Browne keeps pressure on for entry into debate

arry Browne, the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, wants to be in the presidential debates starting next month, and he and Libertarians nationwide are working hard to make it happen.

"People, Libertarians and otherwise, are working very hard around the country," said Sharon Ayres, Browne campaign director. "Harry is booked solidly just about every day on radio shows. He has over 100 radio talk show hosts, so far, who have publicly said, 'I want Harry in the debates.' Many of them have also said, 'I'm going to vote

The list of talk radio hosts calling for Browne to be invited into the debates includes David Brudnoy, Zoh Hieronimus, Lionel, Lowell Ponte, Mike Foudy, Carl Wiglesworth, Gene Burns, Oliver North, Michael Reagan, Mary Matalin, Art Bell, Neal Boortz, Irv Homer, Lee Mirabel, and even syndicated radio humorist "Greaseman."

And Hugh Downs, host of the popular "20/20" news show, called for Browne's inclusion in the debates in a commentary on the nationally syndicated ABC Radio Network. In early August he said on the air, "People who are sick and tired of listening to liberals and conservatives now listen to something completely different. Many of them are listening to Harry Browne. Some Americans who have read his book, 'Why Government Doesn't Work,' are

wondering why they ever voted for those other two parties. Let's hope the debates in October include people like...the Libertarian candidate Harry Browne."

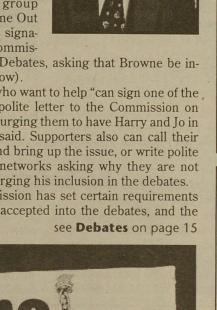
"We're working to create a growing drumbeat of desire to see Harry Browne in the debates," Ayres said.

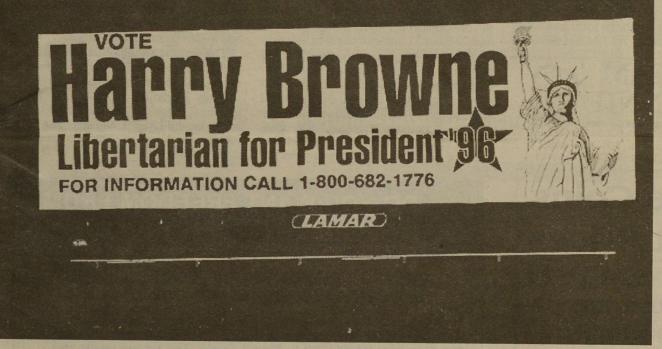
An independent group called Stop the Browne Out is gathering petition signatures to send to the Commis-

sion on Presidential Debates, asking that Browne be included (see story below).

And Libertarians who want to help "can sign one of the petitions or write a polite letter to the Commission on Presidential Debates urging them to have Harry and Jo in the debates," Ayres said. Supporters also can call their local radio stations and bring up the issue, or write polite letters to the major networks asking why they are not covering Harry and urging his inclusion in the debates.

The debate commission has set certain requirements for candidates to be accepted into the debates, and the





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VOLUNTEER EFFORT - One of the largest Libertarian Party advertisements in history was completed on Aug. 1 as a 12-by-40-foot Harry Browne for President billboard went up on Interstate 40 in Tennessee. The billboard is located about 20 miles east of Nashville and can be viewed as you drive west. Interstate 40 spans the country and, according to the company that produced the billboard, an estimated 30,000 vehicles pass by each day. The sign will be in place through election day. Libertarian Party of Tennessee volunteers who contributed \$100 or more for the ad include: John Behnke, Greg Benson, Scott Benson, Hal and Mary Benson, Bill Campbell, Henry Coffer, George Collins, Peggy Garner, Kevin Gallagher, Billy Hollis, Vernie Kuglin, Deryl Martin, Shawn O'Neal, Lisa Thorne, Therese Tlapek, and Steve Trinward.

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Access efforts nearly complete

As of mid-August, the Libertarian Party had submitted or was ready to submit ballot petitions in all but four states, according to Kris Williams, who was heading up the ballot access efforts at the LP national headquar-

The four remaining states were New York, Virginia, Minnesota, and Rhode Island. Williams did not foresee any problems with completing the drives in any of those four states.

In Arizona, the state party officially submitted its candidates for presidential electors three business days past the deadline. The secretary of state refused to forgive the oversight and ruled the LP should not appear on the ballot.

John Buttrick, LP member and lawyer, filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the decision. The court sided with the Libertarian Party and signed an order compelling the secretary of state to reverse the action.

That means "Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen will be on the ballot this November," said Buttrick.

There were, however, still a few concerns about achieving 50-state ballot status.

In Florida, a lawsuit was still pending concerning the substitution of the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates. The Libertarian Party will be on the ballot, but if the substitution is not allowed, Ed Clark, the party's stand-in candidate, will be on the November ballot instead of Harry Browne.

"Since the state has an interest in preventing voter confusion," wrote Richard Winger, editor of Ballot

see Access on page 2

Stop the Browne Out at debates

A nationwide citizen pressure group has been formed to help include the Libertarian Party presidential ticket of Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen in this fall's presidential debates.

Stop the Browne Out (STBO) is a group founded in mid-July that is working on a variety of fronts to persuade the Commission on Presidential Debates to make its debates more open and democratic.

"We are doing what's necessary to help ensure that Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen will have the chance to speak to the American people," said Gene Trosper, national coordinator of STBO. "Our main tool of action is the petition process.

We are currently gathering signatures in neighborhoods, shopping centers, and even on the Internet.

"The work may be time consuming, but the potential impact this can have is well worth the effort," Prosper said.

"Equally important, STBO is offering local affiliate parties a ready-made publicity vehicle and party building tool. Because of contacts made through STBO, a new county LP chapter has been formed in South Carolina," Trosper said.

Coordinators for STBO include Trosper, of Wildomar, CA; Mary Lou Seymour, of Bath, SC; Rock Howard, of Austin, TX; and Tim Barber, of San Diego, CA.

Stop the Browne Out is totally independent of the Browne/Jorgensen campaign and the national Libertarian Party.

The petition gathering effort will end on Sept. 10. To sign up on-line, check out the website at http://www.twr.com/STBO, or send Trosper a written notice stating: "I support including Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen in the presidential debates." The statement must be signed and include both the town and state of residence.

Mail your support statement to: Gene Trosper, 34159 Olive Grove Road, Wildomar, CA 92595.

Libertarians hosting more talk radio

Three new voices have joined the growing chorus of libertarian talk radio show hosts across America. And unlike some hosts who merely expound the libertarian philosophy, all three are card-carrying members of the Libertarian Party.

