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Harry Browne launches 2nd presidential bid

Kicks off campaign with live appearance on C-SPAN's Washington Journal show

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LP NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It's official: Harry Browne is running for president again.

Browne embarked on his second Libertarian presidential campaign in mid-February with a whirlwind tour of Washington's media outlets, declaring, "I am running for president as a Libertarian because it's obvious that no Republican or Democrat is going to stop the relentless growth of government."

In a February 14 appearance on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* — which marked the formal announcement of his campaign — Browne explained, "[Only a] Libertarian president is going to reduce government. Not slow the growth in it, but reduce it to its Constitutional functions."

Browne, 66, a bestselling investment author, former financial advisor, and radio talk show host, was the LP's presidential nominee in 1996. That year, he scored the

second-highest LP presidential vote total ever, finishing just shy of a half-million votes.

His 2000 campaign will be the first time that any Libertarian Party presidential candidate has sought the party's nomination for a second time.

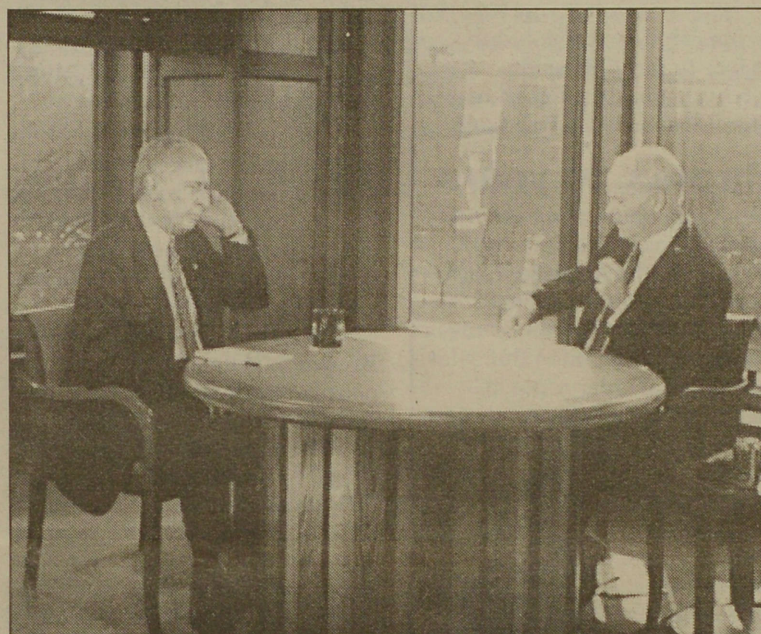
Media blitz

Browne's appearance on C-SPAN was the beginning of a week-long media blitz that included interviews on the MSNBC cable TV network, CBS Radio, CNN Radio, the Alan Colmes radio show, and nearly a dozen other top media outlets.

In addition, Browne met with influential print journalists during interviews with the *Washington Post*, the *Washington Times*, *USA Today*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

An interview with the Associated Press also generated a nationwide wire story about his campaign on February 14.

Campaign Press Secretary



■ Harry Browne (left), the just-announced candidate for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, listens intently to a viewer phone call while appearing on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* show on February 14 with host Brian Lamb.

Jim Babka said three years of preparation have paid off, with "several [other] national media personalities" expressing interest in interviewing Browne.

Because of the groundwork

laid by the Browne exploratory committee — and the multimillion-dollar campaign budget Browne expects to raise — Babka said many news outlets are no longer "lumping Browne in with

other third-party candidates."

In all of his media interviews, Browne focused on what he said will be the central theme of his 2000 campaign: The Great Libertarian Offer.

"The Great Libertarian Offer asks people to compare whatever they think they're getting from the federal government with the enormous amount they pay in income and Social Security taxes — rather than comparing the supposed trivial cost of a single program," he said.

Three issues

"Basically, I will be pushing three key issues: Repeal the income tax and replace it with nothing; free you from the 15% Social Security tax, completely and immediately, while providing for those who are now dependent on Social Security; and end the insane War on Drugs," he said.

Browne said he could sum up his campaign message with three questions for voters: "Would you give up your favorite federal programs if it meant you never had to pay income tax again? And your children would never have to pay

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Convention delegates share their experience

First, you see the signs. Scores of them, in a rainbow of colors — identifying the state delegations, promoting candidates, or broadcasting random political opinions — festooned across the convention floor.

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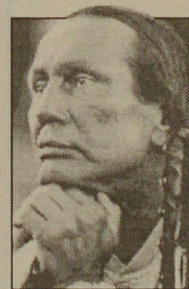
Missouri delegate Jackie Bradbury at the '96 convention.

Activist-turned-actor Russell Means set to speak at National Convention

A man whose biography reads like the plot of a dramatic movie — Indian rights activist turned candidate for the LP's presidential nomination turned Hollywood star — has been scheduled to speak at the 2000 Libertarian National Convention.

Russell Means, who parlayed three decades of political activism into starring roles in movies like *The Last of the Mohicans* and *Natural Born Killers*, has been confirmed as one of the premier speakers at the convention, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"Russell Means is one of the people who will help redefine freedom in the 21st century — and



■ Means: "Help reach out..."

help the libertarian movement reach out to minorities and the less fortunate," he said. "We're honored to have him speak at our convention."

Means is one of more than a half-dozen new speakers who have been added to the roster for the convention, said Crickenberger.

Also scheduled to speak are John Berthold (president of the National Taxpayer's Union), Marshall Fritz (president, Sepa-

ration of School and State Alliance), Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), Mike Tanner (Cato Institute), Richard Rider (California anti-tax activist), and
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Delegate chat forum launched

Delegates to the Libertarian Party 2000 National Convention have a new e-mail discussion forum that offers them a way to converse and discuss the issues prior to the June 29-July 3 event in Anaheim, California.

The "LP-National-Delegates" e-mail list was set up by California LP member Mark F. Murphy "to facilitate delegate communication." The forum is not intended for discussion of issues but for "convention business specific to delegates," said Murphy.

Intended topics include LP strategy and platform proposals expected to come before the delegates in Anaheim. Delegates set their own agenda for the online discussion, Murphy said.

Over 40 people signed up within the first week after the list was launched. Anyone can join the forum, "but the list's purpose is for delegates to discuss [Convention] matters amongst themselves," said Murphy. Non-delegate Libertarians are welcome to "listen in," however.

"This list lets delegates have an opportunity to communicate with each other before meeting face to face," he said.

Delegates can join the discussion by sending an e-mail message to LP-National-Delegates-on@list.LibertarianActivist.org.

Acton Institute celebrates 10 years

The Acton Institute — a Michigan-based organization devoted to the study of "religion and liberty" — celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Founded in 1990, the Acton Institute hosts conferences, sponsors discussion groups, and publishes newsletters and magazines targeted at religious leaders, seminarians, and business leaders, "all designed to promote the message that a truly humane and moral social order is possible only within the context of freedom," said Rev. Robert Sirico, the organization's president.

At its headquarters in Grand Rapids, the Institute employs 25 full-time staff members, and "is increasingly recognized as a leading authority on issues of religion, economics, morality, and liberty," he said. The Institute "is now poised to be a leading, worldwide voice for freedom and virtue in the next century."

Among the Acton Institute's projects are a website — www.acton.org — which features information about "the interplay of theology and economics," the *Journal of Markets & Morality*, an online publication entitled *Environmental Stewardship Review*, and the bimonthly journal, *Religion & Liberty*.

Upcoming Acton Institute events include two "Toward a Free and Virtuous Society" conferences, which will be held March 23-26 (Chicago, Illinois) and April 27-30 (Dallas, Texas), and two "Christianity in the Age of Capitalism" conferences, which will be held March 4 (Abilene, Texas) and April 8 (Columbus, Ohio). For reservation information, call (616) 454-3080.



Libertarian Clips tracks media

What is the media saying about libertarianism today? A new free e-mail publication — "Libertarian Clips" — from the Advocates for Self-Government can help you find out.

Published each weekday, Libertarian Clips is "a great, easy way to keep up with libertarian-related news," said Advocates President Sharon Harris. "And equally important, it's a way to see how the media uses — and occasionally abuses — the words 'libertarian' and 'libertarianism.'"

Libertarian Clips features news stories that mention the word "libertarian," from online local, national, and international newspapers, magazines, and transcripts of major television shows. The newsletter includes a short excerpt of each article, along with the URL (Web address) of the original publication.

"The articles uncovered each day by Libertarian Clips cover a wide gamut of topics: Local and national Libertarian Party campaigns and activities, profiles of libertarians, quotes from representatives of libertarian think tanks and other organizations, feature articles, libertarian book reviews, letters about libertarianism, and more," said Harris.

The typical issue of Libertarian Clips features from two to a dozen articles, said Harris, culled from several clipping services that scour the World Wide Web.

To subscribe to Libertarian Clips, visit the Advocates' Website: www.self-gov.org. Or e-mail: clips-request@self-gov.org. Or call the Advocates: (800) 932-1776.

The Georgia-based Advocates for Self-Government — a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization that helps libertarians become better communicators — is perhaps best known as the publisher of the "World's Smallest Political Quiz."

Harry Browne launches second presidential bid with media blitz

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income tax? And your grandchildren?"

Although declining to make any predictions about how he'll do in November — "I learned in 30 years in the investment business that no one can predict the future" — Browne said he has great hopes for the 2000 campaign.

"I know the atmosphere is right for us," he said. "We have a wonderful opportunity, and I intend to take full advantage of it. I believe we've entered a new era of Libertarian politics."

Browne said he has been planning this campaign since the 1996 campaign ended.

"[Since that time], we have assembled the largest, best-organized campaign in Libertarian history," he said. "I think we are better prepared and better financed than any previous Libertarian presidential race."

In other campaign news, Browne said he will release a new political book — titled *The Great Libertarian Offer* — in March.

The book, which will be published by Liam Works, "explains how we can reduce government to its Constitutional size, provide Americans with a better and more secure retirement than Social Security, reduce crime by ending drug prohibition, and eliminate the income tax and the IRS," he said.

Campaign video

In early February, the campaign also released a video version of "The Great Libertarian Offer," a 30-minute infomercial that cost more than \$100,000 to produce.

The program has already been mailed to Browne supporters and volunteers, said Babka, and has been aired on national cable television.

Hollywood producer Kristen Overn, who produced the campaign video, said that even in left-leaning Hollywood, voters like Browne's message.

"Off and on during the course of production, I've shown different versions of the show to non-libertarian friends to get some feed-

FROM BROWNE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Today I am formally announcing my candidacy for President as a Libertarian.

I am running for President because it's obvious that no Democrat or Republican is going to stop the relentless growth of the federal government. No one but a Libertarian will reduce your taxes dramatically, allow you to live your life as a free American, and restrict the federal government to its Constitutional limits.

Can we have an impact on the political process? No one can predict or guarantee the future, but we have assembled the largest campaign organization in Libertarian history, and we're raising money faster than any previous Libertarian campaign. We have an excellent chance to make a breakthrough, to change the terms of debate in American politics, to pave the way for Libertarian victories in 2002 and 2004.

— HARRY BROWNE, February 14, 2000

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back," she said. "I [even] showed it to several Hollywood liberal-types. They really wanted to hear what Harry was saying."

In addition to the half-hour video, the Browne campaign will produce 30- and 60-second TV ads to run during the fall campaign, said Babka.

The goal of the media appearances, book, video, and ads is "to make the Libertarian presidential candidate fully visible to all voters," said Browne. "[And] to make 'libertarian' a household word, fully understood by almost everyone, and to provide name recognition for every Libertarian candidate up and down the ticket."

Ended radio show

Because of federal campaign rules, Browne ended his Sunday night radio show — "The Sunday Evening Libertarian Conversa-

tion" — which had been nationally syndicated by the Talk America network for the last 18 months.

The last show was expected to broadcast on February 13.

In the race for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, Browne will face off against former New Hampshire State Representative Don Gorman, who was expected to announce his candidacy on February 19 [after *LP News* went to press], Larry Hines, Dave Hollist, Edison McDaniels, and Barry Hess.

Convention

The party's candidate will be selected by delegates at the Libertarian National Convention in Anaheim, California, from June 29-July 3, 2000.

Harry Browne is the author of 11 books with sales of over 2.3 million copies, including *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World*, *The Economic Time Bomb*, *Why Government Doesn't Work*, and *Fail-Safe Investing*. He lives in Franklin, Tennessee.

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Bergland, Butler won't run again at July Convention

LP Chair and Vice Chair both announce they won't seek re-election at Convention

The Libertarian Party will get a new national chairman and vice chair this year.

That's because LP Chair David Bergland and Vice Chair Hugh Butler have both announced they won't seek re-election at the upcoming Libertarian National Convention — which has turned the contest for the party's two top elected positions into a wide-open race.

"It's time to let talented younger people build on the foundation established [by the party's growth] over the last several years," said Bergland, shortly after his February announcement.

The two-year terms of both Bergland and Butler will expire in July, and delegates at the 2000 National Convention in Anaheim, California will choose their replacements.

First hopefuls

The first several hopefuls have already emerged: Libertarian National Committee member Jim Lark, who is running for chair [see related story on page 10], and former LP secretary Gary Johnson, who is seeking the vice chair's position [see story on page 24].

Convention delegates will also select a party treasurer, secretary, five at-large members of the Libertarian National Commit-

tee (LNC), nine regional representatives, and nine regional alternatives.

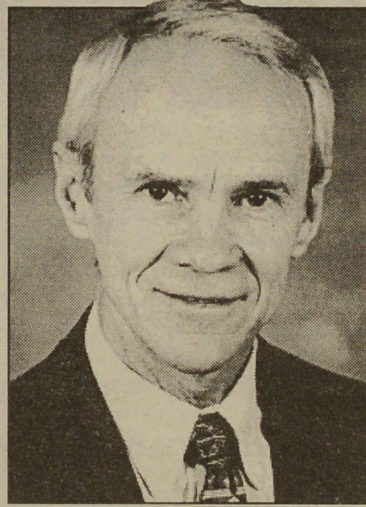
Looking back at their 20 months in office, both Bergland and Butler said the success and growth of the LP — as well as a desire to focus more time on business and personal interests — led to their decisions not to seek re-election.

"When I ran in 1998, I hoped to see the party grow, develop professionally, and see the emergence of new, young, imaginative leaders," said Bergland, who was also the LP's 1984 presidential nominee. "That's happened."

"The party has grown and become more diverse, with a wider range of personalities, talents, and resources. That growth will continue through 2000 and after. The growth has been enhanced by the professionalization of our operations, not only at LP national headquarters, but in many affiliate parties."

Butler, president of Salt Lake City-based Computer Consultants Corporation, said the LP "is growing and changing" at such a rapid pace that he could not remain an effective Vice Chair and still run his business.

"The party is healthier than I have ever seen it," he said, and praised the LP as "more focused,



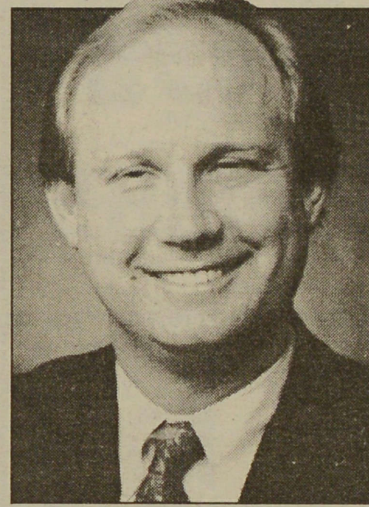
■ David Bergland, stepping down as LP chairman: "The party has grown, with a wider range of personalities, talents, and resources."

professionally managed, and well-funded than ever before."

However, both men said the Libertarian Party — and its governing body, the LNC — still have much work to do.

Efficient team

"My goals [as chair] were continued growth, professionalism of the party's business, and the development of the LNC as an efficient team of directors who set strategic goals and policies to guide our professional staff," said Bergland. "Party growth has been very good, but not as great as I had hoped. As good as it is, I want it to be better."



■ Hugh Butler, who won't seek re-election as LP vice chair: "[The party has] made strides and will continue to make progress."

"[However], we have achieved the other two goals, magnificently so. It is generally recognized that our professional staff are excellent. They know what to do and they get it done. The LNC has also evolved into the sort of policy and strategy setting board of directors most suitable for a non-profit organization such as this party."

Butler also said he'd achieved much of what he wanted to do as vice chair.

"I have supported and implemented policies which protect and preserve our financial resources," he said. "Money is the mother's milk of politics. We have made strides and will continue to

make progress."

But Butler's biggest achievement, he said, was in helping the LNC set long-term goals.

"As the LNC's role in goal-setting has emerged, the time horizon of LNC considerations has lengthened," he said. "We have a long way to go, but progress is marked. Staff spend time on today's issues, preparing for tomorrow's challenges. We're getting there."

Bergland and Butler both said they are leaving their leadership roles at a peak moment in LP history.

"We are poised to have a major effect on the 2000 elections," said Bergland, who also predicted several electoral victories this year — "primarily because of the 2,000 candidates we expect to run, and the \$1 million advertising budget."

Enjoy the view

Butler agreed, and said, "In 2000, we will begin to see the impact of our increased membership, money, and media as the Convention and campaign unfolds. I will enjoy the view from the stands."

The LP chair presides at National Committee meetings and National Conventions, and is the "chief executive officer" of the party, in charge of LP policy, business, staff, and volunteers. The vice chair is the "chief assistant to the chair," performs such duties as the chair prescribes, and fills in when the chair is absent.

Jewish Defense League leader signs up with LP

JDL head: Jews "need the Second Amendment"

The leader of a prominent and controversial Jewish organization has joined the Libertarian Party, saying that American Jews "need the Second Amendment" and that "the Libertarian approach is important for the entire Jewish community."

Irv Rubin, International Chairman of the Jewish Defense League, became a member of the LP late last year, motivated in part, he said, by "recent attacks on Jews," such as the shootings in the Midwest last July.

That kind of anti-Semitic violence — and the assault on gun rights by Republicans and Democrats — has made the Libertarian Party's principled defense of the Second Amendment and other civil liberties crucial for the future of America, he said.

"The attack on the Second Amendment by both major parties is, in my opinion, intolerable," he said. "[And] my desire for less government and more freedom for the

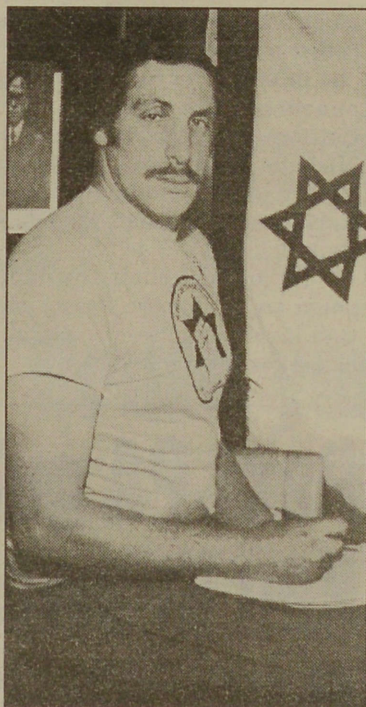
individual led me to join the party."

Rubin brings to the Libertarian Party a long history of political and social activism — and an association with an organization that has been both praised and condemned for its vow "to defend Jewish rights, property, individuals, institutions, and honor by any means necessary."

Opposing neo-Nazis

The Jewish Defense League (JDL), founded in 1968 by Rabbi Meir Kahane, is a nationwide organization dedicated to opposing anti-Semites, neo-Nazis, white-supremacists, and other racists, using rallies, demonstrations, public confrontation, and publicity campaigns.

For example, Rubin has personally been arrested more than 30 times for agitating against neo-Nazis. And the JDL was denied a permit to join a counter-protest against a Ku Klux Klan demon-



■ Irv Rubin: "My desire for less government and more freedom for the individual led me to join the party."

stration in Washington, D.C. in 1999 after the group candidly told the Park Service that its members would disregard police barriers in an effort to physically prevent the Klan from marching.

The JDL's uncompromising stance against the KKK even led

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Georgia Libertarians lobby for ballot reform

Fed up with the state's ballot access laws, Georgia Libertarians have formed a coalition to tear down the "worst" election barriers in the nation, and are lobbying in support of a Libertarian-crafted reform bill that is now stalled in the legislature.

The bill — The Voters Choice Act (H.B. 672) — would make it dramatically easier for the Libertarian Party to "run many more serious candidates for [lower-level] races," said LPGA vice chair Michael Cartwright, who is spearheading the lobbying effort.

Fast start

Thanks in part to the LP's vigorous publicity campaign, the bill got off to a fast start: It was introduced in February 1999, unanimously passed the Governmental Affairs Committee a month later, and made it all the way to the floor of the full House this year.

However, on February 1, it fell victim to Republicans and Democrats — who labeled it a

CARTWRIGHT:
"We'll be able to run more serious Libertarian candidates."

"pinko, left-wing" bill. By an 85-74 vote, it was tabled for future consideration.

"I don't see it as a setback at all," said LP member Helmut Forren, who has also been active in the campaign. "I view [the tabling] as an opportunity for us to make certain of our support before we go to a floor vote."

Libertarians will now concentrate on the state senate, he said, and "look for amendments in the House that [legislators] could live with and pass."

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Barry Hess running for president

Arizona businessman Barry Hess has entered the race for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

Hess, 43, registered Libertarian five years ago and became a party member in 1999. Prior to joining the LP, he was a Republican who worked on the Nixon and Reagan campaigns.

"I became a Libertarian [Party member] when I realized I had been a Libertarian all along," he said. "It was constantly stated that only a party with the organization, history, and size of the Republicans could thwart the onslaught of the incrementalists. Then I saw the truth."

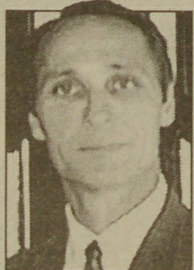
In his campaign, Hess said he plans to emphasize issues that polls show voters care about, "respond to their concerns in a reasonable, safe, and consistent manner," and propose "a brisk return to freedom for the individual."

He will emphasize Social Security reforms including a "steady return of the responsibility of retirement provisions to the individual," "competitive state-controlled education" with local control, and a 30% decrease in the size and cost of the federal government.

Hess said his pragmatic approach will help him win the nomination — and the presidential election in November.

"I believe that if the Libertarian delegations see the prospect of a win, they will support that candidate," he said. "It concerns me that all of the other candidates I have spoken with adamantly insist they will not win, that they just want to send a message or enhance awareness or membership in the LP."

For more information on the Hess campaign, send e-mail to Barry@Hess2000.com or visit www.hess2000.com.



■ **Barry Hess:** "Reasonable."

94% say 'no' to Internet tax plan

Kee your taxes off the Internet: That's the message that Americans — by a ratio of almost 16 to one — are sending to the federal government.

Since August 1999, more than 32,000 Americans have contacted the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce via its website, reported the *Washington Times* in mid-January. Of that number, 29,869 — or 93.9% — say they oppose any online taxation. Only 1,844 (5.7%) say they support cybertaxes.

That's good news, said the Libertarian Party.

"Technologically savvy Americans realize that e-commerce is creating jobs, growing the next generation of American business success stories, and generating profits for millions of American shareholders," said the party's national director, Steve Dasbach. "They understand that politicians should keep their greedy hands — and their destructive taxes — off the Internet."

The Libertarian Party was the first political party to demand that the Internet be kept tax-free — forever.

"The only good Net tax is no Net tax," said Dasbach in a statement in December 1999. "As an investment in America's prosperity, the Internet should be a tax-free zone forever."

The Advisory Commission is now studying the Internet taxation issue, and will present a recommendation to Congress by April 21, 2000. Options include extending the current three-year moratorium on Internet taxes; creating a new national sales tax; or forcing cyberbusinesses to collect local and state sales taxes from every online shopper.

To send a comment to the Advisory Commission, visit: www.ecommercecommission.org.

New platform offered at Convention

Robert Maynard, a 1998 LP candidate for Congress in Vermont, has crafted an entirely new platform for consideration by the LP's Platform Committee and delegates at the National Convention in Anaheim, California.

"We need to present our message as a positive vision of liberty and not merely as a reaction against statism," he said.

Maynard would like the Convention delegates to drop the party's current platform, and replace it with his version, he said.

The proposed platform, titled "Personal Responsibility is the Price of Freedom," drew on the "heritage contained in the Declaration of Independence," said Maynard.

Maynard's platform calls for a restoration of civil society, "quality, affordability, and parental control" in education, the protection of property rights, opposition to "all forcible government collection of money and goods," and free trade.

Maynard's proposed platform is available via e-mail at: robmayn@ix.netcom.com.

Gorman for president campaign hits the road, picks up support

Former New Hampshire State Representative Don Gorman hit the ground running in the first days of his presidential exploratory campaign, stumping around New England and picking up the support of a handful of key Libertarians.

Gorman, who was twice elected to the legislature as a Libertarian and headed the four-man Libertarian caucus for two years, announced that he was exploring a run for the LP presidential nomination in January.

He kicked off the campaign by returning to the State House in Concord, N.H., where he served, in order to highlight his central campaign theme: Electing Libertarians to state and local office in 2000.

Gorman took two Libertarian candidates for statewide office, John and Rosalie Babiarz, on a tour of the Capitol on January 20. There, they met Gorman's former House colleagues and members of the House staff — many of whom signed ballot access petitions for the Babiarzes.

