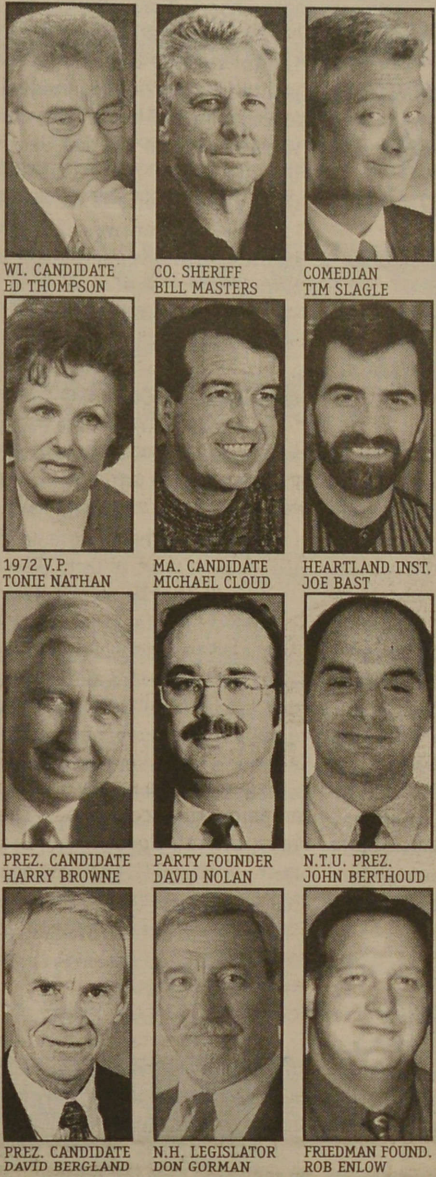
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says "Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything." That's the way we are. If you don't like the abortion and pot part of that message, you aren't libertarian.

I have no problem with "pro-lifers" if their approach to their beliefs is to try through persuasion to convince others to refrain. But if that isn't good enough, if they want government laws or policies which compel the general public to conform to their pressure group's ideas of "ethical" or "nice" or "wise," then they are not libertarians.

If the LP bows to arguments for "plurality" or "neutrality" it becomes simply a low-budget auxiliary of the Republican Party.

— ROBERT S. STONE  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

### ■ Abortion hypocrisy

Certainly all party members should join in applauding Doris Gor-

don for her Forum essay in last month's paper. That's where she had the clearheadedness to point out that the so-called "neutral" position on abortion in the present party platform is anything but neutral.

A truly neutral platform on this thorny issue is a must. Anything less would be pure hypocrisy.

— JOHN M. SIMMONS  
Sheffield, Vermont

### ■ Abortion attitude

A person whose political beliefs are rather jackbooted tried to interest me in voting for a pro-life Republican who is libertarian in other respects.

Libertarians believe in the right to be born. But sending Republicans out with clubs and stones to secure that right seems foreign to the thinking of moralists such as Jesus and Thomas Jefferson. Let the Republican who is without sin cast the first stone.

Turn on the tube and you'll find the free market striving to change your attitude toward everything from financial services to garden hoses. It is to advertising agencies, not Republicans, that pro-lifers want to turn.

— ROBERT G. DOSTAL  
Iowa City, Iowa

### ■ Get the word out

When I'm done reading *LP News* cover to cover, I leave it in a waiting room in a doctor's or dentist's office.

Most people think like us; they just don't know who we are.

— GENE FELLBAUM  
Webster, South Dakota

### ■ The wrong symbol?

Lady Liberty is one widely accepted symbol used by the Libertarian Party, which appears to be an appropriate choice. However, during the past several years of my membership in the LP, I have come to the conclusion that this choice of symbol for the LP is not the best choice. I would propose that a beggar's bowl would be more apropos.

Since becoming a member of the LP, I have been inundated by solicitations for money by candidates from California to Maine and points in between. This of course does not include the solicitations from the national LP, my state LP and my local LP. Experience suggests to me that the "rallying cry" of the LP isn't "give me liberty" but "give me money."

Is there a solution to this dilemma? The LP not only is associated with advocacy for individual liberty in the political realm, but also advocacy for capitalism and entrepreneurship in the economic realm. Perhaps, the LP should have a division or affiliated organization that devotes it-

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self to generating revenue through business and investment activities to help support the LP's political activities.

Surely, there are persons within the libertarian movement who have the experience and expertise to help put the LP on sound financial footing through enterprises that can generate a dependable revenue stream.

I suggest this not only for the national LP but for state LP organizations as well. Personally, I'd be happy to contribute to a fund that was going to be used to create a self-sustaining stream of revenue or purchase shares in such an enterprise.

— DAVID CENTER  
Conyers, Georgia

### ■ Is the LP too pure?

I read the June issue of *LP News*. In it, our candidates for National Chairman lamented the decline of our membership numbers.

