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Browne participates in 3rd party debate, launches new TV ad, and plans FEC lawsuit

By Bill Winter
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Harry Browne has charged into the last six weeks of his presidential campaign — bolstered by invitations to two televised third-party debates, a new, hard-hitting TV ad, several lobbying efforts to try to end the media “Browne-Out,” and a planned lawsuit against the FEC.

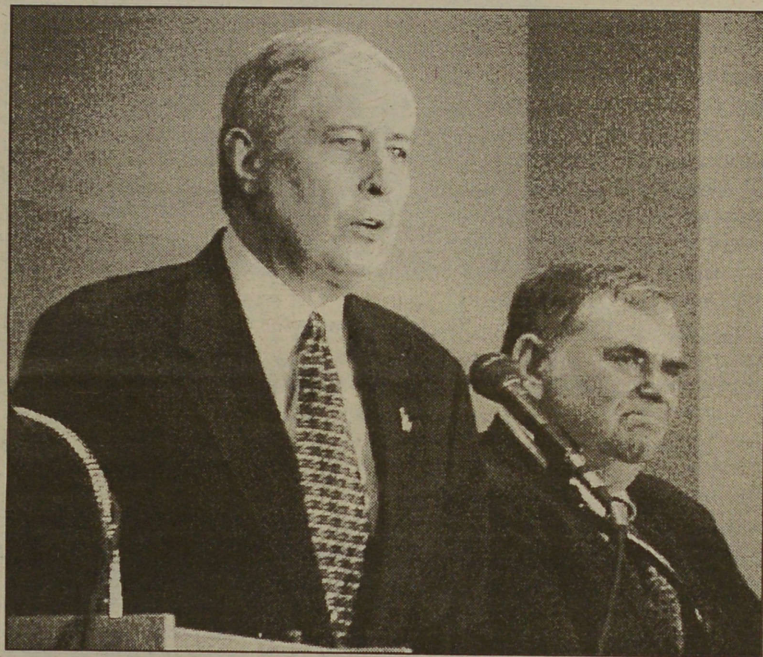
“We’re working hard to win every possible vote — despite the fact that the major TV networks continue to shut us out, and the fact that Browne was not invited to the presidential debates,” said Perry Willis, Browne campaign manager.

As expected, Browne was not included in the three debates sponsored by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD).

Last-minute lawsuit

However, the campaign attracted considerable media attention when the Massachusetts LP filed a last-minute lawsuit in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston to try to stop the first debate, held in Boston on October 3.

The lawsuit noted that the state Legislature spent \$900,000 to help the University of Massachusetts defray the debate’s costs — and argued that since the LP



■ Harry Browne received two invitations to appear in televised third-party debates. He’s shown here with the Constitution Party’s Howard Phillips at a debate hosted by Jesse Ventura in St. Paul, Minnesota on September 28.

is a recognized political party in the state, Browne should be allowed to participate.

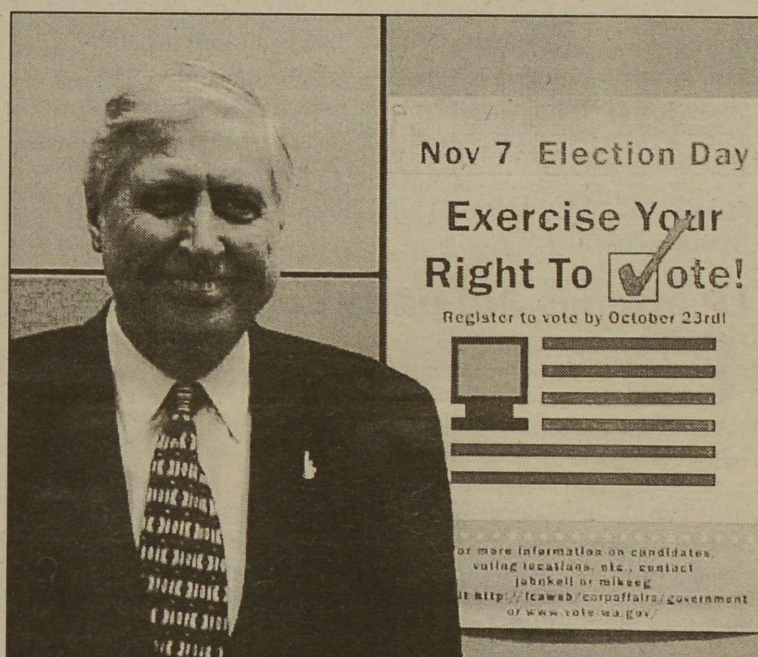
“It is an outrage that taxpayer money is used to fund biased, exclusionary debates,” said Massachusetts LP State Chair Elias Israel. “The Libertarian Party will not go to the back of the bus in Massachusetts.”