Great fun

"It was great fun and we had a helluva good time," said Gorman. "I love it when I hear both Democrats and Republicans saying that we need Libertarians in the [New Hampshire] House."

The potential Gorman campaign has also started putting together a national organization.

In early February, Gorman announced the support of two California Libertarian leaders: Michelle Kubby, wife of former gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby, and U.S. Senate candidate Gail Lightfoot.

Kubby will chair the campaign on the Pacific Coast, and Gail Lightfoot will serve as California coordinator.

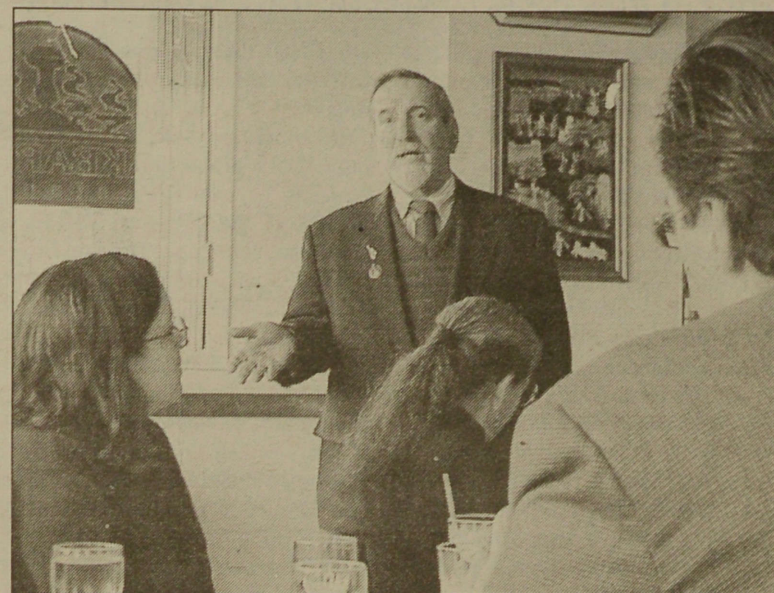


Photo by Jeff Chase

■ **Don Gorman, a potential candidate for the LP's presidential nomination, speaks at the Cambridge Libertarian City Committee lunch meeting at the Akbar Restaurant in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 30. "The heart of Gorman's message was directed at the audience, explaining why they need to run for local office and win their elections," said campaign spokesman Bill Woolsey.**

Gorman "is a man who shows real compassion for the victims of the War on Drugs," Kubby said. "He will speak out about government harassment of people who need marijuana as medicine. I'm excited about helping him win the LP nomination for president in Anaheim."

Endorsement

Gorman also scored the endorsement of Tennessee LP Chair Charles Wilhoit, who became Southeast Coordinator for the campaign.

"You don't have to talk to Don very long before you realize he has a passion to see lots of Libertarians elected to local offices," Wilhoit said.

As *LP News* went to press, Gorman was gearing up for a trip out West, where he will campaign

in California and address the state LP convention on February 19. He was expected to formally announce his candidacy for president at that time.

Other activities during the Gorman exploratory campaign's early days included:

■ A visit to Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 30, where Gorman addressed Libertarians on strategies to help local LP candidates get elected in 2000. During that speech, he addressed federal issues publicly for the first time in his campaign.

Gorman emphasized his support for the Second Amendment and discussed the "failed War on Drugs," calling for an end to unconstitutional asset forfeiture laws and federal opposition to medical marijuana. Gorman also

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Past PA gubernatorial candidate Ken Krawchuk mulls VP campaign

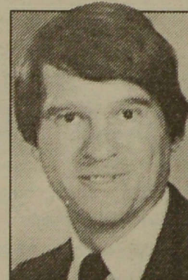
Once and future Pennsylvania Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Ken Krawchuk is considering entering the race for the LP's vice presidential nomination this year — as preparation for a second run for the statehouse in 2002.

Krawchuk, 46, said that "early indications [of support from LP activists] are very encouraging" and that he will decide on a candidacy around the end of February. He is currently leaning towards running, he said.

Before he announces, "all of

the necessary campaign infrastructure — media contacts, web[site], fundraising, communications, and volunteer organization — will be in place," he said.

Krawchuk first began considering a VP run, he said, after he was approached by Pennsylvania LP activist Tim



■ **Krawchuk:** "Encouraging."

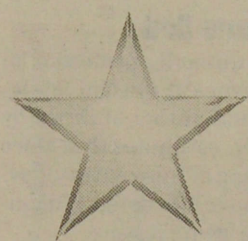
Crowley in December.

"My initial response was no," he said, since he had "already committed to a second shot at governor. It seemed a diversion from that focus. There seemed little reason to look to a national race."

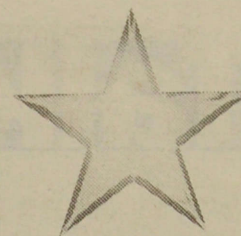
But Crowley convinced Krawchuk to study a candidacy, and when he did, Krawchuk said he started to see things differently.

"Much of the campaign organization needed for a statewide race is remarkably similar to that

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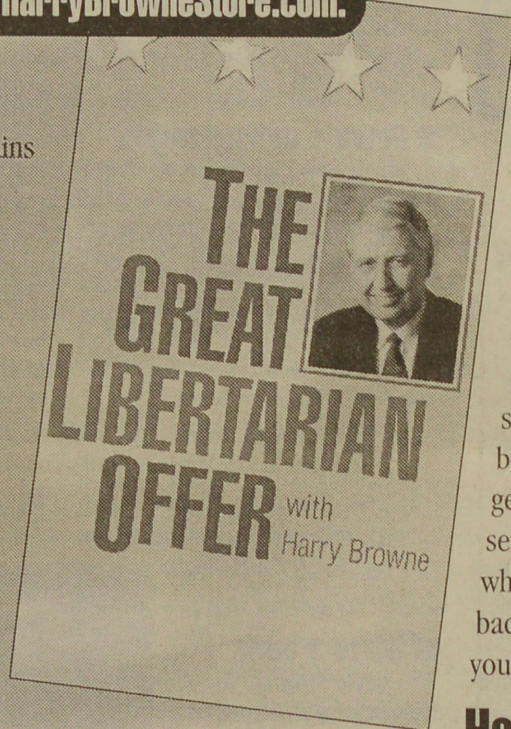
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Talking Points

Hillary Clinton: She's pro-cheese, & good news on federal spending

■ Spending frenzy

[During] the president's State of the Union message, Clinton was proposing [by one estimate] roughly \$1.5 billion of new spending for every minute he spoke. The U.S. Treasury Department only has the capacity to print about \$1 billion a minute.

Translation: Mr. Clinton wants to spend money even faster than the U.S. government's presses can print it.

— **STEPHEN MOORE**
The Washington Times
February 7, 2000

■ Cheesy politics

[In her campaign for U.S. Senate, Hillary Clinton is] getting criticism for pandering to New York's many special interests — one day the teachers, one day the Jews, one day the African Americans.

[This week] she even executed the rarely attempted dairy pander. Buying some low-fat cheese in Rochester, she declared: "I'm a cheese person."

— **THE WASHINGTON POST**
January 13, 2000

■ Price of racism

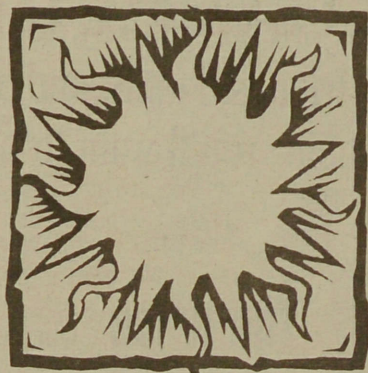
In the mid-1940s, the Detroit Tigers were at the top of baseball, winning the American League pennant in 1945 and finishing in second place the following two years.

Their fortunes turned, however, in the next decade, as the Tigers finished among the top three teams in their league only once and found themselves in last place in 1952, winning only 50 games while losing over 100.

What happened? While many things contribute to a team's victory on the field, we shouldn't overlook the impact of baseball's integration. After Jackie Robinson's major league debut in 1947, the Cleveland Indians, for example, immediately signed African-American talent such as Larry Doby and Satchel Paige and won the pennant and the World Series in 1948.

By contrast, Walter Briggs, owner of the Tigers, refused to sign any African Americans, and the Tigers dropped from second to fifth place in 1948 — and continued to spiral down the standings throughout the 1950s.

The sad story of the Detroit Tigers illuminates a facet of the morality of capitalism: It makes immoral decisions such as bigotry expensive.



AL GORE

is now promising voters "good weather" if he is elected president.

Briggs could insist on preserving racial barriers only at the cost of fewer wins and, by extension, fewer fans (who want to pay good money to see a bad team?). In a free market, artificial limitations on potential employees and customers mar the product and cripple the firm.

By contrast, firms that want to remain competitive will seek talent and markets wherever they may be found. And this drive to remain competitive prompts firms to more open patterns of hiring, buying, and selling.

— **ROBERT SIRICO**
Acton Notes, January 2000

■ Expensive Commies

How many ways does President Clinton love China? How about 297,832? In a rare accounting, the State Department reveals that it stuck taxpayers for that amount to pay the check for the 1997 state dinner for Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Topping the list: \$166,615 for a tent fitted with faux French windows. \$5,281.62 for engraved invitations. \$985 to rent a Steinway grand piano. \$9,342.97 for flowers. And \$1,440 to have little red trolley cars ferry guests to the party tent.

— **U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT**
January 17, 2000

■ Weather report

What do Democrats want? Listen to Al Gore speaking in a theater-in-the-round to a carefully selected group of mostly un-

decided voters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Responding to a question on global warming, Gore concluded, "Imagine saying to your children, 'You don't have to worry about drastic weather changes.'"

New Dealers were accused of promising pie in the sky. Gore is promising good weather.

— **MICHAEL BARONE**
U.S. News & World Report,
January 24, 2000

■ Private conservation

[For people who wonder whether non-governmental groups can protect wilderness areas], during 1999, The Nature Conservancy took direct action to bring 900,000 acres of biologically significant land in the United States into conservation ownership or management.

That brings The Nature Conservancy's 48-year total to well over 11 million acres, an area larger than Switzerland.

— **THE NATURE CONSERVANCY PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
January 10, 2000

■ 38 to 1 odds

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, amount corporations paid lobbyists in Washington, DC in 1998: \$1.42 billion.

Number of registered lobbyists: 20,512.

Number of lobbyists per each of the 535 members of Congress: 38.

— **PLAYBOY**
March 2000

■ No compromise!

The standard definition of a compromise is that each side gives up something to facilitate a deal. In Washington, however, compromise means that both sides get more than they originally asked for; only taxpayers are asked to give something up.

Consider last fall's budget compromise. Way back in 1997, the president and Congress agreed that in fiscal year 2000, the federal government would spend no more than \$580 billion from its discretionary accounts.

No matter: President Clinton proposed spending \$592 billion. After much wrangling, Congress managed to get him to agree to spend a mere \$617 billion.

"This is how agreements are made in Washington," says Scott Hodge, a budget analyst at Citizens for a Sound Economy. "The president requests a level of spending, Congress approves a

slightly lower amount, and after they negotiate they compromise at a higher level than even the president asked for."

This dynamic was on display in the agriculture research bill, which funds such worthy items as blueberry research and aquaculture studies. Clinton requested \$469 million, the Senate approved \$474 million, and they compromised at \$486 million.

In the case of education, congressional leadership actually bragged that they spent \$1 billion more than the president requested.

— **MICHAEL W. LYNCH**
Reason, March 2000

■ Win the battle?

I've heard some of our friends say that they don't think we can win the battle over the proper role of government anymore.

I strongly disagree.

There is in American culture a respect for the dignity of individual human beings that is unique in the world. But it can't manifest itself if nobody in the political arena makes the case for individual liberty in an effective manner.

Ultimately, the battle has always been between liberty and the power of the state. Those who believe the ideological battle is over are mistaken.

— **ED CRANE**
Cato Memorandum
January 11, 2000

■ Good news

Uncle Sam's share of the total economy is shrinking.

In 1991, federal spending as a share of GDP [Gross Domestic Product] hit 23%. In 1999, it fell below 20% for the first time since 1974.

Moreover, this year federal spending might fall below 19% of the GDP, which will be the lowest level since President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society was launched in 1965.

This is [happening] despite much of the irresponsible spending enacted by President Clinton and the Republican Congress. Even though the federal budget is now about 140% more obese than it was in 1982, the U.S. GDP has increased by an even more robust 185%.

— **STEPHEN MOORE**
The Washington Times
January 14, 2000

■ Nazis are 3rd

R.J. Rummell, professor of political science at the University of Hawaii and author of *Death by Government*, estimates that since the beginning of this century, governments have murdered 170 million of their own citizens.

Top murderers are: The former Soviet Union, who between 1917 and 1987 murdered 62 million of their own citizens, and the People's Republic of China, who between 1949 and 1987 murdered 35 million of its citizens.

In a distant third place were the Nazis, who murdered about 21 million Jews, Serbs, Czechs, Poles, Ukrainians and other Slavs, and others.

Less well-known murdering governments include Turkey, which between 1909 and 1918 murdered close to 2 million Armenians.

Two million Cambodians lost their lives under the Khmer Rouge; Pakistan's government murdered 1.5 million people, and Josip Broz Tito's Yugoslavian government murdered a million citizens.

— **WALTER WILLIAMS**
The Washington Times
January 5, 2000

■ Sue HUD!

The Clinton administration, which has waged an intense war on tobacco, has given four American Indian tribes grants to build "smoke shops," according to a Senate report.

The tribes have received \$4.2 million from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) since 1997 to build six stores.

The stores sell smokeless and pipe tobacco as well as cartons of cigarettes, stocked floor to ceiling, mostly to non-Indians. Tribes use their tax-free status to offer discounted prices.

"These stores benefit the public by creating desperately needed jobs in poor communities," [HUD spokesman David] Egner said.

— **USA TODAY**
January 24, 2000

■ Wrong kind of hate

The Sons of Confederate Veterans are demanding that [a recent] torching of a banner of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee be treated by police and prosecutors as a hate crime against Southerners.

"The city should not treat this as a normal crime. They should treat it as a hate crime," said Brag Bowling, central Virginia commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "The heritage of a lot of Southerners has really been violated."

Richmond police said the fire was started by a Molotov cocktail.

Police spokeswoman Jennifer Reilly said investigators will determine later if the burning qualifies as a hate crime.

"Right now it's not being treated that way," she said.

— **THE WASHINGTON POST**
January 18, 2000

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If you were the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts, how would you campaign against Ted Kennedy?

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Would you zero in on how Kennedy helped create and expand the No-Win, Insane War on Drugs? Would you talk about his creation of Mandatory Minimum Laws against non-violent drug offenders — that cause the early release of murderers, rapists, and child molesters?

Would you take Ted Kennedy to task for his legislation against gun rights, against our right to keep and bear arms? For his role in the 1968 Firearms Act, the Brady Bill, and the 'Assault' Weapons ban?

Would you expose Ted Kennedy's role in creating the federal Department of Education? His bills and votes that radically expanded federal control of schools?

Would you focus on Ted Kennedy's indispensable role in creating today's ticking Tax Obligation Bomb: Social Security? Would you show why Kennedy's Social Security System will raise Social Security Taxes on 20 - 35 year old Americans to over 51% . . . on top of their Income Taxes?

How would you lay bare Ted Kennedy's 38-year Federal Government Career of raising Taxes, increasing spending, passing thousands of new laws, and making Big Government bigger?

The Problems We Face

1. Ted Kennedy has done so much wrong . . . in so many areas . . . for so long . . . that we could start anywhere. Kennedy's legacy is 38 years of Toxic Big Government Waste.

2. We have to communicate our campaign message to 3,000,000 Massachusetts voters. Several times . . . if we want them to remember it.

3. We have limited campaign funds to advertise our Libertarian message to 3,000,000 Massachusetts voters.

4. We have a limited number of campaign volunteers to put up yard signs and bumper stickers, hand out campaign fliers and brochures, talk to their friends and neighbors, and arrange speaking engagements for Carla Howell.

Positioning for Maximum Impact

We're distilling and reducing all issues to one simple alternative:

Big Government vs. small government.

Big Government programs don't work. Big Govern-

ment programs often make things worse for those they intend to help. Big Government programs create new problems. Big Government programs are wasteful and costly. Big Government programs divert money from positive and productive uses.

Small government is beautiful. Small government is simple and cheap and good. Small government is accountable. There's no place to hide waste and corruption in a very small government budget. Small government respects individual liberty and responsibility and private property.

We're asking Massachusetts voters — which do you want: Big Government or small government?

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Every time Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola advertised, people were reminded of the un-Cola. 7-Up, the un-Cola.

Big Government Ted Kennedy and the Big Government Republican. Or Libertarian Carla Howell, the un-Big Government candidate.

"Small government is beautiful" is the "un-do Big Government" position.

Repeating for Leverage

"Small government is beautiful" is on everything. Bumper stickers. Yard Signs. Banners. Fliers. News Releases. The web site. Advertisements.

Every issue we address is framed and phrased in terms of our campaign theme. For example, Carla Howell gave a

speech to the Ames Rifle & Pistol Club. The title: "Small government is beautiful . . . and It Leaves Your Guns Alone."

Carla Howell showed the clear connection between Big Government and gun prohibition. She explained why only Libertarian small government keeps its hands off guns.

As Carla Howell addresses specific issues — health care, drug prohibition, education, Social Security, taxes, and gun rights — she will frame and phrase and couch each specific issue in terms of our small government solution.

"Small government is beautiful" will be a charm bracelet that each specific issue is hung on.

Fastest Growing LP Campaign

In 1998 Carla Howell won 102,198 votes as Libertarian candidate for State Auditor in Massachusetts. 6%. With a radio ad budget of under \$8,000.

Carla Howell was endorsed by the *Boston Herald*

which described her as a "serious, savvy, and well-qualified candidate . . . well worth a vote."

We hope that this U.S. Senate campaign can build on the 102,198 votes from 1998, and move her up in the polls.

We've made substantial progress.

■ Over 103 volunteers have already lent a hand.

■ "Small Government News," our campaign e-mail newsletter, has over 1,019 subscribers.

■ 11,138 registered LP voters in Massachusetts.

■ *Massachusetts News* just published a lengthy campaign interview.

■ "Carla Howell . . . her campaign could catch fire, and eventually, maybe, just maybe, Massachusetts would be represented by Sen. Howell," wrote the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*.

Your Donation Makes A Difference

We must collect 10,000 valid petition signatures to put Carla Howell on the ballot against Ted Kennedy . . . and we're already half done. We must build strong name recognition now. Yard signs. Bumper stickers. Fliers.

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News: Affiliates

Stopping a 'land grab,' lobbying for a name, & legalizing ferrets

■ ALABAMA

Libertarian hits the road on Campus Liberty Tour

State LP Vice Chair **Scott Kjar** hit the road in January on his first "Campus Liberty Tour," taking Libertarianism to the state's colleges.

"The key to long-term LP growth is to build more campus organizations," he said.

In the first month of the tour, Kjar talked to "literally hundreds of students" at Auburn University, Jacksonville State, and several University of Alabama campuses.

At each stop, Kjar set up an Operation Politically Homeless booth to draw students to an "Introduction to Libertarianism" meeting. His goal: To spark the creation of campus Libertarian clubs.

"Young people are experimenting with new ideas," he said. "College students are the most likely to keep up with Libertarian activism in the future."

■ ALASKA

State Libertarians get hemp initiative on ballot

This November, Alaska citizens will be able to decide at the polls if hemp should be legal in the state, thanks to a successful Libertarian petition drive.

On February 2, state elections officials confirmed that Libertarians had collected enough signatures to get a marijuana legalization initiative on the ballot.

"We submitted almost twice as many signatures as required," said LP State Chair **Len Karpinski**, co-author of the initiative.

In December, the state LP announced that 40,865 signatures had been submitted — even though just 24,474 were needed.

The measure would make possession of hemp legal under state law, and regulate marijuana as alcoholic beverages are regulated now. The initiative also would allow the use of hemp for clothing, medicine, and other uses, Karpinski said.

■ CALIFORNIA

State LP blasts Cal-OSHA home-office 'power grab'

Watch out: California bureaucrats want the power to regulate your home-office.

That's the warning the state LP issued on January 19, after Cal-OSHA announced that tens of



Ed Thompson wins Wisconsin Liberty Award

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin State Chair **Bob Collison** (right) presents the state's annual Liberty Award to **Ed Thompson** on December 12, 1999.

Thompson — the brother of Republican Governor **Tommy Thompson** — won the honor for his two-year fight against the state government's monopolistic gambling laws. Despite facing felony charges and thousands of dollars in fines after police raided his tavern and charged him with having "illegal" video gambling machines, Thompson refused to plead guilty. Eventually, the District Attorney dropped all charges.

Because the Libertarian Party was the only party that supported him during his legal problems, Thompson became an LP life member in 1998, and vowed to start "putting a lot of effort into the Libertarian Party."

"I could never again with any respect call myself a Democrat or Republican," he said.

thousands of home-offices could be inspected for workplace safety.

"Lock your doors and shut the blinds: This policy is an outrageous invasion of privacy and a dangerous extension of regulatory power," said LP State Chair **Mark Hinkle**. "This policy needs to be abolished immediately."

The Cal-OSHA "power-grab" came just after the federal government's Occupational Safety and Health Administration withdrew a similar plan to monitor home-offices, following a nationwide protest.

"Cal-OSHA is ignoring the criticism aimed at the federal OSHA," noted Hinkle. "Rather than recognize that more regulations will kill jobs and reduce workplace flexibility for employees, Cal-OSHA would rather em-

bark on a power grab."

In response, Libertarians have a message for Cal-OSHA, he said: "Stay out of our homes — literally and figuratively."

■ CALIFORNIA

Is party member guilty of felony ferret possession?

A California Libertarian has gone on trial for an unusual crime: Possession of a ferret.

Pat Wright, who owns four of the furry creatures, went on trial at the San Diego County Courthouse for "possession of wild animals" on January 31. Ferrets are legal in all but two states.

"This [case] is about whether the ferret is domestic [and safe], or wild and a threat to human safety," Wright said. "While the

rest of the world is concerned about robbers and muggers, Californians can rest assured they will be protected from domestic ferrets."

One of Wright's ferrets scratched a child in a public park last summer. Although the child was not seriously injured, animal control officers "broke down my door, placed me in handcuffs, pointed a gun at me, and seized my ferrets," he said.

"My funds are now exhausted," Wright said. "Perhaps the one victory the anti-ferret forces [can] claim is driving a ferret lover closer to bankruptcy."

[A verdict was expected after LP News went to press.]

■ COLORADO

Junior Libertarians rally for Second Amendment

Two pint-sized Libertarians have joined the campaign to protect the Second Amendment — telling state legislators they want their "rights intact" when they reach adulthood.

C. J. Hackett (10) and **Sean Glidewell** (13) — both children of El Paso County LP members — joined a delegation of 20 young people at the State Capitol in Denver on January 10 to speak out against new gun control bills.

"I'm here because I want my rights intact by the time I reach 18," Glidewell told legislators.

The children were part of a new organization, Firearm Rights Endorsed through Education (FREE), said El Paso County LP member **John T. Geltemeyer**, and they "gathered with their parents to listen to guest speakers and share their thoughts about proposed gun-control legislation."

"These kids know more about the true meaning of the Second Amendment than most of our current legislators do," he said. "Is it any wonder that our Constitutional rights are under attack?"

■ COLORADO

State party launches new Legislative Watchdog team

Libertarians have a new way to keep an eye on the state legislature: A "Legislative Watchdog Team," started by State LP Treas-

urer **David Bryant** in January.

"We're starting now because the legislature has returned to session," he said. "In the past, it was hard to keep track of legislation, but now we can monitor legislative doings on the Web. When I told party members they could help from the comfort of their own PCs, quite a few volunteered."

About 30 Libertarians are now tracking 400 bills in 10 categories including gun rights, taxes, and education, he said. One volunteer has already reviewed 43 tax bills single-handedly.

Legislative Watchdog Team members "read the [legislative] calendar, the journals, and the bills themselves," Bryant said.

It's a lot of work, he said, but will pay off if Libertarians "can highlight a bad bill far enough in advance of committee hearings" and write letters to legislators and newspapers to try to block it.

■ GEORGIA

State Libertarians join MLK march in Atlanta

Libertarians joined in Atlanta's massive Martin Luther King Day march for the first time ever this year.

About 25 Libertarians participated in the annual event on January 17, armed with Libertarian position papers on issues of importance to the African-American community.

In all, thousands of people turned out for the march, said LP activist **Paul Jennison**.

Jennison got the LP involved because of the "need to bring Libertarian solutions to the problems faced by the African-American community," he said. "Libertarian solutions will bring results where others have brought only efforts."

Before the march, Jennison personally interviewed leaders of Atlanta's black community to find out about their concerns. He then consulted Libertarians nationwide for help in crafting positions.

"Imagine what might have happened if we had been able to offer a Libertarian solution [to intolerance] to Dr. King," he said. "We might have had a Libertarian in the White House now and discrimination might only be found in history books."

"Keep the spirit of liberty constantly awake."