Most prominent among the three is Zoh Hieronimus, a long-time talk show host on WCBM in Baltimore, MD. She officially joined the party to a burst of rapturous applause during the LP's national convention in July.

Moving in the other direction-from Libertarian to talk show host-were two LP state chairs, Wayne Parker in Louisiana and Robert Jones in Arkansas, who parlayed their Libertarian beliefs into radio

Hieronimus made the loudest splash as a new Libertarian talk show host. Broadcasting from the floor of the party's national convention in Washington, DC, she joined the party on the air on July 5.

To her listening audience, Hieronimus said, "I hope that many of you will realize as I have that this is the third party, that this is

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As she signed the party's membership form, a packed audience of on-looking LP members burst into applause, while soonto-be presidential candidate Harry Browne sat smiling beside her.

Hieronimus decided to join the party, she said, because of "concern for our nation's solidarity, our national security, and our fiscal health. I was a registered Democrat who voted Republican [but] no longer felt that either party or its leadership had a grasp of lawful governance.

Who needs a third party?" asked Hieronimus. "America does!"

Hieronimus—who has been nicknamed "Lady Liberty" by listeners—said her radio show discusses politics as well as "government cover-ups, foreign relations, and the frontiers of space and human development.

"I am opinionated but tolerant of others' points of view," she said. "To me, talk radio is a type of virtual city-state. We help shape each other's opinions and actions by touching each other's hearts and minds."

"America's Top Ten Talkers" by Media Bypass magazine, and Baltimore magazine described The Zoh Show as "the most distinctive radio program on local airwaves." She can be heard on WCBM AM-680 from

Hieronimus has been called one of

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In Louisiana, Wayne Parker took a more -convoluted route to the job of Libertarian talk show host. The state chair since 1994, Parker became a full-time talk show host in early 1996 following a successful career as an instructor at a nuclear power plant.

"I've been promoting libertarianism for the past nine years in any medium I could find," he said. "I started by writing letters to the editor. When I couldn't get published as often as I wanted, I found a local advertising journal which published my 1,000word column once a week. From there I was noticed by an independent radio station. After doing a 20-minute, recorded, weekly show for almost a year, I made my move to doing six live shows a week [at KTLD in Alexandrial."

Although becoming a radio talk show host on a small station in a small market was a financially risky move, Parker said he has no regrets.

"I realized that I had a unique opportunity to do more with my life than [make] a lot of money," he said. "I figured I would much rather look back on my life and feel I'd accomplished something meaningful."

Parker said his show is "totally politics"—and that he takes a long-range view when it comes to educating his listeners.

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Access News, "it is difficult to imagine how the state will justify its refusal to permit the Libertarian Party to let Clark withdraw in favor of the actual presidential candidate."

The biggest concern was in West Virginia, where the party has asked the state Supreme Court to order Harry Browne on the ballot as the party's presidential nominee. Although the party collected enough valid petitions, the state has said it won't put Browne's name on the ballot because he failed to file a declaration of candidacy and a \$2,000 filing fee by July 3.

The party is arguing that the fee is unconstitutional—major party nominees don't pay it to get on the ballot-and that the July 3 deadline for paying the fee is irrational, since the petition for president is not due until Aug. 1, and since the party didn't even know who its nominee was until July 6.

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Explosive growth for College Libertarians

The College Libertarians of America (CLA) has grown by more than 20 percent over the last month, with more clubs signing up following an article in the NEWS about the new college organization.

"I am very excited about the growth that we are experiencing," said CLA founder and national organizer Stephen Wilcox. "It appears that we will meet our goal of 50 clubs by the November elections.'

Eight new colleges have joined the CLA. boosting to 45 the number of clubs that plan to be in action when school resumes in September.

Colleges with new Libertarian organizations include such well-known schools as Notre Dame and the University of Texas as well as smaller schools such as Webster University in Missouri.

Existing clubs at MIT, the American University, the University of Virginia, and numerous others also will continue to be active on their campuses, said Wilcox, 21, a student at the American University in Washington, DC.

'LP Day' set in Co

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Libertarian Party in their city, Aug. 15, 1996, was proclaimed Libertarian Party Day in Westminster, CO.

The official proclamation commemorating the event was presented to state party officials—Bette Rose Smith, Cooper Jager, and W. Earl Allen-at a city council meeting in mid-August.

Westminster City Councilmembers Gary Smith and Glen Scott spearheaded the effort to recognize the party's anniversary after watching television coverage of the party's presidential nominating convention.

The official proclamation recognizing Libertarian Party Day reads:

"Whereas, the Libertarian Party birthplace was Westminster, CO, 25 years ago;

Whereas, a group of five young Republicans met at David Nolan's Westminster residence and decided to start a new party on August 15, 1971; and

Whereas, in spite of the extremely long odds against them, this group of people attempted to offer a wider range of choices in politics; and

Whereas, the Libertarian Party has been the greatest success story of its kind; and

Whereas, the Libertarian Party has grown to be America's third largest politi-

Whereas, the Libertarian Party's strength and support are approximately equal to that of all other alternative parties combined.

Now, Therefore, the Westminster City Council does hereby proclaim August 15, 1996 as 'Libertarian Party Day' in the city of Westminster, Colorado, to acknowledge the beginning of the Libertarian Party in the City of Westminster and recognizes the 25th anniversary of the Libertarian Party.'

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"This does not, however, mark the end of the organizing effort," Wilcox said. "Schools that already have an active College Libertarian club, or that wish to start one, still should contact me by e-mail at <sw3137a@american.edu>.'

Wilcox also can be reached at the national office at 202-333-0008, Ext. 236.

The CLA will serve as a central clearinghouse for college groups, will maintain email lists of college Libertarians, and will provide support, suggestions, and materials for new and existing college groups.

"I want to challenge every college-bound Libertarian to be active in the CLA," Wilcox said. "Each one of you can make a difference. Let's take the debate to the College Republicans and College Democrats, and

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show everyone that we are a group to be reckoned with on a national scale.'

With the start of the fall semester, CLA activities will take a sharp upturn. "Planned activities include the production of an email newsletter, the promotion Harry Browne's campaign in every way possible, as well as working with local LP candidates," Wilcox said. "I envision a very active CLA, one that makes a difference in the fight for individual liberty."

College students are not the only ones who can help the CLA, Wilcox said.

'State chairs, local chairs, indeed all Libertarians, can help out by volunteering to speak at meetings, help put students in contact with other speakers, or just help copy and put up posters. If we all work together, this organization can give the College Republicrats a run for their money," he said.