Then I read yet another letter to the editor inviting those who disagree with what he felt were basic Libertarian Party positions, to resign. The message was clear, that "purity" in libertarian ideals is far more impor-

tant than building the party.

I am certainly not a "pure" Libertarian. In fact, it seems to me that purity in a party of individualists is an oxymoron. After all this time, are we still bent on the self-destructive impulse to test new members to see if they are "libertarian enough"?

If the party answers that question in the affirmative, perhaps it is time that I, too, resign.

— W. ANDREW MCCULLOUGH  
Midvale, Utah

### ■ Not a Neo-Con

In the *LP News* of June 2002, there appeared a letter-to-the-editor by Carter Mitchell of Gurnee, Illinois, "The War Party," that implied that I (and several others) were so "hawkish" that we were, in fact, "Neo-Cons."

Let me set the record straight:

I am a Libertarian at heart as well as a card-carrying LP member. More than that, I am an American, and I'm not going to sit idly by while religious fanatics commandeer her jets, kill her citizens and make rubble out of her skyscrapers.

No matter what your political persuasion is, one must face the reality that we are not dealing with rational, logical people. Sorry, but we must "fight fire with fire." We're in a street brawl, like it or not.

— FRED BLUESTONE  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

## Deregulating America

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American businesses — particularly small businesses.

A poll by the National Association of Manufacturers revealed that almost half its smaller members delayed hiring new workers because of regulations. Another 23% said the cost of red tape had caused them to cut their workforces.

Other companies, particularly large corporations, may relocate production facilities overseas, out of the regulatory reach of the U.S. government.

According to former LP presidential candidate and financial expert Harry Browne, "The dominant cause of company relocations has been the regulatory load piled on American businesses. This, combined with ever-increasing taxes, has created burdens that many companies find unbearable — which forces them to move abroad or go out of business."

### Unwilling

Despite the valuable benefits that would result from a program of aggressive deregulation, politicians of both major parties have proven unwilling to pursue such a program.

Did you know that the administration of George Bush the First endorsed more costly regulatory legislation than had any other administration since Richard Nixon — also a Republican? Let no one say that the GOP is the enemy of the regulated society.

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In a Libertarian America, the consumer would serve as the "regulator" of the market — by making informed

choices about who he or she is willing to do business with. Americans would not be forced to take risks they are uncomfortable taking, and each person would be free to tailor decisions to his or her needs.

Furthermore, a Libertarian economy would be teeming with independent organizations that consumers could consult to make sure the products they are buying are safe and effective — organizations like Underwriter's Laboratory, Consumer's Union, and others.

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This vision of the privately regulated society was laid out in *Private Regulation: A Real Alternative for Regulatory Reform* by Yesim Yilmaz.

"Private organizations can oversee market participants' actions by processes such as certification, brand approval, and standard setting; impose enforceable sanctions; and ensure that businesses deliver what they promise," he wrote.

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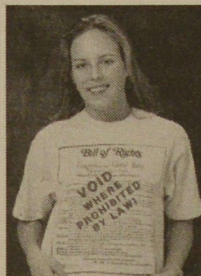
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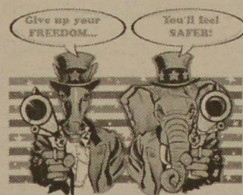
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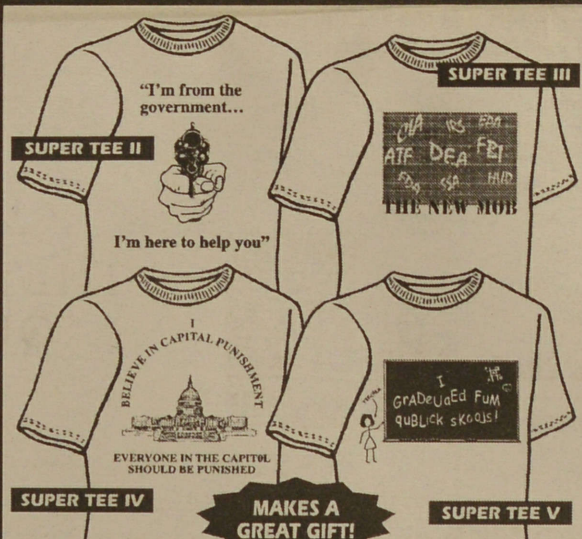


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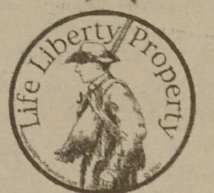
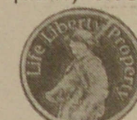
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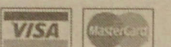


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— BOB EWEGEN, *The Denver Post*, May 18, 2002

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— WAYNE LAUGESSEN, *Boulder Weekly* (Colorado), May 30, 2002