— Edmund Burke



As Libertarians, we want the "spirit of liberty" to be constantly awake. Here's one important way you can help make sure that our nation's precious liberty never falls into slumber: Name the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. That way, your personal spirit of liberty will continue to blaze with life, even beyond one lifetime. For a confidential discussion of this option, please contact national LP Treasurer **Mark Tuniewicz** at (781) 883-5295. Or e-mail him at: Treasurer@lp.org.



Libertarian mayoral candidate campaigns in Miami

Emiliano Antunez (center, in car), LP candidate for Mayor of Miami, campaigns at the "Three Kings" Parade in Miami on January 9. "The Antunez campaign received an enthusiastic response from Miami citizens," said campaign manager Tom Regnier. Antunez expects to be competing in a four-way, non-partisan election on March 14 — although the election may not happen because of a battle over its legality. [See related story on page 22.]

■ IOWA

Johnson County LP fights eminent domain 'abuse'

When the Solon Community School District "condemned" 25 acres of land owned by a private developer, Johnson County Libertarians got angry — and then they got to work to try to rescind the land grab.

The Marshak Meadows land, valued at \$6,800 per acre, was seized by the district under an eminent domain rule that gives the School Board "sole authority [to seize property]," said Chair **Christy Ann Welty**. "They did not have to elaborate [on the purpose of the land grab], and their discretion is not questioned."

In November, Libertarians began distributing petitions demanding public hearings on the issue.

"We argued that the board should try to reach a voluntary agreement [with the property owners] instead of [using] force, and to rescind the condemnation — and buy only the acres they would use," said Welty.

The Board claimed the land will be used for a new school building. But Welty said that would take up less than one-third of the seized land — and the board "abused their power."

■ MASSACHUSETTS

State party passes 10k registration milestone

It's 10,000 in 2000 for the Massachusetts LP — 10,000 registered Libertarians, that is.

"Right now, Libertarian registration stands at 10,604," said *Massachusetts Liberty* editor **P. Christopher Schoaff** in January. "That's significantly larger than all other minor parties combined."

Even better, Libertarian "registrations grew at an accelerating

pace right up through the [1999] elections," he said. "By the peak of the trend, monthly registrations were nine times higher than at the beginning of the year."

Interestingly, the LP did not have a Libertarian "check box" on the registration form while the Reform Party did — but new Libertarian registrations still outpaced Reform registrations by nearly three to one, said Schoaff.

"If this trend continues, our party is on the verge of a major breakout," he said.

■ MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor LP works for medical marijuana vote

Ann Arbor Libertarians have started circulating petitions to put a medical marijuana initiative on the ballot this fall.

The city is a good place for such a campaign, said Washtenaw County LP Chair **James Tudler**, since Ann Arbor just imposes a \$25 fine for first-time marijuana possession.

If the measure passes, city police would be prohibited from citing or arresting people who use marijuana for medicinal purposes such as the relief of pain caused by AIDS and cancer.

Michigan's state anti-marijuana laws, which carry harsher penalties, would still be enforced, Tudler said — but the Ann Arbor effort is an important "first step."

Libertarians have until August to obtain the necessary 4,300 signatures, said Tudler.

■ NEW MEXICO

Candidate fights sudden district registration move

LP State Assembly candidate **Gary Miles** has found himself living in a new district — without even leaving his house — and he doesn't like it one bit.

So Miles filed a formal complaint on January 12, charging that the Sandoval County Clerk had improperly transferred his registration from House District 65, where he is seeking the seat this year, to District 43. If the move isn't revoked, Miles will be unable to continue his campaign.

"It's clearly [part of] a pattern of harassment against potential candidates," he said. "These are not just accidents."

While only the State Legislature has the power to redistrict following the census every 10 years, county commissions are allowed to change the boundaries of precincts, according to the New Mexico Board of Elections.

But Miles said he will continue to fight to be returned to District 65. He has contacted the District Attorney's Office, which said it will investigate the arbitrary district switches.

■ OREGON

Water Board Libertarian wins 'medical' vote, 5-0

Thanks to the efforts of Libertarian Commissioner **Richard Burke**, the Tualatin Valley Water District won't be able to fire employees who use marijuana for medicinal purposes.

At their January meeting, commissioners voted 5-0 to guarantee Water District employees the right to use medical marijuana. Burke spearheaded the effort, after fighting off a proposal to prohibit medical marijuana.

"Policy required that all employees testing positive [for marijuana] be fired," he said. When the state adopted a medical marijuana statute, some commissioners wanted to keep that restriction in place.

"I rejected this proposal and lobbied the other commissioners to do the same," said Burke. "I

wrote a counter-proposal specifically allowing employees to use medicinal marijuana without fear of being fired.

"It is a small victory for Libertarians, but a victory," he said.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Chester Co. Libertarians battle 36% tax increase

Chester County Libertarians "expressed their outrage" at a December budget proposal hearing after local politicians announced a plan to raise real estate taxes by 36%.

County LP Vice Chair **Joe Lisowski** — described by a local newspaper as often "the lone voice" of citizens at such hearings — said he was "very encouraged" that 400 residents turned out on December 21 to angrily criticize the plan.

It was heartening to see "so many citizens [joining Libertarians] to fight this tax increase," which would add nearly \$150 to each taxpayer's annual burden, he said.

In a press release, the local LP blasted the tax increase and said that the county government should cut the budget instead. And Lisowski vowed to maintain his vigilance, saying he would speak out at future hearings, too.

■ SOUTH CAROLINA

End travel fund robbery, urge state Libertarians

The state LP has a simple solution to embezzling by school district officials: Take away some of the incentive.

"In light of the embezzlement of millions of dollars in public funds, we call for an end to the use of education funds for travel," said SCLP Press Secretary **Timothy Moultrie** on January 28.

Over the past decade, the state's educational travel fund has been an irresistible source of corruption, noted Moultrie, with one school official snatching over \$1 million for "vacations for himself, family, lovers, [and] prostitutes." Three other officials pled guilty, eight more await trial, and the state estimates that over 400 school employees took trips on taxpayers' money.

It's "the largest embezzlement scheme of public funds in state history," said Moultrie.

As a solution, the state should "ban travel funding by school districts," he said. "If \$3.5 million can be stolen by one man and a few cronies without notice, the potential for abuse is too great."

■ TENNESSEE

Put third-party names on ballot, urges state LP

Tennessee Libertarians are working to make a name for themselves — literally — on this November's ballot.

The LPTN is campaigning for a State Assembly bill that would list each third party's name with its candidates, said State Chair **Charles Wilhoit**. Currently, all

third party candidates are listed as "Independent."

Over the next month, Libertarians plan to lobby representatives by e-mail and phone calls, and will try to get media attention for the bill, he said.

If the bill does pass, it will take effect immediately — meaning the LP's presidential nominee "will be on the Tennessee ballot as a Libertarian, not an Independent," Wilhoit said.

■ TEXAS

Gun-toting Texans lean Libertarian, says survey

If you're a Texan who attends gun shows, there's an excellent chance you're a libertarian, a new survey by the Taylor County LP suggests.

At the Abilene Gun and Knife Show on January 15, a full 48% of attendees who took the World's Smallest Political Quiz scored libertarian, said County LP Chair **George Schwappach**.

"Most people are libertarian in their private lives and in their associations with others," he said. "When we talk to people one-on-one, we find that they tend to identify with our philosophy."

Taking advantage of the high-caliber crowd of potential Libertarians, several LP candidates, including U.S. House candidate **Debra Monde**, were on hand to chat with attendees.

■ VERMONT

Randall introduces bill to reform 'unfair' notices

In what he called "a first step in restoring taxpayers' rights," Vermont's LP state representative has introduced legislation to reform tax delinquency laws.

Rep. **Neil Randall's** bill, H. 721, would change the law so the government's mailing of a tax delinquency notice would no longer be considered the same as receipt of the notice.

"It is unfair for taxpayers to be subjected to possibly erroneous legal presumptions, or to be placed under unreasonable time pressures, when confronted by the machinery of government," Randall said when he filed the bill in January.

H. 721 would require tax officials to prove in writing that a taxpayer was actually notified, and would give citizens 185 days to respond. If a taxpayer is found liable, that individual would have 186 days to prepare an appeal — a marked increase from the current 30 days.

"Citizens deserve a fair opportunity in such disputes," Randall said.

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Student e-mail discussion list begun

A moderated e-mail discussion list for student Libertarian activists has been launched to help the next generation of Libertarians "avoid the common mistakes of activism."

The list — LPStudentActivist — "is meant for Libertarian student activists of all stripes, whether they are involved in a College Libertarian club, drug reform, student government, or anything else," said moderator Marc Brandl, who is the Customer Service Representative at LP national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"It's to discuss the mechanics of activism and to bring Libertarian student activists into contact with one another."

For example, one benefit of the list is that members can share their successful strategies and help others learn from their mistakes, he said.

"Campus activism hasn't changed much since the Sixties," he said. "You still have to run display tables, pass out literature, create a contact list, have regular meetings, and organize protests. So why should you be making the same mistakes people were making 30 years ago?"

"With LPStudentActivist you can avoid the common mistakes of campus activism, save time, find out about great resources, get some free literature, and communicate with other activists who want to live in a free country as well," he said.

The list is open to current high school or college students only, and is for discussion of strategies and student activism, not general Libertarian politics and philosophy. For more information, or to sign up, e-mail Brandl at mbrandl7@hotmail.com.

New York activist killed in accident

The New York Libertarian Party is mourning the loss of longtime LP activist Gail Pannepacker-Bova, who was killed in an automobile accident on January 14, 2000.

Pannepacker-Bova, 43, was struck and killed by a car in Centerreach, NY, after her car broke down during a frigid cold spell and she went walking for help, police say. A memorial service was held on January 19.

During her years in the Libertarian Party, Pannepacker-Bova served as the NYLP State Chair from 1994-1995, as a delegate to national conventions, and as party secretary.

"Gail was State Chair during the Howard Stern for Governor era, and she brought the party through some tough times," said LP member Juan C. Sanchez. "Gail had the enthusiasm and the dedication and sense of humor to [guide] the party through some very turbulent times. [She also] had the persistent enthusiasm you need to deal with the dejection of trying to run a party in a very electorally-tyrannical state like New York."

Professionally, Pannepacker-Bova was an award-winning communications professional. She was employed as a speech writer and newsletter/website editor at Con Edison in New York, and had won awards for speechwriting, newsletter writing, and feature writing. She is survived by her husband, Jack.



■ Gail Bova: "Enthusiasm."

New e-mail discussion forum started

Two new e-mail discussion lists have been set up for "constituencies which have natural sympathies" for the freedom philosophy — gay Libertarians and pagan Libertarians.

The two new forums are for "individuals [who] have commonalities with each other that give them common perspectives on certain issues," said LP member Chris Cole, who created the e-mail lists. "It is important for those individuals to [communicate with] each other, for mutual support and edification."

Individuals can sign up for the Gay Libertarian List — which is open to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Libertarians — by sending a message to majordomo@queernet.org with "subscribe gaylibertarian" in the body.

To sign up for the Pagan Libertarian list, send a blank e-mail to: pagolibertarian-subscribe@onelist.com. Or visit: www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/pagolibertarian.

The new forums will allow Libertarians to discuss how to "apply the principles of liberty to every area of life," said Cole.

Gay people and pagans (who practice the Wiccan religion) should be a natural constituency for libertarianism, said Cole, since many pagans follow the principle of "[if] it harm none, do what thou wilt" — "which is a paraphrase of the non-initiation of force principle" — and since "gay people have been victimized by government. They need an opportunity to hear alternatives."

Jim Lark announces bid for Chair

Currently an LNC member, he wants to beef up student outreach if elected Chair

The Libertarian Party has its first announced candidate for party chairman: James W. Lark III, an At-Large Member of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC).

"During the past 16 years, I have had the honor and pleasure of working as a member of the Libertarian Party for a freer, better society," said Lark, who is employed as an assistant professor at the University of Virginia. And now, "I have decided to seek the chairmanship," he said.

Lark, who announced his bid for chair on February 10, has a long history of LP activism. In addition to his duties on the LNC, he is currently the party's national campus coordinator and the vice chair of the Virginia LP.

He served on the LP Platform Committee in 1991 and 1998, was a member of the Success '99 faculty, serves as advisor to several Libertarian student groups at the University of Virginia, and will be a member of the Bylaws Committee at the 2000 convention. He joined the party in 1984.

Burning desire

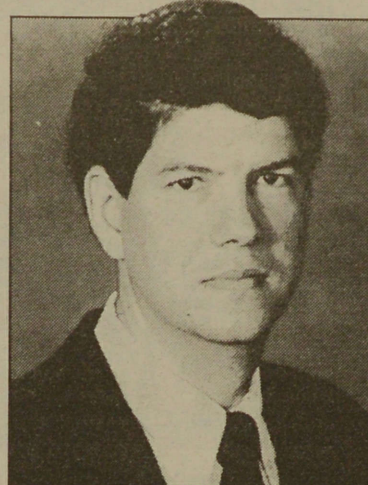
Lark said he has "no burning desire for the job" of chairman.

But when "several LP members whom I greatly respect approached me with the request that I seek the chairmanship," he decided to run, he said, because "I cannot ask others to seek the position if I am unwilling to stand up when needed."

He was asked to run, said Lark, because supporters "argued that I would be a 'consensus candidate' who would help bring unity to the party."

However, his campaign for chair will not be run in a "conventional manner," said Lark.

"I am currently working at



■ Jim Lark: Supporters say he would be a "consensus candidate who would help bring unity to the party."

several tasks to promote liberty, and I don't want to divert time and money from these tasks to campaign for an internal party position," he said.

Instead, he will "offer my positions and qualifications in various forums, discuss issues with convention attendees in Anaheim, and then seek the judgment of the delegates," said Lark.

If elected chair, Lark said he

would have five main goals:

■ Reaching out to high school and college students.

■ Improving the process of generating, recruiting, and training new activists.

■ Improving LP membership retention.

■ Finding better ways to work with "the broader Libertarian movement," with emphasis on think tanks.

■ Conducting a full-scale "systems analysis" of the LP and its operations.

The goal of his campaign, said Lark, is to ensure that the Libertarian Party elects the best possible chair.

Welcome

"All candidates for the chairmanship and other offices are welcome to contact me to discuss building the LP and the Libertarian movement," he said.

The LNC Chair heads the LP's National Committee for a term of two years. Incumbent Chair David Bergland announced in early February that he would not seek re-election to the post.

The new chair will be selected by a vote of the delegates at the LP National Convention in Anaheim, CA, June 29-July 3, 2000.

To contact Lark, e-mail him at: jwlark@dellmail.com. Or call: (804) 973-5958.

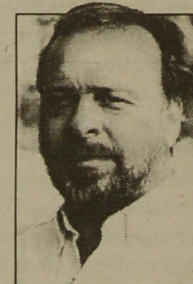
Novelist Nelson DeMille says he is a libertarian

One of the country's most popular writers — who has a string of bestseller novels dating back more than a decade — has announced that he is a libertarian.

Nelson DeMille, perhaps best known for his novel-turned-hit movie, *The General's Daughter*,

made his comments in a January 12 interview with *Newsday*.

In a wide-ranging conversation that covered everything from terrorism to Hillary Clinton to his personal political beliefs, DeMille flatly declared that he was a "Libertarian" — and added, "I think there's a strong libertarian movement [in the country] toward smaller government."



■ DeMille: A "libertarian."

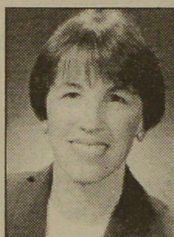
Make idiots

However, DeMille said he had no interest in ever seeking political office on any party's ticket because "you compromise yourself," and because writers and Hollywood types tend to "make idiots out of themselves" when they get involved in politics.

In response to DeMille's comments, LP National Director Steve Dasbach said, "Libertarianism is building pop culture momentum. As more famous people like Nelson DeMille start proudly

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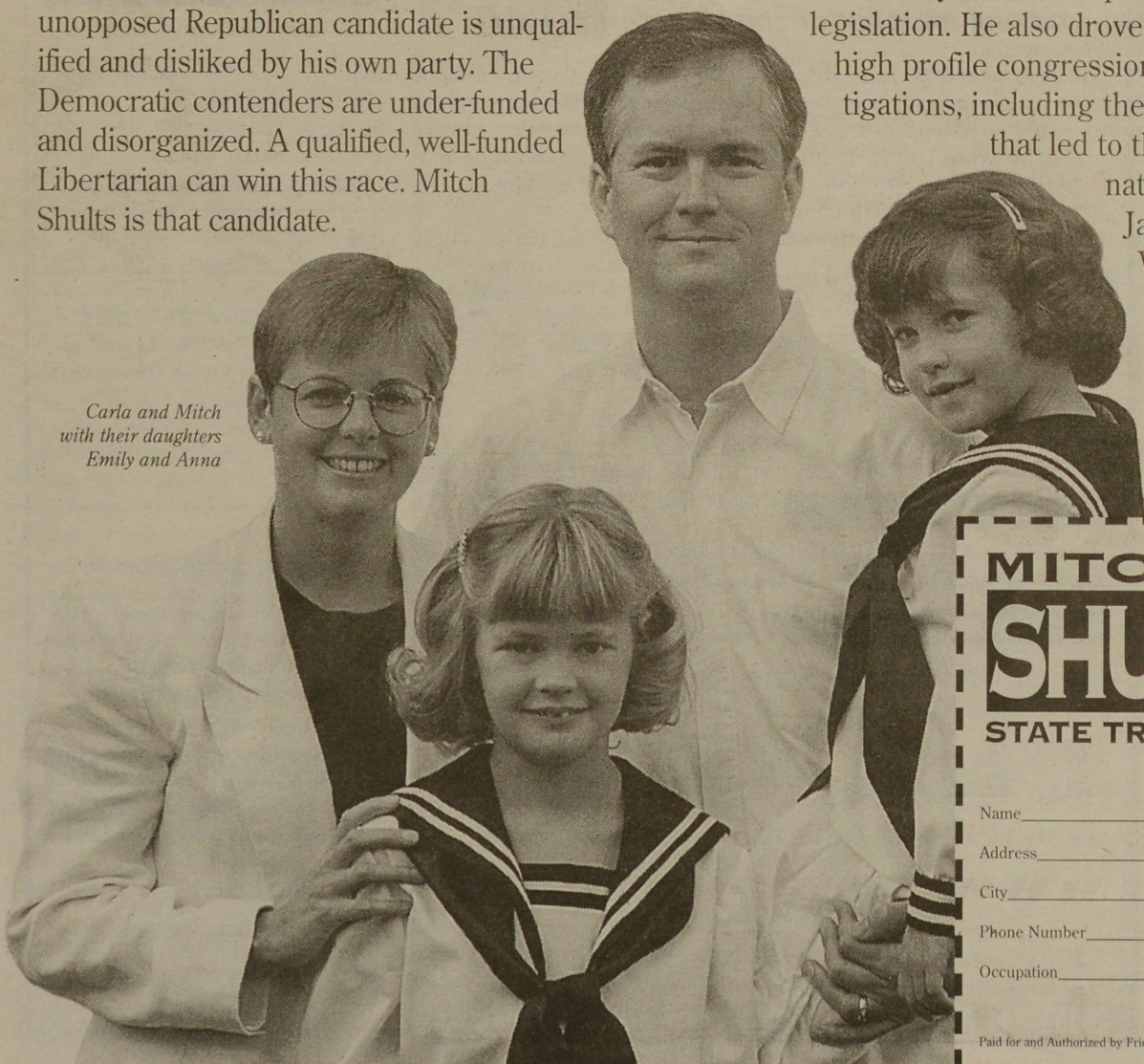
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The art of selling liberty to high school students

LP activist James Madison explains how one \$20 bill can make students understand

Connecticut LP activist James Madison has developed a sure-fire strategy for explaining the merits of libertarianism to high school students — and it works even when you're confronted by a self-described teenage communist.

"Talk about *results*," he advised. "Young people have an intense desire to make the world a better place. Explain that freedom is not just about letting you live in peace — but that it also increases the quality of every other good thing in society."

Madison got a chance to test his techniques when he was invited to represent the Libertarian Party at a Junior State of America (JSA) convention at Yale University in New Haven on January 8.

JSA is a nationwide organization of political "leaders of tomorrow" whose members, administrators, and leaders are all high school students with a "passion for politics," said Madison.

The Yale University conference — which attracted about 200 high school students — included political seminars, a workshop on how to debate, impromptu discussions on issues, and a "political fair" for political parties.

Always inspire

The Libertarian Party was included in the line-up because "they always inspire more dialogue than anyone else," said Katie Davenport, one of the organizers of the event. "Whether it is inspiration or outrage, the LP never fails to get a response from the students."

At the event, Connecticut Libertarians set up their booth and started handing out the World's Smallest Political Quiz, said Madison — who then began explaining the principles of libertarianism to the students.

"I quickly drew a crowd," he said. "About 15 minutes later, the Green Party showed up. The student organizer asked if we could have a debate format with the Green representative, and I agreed."

With a crowd of students gathered around, Madison immediately started scoring points off the beleaguered Green Party activist.

"On issue after issue, I was able to articulate a much more effective position," he said. "I could tell I was capturing their attention because most of their questions were directed at me. The Green Party offered more of the same [old politics]. I was proposing things that challenged their views and inspired them to ask question after question."

For example, he said, "The students asked how Libertarians proposed to make the government do things better. It was clear that they did not have much exposure to considering whether the government should be doing most things at all!"

One area of particular interest to students, he said, was education.

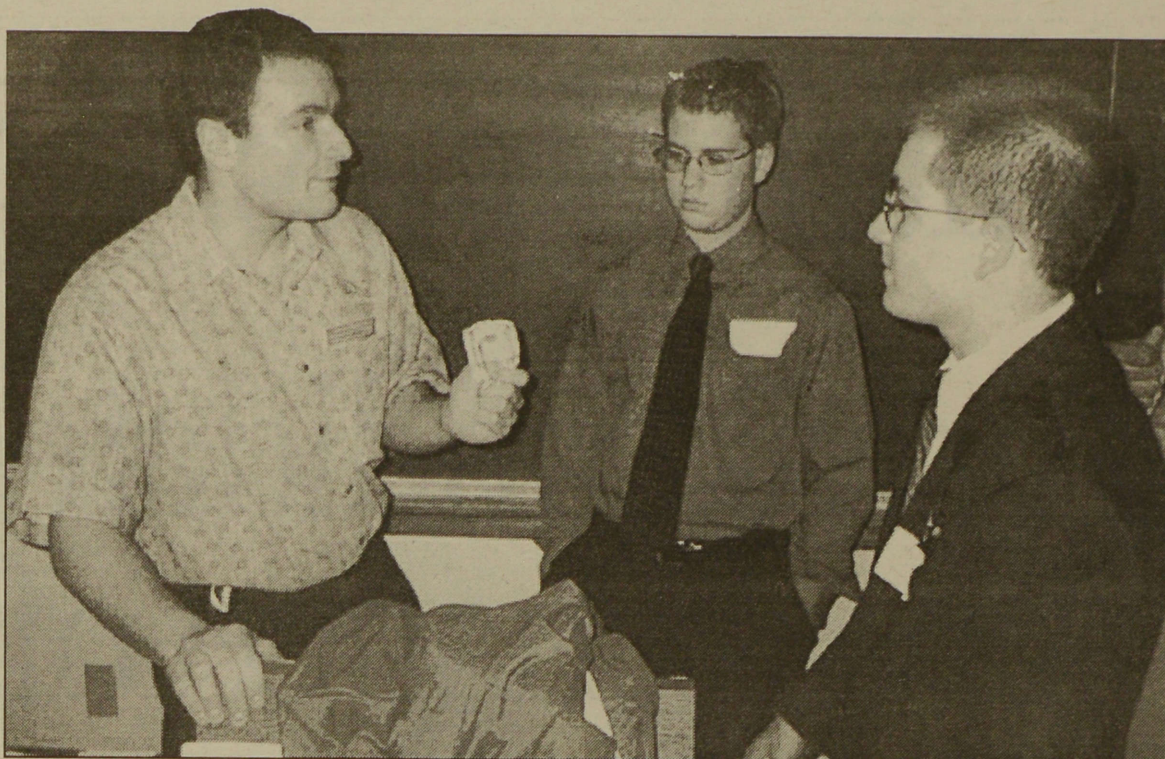
"I said we need to privatize education. Someone pointed out that if we privatize education, many of the public schools will be abandoned. I said, 'Exactly! You're exactly right, parents would pull their children out in droves. That is the clearest evidence of all that they are failing.'"

Go elsewhere

"Most of these students are in the public school system. They see it every day, and they seem to know intuitively that if parents had a choice, they would go elsewhere," he said.

Another area of concern for students: Global poverty.

"I said that the best way we



■ LP activist James Madison (left) holds a \$20 bill. He used it to explain to students — at a Junior State of America convention — why the Libertarian Party opposes taxes and income redistribution. The event attracted about 200 politically active high school students.

can help them is by supporting their economies through privately organized free trade," said Madison. "[At first], it was difficult to explain that — horror stories on the evening news aside — allowing business to branch into poor countries is the best way to help build their economy."

Gradually, said Madison, the students seemed to grasp the basic principles of libertarianism.