A Call to Action

Attention College Students! Are you active in, or would you like to start, a Libertarian student group on your campus? Join the new

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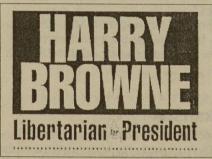


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Mark Thornton, LP candidate for U.S. Senate, grabbed media attention by stating, "Send me to Washington and I'll get things undone."

Thornton, an economics professor at Auburn University, is the LP state chair. In 1984, he ran for U.S. House, and in 1988 he was elected constable in Lee County.

He said his strongest selling point is his knowledge of the issues, and his opponents lack of knowledge.

"They are afraid to debate me," Thornton said. "It's too much of a risk. They're not going to want to debate the issues with me and take the chance of exposing themselves.

Thornton campaigned full time this summer, but he will be back teaching this fall. For more information, call 334-270-8643.

Arkansas

Because of its phenomenal growth during the past year, the state party recently met to elect additional officers and develop plans to promote the party and LP campaign. Robert Jones continues as chair and Kerry Kerstetter remains treasurer. New officers include: Cliff Biedenharn, vice chair; Ron Bartels, secretary; Sylvia Brown, District 2 Rep.: Rodney Wimberly. District 4 Rep.; and Tim Kezele, webmaster.

Chair Robert Jones has his own radio talk show on weekday mornings from 7 to 8 a.m. on KFAY-1030 AM in Fayetteville. Listeners get a daily dose of libertarianism, and during the LP national convention heard live daily reports from Cliff Biedenharn, state vice chair, from Washington, DC. Jones would welcome calls from any NEWS reader at 800-707-5329.

Source: affiliate officer



National pulse

News from the states

California

Members of the LP of Loomis (95650) participated in the Plum Peachy Day Festival. Of the almost 100 people who participated in the political survey, 39 percent scored libertarian. An informal presidential poll also was conducted by collecting a penny a vote. LP candidate Harry Browne received 450 "votes", while Bob Dole got 222 and Bill Clinton got 195. The event was coordinated by LP activists Bruce Daniel, Rick Hughson, Robert Page, Priscilla and Damon Falconi, and Clyde Smith.

Source: affiliate release

Delaware

In a move unprecedented in Delaware Libertarian history, Dr. Mark Jones has resigned his assistant professorship from Goldey-Beacom College in order to campaign full time in his bid for the U.S. Senate.

Jones' decision marks the first time in the state party's history that a Delaware LP candidate has chosen to campaign on a fulltime basis. Jones says the Senate race is "too important" for him to do any less.

Jones accepts his underdog status but says, "It's a matter of principle and priority. Restoring governmental adherence to the Bill of Rights is more important to me than my temporary security of a paycheck, and it would be best for me and the students for me to resign while campaigning for the Senate seat.

"In the long run," Jones added, "we will all be safer and more secure when government is limited to only its proper functions."

The 31-year-old Jones holds a Ph.D. in

computer science from the University of Delaware. He began his teaching career at Delaware State and has been at Goldey-Beacom in Wilmington for two years.

In his letter to the college, Jones said, "This may be the historic moment when it's possible to move toward a less intrusive, more respectful, and more tolerant government."

For more information, e-mail <campaign@jones96.com> or <richs@ssnet.com>.

Source: candidate

Florida

At the state LP convention, Jim Alsis, LP of Palm Beach County chair, was named Florida Libertarian of the Year. Alsis has spent three years turning his affiliate into one of the most active in the state.

Also at the convention, longtime LP activist Dianne Pilcher received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Idaho

The state LP had a booth at the Western Idaho Fair in Boise in late August. Volunteers distributed literature and conducted a political survey to identify voters with libertarian leanings.

Source: affiliate officer

Illinois

Because of state election laws, while Harry Browne, Jo Jorgensen, and U.S. Senate candidate Robin Miller enjoy automatic statewide ballot status for the 1996 election, candidates for all local offices still are regarded as "new party" candidates and must submit petitions signed by about 10 percent of the registered voters in each election district. Despite this obstacle, a

record number of Libertarian candidates are filing in races for the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as for state senate and state representative seats.

In Chicago and suburbs alone, as many as 25 candidates have committed to run and were to submit petitions by the Aug. 5 deadline. Several months ago, the LPI lost its first lawsuit challenging current election laws.

In Winnebago County, which includes the state's second-largest city, Rockford, Libertarian candidates are running for 11 of 14 county positions. Winnebago County is intersected by several U.S. congressional districts, and winning 5 percent of the vote for a county office would provide automatic ballot status for all intersecting congressional districts in the county in the next, 1998 election.

In Peoria and Springfield, newspapers covered the Libertarian national convention. In addition, a large-circulation Elgin daily paper featured an interview with Libertarians in its Sunday lifestyle section. The reporter interviewed an LP group, asking why they had given up on the major parties, and gave a sympathetic presentation of their responses accompanied by large color photos.

Source: affiliate newsletter editor

Indiana

Tom Lehman, LP candidate for U.S. House, District 5, announced his campaign by stating, "If the people of Indiana really want lower taxes and less federal government, the Libertarian Party is the only choice. Both the Democrats and Republicans have a 100-year track record of more spending, more taxes, and bigger government."

Lehman said, "Libertarians will not be see Affiliates on page 5

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Lehman is a licensed insurance agent and also serves as an adjunct professor of economics and history at Indiana Wesleyan University.



Tom Lehman

Lehman said his experience in studying and teaching economics led him to embrace the libertarian philosophy.

He said, "The free market is the greatest representation of the Golden Rule ever devised by man: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' The free market says, 'Exchange unto others as you would have them exchange unto you.' What was true in the former Soviet Union is no less true in America: Government controlled economies don't work. Free markets do."

For more information, call 317-674-0053, or e-mail <tlehman@comteck.com>.

Paul Zimmerman, LP candidate for U.S. House, District 2, reacting to the bombing at the Olympics, called on President Clinton and other legislators "to resist knee jerk, unconstitutional reactions to this outrage." Zimmerman said that while the

bombing was a "hateful, criminal act," it is at times like these "that our liberties are most at risk."

For more information, call Zimmerman at 317-640-0523.

Source: candidate

Kentucky

The state party manned a booth in early August at the largest public political forum held in the state, the Fancy Farm Picnic, which is held annually.

Five LP members, headed by Roger Schattilly, worked for eight hours. Speakers at the event included Gov. Paul Patton and the Democrat and Republican senatorial candidates. Barred from speaking were all third-party candidates, including LPU.S. Senate candidate Dennis Lacy.

The LP booth was the hit of the third-party exhibits. Many people stated that the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" was the most interesting exhibit on the gounds. Seventy-two people took the quiz, with 24 scoring libertarian.