"One student pointed out that

on many issues it seems as if the Libertarian Party plans to do nothing," he said. "I realized that he was beginning to get it, [and told him that] we [Libertarians are] not so arrogant as to think we can run your life."

More effectively

"I pointed out that government has a legitimate role when one person harms another as in cases of violence, destruction, and

fraud. For everything else, we believe that individuals or private organizations can address things more effectively."

Madison said he also used several of his "standard techniques" to explain some of the more difficult libertarian concepts.

"I put a 20-dollar bill on the table and asked one student if he had the right to take my money,"

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High school liberty

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he said. "He said no. I asked if he had a right to it if he and his friend [wanted it]. Again, no."

"I gradually expanded his group to the room, the town, the state, the 266 million people in the nation — and asked if the situation somehow changes when his 'mob' gets bigger and bigger."

"I then pointed out that no matter how big the mob, income redistribution is still just [a form of] theft."

That idea was too much for one student, who proudly described himself as a communist. The junior Marxist "said the government must give basic life needs to everyone," said Madison.

"I said, OK. Let's start in this room," said Madison. "Let's create our own little utopia in this room. In our little society everyone is guaranteed basic food, housing, and health care. 'Agreed?' I asked."

"Everyone agreed — who could possibly be against such proposals? I paused, leaned back against the wall and said, 'I refuse to work. Now feed me.'"

"Everyone quickly saw how this breaks down. 'You must feed me, it's a law in our little utopia, and you all agreed to it,' I said. The young communist then said, 'If you don't work, you don't get food.'"

"'Oh,' I said, 'You mean I have to work for my food — just like in a free society?' I then went on to discuss how freedom motivates people to work hard and hand-outs destroy incentive."

And that, said Madison, shut the communist up.

Libertarian table

By the end of the hour-long presentation, "not only did most of the students come to the Libertarian table — but so did the Green Party representative!" said Madison.

The fact that even the Green Party activist ended up being interested in libertarianism is a good example of why the JSA invites the LP to its events, said Davenport.

"I think what kids find so intriguing about the libertarian philosophy is its simplicity," she said. "In a society where every politician makes a million excuses, exceptions, the Libertarians offer something genuine: 'We

will protect your rights. Period.'"

And that kind of potential appeal is why Libertarians need to participate in events like the Junior State of America convention, said Madison.

"Young people have an intense desire to make the world a better place — after all, they'll be in it longer than any of us," he said. "[These are] definitely the kind of young activists we need to reach to sustain the party's future growth."

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH

■ **Become part of their world.** "Wear somewhat casual clothes, let your grammar get a little sloppy, and don't be afraid to use slang terms from time to time," said Connecticut LP activist James Madison. "Don't try to be something you're not, either — they'll see right through that. But loosen up and let the energy, idealism, and simplicity of youth rub off on you."

■ **Talk about results.** "Be sure to explain that freedom is not just about letting you live in peace, but that it also increases the quality of education, health care, retirement, the lives of the poor, and every other good thing in society."

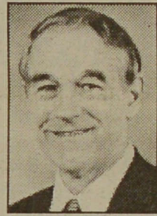
■ **Challenge their basic assumptions.** "They will ask how Libertarians will make the government do things better," he said. "Rephrase the question and ask them whether the government should have any involvement in most issues."

■ **Keep the economic discussions in simple terms.** "Most high school students have never had to deal with tough economic realities," said Madison. "They don't yet realize how many of their own problems they could solve if they could keep the 47% of their income the government takes."

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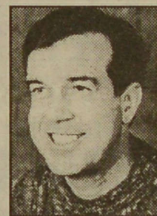
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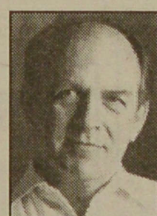
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Gary Johnson launches LP vice chair campaign

Longtime LP activist Gary Johnson has thrown his hat into the ring as the first announced candidate for LNC Vice Chair.

"I like to be where the action is," Johnson said on February 11. "I want to make a difference."

Johnson, 46, has been involved with the LP almost since its inception, first becoming active in 1973. He has held many party posts, including county and State Chair in Texas, Libertarian National Committee member, and LNC Secretary (1996-1998).

He also has electoral experience, having run for "offices ranging from U.S. Senator, where I received 2% of the vote, to school board, where I received 20% in a three-way race." In addition, he has been a campaign manager and led several petition and referendum efforts.

Johnson, a self-employed investor residing in Austin, Texas, currently produces the Austin Libertarian Party's weekly public access cable television series, "Live and Let Live."

Harmony

Johnson had praise for the current LNC, noting it is "working in harmony" and "focusing on important priorities" like fundraising, ballot access, and candidate training. It is also "conducting its business in the open for all to see," he said.

If elected, Johnson said he has some ideas to "improve" the LNC, including:

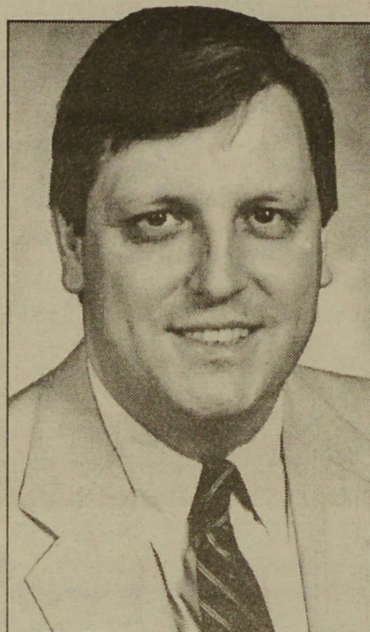
■ **Polling.** "We should never use an opinion poll to decide where to stand on an issue," he

said. "But, we can and should use polls, focus groups, and market research to determine the best way to communicate our message."

■ **Image advertising.** "We need to 'define ourselves or be defined,' and we need to do it before our detractors do it for us."

■ **Opposition research.** "I am amazed at how often I hear a Libertarian candidate speak about broad philosophy but not about the incumbent's voting record or statements," he said.

To contact Johnson about his campaign for vice chair, call him at (512) 441-6378. Or e-mail at: garyjohnson@compuserve.com.



■ LP activist — and past LP secretary — Gary Johnson of Austin, Texas is running for LP vice chair because, "I want to make a difference."

NY Libertarians start drive to defend church

In an odd twist on the "separation of church and state," New York Libertarians are fighting a town's attempt to seize a church under eminent domain — calling it a "scheme" to deprive a poor congregation of its property.

Libertarians "plan to gather petitions, write letters to the media and town officials, and stage a rally with the congregation to protest" the seizure of St. Luke's Pentecostal Church in New Cassel, said Nassau County LP Chair Richard Cooper, who is spearheading the effort.

The North Hempstead Community Development Authority is trying to grab the church in the name of "community revitalization" under a federally funded "urban renewal" program.

Enough churches

Cooper first became aware of the church's plight when a town Zoning Board member told a local newspaper, "We have enough churches here in New Cassel. I would like to see done with the property what it was earmarked for: Business."

Cooper emphatically disagreed. "[Libertarians] think there are too many agencies, too many bureaucrats, and too many politicians — rather than too many churches," he said.

So, Cooper invited the church's minister, Rev. Fred Jenkins, to an LP meeting in January to formulate a strategy to fight the seizure.

After that discussion, Libertarians were "enthusiastic about [doing] something about this," said Cooper. "We believe it to be a

RICHARD COOPER:

"[Libertarians] think there are too many politicians — rather than too many churches."

winnable fight, but it's not a sure thing."

To put pressure on the church to give up the land, town officials have ignored St. Luke's federal tax-exempt status, blocked any improvement efforts, and slapped it with a bill for \$22,000 in property taxes.

"The arrogance of the town officials outrages us," said Cooper.

To add insult to injury, the Town Board has offered Rev. Jenkins just \$80,000 for the property — even though the church had paid \$130,000.

Low-ball offer

"It made me and my Libertarian colleagues mad that the town did not have the decency to offer at least what the Rev. Jenkins paid for it, and then resorted to squeeze-play tactics to force them to accept a low-ball offer," Cooper said.

"These actions smell of trickery to deprive the poor congregation of its property on the cheap," he said. "Town officials have replaced a dream with a scheme."



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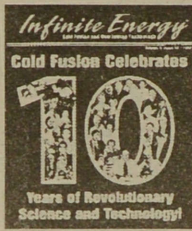
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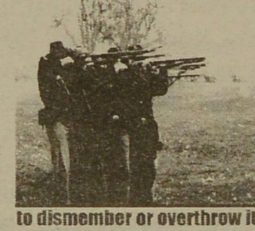
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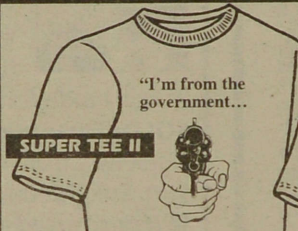
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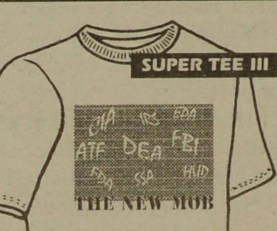
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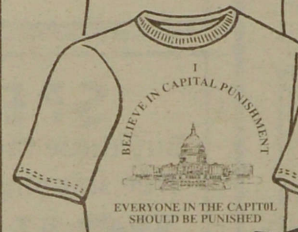
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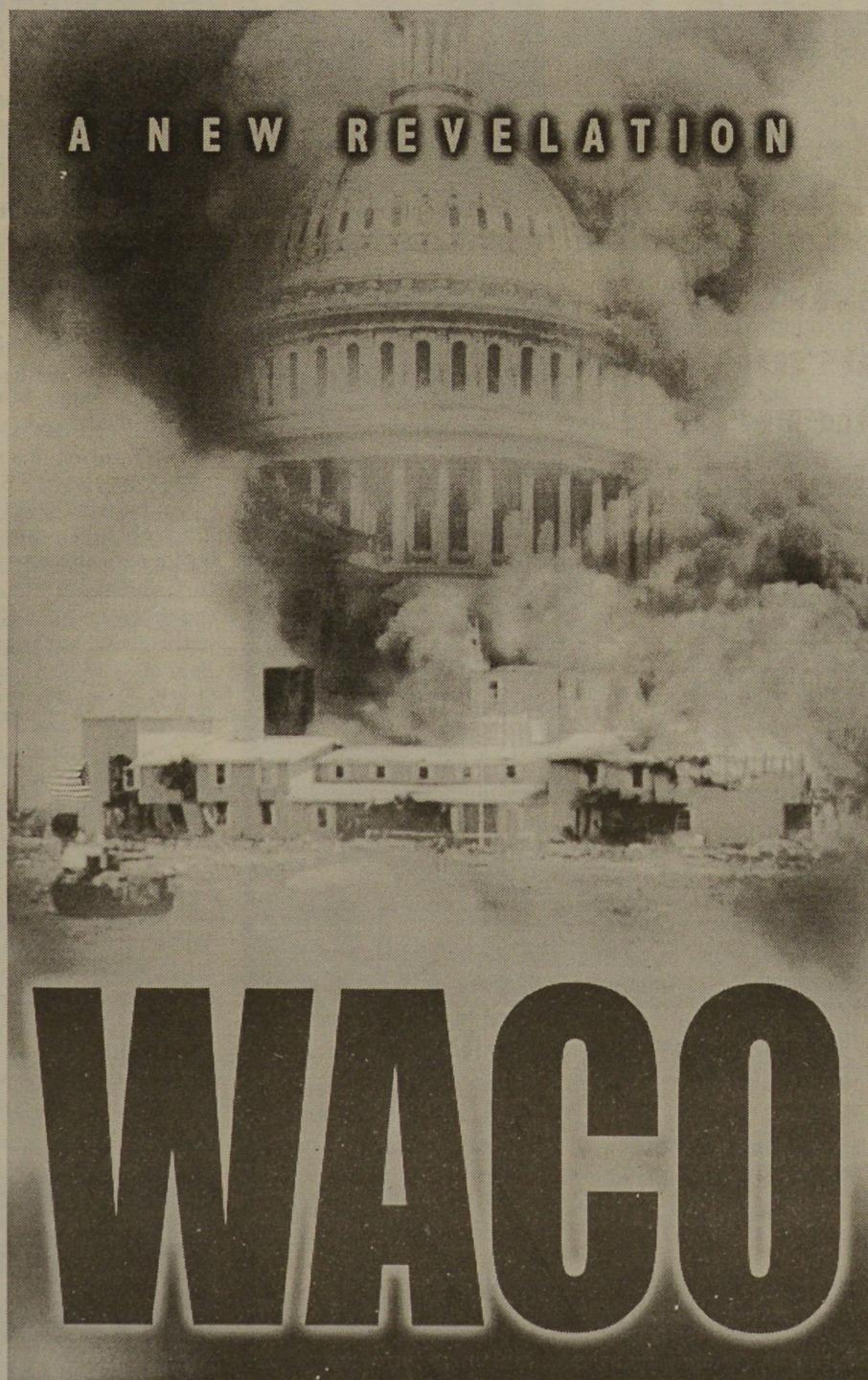
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JDL leader Irv Rubin joins party

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to an assassination attempt against Rubin in 1978.

Incidents like that, he said, convinced him of the importance of the right to keep and bear arms.

"My co-religionists need the second Amendment," said Rubin. "[And] Jews need liberty in order to survive."

Before joining the party, Rubin was a lifelong Republican, — but the GOP's vacillation on

gun rights, he said, coupled with "the overwhelming moralizing and Christian influence of the far right wing of the Republican Party," convinced him that it was time to leave.

Democrats

However, Rubin's political criticisms aren't confined to the Right; Democrats have also failed American Jews, he said.

"The Democratic Party, with

its socialist leanings, has punished the Jew by stripping away his individuality, making him part of a herd mentality," he charged. "The Democratic Party should not be the home of the Jewish people."

Rubin said he agrees with the Libertarian Party on almost every issue except non-interventionism, arguing that the LP should support the U.S. government's military support for Israel.

However, on almost every other subject, Rubin said he endorses LP positions — and said the LP and the JDL should work together to accomplish mutual goals.

IRV RUBIN:

"My co-religionists need the Second Amendment. Jews need liberty."

"When vicious racists give Americans a bad name, Libertarians should speak up," he said. "When this government becomes too religious [and] contrary to the Constitution, Libertarians must speak up."

Rubin grew up in Montreal and came to the United States with his family in 1961. He served in the U.S. Air Force and joined the Jewish Defense League in 1971. He succeeded Rabbi Meir Kahane as JDL head in 1985.

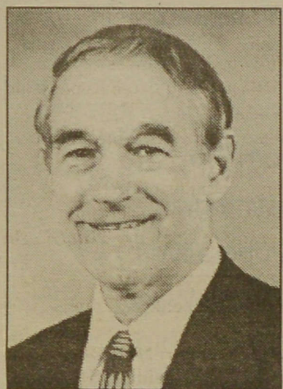
Elected office

Rubin said he intends to be an active Libertarian Party member, and may someday seek elected office as a Libertarian.

"I am not just a Jewish activist — I am an American who has great concerns about the current direction of this nation," he said. "My LP membership gives me a platform that I currently don't have in the broad general public — [and] I hope for a glorious future in the Libertarian Party."

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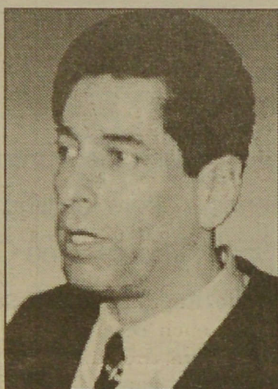
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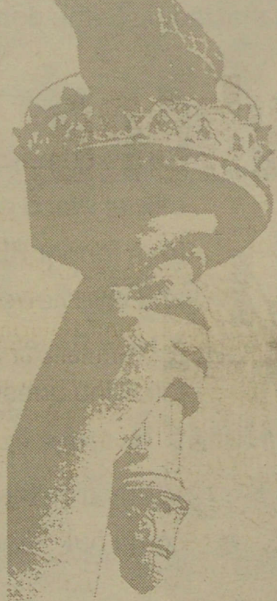
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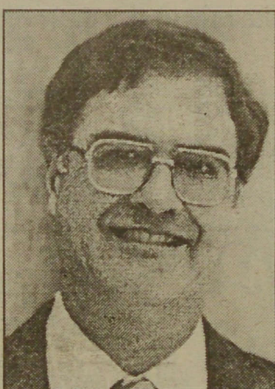
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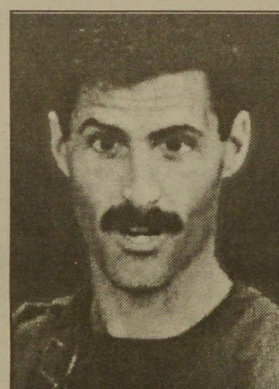
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Nelson DeMille: I'm a libertarian

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using the libertarian label, our ideas will become more accepted, more mainstream, and more intriguing to more Americans."

DeMille is the latest of an increasing number of prominent entertainers who have recently described themselves as "libertarian" — joining country musician Dwight Yoakam, baseball player Mike Piazza, actor Denis Leary, folk/pop singer Melanie, actor Kurt Russell, and talk show host Art Bell.

Bestseller list

DeMille has published 15 books over the past quarter century, and has hit the bestseller list consistently since the late 1980s with novels such as *The Charm School* (1988), *The Gold Coast* (1990), *Spencerville* (1994), *Plum Island* (1997) and *Mayday* (1998). His novels include murder mysteries, international thrillers, and exposés of high society shenanigans on Long Island.

His 1992 novel, *The General's Daughter* was made into a blockbuster movie starring John Travolta in 1999. And DeMille's latest novel, *The Lion's Game*, is currently among the country's top 10 bestsellers.

DeMille is a member of The Authors Guild, the Mystery Writers of America, and American Mensa.

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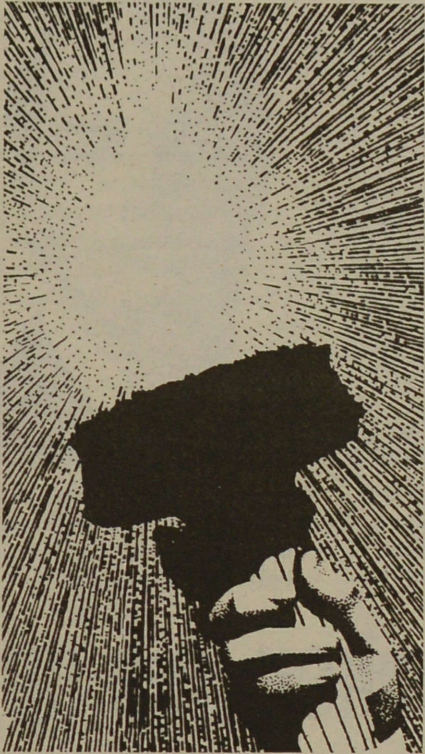
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■ Who can attend?

Any LP member (and guests) can attend the convention. However, to participate in official convention business, you must be a state party delegate.

■ How do I become a delegate from my state?

Every state has different rules, but most LP affiliates will select delegates at a state convention. Contact your state party leadership for more information and convention date. (See complete listing of state contacts on page 27.)

■ When is the Convention?

Pre-convention events — such as Platform and Bylaws Committee Meetings, candidate training seminar, LNC meeting, a Libertarian Party Leadership Summit, and Opening Reception — are scheduled between June 27 (Tuesday) and June 29 (Thursday). Official convention business starts on June 30 and runs until July 3, 2000. (Friday to Monday.) See complete schedule at right.

■ When should I arrive?

Most delegates should plan to arrive at the convention hotel (the Anaheim Marriott) on Thursday, June 29. The first convention event, the Opening Reception,



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begins at 8:00 p.m. that night. Official convention business, including the Keynote Address, begins early Friday morning, June 30.

■ Why does it cost anything to attend? Why isn't everything free?

The business sessions of the convention are free, so there is no cost for any delegate to attend the

Platform and Bylaws debate, the nomination and selection of our Presidential ticket, or the election of the Libertarian National Committee.

However, the other events of the convention — meals, speakers, panel discussions, and social events like the Sunday night banquet — cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to put on, and LP members who wish to attend

those events are asked to cover the cost.

The Democratic, Republican, and Reform parties each receive millions of dollars from the taxpayers to put on their conventions. We don't. There are different package deals available, and LP members can choose which events they wish to attend, and how much they wish to pay. (See package prices on page 20.) Convention attendees also make independent transportation and accommodation arrangements.

■ Where is the convention being held?

The convention will be held at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel at 700 West Convention Way, Anaheim, California, two blocks south of Disneyland. Information on this hotel can be found at www.marriott.com/LAXAH/. Or call (714) 750-8000.

■ OK, I've decided to attend. What do I do now?

First, make your airline reservations. For special discounted airfare, call American Airways' Meeting and Convention Reservation Office: (800) 221-2255. (See below for more details.)

Second, reserve your room at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. Call them at (800) 228-9290. A special discount room rate of \$104 per night is available if reserved by June 2.

Third, send in your convention registration. (See registration form on page 20.)

■ How do I get discounted airfare?

American Airlines has been designated as the official carrier

See Q&A Page 18

Convention Schedule

■ Tuesday, June 27

- ★ Platform Committee (Potential)

■ Wednesday, June 28

- ★ Bylaws Committee Meeting
- ★ Platform Committee Meeting
- ★ Activist/Candidate Seminars

■ Thursday, June 29

- ★ Activist/Candidate Seminars
- ★ Platform Committee Meeting
- ★ Bylaws Committee Meeting
- ★ Credentials Committee Meeting
- ★ LP Leadership Summit
- ★ LNC Meeting
- ★ Registration
- ★ Opening Reception

■ Friday, June 30

- ★ Convention Opening
- ★ Welcome to Anaheim, California
- ★ Keynote Address: **Barbara Goushaw**
- ★ Opening of Convention Business Session
- ★ Credentials, Agenda, & Treasurer's Report
- ★ Gold Luncheon with Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Convention Business Session
- ★ Platform Committee Report and Debate
- ★ Breakout Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Liberty Pledge Reception
- ★ Evening of Comedy: **Tim Slagle**

■ Saturday, July 1

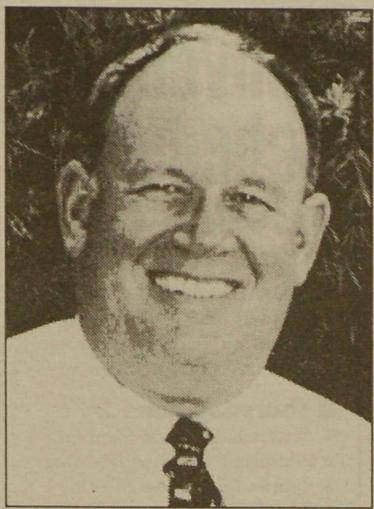
- ★ Earlybird Speakers/Panels/ Workshops
- ★ Major Speaker: **Neil Boortz**
- ★ Convention Business Session
- ★ Bylaws Committee Report and Debate
- ★ Breakout Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Gold Luncheon with Speaker
- ★ Major Speaker: **Russell Means**
- ★ Convention Business Session
- ★ Platform Committee Report and Debate
- ★ Breakout Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Torch Club Reception
- ★ Presidential Candidates Debate
- ★ *Waco: A New Revelation* Film and Q&A with Producers

■ Sunday, July 2

- ★ Earlybird Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Convention Business Session
- ★ Presidential Nominating & Seconding Speeches
- ★ Voting
- ★ Major Speaker: **Michael Tanner**
- ★ Presentation of the Presidential Campaign Platform
- ★ Brown Bag Lunch: Panels/ Workshops/Speakers
- ★ Convention Business Session
- ★ Vice-Presidential Nominating & Seconding Speeches
- ★ Voting
- ★ Major Speaker: **Dan Fylstra**
- ★ Roll Call of the States
- ★ Election of Party Officers
- ★ Acceptance Speeches: Vice President President
- ★ Gala Presidential Banquet & Celebration

■ Monday, July 3

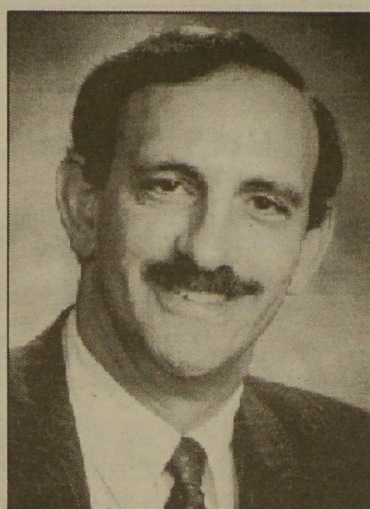
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Business Session
- ★ Election of Party Officers and At-Large LNC Members
- ★ Election of Judicial Committee
- ★ Resolutions
- ★ National Committee Meeting



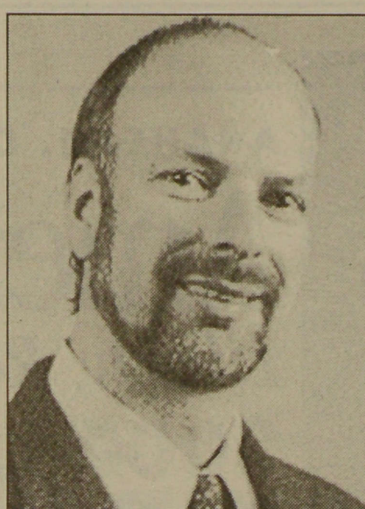
■ **Marshall Fritz:** He turned his IBM sales experience into his current mission: "Selling" separation of school and state.



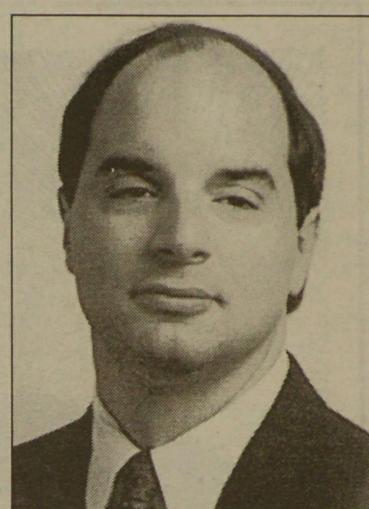
■ **Mary Ruwart:** Her book, *Healing Our World*, reaches out to "liberals, Christians, New Agers, and pragmatists."



■ **Richard Rider:** He's famous for his 1988 lawsuit against San Diego County, which killed a \$1.5 billion sales tax.



■ **Mike Tanner:** The Cato Institute's Social Security expert has appeared on *ABC World News Tonight* and *NBC Dateline*.



■ **John Berthoud:** He's the president of NTU — the so-called "granddaddy of the tax revolt organizations."

Russell Means joins stellar Convention speaker line-up

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Dan Fylstra (start-up editor, *Byte* magazine).

"Whatever your political interest — taxes, education, Social Security, or technology — we'll have an expert at the convention to address it," said Crickenberger. "You won't want to miss this all-star line-up of speakers."

Heading that "all-star" list is a man who became a genuine movie star in an utterly unorthodox way: Russell Means.

Born into the Oglala/Lakota tribe, Means became the first national director of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in the late 1960s. He rose to national prominence during the controversial 1972 Indian take-over at Wounded Knee in South Dakota.

In 1987 he discovered libertarianism, and announced his candidacy for the LP's presidential nomination. "American Indians are caught in the same dilemma as libertarians," he explained. "We're neither left nor right. We're just for freedom."

After a spirited campaign, he

came in a close second to former Congressman Ron Paul.

In 1992, he starred in *The Last of the Mohicans*, and began a new career in Hollywood — which he said he saw as an extension of his "role as an activist."

Since then, he has appeared in *Pocahontas* (1995), *Hearts and Bones* (1999), *Natural Born Killers* (1994), and *Song of Hiawatha* (1997). Means also published an autobiography, *Where White Men Fear to Tread* (St. Martin's, 1995).

Also scheduled to appear at the Convention:

■ **John Berthoud**, the president of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU). With 300,000 members, the NTU is America's largest anti-tax organization, and has been called a "strong and committed voice for smaller government."

Berthoud will explain NTU's mission, which includes efforts to lower taxes, eliminate wasteful government spending, and reduce bureaucracy.

■ **Marshall Fritz:** He's been the driving force behind two of the most influential libertarian orga-

RUSSELL MEANS:
"American Indians are caught in the same dilemma as libertarians. We're just for freedom."

nizations of the last two decades: The Advocates for Self-Government and the Separation of School & State Alliance. As the founder of that latter group, he is working to free American children from the "floundering [government] schooling system" in order to improve academic achievement.

■ **Mary Ruwart:** There is perhaps no one in the libertarian movement better known for their efforts to reach out to "non-traditional" constituencies than Dr. Mary Ruwart. In her book, *Heal-*

ing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle, she made an explicit pitch to "liberals, Christians, New Agers, and pragmatists" to become libertarians, arguing that it would be a "win/win" situation for anyone who values, peace, harmony, and tolerance.

■ **Mike Tanner:** Privatizing Social Security? There may be no one in the country who knows more about the topic than Tanner, the Director of Health & Welfare Studies at the non-partisan Washington DC-based Cato Institute.

He has written seven books, including *The End of Welfare: Fighting Poverty in the Civil Society* (1996), and is the author of over 100 reports, articles, and white papers, including "Privatizing Social Security: A Big Boost for the Poor" (1996).

■ **Richard Rider:** He's been called the "\$2 Billion Man" — because that's how much he's saved California taxpayers with his lawsuits against taxes and lobbying against government-funded construction projects.

Rider is perhaps best known

for his successful 1988 lawsuit against San Diego County, which overturned a \$1.5 billion sales tax.

■ **Dan Fylstra:** He's been involved in the PC industry since its inception. He was founding Associate Editor of *Byte* Magazine in 1975, and founder of VisiCorp, the marketer of VisiCalc in 1979. He is currently president of Frontline Systems, Inc.

The 2000 National Convention will kick off with a welcoming party on Thursday night (June 29), and the first business session will be called to order on Friday (June 30). The convention wraps up on Monday (July 3). It will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, California.

At the convention, LP delegates will select the party's 2000 presidential and VP candidates, vote on Platform and bylaws changes, and elect a new Chair, new party officers, and a new Libertarian National Committee.

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The National Convention experience

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balloons, and confetti, and campaign fliers. And floor managers, shaking hands and gripping elbows as they work their way across the floor. And the political buttons, and ribbons, and flags.

Then you hear the cheers, whistles, and chants. You notice the television cameras, panning the audience or fixated on the speaker on the main stage, which sweeps across the front of the convention hall — proudly touting the party's 800# and website for the C-SPAN audience. And print reporters, taking notes or tape-recording interviews.

Finally, you notice the delegates, from every corner of the USA — arguing, lobbying, laughing, watching, discussing, shouting, gesticulating, applauding, caucusing, whooping, debating, and voting.

These are the sights and sounds of a Libertarian National Convention; the live political theater that is the biggest, brashest, and most exciting event of the year for LP members.

But the pageantry and drama of the National Convention are *not* the most memorable part of the experience, say Libertarians who have attended past conventions. Instead, they point to a panorama of emotion, excitement, and the thrill of playing a personal role in American politics. That, they say, is the real reward of attending a convention.

With the 2000 National Convention just a few short months away, *LP News* recently asked several dozen prominent Libertarians about their most memorable past convention experiences, or for the single best reason to attend a future National Convention. Here is what they had to say:

There's nothing like the kindred spirit you feel at the National Convention. The opportunity to meet so many freedom-loving people in one place is quite unique. How often do you get a chance to see a crowd of 1,500 roaring in favor of ending the War on Drugs, or eliminating the Income Tax? Attending the National Convention is a truly inspiring experience.

— **CHRIS AZZARO**
State Director, Nevada LP

At my first convention, I was one of the first delegates to arrive on the floor — and suddenly I was chairing our delegation, since our State Chair had last-minute travel problems. In the LP and especially at a National Convention, you never know when lightning will strike!

— **DAN FYLSTRA**
LNC Member

Meeting and talking to Libertarians from all over the country during the many social opportunities of the convention is al-



■ A scene of excitement from the 1996 National Convention, held in Washington DC. Past delegates said such conventions were “always inspiring and often groundbreaking” — and “a truly inspiring experience” that will leave you “walking on clouds.”

ways one of the highlights of the convention for me. It's great to be able to put faces with the names you have read about in *LP News* or other places. People have come from all over the country because they share a common bond, and the experience of being in a crowd of people who are that charged up is awesome. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

— **DENA BREUDIGAM**
State Director, Ohio LP

Without a doubt, it is thrilling to meet past chairmen, presidential candidates, and the founders of the LP; men and women who are truly legendary in our group.

— **ELIAS ISRAEL**
State Chair, Massachusetts LP

I think the most fun at every presidential nominating convention is when the State Chairs deliver the votes from their state for the presidential balloting. Each one introduces the results with something witty, colorful, irreverent and memorable. Our State Chairs are so good at this that C-SPAN always rebroadcasts this part of our nominating convention several times.

— **DAVID BERGLAND**
LP National Chair

My most memorable convention experience was in 1983 — having my name put in nomination for President of the United States. I received an incredible amount of support and encouragement. This experience dramatically changed the level and direction of my activism, becoming a major turning point in my life. Running for office can be scary, but the rewards are well worth it!

— **MARY RUWART**
Author, *Healing Our World*

Being a live part of the audience that heard Michael Cloud's keynote speech [at the 1998 Convention], Jacob Hornberger's half-Spanish speech, and Barb Goushaw's “Handguns are a Girl's Best Friend” speech was awe-inspiring. After each of those speeches, I felt like a part of something big; something grand and exciting and wonderful; something unstoppable and good, that my heart pounded and I knew that everything I was doing for the Libertarian Party was more than worthwhile — I was doing the right thing, the good thing!

— **STACY VAN OAST**
State Chair, Michigan LP

DAVID NOLAN:
“Until you attend a convention, it's hard to appreciate the growing vitality of the party.”

Until you've attended a national LP convention, it's hard to fully appreciate the growing strength and vitality of the party and the broader libertarian movement. To spend three/four days in the company of hundreds of other libertarians is a real rush . . . and this year's convention promises to be the best and most exciting ever!

— **DAVID NOLAN**, LP Founder

It's great to have a direct role in shaping the party platform.

— **SEAN HAUGH**, State Chair, North Carolina LP

If you've never had the opportunity to stand in the same noisy room watching a speech with 1,000+ people who believe exactly what you believe, laugh when you laugh and cheer when you cheer, try it — it's downright exhilarating. You're right, you know you're all right — and it feels good!

— **GEORGE GETZ**
LP Press Secretary

Wow! I don't say that very often, but it accurately describes the keynote speech given by Jacob Hornberger at the 1996 convention in Washington, D.C. His eloquence and enthusiastic delivery inspired even burned-out activists, and the knowledge that his words and the standing ovation were televised on C-SPAN made it even more memorable.

— **BONNIE FLICKINGER**
City Council, Moreno Valley (CA)

In other parties, decisions are made by party bosses behind closed doors. In the Libertarian Party, the decisions that determine our future are made by the delegates to each convention. The delegates determine the party platform, nominate our candidate for President, and select our national leadership. The single best reason to attend the 2000 National Convention is to be part of that grassroots democratic process and make a difference in the future of our country.

— **STEVE DASBACH**
LP National Director

Being nominated the 1996 Vice-Presidential candidate was one of the biggest honors of my life, so you might think that standing on that stage in front of hundreds of fellow Libertarians would have

been my most memorable convention moment. But it's not. My most memorable moment was at my first convention, when I first stepped into the convention hall. I was overwhelmed to be part of such a large group of people who agreed that we have a right to personal and economic freedom and that we have a right to make our own choices in life.

— **JO JORGENSEN**
1996 LP Vice Presidential candidate

Each Convention brings together the most amazing Libertarians from around the country. What follows is always inspiring and often groundbreaking. A National Convention is a chance to become an important part of our Libertarian future!

— **KEN BISSON**, LNC Member

It's inspiring to be with Libertarians who recognize that a government approach to solving problems is fundamentally flawed; who know that tinkering, compromising, and reforming Big Government hasn't worked and won't work; who strive to bring credibility, effectiveness and professionalism to our party.

— **CARLA HOWELL**,
LP Candidate for U.S. Senate (Massachusetts)

There is nothing like being under the same roof with hundreds of libertarians to create a sense of optimism. And why is optimism important? Because without it there is no enthusiasm, passion, and vision. Without these, we can't confidently communicate our ideas, and only with effective communication can we make our dream of a free society come true. So what better reason could there be than to experience optimism and dreams coming true?

— **SHARON HARRIS**
President, Advocates for Self-Government

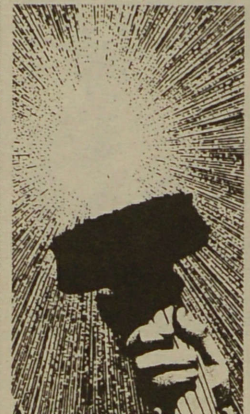
The most exhilarating factor is the camaraderie. Assembling with hundreds of like-minded Libertarians helped me to believe that Liberty in our day was attainable. The feeling of unity of purpose was inspiring, edifying, and rejuvenating. I left the convention walking on clouds and determined to work harder to reach the goal of Liberty in my lifetime.

— **DANIELLE DONOVAN**
State Chair, New Hampshire LP

The best reason to go to any LP convention is to get a firsthand, close-up look at a real, grassroots political phenomenon. In contrast to the plastic, Hollywood production values of the Republican and Democrat conventions, the LP convention has always presented *real* grassroots politics in action.

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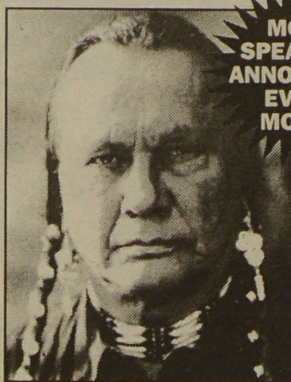
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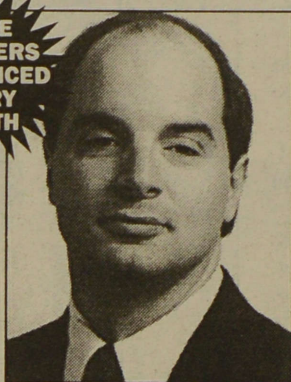
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Ken Krawchuk considers VP bid

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of a nationwide race," he said. "The benefits of attempting the larger race became quite obvious."

Crowley said he asked Krawchuk to run for VP because of his "impressive" 1998 gubernatorial campaign, when Krawchuk received over 33,000 votes.

"When Ken Krawchuk first started campaigning for governor, I immediately noticed that he had all the things that a serious candidate needs," Crowley said. "He

has poise, intelligence, sensitivity, polished speaking skills, and a sincere interest in other people. He is energized by campaigning."

Crowley said Krawchuk "held his own in a crowded, competitive" fall debate and received favorable press coverage. When no one stepped forward to run for vice president by the end of 1999, Crowley encouraged Krawchuk to do so.

With Krawchuk's approval, Crowley has set up the K2K

[Krawchuk 2000] Exploratory Committee, and set four goals for the potential VP campaign: To prepare for the 2002 gubernatorial race, to "help each and every local and national Libertarian candidate in 2000," to spread awareness of the Libertarian Party, and "to build bridges between local, state, and national Libertarian groups across the country."

If he wins the nomination, Krawchuk said he would be glad

to serve on the ticket with any potential presidential nominee, since "all of the Libertarians who have announced they would seek the nomination for president are excellent, dedicated people, each with their own unique assets as well as many shared talents."

Megalopolis

There could be geographic benefits to his VP candidacy as well, he said.

"Since I live in the Philadelphia area, the entire eastern megalopolis is within a six-hour drive of home, making it easy for me to personally attend most any

event from Boston to Washington and beyond."

Krawchuk is the founder and president of Ken Krawchuk & Associates, a data processing consulting firm, and has been a professional computer programmer since 1970. He is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys backpacking and whitewater canoeing. He has sought public office as a Libertarian four times.

■ For information, write: K2K Exploratory Committee, c/o P.O. Box 260, Cheltenham, PA 19012. Phone: (215) 881-9696. Fax: (215) KRAWCHUK. E-mail: timcrowley@worldnet.att.net.

Gorman boosts campaign pace

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called for tax cuts, a smaller government, and an end to unconstitutional military interventions abroad.

■ Gorman's signature on the E-Freedom Declaration — a pledge not to impose taxes on the Internet if elected president — on January 31.

"America doesn't need any new taxes," he said. "The Internet has been an important source of growth in the U.S. economy. The last thing we need to do is choke that off with new taxes."

■ The launch of the campaign website: www.Gorman2000.org. An e-mail update list, which includes campaign news and Gorman 2000's frequent press releases, was also set up. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to: Gorman-Announce-on@Gorman2000.org.

Gorman also announced that he has accepted invitations to speak at 17 state conventions.

Good position

With the first month of his campaign behind him, Gorman said he is in a good position to win the nomination because "Libertarians are ready for a new approach in 2000. Onward to Anaheim!"

Gorman is widely considered to be the main challenger to frontrunner Harry Browne, the LP's 1996 nominee. Other candidates for the party's presidential nomination include Larry Hines, Barry Hess, Dave Hollist, and Edison McDaniels.

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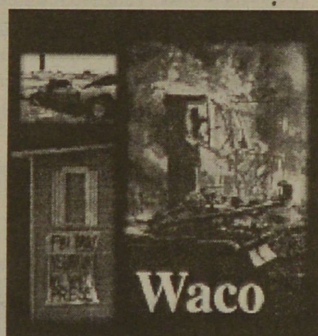
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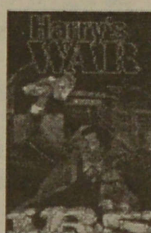


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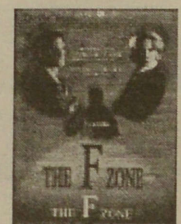
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CAMPAIGN 2000 REPORT

Emiliano Antunez aims for upset in Miami mayor bid

Insurgent candidate hopes voter anger translates into LP protest vote victory

It's coming down to the wire in Emiliano Antunez's insurgent mayoral campaign in Miami, and the LP candidate said he just might pull it off and become the first Libertarian to lead a major city.

"I know I can capture between 10% and 20% as a protest vote, since my opponents" — the incumbent and two former mayors — "have all been part of the problem," said Antunez.

And a few votes on top of that in the hard-fought non-partisan contest could put him in the runoff, he predicted.

"We really have a chance of victory here; everything is lining up," he said.

His campaign Press Secretary Tom Regnier agreed.

"We have a chance to win a very high profile election," he said. "This terrible trio of mayors has ruled — I won't say governed — Miami for 23 of the last 26 years, and has brought down the image of city government to the point that most voters are too disgusted to even go to the polls."

March 14

The long-shot campaign's day of reckoning is March 14. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, a runoff election will be held March 28.

Antunez, 37, who also serves as Miami-Dade County LP Chair, said Miami's high taxes and scandal-filled government make City Hall winnable for the Libertarian Party.

"Miami charges the maxi-

mum mill rate allowed under state law," he said. "It just recently doubled the waste pickup fee, instituted a new fire fee to all property owners, an ex-city manager convicted in a kickback scheme still gets his \$60,000 a year pension, two former commissioners are in the Big House — and that's all just in the last three years."

Antunez, who is the president of a consumer finance company and a dentist when not running for office, is promising voters nothing less than "a new way of running the city." His campaign slogan sums it up: "A Reason to Vote Again."

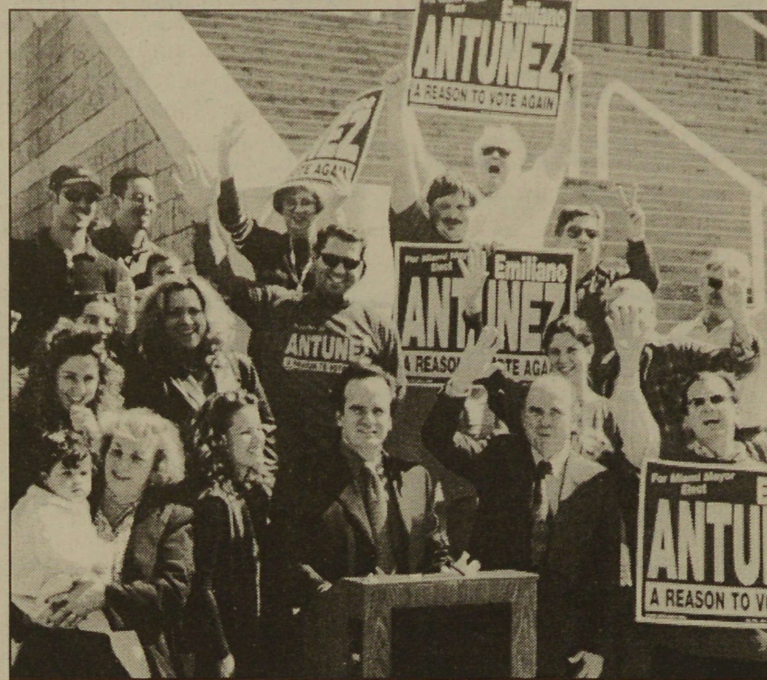
Part of his strategy: Trying to tap into voters' anger over the Miami Arena controversy. The stadium was built at taxpayer expense — and is now falling apart.

Antunez held a press conference in front of the stadium on February 5 to blast the financial fiasco, as campaign supporters cheered him on.

"The saddest part of it all is that the taxpayers of Miami are left to pay the bill — over \$60 million in bond debt, debt service cost, and operational losses," he said. "Is this any way to run a city? It is if you're running it into the ground."

If elected, Antunez said he would sell the Arena to reduce the bond debt. But he warned that the city is making the same mistake again in considering a publicly funded stadium for the Florida Marlins.

"Why should taxpayers sub-



■ Miami mayoral candidate Emiliano Antunez (center) addresses a crowd of supporters on February 5 in front of the now-defunct, tax-subsidized Miami Arena — which he blasted as an example of the city's waste of money at taxpayer expense. "The taxpayers of Miami are left to pay the bill — over \$60 million in bond debt, debt service cost, and operational losses," he said. "Is this any way to run a city? It is if you're running it into the ground."

sidize the building of a private enterprise such as a stadium any more than they should subsidize the building of the next Wal-Mart or Winn-Dixie?" he asked.

Repeal taxes

Antunez said he has other big plans as well, including privatizing trash pickup, freezing the city budget, and repealing the 20% parking tax.

But before he can do any of this, he has to get elected.

"This, of course, requires money," he said. "To realistically have a chance I must raise an-

other \$55,000 for a total of \$70,000. I won't kid myself: No money, no chance."

His rivals have campaign war chests of \$100,000 and \$200,000 each, while Antunez's campaign has raised around \$15,000 so far.

"I cannot hope to raise any money from the usual crowd of lobbyists since I am not going to dole anything out to them if I win," he said. "I have raised money from small businesses and have tried to reach out to Libertarians nationwide."

Antunez said he is running a

frugal campaign, with radio advertising and a planned mailing to 15,000 households. If more funds come in, he may air a Spanish-language ad on cable television, he said.

But the campaign isn't forgetting nuts-and-bolts politics.

"Emiliano has smart-looking blue and yellow signs, bumper stickers, and palm cards," said Regnier. "He's appeared as a guest on radio talk shows and has arranged for more, both in English and in Spanish. He has many contacts in the community and knows many people who would like to see things change in Miami."

One-on-one

However, the heart of the campaign remains one-on-one politicking, said Antunez.

"I am walking daily along with volunteers" and hitting key neighborhoods for direct conversations with voters, he said.

Regnier said that retail politics is important in a city where just 7% of eligible voters turned out for the 1998 mayoral primary. But the size of the city makes television advertising essential.

"We must buy more media time as soon as possible. If we don't, the three mayors will gobble it all up and leave us out in the cold," he said.

■ To help the Antunez campaign, send contributions to: Emiliano Antunez Campaign, 888 N.W. 27th Avenue, Suite 4, Miami, Florida 33125.

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More state parties work to achieve '2,000 in 2000' goal

With filing deadlines starting to loom around the USA, more state parties are stepping up their efforts to recruit candidates for the November election, as part of the nationwide drive to run 2,000 LP candidates in 2000.

From California to Maine, and from Iowa to Oregon, Libertarians are mobilizing to recruit two or three times as many candidates as they have in past elections, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"If you believe it, you can achieve it," he said. "Libertarians have started to believe that we can run 2,000 candidates — more than any other third party in

eight decades — and now they are working to achieve it.

"We've set an ambitious goal for ourselves, but if this current pace keeps up, we might just make it happen," he said.

"Core goal"

In December 1999, the Libertarian National Committee confirmed that running 2,000 candidates was an official goal for the party, noted Crickenberger.

"A political party runs candidates," he said. "And a political party that aspires to become a major party runs a huge number of candidates, for every level, in every state. That's our goal this year — and Libertarians are

CRICKENBERGER:

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working to make it happen."

Some recent candidate recruitment highlights from around the country:

■ Iowa: The state party has committed to placing 11 candi-

dates on the ballot, said State Chair Mark Nelson.

"I have committed to finding candidates for each of Iowa's five Congressional districts, so every Iowan will see at least two Libertarians on their ballot," he said. "[But] with the low number of signatures required to be on the ballot in Iowa, I hope we can do much better than 11 candidates."

■ Oregon: The first dozen candidates for the November 2000 election were nominated at the party's October 1999 convention, reported party Secretary Bruce Alexander Knight.

Included on the list: Thomas Cox for Attorney General, Ed Pole for Secretary of State, Mitchell

Shults for Treasurer, Beth King for U.S. House of Representatives (Dist. 1), and Bruce A. Knight for U.S. House (Dist. 3).

"The LPO plans to nearly double last year's record number of nominees for [the 2000] elections," said Knight.

■ Michigan: 150 candidates — that's the goal of the LP of Michigan, according to State Chair Stacy Van Oast.

"The [LP of Michigan] ran 100 candidates in 1996," she said. "Just as the national LP has set a goal of 2,000 candidates in 2000, the LPM is raising our sights to 150 candidates this year, more than ever before."

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Running for office as a Libertarian: It'll end frustration, get you heard

By Rhys Read

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE, 1998

Have you ever felt frustrated with the fact that you just can't seem to get your political point across? Are you tired of politicians and government bureaucrats not doing anything that you really want them to do?