"The positive image of the LPK and the Advocates for Self-Government was probably the greatest benefit gathered from the day," according to LP member Carl T. Wimmer

The many media contacts made at the event "will let Kentuckians know the Libertarian Party is here and on a roll," Wimmer said. The media were surprised that LP candidates were not allowed to speak at the event, Wimmer explained, since the picnic is always advertised as open to all candi-

dates. The state party will be working with Fancy Farms officials to open the process in the future.

Source: affiliate news release

Maryland

In late July, LP State Chair **Jesse Markowitz** reached net surfers worldwide with the Libertarian message as a guest on GRIT, Gould Resources and Internet Telecommunications. GRIT, located at http://www.grit.com, is a live-stream audio netcast that hosts shows on current events, law, music, and exercise.

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Source: affiliate officer

Missouri

In mid-July, the National Rifle Association (NRA) endorsed **Dean Scott Hodge**, LP candidate for state house, District 80. The NRA explained its endorsement by stating that Hodge has shown he understands "the difference between the failed proposals of those who offer more 'gun control' and the proven, tough-on-crime remedies that can make the streets of Missouri safe again."

Hodge was surprised by the endorse-

ment because the NRA had refused to endorse him in his last two bids for the state house. "It's about time that the NRA recognized that the Libertarian Party is 100 percent for self-defense and for gun owners' rights," said Hodge. "I hope that this is not a fluke, but the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship."

For more information, contact the Committee to Elect Dean Scott Hodge, P.O. Box

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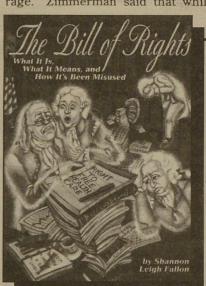
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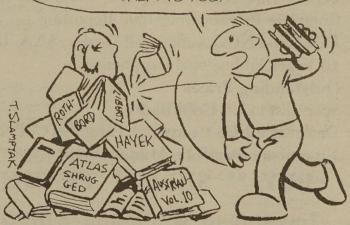
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Source: candidate

New Jersey

LP member John Paff has made a proposal to the Franklin Township Council to require township prosecutors, judges, and attorneys to disclose their disciplinary histories as a condition of employment. The council is considering the proposal, which has the support of the mayor.

Paff is the vice chair of the LP of Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

"These are people who are put in positions of power," Paff said. "You have a duty to protect the public."

Under the proposal, lawyers seeking municipal employment would have to waive confidentiality of their ethical background checks. The council would review the reports in executive session, then decide whether or not to hire the lawyer. If the lawyer were rejected, the contents of the report would remain confidential, but if the township hired the lawyer, the report would become public record.

Township Manager John Lovell said the ethics reports could be useful. "What you will have is a greater amount of information on which to base your decision," he said.

Source: affiliate officer

New Mexico

Ed Nagel, LP candidate for U.S. House, District 3, is campaigning not for lower taxes or a flat tax, but for a new "round tax-0 percent." Nagel is the principal of the private Santa Fe Community School and an activist for the school-state separation movement.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Ohio

The central region affiliate participated in the Columbus Community Festival for the fifth consecutive year, and this year earned nearly \$1,400 operating a wine concession. More than 20 members volunteered during the three-day event either selling wine, gathering signatures, or doing outreach. The effort was headed by Scott Smith, Steve Scott, Tom Zuber. Heather Loughley, Ronda Birr, and Dena Bruedigam.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Pennsylvania

In mid-July at the Civil War Memorial in Doylestown, Richard J. Piotrowski announced the filing of his ballot petitions for

"The Civil War Memorial was chosen," said Piotrowski, "because it symbolizes a war fought in part to emancipate a people which government by law allowed to be held as slaves. Today, many laws of government are just as unjust and immoral as those laws making slavery legal."

Piotrowski briefly outlined his campaign issues around the theme, "The Only Difference." These issues include: the relative imminent collapse of Social Security; the attacks on our constitutionally protected and inalienable rights of freedom of speech, privacy, and self-protection as proven by passage of the Communications Decency Act, the Exclusionary Reform Act of 1995, and gun control legislation; the "war on people" disguised as the insidious war on drugs; and a tax system that consumes up to 48 percent of our wages to fund these

Piotrowski said that he is proud to be a candidate for the party that even its opponents say is a "party of principle."

"What sets Libertarians like myself apart from the candidates of other parties," he said, "is we seek government office not to govern over the personal and economic affairs of others, but to protect individuals and businesses from an over zealous government. I'm proud to be a Libertarian."

For more information, call 215-529-5966.

Source: candidate

Rhode Island

Michael Rollins of Providence is the LP's candidate for U.S. House in District 1. He collected more than 500 valid signatures to get on the ballot. His campaign already has received good media coverage by newspapers in Newport and Providence.

David Bibeault of Smithfield is running for the state assembly in District 69. The assembly—and state senate—have been controlled by the Democrats for decades. The Democrats hold 80 percent of

The following new state party officers were elected in mid-August: Bob Rilee, chair; Michael Rollins, vice chair: Pat LeBlanc, secretary; John DeMeo, treasurer; and David Bibeault, member at

Source: affiliate officer

West Virginia

Dr. Joe Whelan, LP candidate for state senate in District 9, will be in a two-way race this fall against the Democratic incumbent.

Whelan, a Beckley psychiatrist, recently outlined his campaign platform, highlighted by a focus on jobs, health care, and the Bill of Rights. Whelan's jobs program calls for the elimination of the business and occupation tax and excessive regulations.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Wyoming

After nearly three months of waiting for a reply, the Laramie County Libertarians have been thrown by a bucking bronco. In response to a letter written April 30, the University of Wyoming wrote the party on July 22 regarding the party's use of Wyoming's "trademark" bucking horse and rider (see May 1996 NEWS).

The secretary of state's office and the university continue to insist that the party request "approval" from the state to use mailing label replicas of Wyoming's vehicle license plate with the famous silhou-

"We innocently assumed, after three months, that the secretary and the university had come to realize how absolutely ridiculous this all was," said Craig McCune, vice chair. "We thought reasonable minds had prevailed, and that the demand had been quietly withdrawn."

"I guess this represents the kind of 'victory' the state claimed in its 'battle' with Guess jeans company," said Kevin Burt, chair. "No logo; no royalties; some vic-

McCune, the party nominee for Wyoming House District 42, added "The state 'suggested' we not 'affiliate' ourselves with the bronco. It kind of feels like losing your citizenship."

Burt has researched the bronco to World War I and he continues to have doubts about the state's purported "ownership."