There is a way for you to make yourself heard. Run for office in the 2000 election.

Being a candidate for office adds credibility to your statements. If you are Joe Shmoe from the neighborhood bar, your opinions are not taken very seriously. But if you are running, your opinions now come from "Joe Shmoe, Candidate." What you say now matters.

As part of a coherent political organization, what you say is more important. You are now part of a group — part of a movement. Don't laugh. I have had newspaper reporters call me up to explain the "Libertarian Movement" to them.

Media outlets

Being a candidate for elective office gives you a forum from which you can express your viewpoint. Discussions at the neighborhood tavern can only reach a handful of people at most. But if you are running for office, you now have access to local newspapers and radio stations, and other mass media outlets.

You will be able to print position papers and statements on



your views, and distribute them through the mail or door to door. You will even be able to have other people volunteer to deliver your message for you.

Being a candidate will force you to put your main ideas in writing, and in an organized format. You will be forced to justify and support your opinions.

As libertarian principles are so logical and easily justified, this will only serve to make your opinions stronger.

When they are stronger and better organized, you will be better able to convince others of what you say.

And even

somebody at the fringes of a campaign can have an impact on the attitudes of voters, and ultimately on the results of the election. Most successful candidates for office these days pay at least lip service to libertarian ideas in order to get elected.

In Minnesota, Jesse Ventura had talked about cutting government and the foolishness of the



■ Rhys Read: "Frustrated?"

war on drugs prior to getting elected. And in Illinois, Governor George Ryan promised us that he needed no new taxes to run his government.

The next challenge, of course, will be in getting people who are actually telling the truth when they make libertarian statements.

I think it is a true statement that the majority of the people basically agree with most libertarian viewpoints. They just haven't had the ideas presented to them in a cogent and accessible fashion.

You have the opportunity to expose these people to the libertarian philosophy. The more people that acknowledge and support our cause, the more likely that those in office will follow the citizens' desires.

One step closer

Every person brought over to our side takes us one step closer to a truly libertarian society.

So in conclusion, stand up and make yourself heard. You can make a difference in this election. You have the opportunity to spread your opinion.

There is no need to talk down an empty well; your voice will be heard. Volunteer to run for office, or help out in a libertarian campaign in this election.

■ **About the author:** Rhys Read was the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate in Illinois in 1998. This essay was originally published in the January 2000 issue of The Illinois Libertarian.

State parties work towards 2,000

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■ **California:** The score is 146 down, and only 54 still to go towards the state party's goal of 200 candidates in November, said state Executive Director Juan Ros.

"We have candidates from A [Bruce Acker] to Z [Jonathan Zwickel] competing for national, state, and local offices," he said.

■ **New Hampshire:** The LPNH is one-third of the way towards its goal of 100 candidates in November, reported State Chair Danielle Donovan.

At its annual convention in October 1999, party members nominated more than 30 candidates, including John Babiartz for governor and Dan Belforti for U.S. House of Representatives. Other candidates were nominated for NH's executive council, house of representatives, and state senate.

"The convention was a resounding success," said Donovan. "We are more committed, more energized, and more optimistic than ever."

MARK CENCI:

The goal: "To announce the largest slate ever to run in Maine!"

■ **Maine:** At least 11 candidates have already announced for the November election — but "we can run many times that," said State Chair Mark Cenci. "At the Maine Convention in April, I want to announce the largest slate of Libertarian candidates ever to run in Maine! More candidates than all the other small parties combined!"

If the party accomplishes that goal, he said, "In the 2000 election, we can come of age as a political party."

■ **Ohio:** The state party has

set a goal of 100 candidates this year, said State Director Dena Bruedigam.

"We filed petitions containing more than 70,000 signatures to get the Libertarian Party on the ballot in Ohio," she said. "Having completed that, the next step is to fill the ballot with Libertarian candidates" — which will "increase our media coverage, will cause people to take notice of our party, and will spread our Libertarian ideas throughout Ohio."

■ **Indiana:** In what may be the most ambitious goal of any state party in the USA, Indiana Libertarians have "set the goal of 250 candidates in year 2000," said Executive Director Sara Cotham — which will require one out of every three members to run for office.

"[However], when we reach this goal, we will impact more people more effectively in more parts of the state," she said. "We're offering more support than before, so our candidates will be stronger than ever."

Politics2000

Campaign 2000 news and updates

LP presidential candidate **Larry Hines** appeared on CNBC's *Upfront Tonight* on January 18, and was mentioned in the December 20, 1999 issue of *The Army Times* as a veteran seeking the presidency. Former N.H. state legislator **Don Gorman** won the endorsement of a Republican in his potential quest for the LP's presidential nomination. Eric Rittberg, founder of the Republican Liberty Caucus, said, "I have decided to fully support [Gorman's] efforts for the Libertarian presidential nomination. We need to support this mainstream Libertarian."

■ In Massachusetts, U.S. Senate candidate **Carla Howell** spoke to the Ames Rifle & Pistol Club in North Easton on December 13, 1999. Howell promised to "always put the Second Amendment first." Howell also appeared on the nationally syndicated Gary Nolan radio show on January 4. In Michigan, likely U.S. Senate candidate **Michael Corliss** noted that he could "control the outcome of the election" — and plans to "use that leverage to advance the Libertarian agenda."

■ LP presidential candidate **Harry Browne** won what may be his first media endorsement in Campaign 2000: *Chicago Tribune* columnist Steve Chapman. In a column on January 3 about www.SelectSmart.com — a website that matches people's political positions to a presidential candidate — Chapman noted: "At the top of my list was Harry Browne, a Libertarian candidate who scored 89 on a scale of 100. No argument there." Browne has also started getting international coverage: In the December 27, 1999 issue of *The Times of London*, columnist Joanna Coles mentioned the Libertarian contender, along with Gore, Bradley, Bush, and McCain.

■ In West Virginia, a husband and wife team filed for office on January 26: **Bob Myers** for governor and **Poochie Myers** for Secretary of State. In California, **Mike Benoit** has set an ambitious goal for his Congressional campaign: Distribute 1 million pieces of campaign literature. To get things started, he's mailed brochures to 2,000 registered Libertarians in his district and will have 25,000 fliers inserted into local newspapers. In Georgia, **Dale Ritchey** has announced his candidacy for State Representative in the 34th District. "I felt like it was time to stand up for what I believe in," he said. Across the country, in Oregon, **Mitch Shults** has announced his candidacy for state treasurer. In Ohio, **John McAlister** was certified in January by the Secretary of State as the LP candidate for U.S. Senate in the March 7 primary.



■ Poochie Myers: Part of a team.

■ LP presidential candidate **Edison McDaniels** announced that he has requested an "advisory opinion" from the Federal Election Commission whether his campaign has qualified for federal matching funds. He urged supporters to "petition the FEC as we believe it would equalize the playing field. If such federal funds are allowed, you will see me at most state conventions."

■ In Pennsylvania, Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate **John Featherman** has said "no thanks" to the GOP. In late January, Featherman declined an offer by Republican leaders to switch parties and run against a Democratic state senator. "I'm flattered," said Featherman. "But let's be honest. [They] offered me this spot just to keep me out of the U.S. Senate race." In the victory department, LP member **Tom Stanley** was elected in a non-partisan race to the City Council in Fairfield, Iowa, on November 30, 1999. He received 61% of the vote.

■ Libertarians in Harris County, Texas will run eight candidates this November — a big jump from the one candidate they ran in 1996. On the ballot will be: **Jason Arguedas** (County Commissioner, Precinct 3), **Peter Elloway** (Tax Assessor), **Roy Smith** (Sheriff), **Robert F. Lockhart** (Peace Precinct, Position 2), **Elisa Masonhall** (Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4/1), **Tony Fraps, Jr.** (Justice of the Peace Precinct 5/1), **Cesar Olivares** (Justice of the Peace Precinct 8/1), and **Tom Maxton** (Public Weigher).

■ In California, **Jason Heath**, LP candidate for Congress (District 30), attended a Planned Parenthood of Pasadena Community luncheon on January 19. "I was the only Libertarian, thus I ended up representing all libertarians," he said. "I stressed the increased role non-profits would [play] in a libertarian society."

BookReview

Economics (the humorous way)

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

■ **Eat the Rich: A Treatise On Economics**, by P.J. O'Rourke (246 pages). Paperback, Atlantic Monthly Press Books, \$13.

Don't know much about economics? Neither did P.J. O'Rourke until he sat down to write his latest book, *Eat the Rich* — subtitled "A Treatise on Economics."

But O'Rourke, author of such libertarian classics as *Holidays in Hell* and *Parliament of Whores*, didn't want to study textbooks to learn economics. They bored him.

Instead, he decided to travel the world and visit countries with different economic systems — capitalism, socialism, and "systems nobody could figure out." He'd wander around, he announced, gape at things, and try to figure out: "Why do some places prosper and thrive while others just suck?"

O'Rourke's travels took him from Wall Street to Albania ("the only country ever destroyed by a chain letter"), from Sweden to Cuba, and from Tanzania to Hong Kong.

Along the way, he talked to ordinary people and experts, drank cobra blood (a delicacy in Hong Kong), and (as promised) gaped at things in an effort to understand why, for example, poor people in the U.S. have two cars while the average person in Tanzania exists on 35¢ a day. In *Eat the Rich*, he shares — in a fascinating, funny, and insightful way — what he saw and learned.

Staunch, "we-hate-all-government" libertarians won't like some of O'Rourke's conclusions. For example, he argues that the real problem with poverty-stricken, post-Communist Albania is not a lack of freedom.

"Albania has lots of freedom," he writes. But "Albania shows what happens to a free market when there is no legal, political, or traditional frameworks to define freedoms or protect marketplaces." In Albania, ruffians walk the streets waving AK-47s, clan blood feuds last for decades, and robbery is so prevalent that all the animals at Tirana Zoo were stolen. His conclusion: "Capitalism conducted in a condition of anarchy" doesn't work.

But neither does socialism — even when conducted with Swedish efficiency. Long considered a "socialist paradise," Sweden is actually slipping into economic paralysis, O'Rourke learned. The government's share of the GDP has passed 70%, unemployment has doubled to 7.6%, and, thanks to the country's liberal leave policies, workers can theoretically earn up to 570 paid days off a year. (That's no typo: 570 a year.)

On the other hand, Sweden is better off than Cuba, reports O'Rourke, where every building is pockmarked with holes, the government rations soap to families (two bars a month), and "disrespect" is a crime. In fact, just about everyone in Cuba is struggling — except Fidel Castro, who has a personal fortune estimated at \$1.4 billion.

Eat the Rich is full of fascinating tidbits, and sprinkled with wry satire.

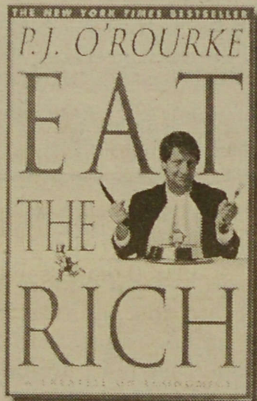
For example, O'Rourke's take on Russia: "[Before the fall of Communism], the soda pop tasted like soap, the soap lathered like toilet paper, the toilet paper could be used to sand furniture, the furniture was as comfortable as a pile of canned goods, the canned goods had the flavor of a Solzhenitsyn novel, and a Solzhenitsyn novel got you arrested if you owned one."

He was much more impressed by the freewheeling vitality of Hong Kong, which "has no minimum wage, no unemployment benefits, no union-boosting legislation, no Social Security, no national health program, and hardly enough welfare to keep one U.S. trailer park in satellite dishes and Marlboro Lights."

In the last chapter of the book, O'Rourke shares the lesson he learned from his globe-hopping: Capitalism creates wealth. Governments don't. In fact, he writes, "political systems must love poverty — they produce so much of it."

Why doesn't everyone figure that out? Because they don't understand one rule: "Economics is not zero sum. There is no fixed amount of wealth. Your money does not cause my poverty. Refusal to believe this is at the bottom of most bad economic thinking."

Don't know much about economics? You'll learn everything you need to know (and will get some good laughs along the way) by reading P.J. O'Rourke's *Eat the Rich*.



LP reaches out to young people at College Convention 2000 in N.H.

Libertarians took their pro-freedom message to a national convention of high school and college students in New Hampshire in January — and may have won a few converts to the cause.

Three representatives of the national Libertarian Party — as well as several New Hampshire Libertarians — attended the College Convention 2000 in Manchester, NH, to staff an information booth and meet with young voters.

The event, which was held on January 13-15, attracted more than 1,000 students from around the USA.

At least 200 of those students stopped by the Libertarian information booth, said LP Customer Service Representative Mark Brandl, to talk about the party, get information, and sign up for the LP e-mail list.

"A lot of the people who came over to the booth specifically to disagree with us were impressed that we would spend the time to sit down and discuss the issues," he said. "There were many students who disliked the drug war and think they are getting screwed on Social Security, [and] they were glad to see someone representing them on these issues."

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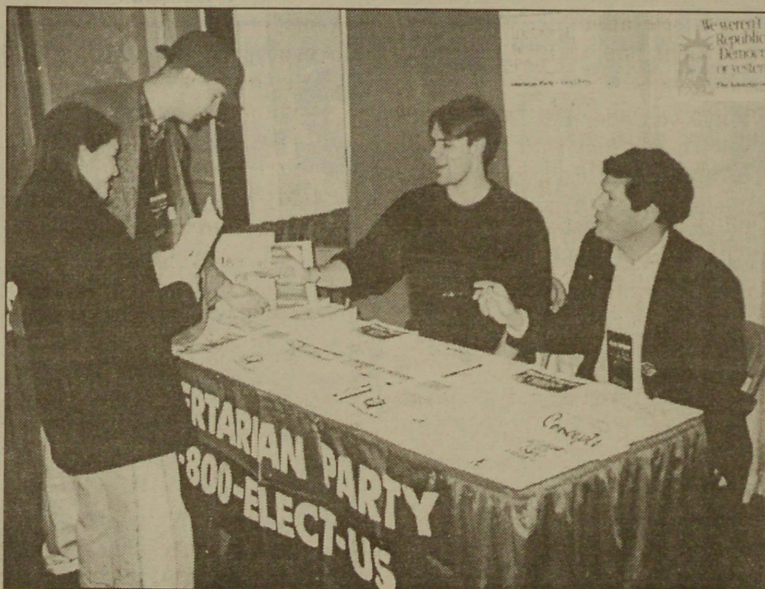
LP National Director Steve Dasbach also attended the event, and gave a speech focusing on why young people should support the Libertarian Party, with emphasis on ending the War on Drugs and privatizing Social Security.

"He gave a solid speech," Brandl said. "When he started, there were less than 50 people [in attendance], but by the end of his speech, there were about 250 people and he got a nice round of applause."

Several local Libertarian candidates dropped by the convention as well.

New Hampshire LP gubernatorial candidate John Babiarz and U.S. House candidate Dan Belforti met with students at the outreach table, and LP presidential contender Don Gorman, who served in the N.H. legislature, made an appearance as well.

Other Libertarian notables who addressed the convention included communications expert Michael Cloud on "The Difference One Student Can Make," and Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute on Social Security.



■ LP Customer Service Representative Marc Brandl (left) and LNC member Jim Lark staff a table at the College Convention 2000 in Manchester, New Hampshire, on January 14. The event attracted 1,000+ college students from around the USA.

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Georgia ballot law battle

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Since the bill could come up for a vote again within the month, Forren said Libertarians remain optimistic about its chances — and their opportunity to significantly reduce the number of signatures it takes to qualify for non-statewide races such as U.S. House and State Assembly.

Currently, while statewide ballot access in Georgia is fairly easy — and Libertarians frequently run candidates for governor and U.S. Senate — qualifying for lower-level races requires 10 times more signatures than the typical state, and “twice that as the next worst state,” said Cartwright.

The laws are so tough that less than 1% of the candidates in Georgia U.S. House races have been from any third party, and more than 50% of state legislators run unopposed, he noted.

To remedy that, Cartwright wrote a proposed ballot access reform bill in 1999, and convinced three state legislators to sponsor it. The bill would let any party whose statewide candidates receive more than 2% of the vote run other candidates for lower-level office without petitioning.

“With the kind of ballot access this bill would provide, we’ll be able to run many more serious Libertarian candidates for these non-statewide races,” he said. “We’ll begin winning races at higher levels. We should start seeing higher vote totals for our statewide candidates as well.”

Help all parties

While the bill would help all third parties, it would be especially beneficial to the LP, he noted, since statewide Libertarian candidates in Georgia frequently cross the 2% threshold. In 1998, for example, gubernatorial candidate Jack Cashin and U.S. Senate candidate Bert Loftman each won 3% of the total vote.

To move the bill through the legislative process, Cartwright also helped form a statewide ballot access reform alliance called the Voter Choice Coalition.

Composed of members of the Libertarian, Green, Natural Law, Reform, and Constitution parties, the coalition set up a website — www.voterchoice.org — and is collecting signatures on a cyberpetition to urge legislators to support the bill.

Forren, the head of the Voter Choice Coalition, said, “By joining forces with other third parties, the issue is no longer about the LP

complaining, [but] it’s about the incumbents denying voters a choice on the ballot.”

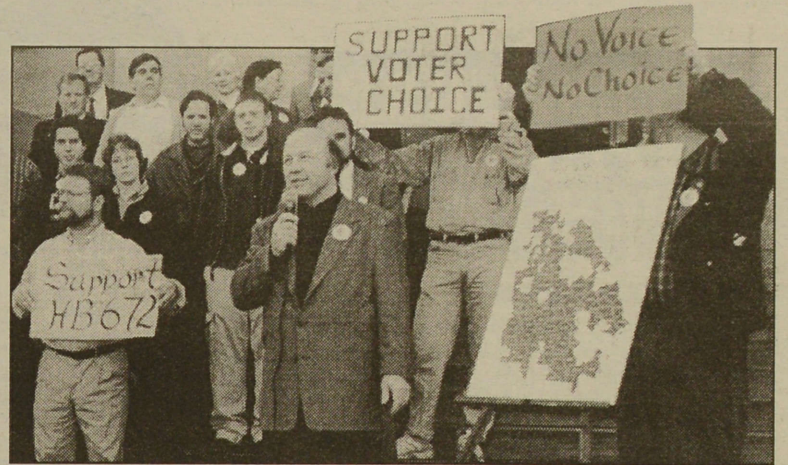
So far, voters appear to agree, he said — and have flocked to sign the cyberpetition for H.B. 672.

By the first day the petition was available, “with little or no publicity, electronic signatures began trickling into the Capitol,” he said. “By the end of the day, the trickle had turned into a flood of e-mail.”

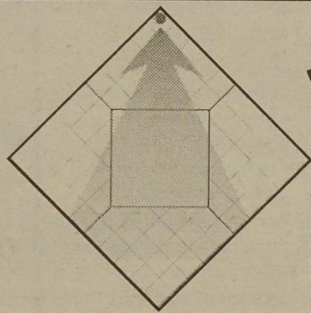
H.B. 672 has also been endorsed by the Concerned Citizen Network and the Georgia Association of Taxpayers, he noted.

Although the bill is now stalled in the legislature, the Voter Choice Coalition will continue to work to get it passed, said Forren, because “when 4 million Georgia voters have only one choice on their ballot, democracy has ceased to function.”

However, if H.B. 672 becomes law, he said, it will signal the “destruction of ballot access barriers in Georgia [and] the return of the freedom of voter choice.”



■ Libertarians and other third-party advocates rally for HB 672 in front of the State House in Atlanta on January 31.



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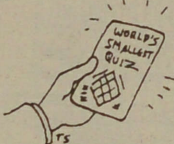
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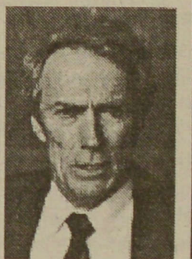
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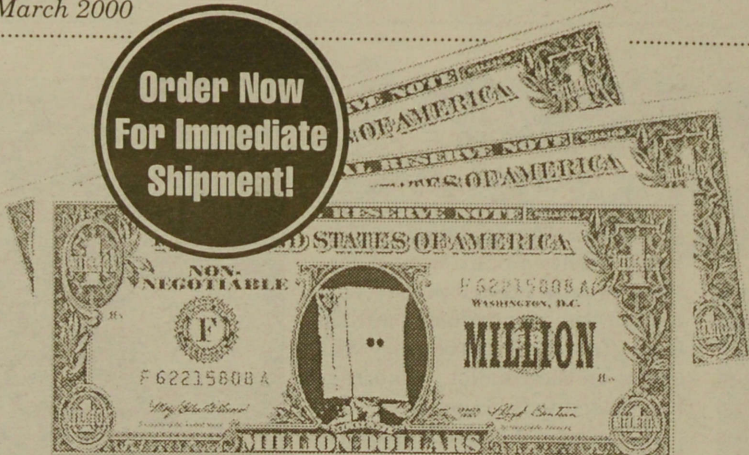
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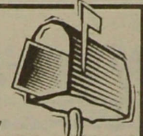
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Breaking up Microsoft: A dangerous idea

Word has leaked out that the Justice Department might demand that Microsoft break up into three companies as part of any settlement agreement in the government's antitrust suit against Microsoft. The idea is that consumers would be better off with three companies competing against each other than with one big "monopolistic" company to deal with.

During the age that preceded the Industrial Revolution — the Age of Mercantilism — it was customary for the king to grant select individuals or companies special privileges that enabled them to provide particular goods and services to the citizenry.

Punishment

The reason that the privilege was so special was that everyone else was prohibited by law from entering into competition against the person who had received the "monopoly." If a person ignored the law and began competing, he faced the prospect of punishment, not from the monopolist but rather from the king.

Thus, everyone once understood the true nature of a mo-

nopoly — a government-granted and government-enforced privilege that prohibited everyone else, on pain of fine and imprisonment, from competing against the monopolist.

One of the driving forces that brought an end to the Age of Mercantilism was the terrible animosity that average people in Europe had against monopolies. People not only despised the arrogant attitude that characterized monopolists, they also hated the shoddy products and poor services that the monopolist provided the citizenry.

After all, since the monopolist was legally secure from the threat of competition, he had no incentive to satisfy his customers. If people wanted the product or service, they had to deal with him.

The publication of Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* in 1776 planted the revolutionary idea of economic liberty in the minds of



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the English people. Smith suggested that consumers would be economically better off if monopolies were repealed and everyone were free to compete in the marketplace in the supplying of goods and services.

Within just a few decades, Smith's ideas triumphed, and the Industrial Revolution ushered out the Age of Mercantilism and its monopolistic practices.

Satisfy customers

Later, economists explained the dynamics of economic liberty. In an unhampered market economy, the consumer, not the supplier, is sovereign. That is, in order to succeed in business, a businessman, faced with the ever present threat of competition from others, must continually satisfy his customers. Therefore, the more a business succeeds in satisfying its customers, the wealthier it becomes.

What happens if a company fails to satisfy consumers? It loses market share and might even go out of business, without the assistance of the government.

For example, Swift and Armour (remember them?), Numbers 5 and 7 on the original *For-*

tune 500 list in 1954, ultimately disappeared from the list, in large part because of fierce competition from a newcomer named Iowa Beef Packers. In fact, well over 300 companies on the original 500 list in 1954 were gone from the list 40 years later. Some monopolies!

And about 90 companies on the 1995 list, including Microsoft, FedEx, and Home Depot, weren't even "born" when the original list was published but ultimately succeeded in knocking off "monopolistic" old-timers on the list. ("Forty Years of the 500" by Carol J. Loomis, *Fortune*, May 15, 1995)

Imbued with the spirit of both *The Wealth of Nations* and the Declaration of Independence, our American ancestors, by and large, had no use for monopolies. Nineteenth-century Americans, of course, believed that life, liberty, and property are fundamental. But they understood something equally important — that "liberty" encompasses the right to engage in any enterprise freely, that is, without governmental interference or restriction.

Thus, since a monopoly precludes a person by law from competing freely in providing a particular good or service, it was

anathema for our ancestors.

Unfortunately, the true meaning of "monopoly" gradually became corrupted, in no small part because of the teachings in public (government) schools and universities. Today, people honestly believe that a large company that has gained its wealth by successfully satisfying consumers, such as Microsoft, is a "monopoly" and, therefore, bad.

And they also honestly believe that real monopolies, such as the Postal Service (first-class mail delivery) and the Federal Reserve System (supply of money) are necessary and good.

Compete freely

Yes, it's true that breaking up Microsoft would result in more competition. But more competition is not freedom. As our ancestors understood so well, freedom entails the right to enter the marketplace freely by offering consumers your products and services. It entails the right to compete freely for their business by constantly responding to their ever changing whims and demands.

And it entails the right to accumulate the fruits of success without fear of later being punished by the state.

Breaking up Microsoft would not only break up the most successful company in history. It also would accelerate the breakup of freedom, and that's worse.

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An Internet tax would be bad for business, bad for liberty

The wish to tax sales over the Internet has only one explanation: Greed. I use that word advisedly. It is typically thrown around promiscuously to smear business people who earn fortunes by making consumers better off. That's a bad use of the term.

But if by "greed" we mean the relentless grasping for other people's money without giving value in exchange, then that's the point of any tax on the Internet. This sense of greed describes government to a T.

Do state and local governments need revenue? They are awash in it, thanks to the robust economy in which private citizens are producing record amounts of wealth. State and local sales and income taxes are raking in windfalls because of this productivity.

But governments need revenue as drunks need a drink. They can never have enough. But taxation, the forcible appropriation of private wealth, stifles production.

The economic novice might point to the boom and wonder how anyone could believe that production is stifled. This is the fallacy

of ignoring the unseen effects of government policy. We would be even

more prosperous if governments at all levels were not siphoning capital out of the hands of consumers, producers, and innovators.

Some people favor a moratorium on Internet taxes for a few years until it matures commercially. After three or four years, taxes would be imposed.

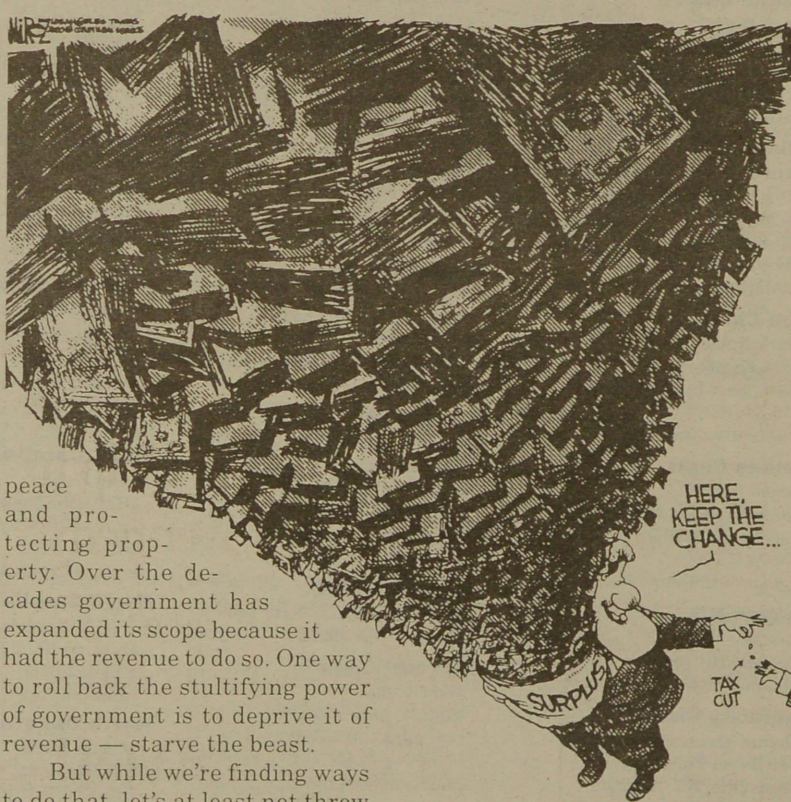
That's like taking time to fatten the pig before the slaughter. If taxes are a bad idea now, they're a bad idea later.

Fairness?

Inevitably, the "fairness" issue has entered the debate. Is it fair, we are asked, that traditional businesses have to charge sales taxes while online businesses do not? The treatment is disparate, to be sure, but the solution isn't to tax the untaxed. The solution is to untax the taxed! I'm not surprised that state and local officials haven't thought of this.

Government at all levels does too much. It goes far beyond its traditional role of keeping the

By Sheldon Richman



peace and protecting property. Over the decades government has expanded its scope because it had the revenue to do so. One way to roll back the stultifying power of government is to deprive it of revenue — starve the beast.

But while we're finding ways to do that, let's at least not throw the beast any additional red meat. It has its eyes on the Internet; let's make that off limits.

If we're lucky, the offline businesses will respond to the tax-free Internet by demanding that the

taxes on them be removed. Maybe the Internet will help spark a broad-based anti-tax movement.

My fear is that traditional retailers will take the short-term easy way out and demand taxa-

tion of their cyber competitors. That fear may be unfounded, however, since retailers will increasingly see the value of expanding into online operations, where the tax-free policy will benefit them.

Shift to Web

Clearly, governments worry that commerce will shift from storefronts to websites and cost them revenue. But it's not their money! It's ours. We don't live and work to serve government. Therefore, government should not eye every technological advance as an opportunity to sink in its fangs and deprive us of our wealth.

As to be expected, someone has even claimed that the tax disparity hurts the poor because they shop online far less than wealthier people do. This is hardly a good reason to tax the Internet, since untaxing retail stores would accomplish the same goal — even-handed treatment of business. Moreover, the logic of the free market is that access to the World Wide Web will become

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The Reform Party's meltdown: It was all just a matter of time

Editor's note: On February 11, Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura announced that he had resigned from the Reform Party. His reason: "[It] is hopelessly dysfunctional," he said. "It is unworthy of my support and the support of the American people." On February 12, police were called after fights broke out at an emergency meeting of the Reform Party's executive committee in Nashville, Tennessee. These events came as no surprise to LP activist Richard Rider.

Last spring, I predicted the effective internal destruction of the Reform Party after this election, due to the lack of any glue to bind the party together.

The party was built around Ross Perot, and lacks any meaningful coherent agenda except "campaign reform" and perhaps protectionism. The party always falls into disarray whenever platform discussions are held, because supporters cover the full gamut of politics from socialists to libertarians.

As the party grew in respectability and Perot dropped out, political opportunists naturally saw the party as a pre-built platform from which to launch a presidential candidacy.

It was already organized, and qualified for matching federal funds worth millions — an enticing reason to seek the Reform Party nomination.

But as the "candidates" face scrutiny by the disparate Reform Party membership, the party is splitting into factions — factions

so far apart that the losing factions will drop out of this "party."

As I see it, there are three kinds of political parties:

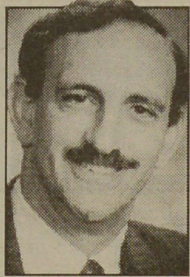
1. The first is the "constituency party," who simply form alliances of convenience to elect their tribal members to power. They lack commitment to agendas or platforms, adjusting their positions to catch the shifting political breeze of the moment.

We have two parties that excel at this: The Democratic and the Republican parties. Under "winner take all" election game theory, plus tribal loyalties, it is unlikely that a third such party will have success in the American political arena.

Cult party

2. The second is the "cult party." This is a party formed around an individual. This would include such examples as George Wallace and the American Independent Party, Barry Commoner and the Citizens Party, Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition "Party," Ross Perot and the Reform Party, and Lyndon LaRouche and the U.S. Labor Party.

In addition, some "cult" leaders run for President who never form their supporters into parties per se; candidates such as John Anderson and Eugene McCarthy.



By Richard Rider

The important characteristic of these cults is that they don't survive the transfer of leadership. Supporters are dedicated to the individual rather than any specific binding agenda. The problem for the Reform Party is that it will not make the transfer from a cult party to a constituency party; two such parties are all the country needs.

3. The third type of political party is the "ideological party." These are parties based on rather specific agendas, and the lead candidates' characteristics are secondary to their representation of what the party stands for.

Some obvious examples are the Libertarian, Socialist, Green, and Constitution parties.

Popular support

While more plodding in nature, these ideological parties continue to put their ideas into the political arena election after election. If such a party starts to gain more popular support, one or both of the constituency parties often will steal their most popular ideas — at least pretending that they support these issues.

Such was the spectacular success of the U. S. Socialist Party in the 20th century, and (I predict) the upcoming stunning success of the Libertarian Party in the 21st century.

■ **About the author:** Richard Rider is a longtime LP activist in San Diego, CA, the architect of a 1988 lawsuit that overturned a \$1.5 billion sales tax, and a relentless foe of tax-funded stadium and convention center projects.

The Issues

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

State of the Union "Promise-a-thon"

Bill Clinton's final State of the Union address was a \$139 million-a-second "promise-a-thon," the Libertarian Party said — "with a longer list of handouts than Santa Claus."

"If you blinked, you'd miss another \$139 million in new federal spending," said Steve Dasbach, LP national director.

During the 89-minute speech on January 27, Clinton asked for \$743 billion in new and increased spending. He proposed 101 new or expanded programs — and promised to reduce none.

"When Bill Clinton doles out promises at the rate of \$139 million a second, it's your tax money he plans to spend," Dasbach said. "So don't get too excited about all these new programs. Every promise Clinton makes is actually a promissory note — and your name is on it."

In the speech, Clinton took credit for jobs, the economy, decreased poverty, surpluses, a "revival of the American spirit," reduced crime, fewer teen births, reduced welfare, helping "parents succeed at work and at home," and increased volunteering, noted Dasbach — but told the truth just once: His Freudian slip that Al Gore had a plan to make communities more "liberal."

Don't bribe networks for drug messages

The White House drug office has spent millions of dollars to plant anti-drug messages in TV programs — which means the TV networks have become the "de-facto propaganda department" of the government, the Libertarian Party said.

"The First Amendment is not under attack — it's up for sale," said Steve Dasbach. "The government is blurring the line between entertainment and propaganda."

The dollars-for-propaganda arrangement began in 1997, when Congress allocated \$1 billion for the Drug Control Policy office to run anti-drug TV advertisements. In exchange for the ad purchase, the government demanded one free "public service announcement" for every TV commercial it purchased.

When the networks became reluctant to give away ad time, the Drug Control Policy office offered to swap ad time for anti-drug messages inserted into prime-time sitcoms and dramas. The government reviewed more than 100 scripts of shows like *Cosby*, *Touched by an Angel*, and *Chicago Hope* to confirm that the anti-drug material met with government approval.

"Bureaucrats in the Drug Control Policy office should not be deciding which sitcoms are government-approved," said Dasbach. "And TV networks should not allow themselves to become the de-facto propaganda department of the government. If we want to be a free, democratic nation, we need an independent press — not TV networks that are eager to be bribed with government advertising dollars."

Al Gore, confess: You're a hate criminal

Is Al Gore guilty of a hate crime? Apparently so, says the Libertarian Party — if the charges are true that the vice president's campaign supporters mocked Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey as a "cripple" and splashed the handicapped Vietnam veteran with mud.

"If Gore really believes what he says about hate crimes, then he should immediately turn himself in to the police, and accept punishment for what his campaign staff and supporters did to Senator Bob Kerrey," said the party's national director, Steve Dasbach.

"If federal hate crimes are a good idea — and the vice president insists they are — then why should Gore be treated differently than any KKK member, white supremacist, or bigot?"

Kerrey was surrounded by a screaming mob of Gore supporters January 30 while campaigning for Bill Bradley in New Hampshire. The mob taunted Kerrey, who lost part of his leg in Vietnam, as a "cripple" and splashed him with mud.

Gore admitted February 2 that some words might have been exchanged but said it was "in good fun."

However, noted Dasbach, Gore didn't seem to think hate crimes were "good fun" on July 6, 1999, when he called on Congress to expand federal hate crime legislation to include an assault on a person "because of [an] actual or perceived religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability."

"Al Gore, take a stand against hate crimes," Dasbach urged. "Admit your guilt as the kingpin of a gang of disability-hating bigots. And demand the full force of the law as punishment — 10 years in federal prison."

No Net taxes

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more and more within the reach of even low-income people.

If we are to put this issue into its proper context, we must remember that government is largely in the wealth-transfer business. Most of what it does constitutes a transfer of money from those who earned it to those (not necessarily poor) who did not. In the process, it retards economic activity and innovation, which reduces the improvement of our living standards. The poor suffer from this disproportionately.

For everyone's sake, hands off the Internet!

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FROM The Director

Don't let the Census violate your privacy

Who among us can ever forget the image of a lone Chinese student — standing in the path of a tank in Tianmen Square — standing up for liberty in the face of the immense power of the state?

Thankfully, most of us will never have to take a risk like that. But *each* of us has other opportunities to stand up for liberty. And while there is always risk involved when we defy the power of the state, those risks pale in comparison to those accepted by the founders of our country, and by that brave student in China.

This month, every Libertarian will have an opportunity to deliver a small blow for liberty (and privacy and equality) when your 2000 Census form arrives in the mail. How? By refusing to answer every question except the one required by the Constitution: "How many people live in your home?"

The government is clearly worried that millions of Americans will refuse to answer their nosy questions. Already, the propaganda campaign has begun, as politicians bombard us with TV ads lecturing us to fulfill our "civic duty." To which I say: "Non-sense." Real Americans don't answer nosy Census questions.

The government is quick to tell us that the Census affects "power, money, group interests, civil rights; in short, who gets how much of what." And that's exactly what's wrong with the Census, and why we should boycott almost every question.

The U.S. Constitution says the purpose of the Census is to make an enumeration. In simple language, that means to take an accurate count of Americans for the purpose of apportioning Congressional districts.

But, as usual, the federal government has gone far beyond its Constitutional mandate, and plans to use the Census to ask dozens of probing questions.

■ They want you to pigeonhole yourself into one (or more) of their 15 "official" racial categories.

■ They want to know whether you have any difficulty "dressing, bathing, or getting around the home."

■ They want to know how long it takes you to get to work, and how you get there.

In fact, the long version of the Census contains a whopping 52 questions — 51 more than the Constitution requires. And, each person in your household has to answer each question. That's over 200 questions for a family of four.

But it's not just the questions that are offensive but how the information will be used. The data collected by the Census will be used to dole out an estimated \$180 billion in taxpayers' money, to justify and expand wasteful government programs, and to allow the government to continue to discriminate against Americans based on race or ethnicity.

We live in an information age. But the only information the government deserves, beyond the number of people in our homes, is: "None of your business."

Of course, anyone who gives a "None of your business" response could face a \$100 fine. But isn't risking a \$100 fine a small price to pay for making a principled stand for privacy and freedom?

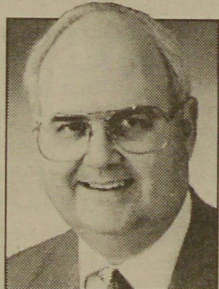
Realistically, they probably won't levy that fine. But it would be a publicity bonanza for the LP if they did!

And we're already getting publicity by speaking out against the Census. Our campaign has been mentioned in news stories, and we've done almost two dozen radio interviews on the subject since January. Almost all of the hosts and callers on radio talk shows are supporting us.

So instead of setting a \$100 bill aside on the off chance that the Census Bureau might decide to fine you, why not strike a double blow for liberty?

Send your Census form back with most of the questions marked: "None of your business." And use that \$100 to support a local Libertarian campaign, or to support the outreach efforts of your state or local party.

You'll deliver a one-two punch for liberty — and you won't even have to face down a tank to do it.



By Steve Dasbach

LP National Director

Zoning alternatives give power to people, not to bureaucrats

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

By Peter Orvetti
LP NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Good fences make good neighbors," Robert Frost wrote. But do zoning regulations accomplish the same thing?

Zoning regulations aim to keep housing ample and affordable, keep loud businesses and heavy traffic off neighborhood streets, maintain the quality of life in towns and cities, and, in the words of one zoning board's optimistic mission statement, "create a vibrant city in which to live, learn, work and play."

It sounds good. It doesn't work.

Like many idealistic government "solutions," state-run zoning does exactly the opposite of what it intends: Neighborhoods and their residents get hurt, and the disadvantaged suffer all the more. Plus, it hands even more power to government bureaucrats.

1. Government zoning hurts communities and families.

According to George W. Liebmann in the *Cato Review of Business and Government*, "zoning creates serious inconveniences for residents by banishing convenience stores, offices, and social services from residential areas. [So] traffic congestion increases as residents are forced to take to the roads."

While separating commercial and residential areas is a common justification for zoning, developers have found that many homeowners prefer to be close to shopping centers and their jobs. Some "mixed-use" planned communities even recruit commercial enterprises. Such "flexible land use" is usually prohibited by governmental zoning.

Zoning impacts families inside the home, too.

"The existing zoning system also produces large quantities of single-family housing in a period in which changing demographics are increasing the demand for smaller apartments," wrote Liebmann. The elderly are particularly impacted: "Zoning makes it more difficult to keep aged parents close by and to care for them."

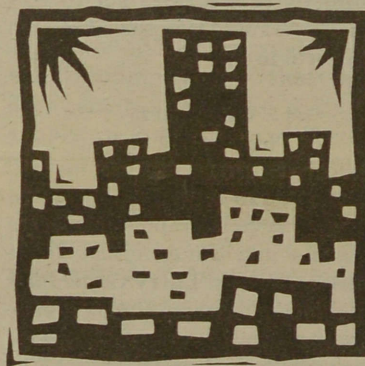
This happens because family dynamics change faster than laws. Zoning regulations are still geared toward the "nuclear families" of the 1950s, even though the number of persons over age 14 living alone rose from 7.1 million in



1960 to 23.6 million in 1993.

Zoning laws can't keep pace. In Maryland, a 1985 study concluded that "the number of one- and two-family households grew by 140% between 1960 and 1980, [but] the number of one- and two-bedroom units increased by only 54%."

Some zoning laws even make it impossible for new homes to be built, Liebmann wrote. Restrictions make it hard for developers to "provide consumers with higher density, multi-use residences closer to employment centers. [Such] restrictions have severely



QUESTION:

Without zoning, what will happen to our cities and neighborhoods?

limited the ability of existing metropolitan centers and suburbs to adapt to new needs and conditions."

2. Government zoning often hurts the poor.

Zoning proponents argue that their rules "protect the poor" and save neighborhood "mom and pop" businesses. But in reality, zoning rules can make the quality of life of the poor worse — and frequently kill small businesses.

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In *Property and the Public Good: The Founders' View*, Thomas G. West wrote, "Zoning laws typically forbid the poor from using their apartments and homes for productive purposes." That's why big business opposed deregulation in the 1980s — "because regulation hobbles would-be competitors."

Also, when government limits how many housing units can be built on one lot, each unit becomes more precious — and the price shoots up. The John Locke Foundation found that zoning rules "reduce home-ownership rates among low-income residents by as much as 15%."

Then there's "snob zoning." In North Carolina, for example, "regulations designed to promote higher-quality housing do so at the expense of families who cannot yet afford it — and need intermediate stops on the road to home-ownership," reported the John Locke Foundation.

And the fact that Takoma Park, Maryland evicted a full 8% of its population in 1988 in an effort to boost the property values of a handful of landowners proves that zoning to "help the poor" can be a fantasy.

3. Government zoning gives power to bureaucrats.

Many zoning laws are intentionally vague. For example, a Camarillo, California ordinance allows the city "to abate any problem that diminishes property values." The City Manager conceded in 1991 that "it's broad enough to cover virtually anything."

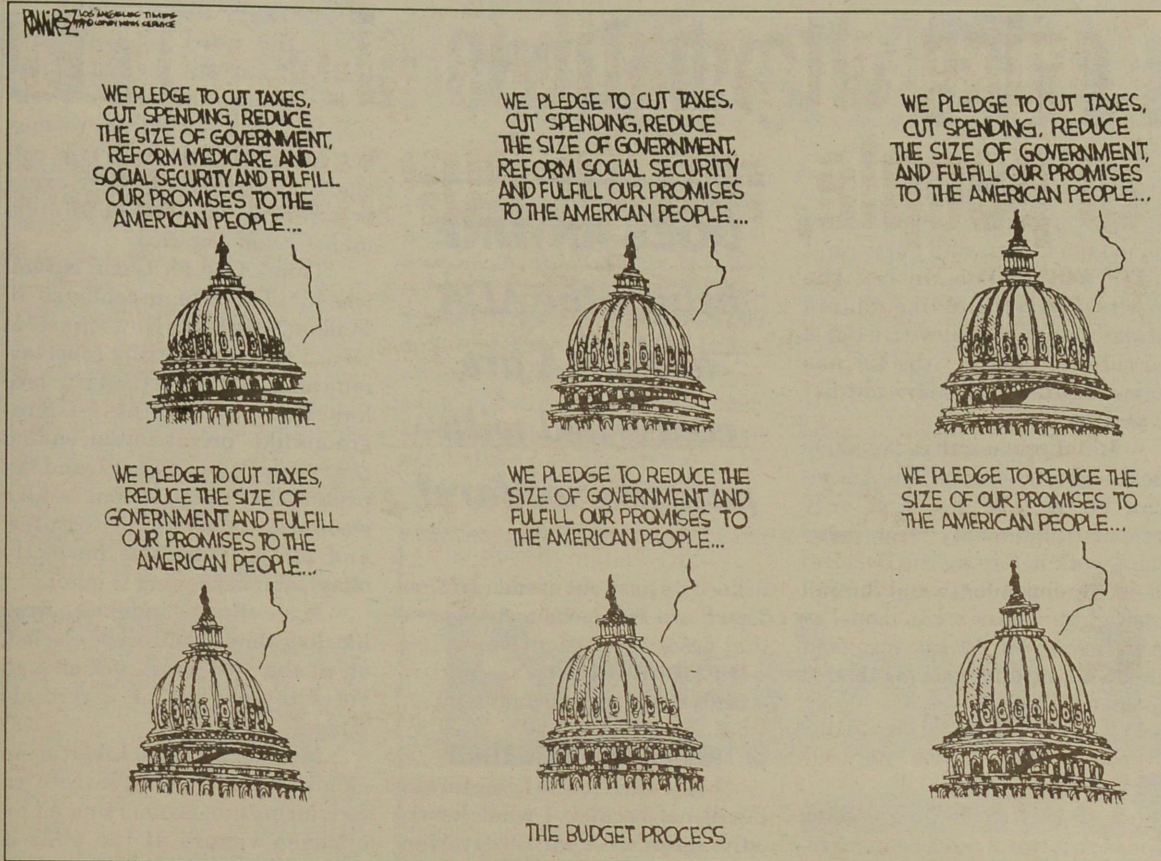
Eleven states can fine you for violating "aesthetic criteria," and according to author James Bovard in *Lost Rights*, in Pasadena, California you can even be charged with a crime if you don't weed your lawn.

These broad laws leave broad room for tyranny. Chicago ordered a couple using home PCs to write software and articles to stop — putting "virtually all of the city's 200,000 home-based businesses in violation of the city's zoning code," Bovard wrote.

And in Skanesteles, New York, "the local government responded to one couple's zoning violations by sending in sheriff's deputies to drag the owner's wife out of their home and jail her and raze their \$350,000 lake-front home."

"In our time, the right of private property is violated upon a huge scale," wrote Claremont Institute President Larry P. Arnn. "Bureaucratic red tape hampers nearly every activity and binds nearly every enterprise. Officials interfere, and obstacles arise" — all thanks to zoning laws.

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The Mail Box

Community, continued

I had to laugh when I read Lynn Atherton-Bloxham's "Anti-Community" letter in January's *LP News* MailBox, because I knew someone would object to our use of the word "community" for the 2000 convention.

Many people in the LP seem convinced there is only one way to a free society, and we must all use the same words. Everyone who disagrees with us must be told to read *Atlas Shrugged*.

Personally, I love the word "community." I love living in a (gasp!) Master Planned Community, and I love promoting community involvement. We would have a much easier time promoting freedom if we used words that people are familiar with.

Instead of trying to educate them about the evils of the word "community," we should be promoting voluntary communal activities and pro-liberty community solutions. Notice I used the words "voluntary" and "pro-liberty." I think government solutions to community problems lead to worse problems.

We have spent 30 years educating people about what they should hate, what they should be against, what the "true" meaning of words are, and how people should not want "leaders." Maybe it's time we start telling them what to like, what they should be for, what our solutions are in words that appeal to them, and why our candidates would make the best leaders.

The LNC's use of the word "community" is a great start!

— MARK HILGENBERG
Oak Park, California

WE WOULD
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Plane and simple?

Vin Suprynowicz was way off base in his rant against airport workers wanting to look through his baggage as he entered through the security gates at LAX [The Forum, February 2000].

Granted, the worker asked if he could look through Mr. Suprynowicz's bag and one could argue on that basis that Suprynowicz had a right to refuse the request. Nevertheless, let's recognize that the Airlines (ok, fine, the evil FAA on behalf of the airlines) have a right to set their own rules for inspecting baggage — and no one is forcing Mr. Suprynowicz to buy an airline ticket. Yet he did voluntarily pur-

chase an airline ticket and by inference, he agreed to abide by the airline's rules.

If he doesn't like it, then he should take the train.

— DAN WASSER
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Discriminating tastes

Vin Suprynowicz has the right to express his revulsion at the presence of dwarfs who are leering little geeks, or of ladies who waddle, and especially at the sight of "a grossly fat black woman in the ill-fitting rust-red jacket of a supervisor."

I myself am politically incorrect in terms of behavior, but my personal prejudices are so at odds with his that I will not continue as a member of an organization that continues to publish him.

I'd be less offended to see *LP News* demean someone who slugs Pepto-Bismol, wears white socks, and has a funny name. Are you sure he's not on welfare?

— LEONARD RUBIN
New York, New York

Every race, every time

The article "What's Next for the LP" [*LP News*, January 2000] was close to perfect, with so many worthy goals, issues, and ideas.

But we forgot one important item: A Libertarian in every race, every location, every level, every time. We can and will do this.

— JEFF THOMSEN
Kingman, Arizona

The American Party

In response to Ward Eldred's letter [MailBox, February 2000], "Change Our Name," I agree
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The Pulse

Take the money and run

It's our money and we should take it back.

That was the opinion of the majority of *LP News* readers to this month's unscientific Pulse question: Should the LP's 2000 presidential candidate accept federal campaign matching funds?

Fully 59% of the respondents urged the party to take federal funds. Of that number, 50.8% said the party should use the money for campaigning, ballot access, or TV advertisements. Another 8.2% said the LP should take the money, but somehow give it back to the taxpayers.