Rhonda McCune, treasurer, indicated she was in contact with Ann Cason, of Bean Station, TN, the artist who created the "Liberty Penguin."

"She has been very accommodating, and has granted permission to use the penguin-even for fund-raising. She has a better business sense than some state officials." McCune said she would seek a refund for unused labels.

Craig McCune said he would urge the party to end the fight. "I never want to get into a situation of wasting the taxpayers' money; that's government's 'business'."

Burt said while he thought liberty still existed in the Equality State, he asked, "Are there penguins in Wyoming?"

Source: affiliate officer

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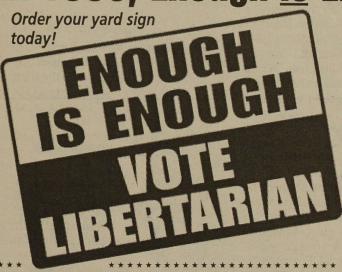


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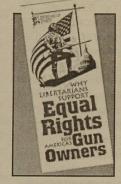
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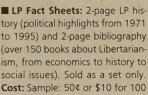


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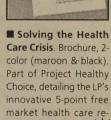
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Liberty and security: Can we have both?

BY TONIE NATHAN

n a Sunday television program, a former Cabinet member, commenting on the pipe bomb that went off in an Atlanta park, pointed out that there is a fine line between the freedom to move around in the nation without stringent security searches and the surveillance necessary to protect the public

"We're going to have to do some things that some people, who might be called libertarians, would not like. But nonetheless we're protecting the people and that's the job of government," said former Secretary of the Treasury William Simon.

Security and protection from criminals has always been a major concern of every peaceful person. But how do we provide it? To what extent should we consent to the increasing power of the federal government to tap our phone lines, examine our baggage, stop and search our vehicles and develop FBI files on peaceful citizens?

As a former vice presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, I resent the implication that Libertarians are so anti-government that they are unconcerned with public safety. We agree with Simon that public safety is the major reason people organize governments and submit to their authority. However, we also note that it is often necessary to repudiate governmental edicts when they become unjust and too intrusive, as the colonists did in 1776.

Thomas Jefferson, who understood the fine line between protecting public safety

Commentary

and invading individual privacy, wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "Government derives its just power from the consent of the governed." But few officials, from the president on down, are talking about gaining the consent of individual citizens as they propose new intrusive laws to control potential terrorists.

Let us recall that it is always during times of crisis that governments grow in power and control. And the growth takes place step by step, little by little, so that we scarcely notice it until, all of a sudden, we finally realize we are under the control of a police state. This is why we should all be very wary of any suggestion by politicians that "everything necessary" to combat terrorism will be done.

A growing fear of terrorism is exactly the kind of situation that encourages wily politicians to erode the civil liberties this country has always cherished. In the name of "protecting the public," they may enact "anti-terrorism" measures that, later, we may have cause to regret.

If the above scenario seems unrealistic, the reader should recall the many occasions in history that recount similar instances of power grabbing during periods of "crisis." In 1932, Adolph Hitler became a dictator by using the Reichstag Fire, portrayed as a communist plot, as an excuse for a decree overriding all guarantees of

Proposals attack innocent Americans

President Bill Clinton and congressional Republicans are using the recent attacks on TWA Flight 800 and the Olympic games to try to pass a "wish list" of unconstitutional legislation under the guise of fighting terrorism, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne charged re-

"If we're not careful, half of the Bill of Rights will fall victim to the frantic desire of Republican and Democratic politicians to appear tough on terrorists," he warned.

Browne spoke out against a wide range of so-called "anti-terrorist" proposals from the White House and congressional Republicans—including roving wiretaps, no-. warrant wiretaps, extending RICO laws to terrorists, Internet censorship, government-mandated taggants, and efforts to weaken computer privacy.

"Each of these proposals is an attack on the rights of innocent Americans masquerading as an attack on guilty terrorists," Browne said. "Add them all together, and you have a Republican and Democratic wish list to increase the power of government at the expense of the Bill of Rights.

"But the Bill of Rights is a literal and absolute document. The First Amendment doesn't say you have a right to speak out unless the government has a 'compelling interest' in censoring the Internet. The Second Amendment doesn't say you have the right to keep and bear arms until some madman plants a bomb. The Fourth Amendment doesn't say you have a right to be secure from search and seizure unless some FBI agent thinks you fit the profile of a terrorist. The government has no right to interfere with any of these freedoms under any circumstances," Browne said.

The Libertarian candidate said the "antiterrorist" proposals—and the bi-partisan haste to pass them into law—dramatically illustrate the importance of having another choice in the 1996 presidential race.

'Clinton has gotten into a bidding war with Newt Gingrich, Bob Dole, and other Republicans to see who can repeal your rights fastest. Neither of the two older parties will defend the Bill of Rights. Only a Libertarian will speak out against this headlong rush towards a police state," he said.

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There is no reason for the federal government to assume more power at the expense of our liberties because of the recent apparent terrorism. There are many policies that can reduce terrorism in the future, but only the Libertarian Party is promoting

First, only the Libertarians support a policy of non-intervention overseas. We would bring home all American troops to defend this nation. Troops abroad become tripwires involving us in foreign quarrels that are not our concern and our military presence overseas often breeds hatred that results in terrorist reaction. Americans doing business abroad must depend on the countries they deal with to provide any needed security.

Second, only the Libertarians promote the concept of a truly free market. The government should not interfere with the safety policies of airlines. No airline wants accidents. In a truly free market, the airlines will compete against each other to assure safety of travel just as the auto companies have competed to assure auto safety.

In a free market, there may be customers willing to accept delays caused by safety inspections that guarantee safer travel, while others may be willing to take chances on planes subject to less stringent requirements in order to save time. After all, some of us drive cars easily crushable by other, heavier cars. We make our choices and take our chances as we see fit.

In other areas—parks, public stadiums, concert halls, and other gathering places if fear grows about safety, those establishments will (if privately owned) take steps to allay fears by hiring more security and advertising the safety of their operations. If they don't, they will lose business.

A good example of security policy was shown more than 25 years ago when developers started building walled and fenced subdivisions that had guard houses at their entrances. Owners of homes within the developments knew that no one got in without a call from the guard or a pass. Similar guards were hired in high-rise apartment

houses. Millions of home owners are paying for private security systems, buying guard dogs, and taking other steps to ensure their own protection. None of this is because of government edicts. When people demand security, the market will furnish it.

Third, only the Libertarians are pledged to end the injustice that sets many citizens against their government. That injustice is best defined by a Frenchman who saw this nation rapidly turning to complete socialism in the 1840s. Here is what Frederic Bastiat had to say about the way government functions and the morality of its laws:

"Sometimes the law defends plunder and participates in it. . . But how is this legal plunder to be identified? See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them, and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime."

The Libertarian position is that many laws passed are, in fact, legal plunder. This unjust situation can only foment bitterness and unrest among those being plundered. In order to reduce any tendency toward lawlessness and to promote justice, Libertarians seek office to legally reduce the size and overregulation of government at all levels. A Libertarian administration would reduce the legal plunder and, thus, curb the growing resentment against govern-

This year, as we approach the end of the century, we have a chance to reaffirm the philosophy that made this country great and inspired the admiration of the whole world. Let us remember that those who want to exchange freedom for security will end up with neither, but a limited government that does not plunder its citizens is the best guarantee of both freedom and

Tonie Nathan was the 1972 vice presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party and is the first woman in U.S. history to win an Electoral College vote. She presently runs a public relations business in Eugene, OR.

1996 Libertarian Party candidates

The following is a list of Libertarian Party candidates for 1996. This is a preliminary list. Additional candidates will be listed in the October NEWS. If you have additions or corrections for this list, please send them to Libertarian Party NEWS, P.O. Box 3391, Gainesville, GA 30503.

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Letters

Readers comment on gay bashing, market share, more

Differences

It was fantastic being a delegate to the recent national convention. The LP is truly on the verge of becoming a major political party. I found it easy to envision those assembled as the people who will lead the way to freedom for our country

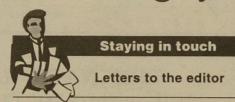
Without any desire to dampen our enthusiasm for our progress, I feel I must speak out against one particular attitude expressed by many on the convention

The clearest example of this attitude arose in the vote for our vice presidential nominee. Our choice was between Jo Jorgensen and None Of The Above, and I am very proud to have voted for Jo on the first ballot. I believe we all can agree that Jo Jorgensen is a true champion of liberty. Even so, the supporters of NOTA forced a standing vote after two voice votes had been taken

What bothered me was how many of my fellow Jorgensen supporters expressed irritation at this time consuming process. One delegate even openly declared his opinion that those who had forced the vote were "jerks" for doing so. I believe this attitude is inconsistent with the Libertarian philosophy.

The LP takes great pride in celebrating our differences. We explicitly, and rightly, vow to honor each others' choices. The supporters of NOTA wanted to make certain that they could stand up and be counted for their belief. They wished to remind us that all political power can only come from the consent of those governed

Unity is a wonderful thing, but it can never be an end unto itself. If we all agree on something, that's great. But if we don't,



then we are honor bound by our philosophy to respect our lack of unanimity. To do anything less makes us no better than the demagogues who use political power to force their views on the minority. Even if the vote was 500 to 1, we must still honor that one. Otherwise, we have no right to claim that we uphold the conscience of the individual.

Our respect for our differences is the strength of our party. As soon as we lose sight of this principle, we have lost our moral legitimacy, and we have failed to bring our people any closer to liberty. I trust that the activists of our party will never allow us to stray from this vision.

Sean Haugh Durham, NC

Gay bashing

This letter is written specifically for all you so called Libertarians who just happen to enjoy gay bashing.

Apparently, Richard Savadel, of Massapequa, NY, has little if any respect for the rights of others. Quoting him on his letter concerning gay marriage (Aug. 1996 NEWS), "We can only say that it is their problem if two gays want to fantasize that one of them is the opposite sex.

Mr. Savadel, do you have any understanding what the Libertarian Party stands for? The gays are seeking nothing more or less than the rest of us want, freedom to do with your own body and life what one wants, as long as it is not harming

You have a right to free speech, so do I. Therefore, Mr. Savadel, I think that you have a very sick sense of humor. You really disgusted me with your attempt at gay bashing. Gays have a history of being in the "closet" because of people like you.

Let's not forget Mr. Fred Godinez's letter, another failed attempt at gay bashing. I personally have a brother who is gay. By the way, this is not the reason for this letter. I have already addressed that in paragraph three above. However, I do not agree with your statement that the psychiatric society caved in to political pressure.

Speaking from personal experience only, I can definitely say that gays are born gay, such as heterosexuals are born heterosexual. They are not genetic freaks. They make up a large percentage of the human race. Unbeknownst to Fred, modern psychiatry was an avenue many gays used to help them come out of their so called closets. Can it be possible that the doctor learned from the patient?

They also do not have any hidden agenda to sully or trivialize the institution of marriage. Wake up, Fred! The divorce rate is on the up. Are the gays to blame for this? Hardly! A large percentage of marriages fail today because of economic reasons. Isn't our government the blame

Fred, can you honestly say that the "traditional" family is responsible for producing true and free independent people. You not only bashed the gays, you also bashed the non-traditional singleparent families.

If it is true that traditional families are responsible for producing free and independent people, why is it that our party even exists? We are free because we are born that way, period! Our party exists because we are losing our rights on a daily basis. And, who's taking them away? Last time I checked it was people like President Bill and Hillary Clinton. They are portrayed as members of your socalled traditional family.

In closing, I must state that I do not favor the government regulating marriage, whether it is that of a heterosexual couple or gay couple. If you are married and have children, Fred, I think you better drop this paper and go take out your trash or do the dishes since those free and independent children of yours do not have to.

H. Antoinette Hilmer LP State Rep. Candidate Pennsylvania, District 145 email: 750-0716@mcimail.com

Correction

In a letter to the editor from Fred Godinez in the August NEWS, a portion of a sentence was inadvertently omitted. To correct our error, we print the complete paragraph in question.

Has the homosexual lobby in this country weighed in on the side of limited constitutional government and private competitive enterprise? I think not. Do we, as advocates of "manly, ordered liberty," really wish to see debased an institution which has for so long stood as a bulwark against the encroachments of government, all in the name of conforming to some twodimensional, cartoon "libertarianism"? I

dearly hope not.

Fred Godinez San Diego, CA

Reason

As a subscriber to Reason magazine, I have come to the conclusion that their primary concern, at this time, is getting Republicans elected; not promoting a libertarian ethic.

I read Gillespie's article, Browne and Nolan's responses, and finally, Poole's long defense in the August NEWS. Seems to me that Poole is terrified at the prospect of seeing his circulation drop back to 12,000. This I know for sure. I'll not renew. I suggest that others follow suit.

Joseph Alter Delray Beach, FL

Market share

Politics is a lot like the software industry in that it operates under the theory of increasing returns. That is, the more market share one has, the more likely one is to gain further market share.