Arguing in favor of matching funds, Libertarians cited philosophy and pragmatics. Some said the funds were "stolen" by the government, and matching funds were simply a way of recouping that loss. Others said that not taking the money handicaps the LP's presidential candidate and creates a "non-level" playing field when we compete against our statist opponents.

However, 41% opposed matching funds. Their arguments: Taking the money could be the start of the slide into compromising Libertarian ideals; we shouldn't force non-Libertarians to fund our campaigns; and rejecting the money on principle would generate a publicity boom.

One thing all the respondents agreed on: Matching funds are bad, and Libertarians should move to eliminate the program as soon as we get elected.

Here is a representative sample of the responses:

■ **YES.** Candidates should accept matching funds for the same reason I accept Social Security: They took it from me without my consent. I will take it back any way I can.
— JACK W. DAVISON, Bradenton, Florida

■ **NO.** Despite the rhetoric that these funds are somehow voluntary, they are coerced. Taking this money would prove to our critics that we cannot be trusted to keep our word, since we obviously abandon our principles when it serves our political interests.
— ALAN FANNING, Phoenix, Arizona

■ **YES.** If someone steals your money and offers you a way to get a small part of it back, it's not unethical to accept. And we owe it to our creed to do everything possible, within ethical boundaries, to advance our cause.
— JIM KLANN, Glendale Heights, Illinois

■ **GIVE IT AWAY.** We could accept the matching fund money and return it to its proper owners, the taxpayers. For the price of a self-addressed stamped envelope, every citizen could receive his or her portion from the fund.
— SCOTT NAZZARINE, Athens, Ohio

■ **NO.** When we refuse matching funds, the public has far more reason to believe our intent to practice economic restraint in office. Passing up millions of dollars demonstrates our bona fides in a way that mere words could never do.

— CAROL PRUITT, Columbus, Indiana

■ **YES.** We must use all provisions available to us to move the system in the direction of liberty. To follow the limitations of fundamentalist libertarians means we are playing by different rules. Like it or not, we need votes from many less informed and less idealistic individuals if we are to win elections.

— PHIL UNDERWOOD, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

■ **NO.** I have often feared the day when the LP will "stray" from its moral foundations. When the acceptance of matching funds is officially condoned by the party, I will end my affiliation with "The Party of Principle."

— DANIEL BRYCE, Broomfield, Colorado

■ **NO.** Our candidate should decline matching funds, and then capitalize on it in a publicity campaign. Rejection of the funds is not only consistent with our principles, but it could also actually help the candidate.

— BENNETT KALAFUT, Justice, Illinois

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■ YES. Take the money and run! [Or] else this money would go to support the two parties that would never abolish this tax. And run television ads to increase our ranks and let Americans know that Libertarians are here.
— DANIEL MIKULSKY, Hoboken, New Jersey

■ NO. The LP presidential candidate should, without a second thought, turn down any federal campaign matching funds. Anyone who believes otherwise is simply not a Libertarian. I would prefer the LP remain handicapped and principled, rather than subsidized and immoral.
— GARY RUMSEY, Leonardtown, Maryland

■ YES. For the good of the Americans who have not yet heard the Libertarian message, matching funds should be utilized. The funds would level the field, impart a distinguishable sense of credibility, and get the message out.
— NICK MORANA, North Olmsted, Ohio

■ NO. Those funds come from taxpayers which include Democrats, Republicans, and others who may not wish to support our candidate. To force them to support our candidate against their will would go against one of our party's basic principles.
— MICHAEL COOK, Sterling, Virginia

■ NO. How can a candidate who says it's wrong to use federal dollars to aid flood victims, to find cures for deadly diseases, or to put shoes on barefoot orphans then say it's all right to use federal dollars to fund his campaign?
— HENRY HALLER, Valencia, Pennsylvania

May Question: Invite Ventura?

The announcement hadn't even been made, and already Libertarians were calling and e-mailing the National LP headquarters: *Invite him to join the Libertarian Party!*

They were talking about Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, of course, who publicly quit the Reform Party on February 11, calling it "hopelessly dysfunctional."

Some Libertarians saw this as an opportunity for the Libertarian Party. Ventura has described himself as a "libertarian," they said, and holds very pro-freedom positions on a wide range of issues. He'd be a prize "catch" for the party, they argued. Not so fast, said other Libertarians: Ventura has increased the state budget while in office, and has a bad habit of putting his foot in his mouth. He'll just embarrass the party, they said.

■ QUESTION: Should we invite Governor Jesse Ventura to join the Libertarian Party? Why or why not? (Please limit answers to no more than 100 words.)

■ DEADLINE: April 5, 2000

April Question: Campaign Reform?

It seems that everyone is talking about campaign finance reform. It costs too much money to run for office, critics say, and big-money interests are "buying" politicians. The solution, they argue, is to impose spending caps on campaigns, to prohibit individual contributions, to ban all PACs, to mandate free TV airtime, and for the government to fund campaigns.

Libertarians — even as they are being priced out of many elections — tend to shun such solutions. But that doesn't make the problem (or at least the public perception of the problem) go away. So, what should Libertarians do about the "problem" of campaign finance reform?

■ QUESTION: Should Libertarians support any kind of campaign finance reform? If so, what specific "reforms"? (Please limit answers to no more than 100 words.)

■ DEADLINE: March 5, 2000

ENTRY GUIDELINES: Include name and city/state; anonymous answers won't be tallied. Enter just once per month.
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100%. Personally, I would have joined the Libertarian Party right after Ronald Reagan left the White House. But like Eldred states, I just thought with a name so close to "liberal," the LP was some disguise for some bigshot Commies.

May I propose that the name be changed to simply "The American Party"? To me, it is only proper to follow my forefathers' hard work in forging the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. These were made by Americans, for Americans. Isn't this what our party is all about?

— EARL CLARK
Albany, Indiana

Cut the "cute"

I totally agree with Ward Eldred's letter. I have been a Libertarian Party member for several years now, and whenever I try to explain our principles to others, I get a smile and a polite "No, thank you," or am asked if I am serious.

I think we need to let people know that we are indeed serious, and the first step might be in changing the name of the party, but one step I feel is absolutely necessary is to change our mascot from a cute little penguin to something that will be taken more seriously. Do you want to continue to be considered "cute"?

— CLINT BOYCE
Shingle Springs, California

■ **Editor's note:** While some state parties have adopted the "Liberty Penguin" as their mascot, it is not the official mascot of the Libertarian Party. The party's only official symbol is the Statue of Liberty.

A Lotto nerve

I was shocked to find that LP News approves of Alabama LP activist Mark Thornton and the Alabama LP's robust opposition to the proposal for a state-run lottery in this state [Affiliate News, January 2000]. LP News agrees that it is proper for the LP to decide that the Alabama lottery is a "bad bet" for poor people.

Since when has it been the policy of the LP to determine for each citizen, poor or otherwise, how, where, and when he/she should wager his/her private income? Have I missed the announcement that Libertarianism no longer stands for decisions of this nature to be left totally within the control of individual people?

It appears irrational and inconsistent for the Alabama LP to contend that it "believes that lotteries should be legal," but at the same time that voters must reject the rights of states to ask the people if they may conduct them.

The libertarianism that I honor upholds the absolute privilege of each person to decide where he/she will gamble.

The LP thus is well-advised

DOES ANYONE believe the ADA and AMA are concerned with patients' welfare?

to keep its nose out of such affairs. There are far more vital issues that deserve its attention.

— PATRICK GROFF
San Diego, California

Revisiting regulation

I pay dues to the Libertarian Party, not because I wholeheartedly agree with all Libertarian principles, but because the Libertarian Party may be the best alternative to the status quo.

I take issue with many of the suggestions in Peter Orvetti's "Protecting the consumer: Yes, private regulation does work" [Libertarian Solutions, February 2000]. I am old enough to have had experience with several of the so-called regulating agencies he mentions, and too often those experiences were not good experiences. Taking complaints to the Better Business Bureau will get you [some personal satisfaction], but little else.

Does anybody believe the AMA and ADA are seriously concerned with patients' welfare? Not me. I see them as lobbying organizations for the purpose of protecting doctors' incomes, and warding off any competition.

We simply cannot find black-and-white solutions to many problems, and regulation is one such problem.

We want as little government regulation as possible and there must be oversight of what regulation we have; but there is a real role for government regulation.

— PHILLIP MILLER
Montandon, Pennsylvania

"Better" Business?

Please tell Mr. Orvetti not to tell people to go to the Better Business Bureau. No person that has ever attempted to use them would advocate their "service."

They should all be publicly flogged and are nothing more than a paid cover for many crooked businesses.

— BRYAN TRELF
Sterling Heights, Michigan

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Concentrate on guns

If the word gets out that Harry Browne is the "candidate of sex, drugs, and rock and roll" [LP News, January 2000], we may get some votes from certain categories of people, but for every vote we get, we will lose 10 from mainstream America.

Thank God for Carla Howell [the LP's U.S. Senate candidate in Massachusetts]. Now there is what I call a promising Libertarian candidate. I particularly love her wooing of "single-issue" groups like "privatization, ending rent control, gun owners, and tax protesters." And, if she is also wooing drug users, prostitutes, and pimps (which is perfectly okay), she is keeping it quiet.

If all of our candidates were like her, they would all be elected, or, at the very least, get enough votes to give the LP a credible image.

My suggestion to Libertarian candidates is to concentrate on convincing gun owners that a Libertarian victory at the polls is their only hope of keeping their guns. The exact same argument will be equally applicable for use with proponents of privatizing Social Security, ending the welfare system, and just about all the other single-interest groups that are not anathema to Middle America. But concentrate on the gun owners. There are 80 million of them.

— JOSEPH MILLER
Rancho Cordova, California

■ **Editor's note:** The description of Mr. Browne as the "candidate of sex, drugs, and rock and roll" was made by a college professor, not by Browne — who demurely countered that he is the candidate of "marriage, moderate wine, and classical music."

Agreement

I joined the Libertarian Party not because I agree with its philosophy, but because it agrees with mine.

— JAMES POST
Las Vegas, Nevada

Hysterical police

This is in response to "A Libertarian's love/hate view of police turns to respect" by Geoff Braun [The Forum, January 2000]. The article begins, "As do most Libertarians, I have a love/hate relationship with the police." I can certainly identify with that. I would go even further. I find nothing to like about the local police where I live in Fairfax County, Virginia. They have caused me nothing but problems.

The article further states, "I would rather live in a world with police than one without them." I am not so sure about that. In my 40 plus years, I have had more negative than positive experiences with police. I have traveled all over this country and I have not found any place where the cops were helpful on balance.

Here in Fairfax County, the police get really scared if they stop

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a motorist for whatever reason. I wonder how they would react to a really dangerous situation, such as if I discover a burglar in my house. I think it would be easier for me to deal with the burglar myself, then call the police when it's over to take care of the paperwork. In a dangerous situation, such as an encounter with a real crook, the last thing I need is some hysterical policeman.

— SETH ALLEN

Alexandria, Virginia

■ Guns, not cops

I must take issue with Geoff Braun's article. Braun believes that since the police helped alleviate his fears one night, they are worthy of praise and admiration from our party. It's the same sort of illogical, emotional argument that victims of crime often use against gun owners: "Guns are scary and were used to hurt me, so they must be bad." In the same regard, since police performed a useful function, Braun suggests that they are not only necessary but good.

It is not only illogical, but wrong to suggest that police are good. Police are non-thinking and non-questioning soldiers whose job is to restrict the liberties of Americans. There may have been a day when it was otherwise, but as long as politicians create laws to trample our rights, the people who enforce those laws are nothing short of evil.

Braun admitted to owning a firearm, and I can only assume that he is capable of working it. Why, then, were the police even necessary? If he had any self-reliance, he would have handled the situation himself rather than calling for government intervention.

— S. BENJAMIN COLFAX

Los Angeles, California

■ Privatize the police

I've had the same experience with police as Geoff Braun. But it failed to turn me into a fan of government police.

I'm surprised that a Libertarian would fall into the trap of believing that if government doesn't provide a service, no one will. Were there no state-supported police, there would no doubt be private police. The difference: Private police would be obligated to actually protect citizens, unlike government police, whose only legal obligation is to clean up your body after you've been murdered.

I also wonder if Braun has

thought about how his brush with government agents could have turned out. Would he be so enthralled with the police if, after rescuing him from the big bad drunk, they decided to search his house? All it would have taken was a dirty movie in a VCR, a whiff of real or imagined marijuana smoke, or an unlicensed gun to turn this experience into a citizen's nightmare.

Yes, there are a few police who do "good" work. Those officers would find jobs in privatized police forces, at higher wages than government pay. The majority are attracted by the chance to use force against others.

I agree with Braun that Libertarians won't get far hurling names when discussing police. But we shouldn't give up the goal of a private police force that enforces the Constitution, not tyranny. The nervousness Braun felt when the police came was, unfortunately, very well-founded.

— NOELLE STETTNER

Falls Church, Virginia

■ Time for dialogue

I was provoked to write by the anti-WTO protest cartoon in the January issue. Many of those involved in WTO protests were seeking to address legitimate social and environmental concerns.

There is a difference between responsible capitalism and capitalism without ethics. The former is desirable, the latter repugnant. As Libertarians, we reject "world government" and collectivism, which the WTO represents.

We can greatly reduce the size of government, but we also need to widen the sense of social consciousness. Larger public ap-

peal will not come from stressing the soulless philosophy of Ayn Rand or by talking about pollution caused by government without also talking about pollution caused by big industry. We need to have dialogue on our positions.

Such a dialogue will widen party appeal and will be a stepping stone to achieving results. If we aren't careful, talent will go to the Reform Party out of disgust for the "every man for himself" thinking that pervades some of the LP's planks.

— BERNARD DALSEY

Whitewater, Wisconsin

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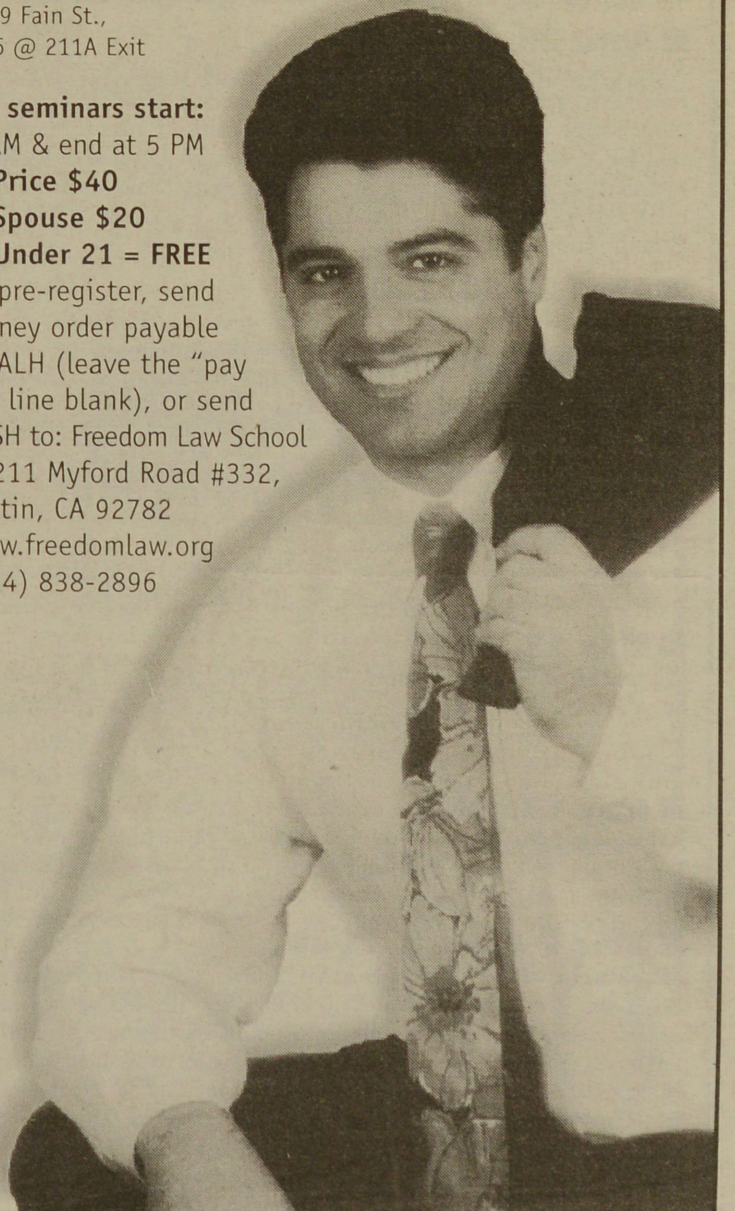
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■ Pro-Life self-evident?

I would like to take issue with Dean Wahls's letter [The MailBox, February 2000] questioning the Libertarian credentials of those who take a pro-life view on abortion.

Wahls asserts that the "abortion issue boils down to a strictly religious question, for which science has no answer." This may have been true in years past, but no more. A scientific consensus is emerging which establishes the ability to survive outside the womb and therefore the humanity of third-trimester fetuses. Further scientific studies of when life actually begins show that fetuses assume human characteristics even sooner.

The question of abortion, then, is less which "religious dogma" carries the day, and more when human life actually begins, so that the state may protect that person's unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — just as it protects my and Wahls' right to life.

However, I respect Wahls's views, and would never question his Libertarian credentials.

I hope Libertarians can agree to disagree on issues that divide us and rally around issues we can all agree on, such as the need to return America to the vision of its Founders.

— JASON WILLENCY
South Riding, Virginia

■ Many viewpoints in LP

Words cannot express the outrage, anger, and just plain resentment I felt after reading Dean Wahls's letter. Who made him the judge of who a Libertarian is, and who is not?

It is mine, and the belief of some other Libertarians, that abortion is a fundamental violation of rights. It is the violation of the right of the unborn child to life, and an abortion is seen as an unlawful killing.

There are state laws on the books saying that it would be unlawful for someone to deny me my life. How is it not Libertarian to think those same laws should be used to protect unborn children?

— DAVE WHITAKER
Danville, Georgia

■ Abortion is aggression

I would like to respond to Dean Wahls's chagrin over discovering that a large number of Libertarians support making abortions illegal. Wahls asserts that such a position is akin to forcing one's "religious doctrine" on others and is a denial of the basic right to choose.

The Libertarian case against legalized abortion rests on two pillars, neither rooted in religious dogma. First is the biological evidence which points to the conclusion that what is being aborted is a separate life. The second is the Libertarian nonaggression principle.

If we are talking about an in-

dependent life, the taking of that life is an act of aggression and should not be legal.

— ROBERT MAYNARD
Williston, Vermont

■ Billboards and victory

Some may label me overly optimistic, but I feel the 2000 elections will be the breakthrough year for the Libertarian Party. While I'm not so naive as to believe our candidates will sweep into office, I do believe our name and message of individual liberty and personal responsibility will become known to nearly every American who follows politics.

Of course, this won't just happen. Each of us must do our part. However, individual Libertarians can only do so much.

To really make an impact this year, the Libertarian National Committee must do its part. This summer the Republicans and Democrats will hold their national conventions in Philadelphia and Los Angeles, respectively. Imagine the impression we would make on the national media if during the conventions we ran billboards reading, "Say No to Tax-and-Spend Republicans and Democrats, Vote Libertarian," with the LP's Web address and toll-free phone number.

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Our time has come. Although a billboard campaign may not affect this year's election results, it will set the stage for future victories. I strongly urge the LNC to take advantage of this opportunity.

— JOHN H. HALEY
Pottstown, Pennsylvania

What will work better than zoning?

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These zoning atrocities are a shame, but are they the "price we pay" for living in an ordered and advanced society? Certainly, no one wants a hog farm on the vacant lot across the street. If not the government, then who?

One solution: Let neighborhoods decide what is "best" for themselves — or not define it at all. Under such a scenario, there could still be "zoning." It would just take the form of voluntary agreements entered into by people choosing to live in particular types of communities.

Empower neighborhoods

"Why not empower neighborhood associations?" the Nevada Policy Research Institute asked in a statement. "They could assume many of the functions of zoning and planning agencies."

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ing" regulations of the community.

"Like zoning, deed restrictions provide continuity within a given area; unlike zoning, deed restrictions are governed by market considerations," wrote J. Brian Phillips in *Private Cures for Public Ills: The Promise of Privatization*.

Another option: Follow the lead of Houston. The bustling Texas city has very little zoning — but it has been a boomtown. Its laissez-faire attitude hasn't created a closed city; in fact, Houston is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the USA, with the sixth-largest Latino population.

And the city's poor can find homes, since "Houston's freedom from zoning and other municipal regulations set off the biggest apartment construction boom in the nation," according to William Tucker of the Hoover Institution.

"Houston has seen dynamic natural growth and created a new type of decentralized metropolis," noted one Houston citizen.

Trapped too long

When the Supreme Court opened the door to zoning laws in 1926, Justice Willis Van Devanter warned that the decision would "place all property in a strait-jacket."

Van Devanter was right. Instead of "creating vibrant cities," zoning laws have allowed bureaucrats to exercise unlimited power — to ban freelance writers from typing at home (Los Angeles) and to justify a \$35 fee to paint a room inside a private home (Florida).

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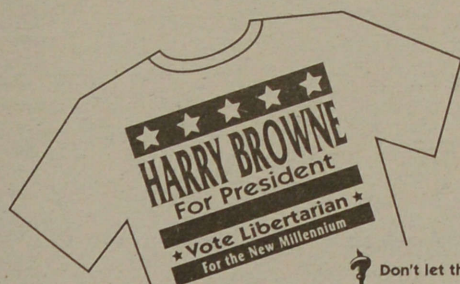
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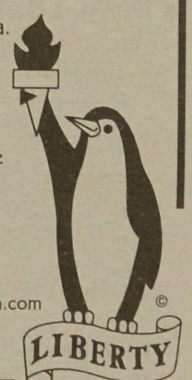
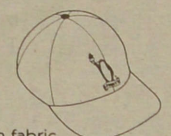
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Illinois LP Convention, Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows. Speakers include Steve Dasbach (LP National Director) and Ken Bisson (LNC Representative). For information, contact Sara K. Davies: (312) 670-7000. E-mail: lpi@il.LP.org. Website: www.il.LP.org.

■ March 18, 2000

Georgia LP Convention, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Atlanta. Speakers include Harry Browne (2000 LP presidential candidate), Matt Glavin (Southeast Legal Foundation), Sharon Harris (Advocates for Self-Government), Bill Winter (LP Communications Director), and Michael Cloud (creator, *The Art of Political Persuasion*). For information, call: (404) 888-9468. Website: www.ga.LP.org.

■ March 25, 2000

New Jersey LP Convention, National Conference Center at the Ramada Inn, East Windsor. Speakers TBA. For more information, call Tom Wright: (201) 651-0436. E-mail: atlarge1@njlp.org.

■ March 26, 2000

Oregon LP Convention, Eugene. Exact location TBA. Speakers include Jim Lark (LNC At-Large Representative). For more information, contact Adam Mayer: (503) 255-7377. E-mail: adammayer@juno.com.

■ March 31-April 2, 2000

Pennsylvania LP Convention, King of Prussia Holiday Inn, King of Prussia. Speakers include Harry Browne and Don Gorman (LP presidential candidates) and Nadine Strossen (ACLU). For information: (215) 546-4509. E-mail: TJMoir@aol.com.

■ April 1, 2000

Tennessee LP Convention, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Nashville. Speakers TBA. For more information, call Charles Wilhoit: (423) 448-6493. E-mail: likelytn@aol.com. Website: lptn.org.

■ April 1, 2000

Mississippi LP Convention, Hilton Hotel, Jackson. Speakers TBA. For information, call: (601) 362-2923.

■ April 1-2, 2000

2000 Freedom Rally, Atrium Hotel, Irvine, California. Sponsored by the Freedom Law School and the Orange County LP. Speakers include Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), Joe Banister (former IRS Special Agent), Richard Mack (former Arizona Sheriff), Ed Griffin (author, *The Creature from Jeckyl Island*), Richard Boddie (1994 LP candidate for U.S. Senate, California), Steve Hempfling (Director, Free Enterprise Society), Steve Kubby (1998 LP candidate for governor, California), and Larry Dodge (FIJA). Prices: \$35 to \$60. For information, call: (714) 838-2896. Website: www.freedomlaw.org.

■ April 2, 2000

Nebraska LP Convention, Sheraton Four Point Hotel, Omaha. Speakers include Ed Jaksha (anti-bond activist). Activities: Choosing LP National Convention delegates. For information, contact Andrew Sullivan at: chair@lpne.org. Or call: (402) 899-7877.

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— Barry Farber, Talk America Radio Network, January 19, 2000

"The Libertarians have some good ideas about individual responsibility and extremely limited government."

— Jay Miller, *The Current-Argus* (Carlsbad, NM), January 14, 2000

"I no longer believe that the two parties are going to fix our [nation's] problems, because they are both too corrupt. Both parties are caught in the politics of the past, intellectually bankrupt, and morally bankrupt as well."

— Gary Hart, *Talk* magazine, February 2000

"[The Libertarian Party] has slowly taken root in the country as a consistent third party."

— Scott M. Lawson, *Spencer Evening World* (IN), December 14, 1999