The cause of the attitude that makes people say "I agree with the Libertarians, but I don't want to waste my vote," is the same as the one that causes people to buy Windows when OS/2 and MacIntosh are better operating systems.

In order to break this cycle, companies like Netscape and Id software give away their products to gain market share. As crazy as that sounds, it works. Both companies are profitable. Part of the reason for their success is that they have good products, the other part is that they understand the market.

The Libertarian Party has a good product, but until it gains market share, it will never become the standard. One way we can do this is by dropping the cost of joining the party. Ask for a donation, but don't make it a prerequisite for membership.

No one will take us seriously if we have only 10,000 members. If we get 100,000 or a million, people will take notice regardless of whether the majority pay dues or not.

> Kevin Arvin kvnrvn@dmrtc.net

Speaking out

Whenever you are being questioned about the LP, always imagine you are speaking to a million people, even if you're just talking to one reporter. Answer the question as briefly as possible, giving enough information without volunteering something non-libertarians might not understand. Humor can be a nice way to attract attention, but it can be dangerous if you're not a pro.

Don't be fooled by journalists who act like "nice guys." They may be your best friend during an interview, but they're usually looking for a story-often a sensational one—and they'll clobber you if it means getting it.

Don't trust reporters, no matter how nice they seem. Use them to your own advantage when you can, but use your words carefully.

Gerald Shaw Boca Raton, FL

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Terrorism

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Responding to the specific "anti-terrorist" proposals, Browne said he opposes:

- So-called "roving" wiretaps, which would allow police to tap multiple phones of suspected criminals. "This does nothing but make it easier for the government to spy on people not convicted of any crime," Browne said. "There is no evidence that this kind of wiretapping power would have prevented any past terrorist action—or will prevent any future terrorist act."
- · No-warrant wiretaps, which grant "emergency" wiretap authority to government agents for 48 hours without a judge's order. "This would repeal basic Fourth Amendment protections and put us all at the mercy of uncontrolled government spying," Browne said.
- Extending anti-racketeering statutes to terrorists, making them subject to property forfeiture laws. "Asset forfeiture laws are a license for legal looting by law enforcement," Browne said. "These laws must be abolished—not expanded."
- · A provision that would ban the publication of bomb-making information on the Internet—while keeping it legal in printed form. "Politicians claim the First Amendment doesn't apply to the Internet, while blithely ignoring the fact that such information remains widely available in public li-

Encyclopaedia Britannica," Browne said.

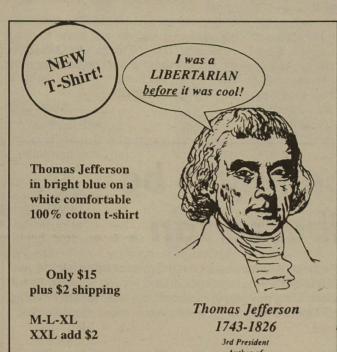
- A long-standing White House push to allow government officials to spy on computer communications by mandating weakened encryption technology. "Free speech includes the right not to be spied on by government officials," Browne countered.
- · Government mandated taggants microscopic plastic color-coded identifiers-in black or smokeless powder and explosives. "Such taggants pose a safety threat to innocent users, would create a de facto system of ammunition registration, and would impose a hidden tax of up to \$700 million on the mining and quarrying industries, which are the principal users of such products," Browne said.

Unlike Republicans and Democrats, Browne said he wouldn't be goaded into permanently gutting the Bill of Rights to temporarily grandstand as "tough on ter-

"The Bill of Rights wasn't written to protect terrorists. It was designed to protect you," he said. "Of course, these safeguards would protect the guilty as well as the innocent. But brushing them aside gives government employees the power to do as they wish—to harass whomever they think is guilty. If that happens, then terrorists have already won their greatest victory."

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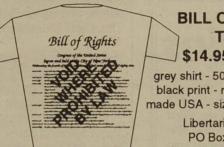
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"Mostly we discuss current events—how things could be done better, without government involvement—always demonstrating the importance of voluntary community action, as opposed to government actions," he said. "With my show, I hope to make people think. I do not presume to be able to change people's thinking. I see my role as one of planting seeds in people's minds. I may not ever see the results myself, but at least I will have made my contribution."

Parker's show can be heard on KTLD AM-1110, from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7 to 8 a.m. Saturday.

In Arkansas, Robert Jones said his entree into the talk radio business was a series of phone calls to a local radio program.

Jones, who has been state chair of the Arkansas LP for just over a year, said, "I had been a caller to a show [on KFAY in Fayetteville]. I got very friendly with the host, and he asked me to fill in for him. The response was so good, they asked me if I wanted my own show."

Although keeping his full-time real estate job, Jones accepted the offer for a one-hour show on the station, five days a week, starting on July 3.

The station knows he's a Libertarian, Jones said, and "I think they're hoping it has some appeal [to the audience]."

Jones said he takes a non-confrontational, gentle approach as a talk show host. "What I do is pick up a hot story and put a Libertarian spin on it," he said. "I don't want to change anyone's mind. You're not going to, anyway. I just want to offer a different perspective."

Jones' show can be heard on KFAY AM-1030, from 7 to 8 a.m., Monday to Friday.

The new Libertarian Party radio talk show hosts join at least four other LP radio talk show hosts on the air—Neal Boortz on WSB-AM in Atlanta; Tom Isenberg on KVI-AM in Seattle; Irv Homer on WWDB-FM in Philadelphia; and Dr. Roger Libby on WNNX-FM in Atlanta.



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Small town interest

I spent five wonderful weeks driving across country to the national convention, then up through Pennsylvania and New York to visit family and old haunts, and finally through Ohio, visiting Lake Erie College in Painesville, from where I graduated. It was a lot of fun.

There was a huge windfall I did not expect, and that was I discovered a real opportunity for Libertarians. In the smaller communities, discontent is rampant. People there have the same problems they do everywhere—not enough time and not enough purchasing power. But, contrary to conventional wisdom, the small town folk are more sophisticated than their citified counterparts. They know that the two larger parties and their policies are not a solution, but are part of the problem. I went right to work telling them about the

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The following Web sites are some of LP member Jim Maas' favorites you might want to check out. If you would like to offer your favorite web pages—they don't have to be political—send them to: net.g@ins, c/o NEWS, P.O. Box 3391, Gainesville, GA 30503, or e-mail your list to lpnews@mindspring.com

http://www.city-net.com/~krom/ updates/index/html

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Third Party Central - raising public awareness of alternative parties and encouraging participation in the democratic process

http://users.aol.com/mrjeffchlg/ index.htm

Mr. Jefferson's Challenge - source for news on the New American Revolution and a citizen forum for America and the world

> http://www.libertySoft.com/liberty/

Liberty Unbound - web site for Liberty magazine, the bi-monthly libertarian review of thought, culture, and politics book, "Why Government Doesn't Work," and the Libertarian ticket. In a lot of these places they get C-SPAN, and a couple of relatives had seen Harry Browne and/or the convention. So, pack your bags again and visit your small town relatives. A letter to the editor of their local paper will not hurt. And, buying the book for highly interested people is a good investment.

At my alma mater I learned that they have a Candidates' Night, and now some Libertarian candidates are going to

participate. Not only that, but they are now talking with the headquarters about having Harry Browne or Jo Jorgensen there to speak.

So, interest is out there. The media are not covering us, so we have to do it ourselves. The "7 Things You Can Do" in the August issue should be done by us all each week, but there are more things to do if we look for them.

Alice Lillie Los Angeles, CA

You might be a Libertarian ...

The World's Smallest Political Quiz may be a bit highbrow for some people you meet, so I've come up with a World's Smallest Political Quiz for Joe Sixpack. So as you take the message of liberty to the monster truck shows, the swap meets, bowling alleys, and trailer courts of America, you might want to keep these ideas in mind. There are 13 issues covered.

Issue #1: Speed limits

If you just bought a new radar detector for your truck that shakes so bad it won't go over 55, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #2: Wetlands

If you think wetlands legislation would be a better idea if it was about allowing liquor to be sold on Sunday, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #3: Corruption

If you think 99 percent of politicians give the rest of them a bad name, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #4: Term limits

If you think that politicians should be limited to two terms... one term in office and then one in jail, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #5: Justice

If you believe in Capitol Punishment. . . you believe that everyone in the Capitol ought to be punished, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #6: Military and foreign policy

If you think that rather than send our boys to die in Bosnia or Saudi Arabia, we should just shoot them here and save the shipping cost, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #7: Regulation

If you think that it should be harder to get welfare than it is to get a building permit, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #8: Freedom of the press

If you think that a magazine worth banning is probably a magazine worth buying, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #9: Government efficiency

If you think that crime wouldn't pay if the government ran it, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #10: Bureaucrats

If you think that the problem with civil servants is that too many of them are neither civil nor servants, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #11: The War On Drugs

If someone asks you if you mind if they smoke and you ask them to be more specific, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #12: The environment

If you think we should save the planet. . . in fact, you think we should collect all NINE, then you might be a Libertarian.

Issue #13: Right to privacy

If they ask you to take a urine test at work and you feel like telling them you'll give them a taste test, then you might be a Libertarian.

Thanks go to radio talk show host Lowell Ponte for encouraging me to work up this Jeff Foxworthy routine. Apologies go to Jeff Foxworthy!

Who knows, maybe HE might be a Libertarian!

These are all the jokes I've come up with so far. Three of these are original and the others are from bumper stickers or buttons I've seen. I would appreciate any new material that anyone can come up with to add to my routine. Of the above, the only one that got groans at the national convention was #6 about military and foreign policy. I may drop that one, especially if anyone comes up with a better line on that subject. My e-mail address is mood@xmission.com. I'd like to get some feedback and new jokes. Thanks for your applause and laughs. It was real fun at the LP convention. To borrow from Emma Goldman, "If I can't laugh, you can keep your revolution!"

Willy Star Marshall

LP candidate for Utah State Senate, District 27



AWARD WINNER - The 1996 Libertarian Party of Washington State Excellence in Political Activism Award was presented by Finance Chair Matt McCally, left, to LP members Jim and Fawn Spady. The Spadys are the authors of I-173, a ballot measure that would give Washington the most autonomous charter schools in the nation.

Debates

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Browne campaign is working to meet those requirements.

"We are in the process of preparing our package to submit," Ayres said. "We will go through and tick off the various requirements" and show how the Browne campaign has met them.

For the requirements that are very difficult—for example, a good showing in independent national polls—the campaign will have to explain why Browne is not there: because the polls don't offer Browne as a

The campaign will highlight Internet polls, which, although unscientific, have shown very strong support for Browne.

The decision from the debate commission is expected in the middle of Septem-

Interest and support for the party's presidential ticket are clearly at an all-time high. "It's somehow different this time," Ayres said. In the past, "we used to just hear about

Presidential debate schedule Sept. 25: St. Louis, MO Oct. 9: St. Petersburg, FL Oct. 16: San Diego, CA Write to: Commission on Presidential Debates 601 13th Street NW Suite 310 South

our campaigns from other Libertarians, but now I hear about it from Democrats and Republicans. I think this talk radio strategy is a good one, and it's working."

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Ayres said she believes this year's success is because the "party has crossed some sort of magic threshold. I also think it's because of Harry. People connect with him in a personal way, as well as politically and ideologically.

To help get Browne in the presidential debates, action is needed immediately. The first debate takes place in St. Louis, MO, on Sept. 25. Supporters are urged to contact the Stop the Browne Out campaign, write letters to media outlets and the debate commission, and call local radio talk shows.

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William H. Russell, an LP activist in Norwich, CT, has repossessed a house and would like to donate its use to the LP for office space, library, meeting rooms, etc. He is seeking help to pay off back taxes and make repairs to the house.

Russell said that if he can raise enough funds, the only cost to the local LP for the house would be monthly bills from the city and operating costs. For more information, contact Eric Wilson at 860-889-0503 or write Russell at 399 Laurel Hill Ave., Norwich, CT

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Sept. 8, 1996:

Brass Roots Rally, Capitol Building, Lansing, MI; for information call 810-399-8333 or 800-555-GUNS. Speakers include Harry Browne, Jon Coon, and Samuel Francis.

Sept. 21, 1996:

New Hampshire LP Convention, Center of New Hampshire, Manchester; for information call 603-627-3666. Speakers include Gene Burns.

Sept. 29, 1996:

Harry Browne New England Tour, 7 p.m., Faneuil Hall, Boston, MA; for information call 508-358-4247. Cocktail fund raiser to be held at The Parker House prior to Browne's speech.

Oct. 13-19, 1996:

Liberty Week, sponsored by Libertarians of Macomb County, MI. Purpose is to encourage and promote Libertarian activities throughout the state; for information call Diane Barnes at 810-774-7611 or e-mail: freya13@aol.com

Oct. 19, 1996:

Maryland LP Convention, Columbia Hilton, Columbia; for information call 410-730-7117 or e-mail: AmyRule@aol.com

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Separation of School & State Alliance conference, Washington, DC; for information call 209-292-1776. Speakers include Peter Breggin, John Taylor Gatto, Sheldon Richman, and Joseph Sobran.

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