A judge rejected the suit, say-

ing it was filed too late.

Because of the suit, the campaign’s “phone rang off the

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■ While on a campaign visit at the offices of Microsoft Corporation in Washington state, Harry Browne stands in front of a sign reminding all Americans to vote on Election Day, November 7.

hook with calls from the media,” said Jim Babka, Browne’s press secretary. “Thanks to [the Massachusetts LP’s] innovation and effort, we got some good national exposure.”

But Browne wasn’t shut out of every debate: He appeared in a three-way televised third-party debate on September 28 at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in the

RiverCentre in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hosted by Governor Jesse Ventura, the debate included the Natural Law Party’s John Hagelin and the Constitution Party’s Howard Phillips. Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan declined to participate.

Ventura seemed very responsive. See **HARRY BROWNE** Page 12

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LP runs 1,420+ candidates around USA

Record-setting slate is more than all other third parties combined

The Libertarian Party will run more than 1,420 candidates for local, state, and federal office this year — the most candidates in party history, and more than all other alternative parties combined.

As of mid-September, the party had 1,427 candidates on its “official” list, but that number could move slightly up or down

before Election Day since candidate names are still being added and deleted, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

Preeminent party

Whatever the final, precise number, the record-setting slate of Libertarian candidates “clearly places us as the preeminent third party,” he said.

“Every American will find at least one Libertarian candidate on his or her ballot when they step into the voting booth on November 7th. And most voters will find a broad selection of Libertarian candidates to choose from — ranging from local office, to state legislature, to Congress, to the presidency.”

This is important, said Crick-

enberger, because Libertarian candidates give Americans the opportunity to vote for freedom.

“These are candidates who truly understand the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and who believe that freedom works and freedom is right,” he said. “Our campaigns are the first exposure to Libertarian ideas that most Americans get. Running for office is the single most effective way to

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PorkWatch.com: All things pork

A new website has been set up to allow "liberals, conservatives, and libertarians" to keep track of the "corporate swine who scarf down your money for their private gain."

Dubbed www.PorkWatch.com, the site monitors and exposes subsidies, regulations, and tax "gimmicks" by local, state, and federal government that benefit private business.

Created by conservative/libertarian columnist Michelle Malkin, it was named Free-Market.Net's "Freedom Page of the Week" on September 19.

"PorkWatch.com will keep you posted on the new and different ways that the [bureaucrats] have found to spend your tax dollars," said Eric C. Johnson, a Free-Market.Net editor. "At PorkWatch's home page, you'll find the latest on corporate welfare for any and all industries — [and] the site is further divided into Farm Piggies, Mall Piggies, Medical Piggies, Sports Piggies, Tech Piggies, and Timber Piggies."

The site is a valuable resource for Libertarian candidates and spokespeople, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"This is a one-stop site to find out how politicians are rewarding their big-business friends at your expense," he said. "It provides great material for press releases and speeches."

In recent weeks, the site included information about tax subsidies for movie theaters, "dairy socialism" that benefits dairy farmers in New England (while driving up the price of milk), a \$400,000 subsidy for a Dr. Seuss memorial, wasteful federal farm subsidies, and even subsidies for the company that produces the controversial video game, *Mortal Kombat*.

PorkWatch.com also includes links to the Cato Institute, *Mother Jones'* "List of Top 10 Little Piggies," and Citizens Against Government Waste.

LP attends 3rd-party conference

The Libertarian Party's national director attended a conference on third parties in New York — and ended up as the sole Libertarian voice among an overwhelmingly left-leaning line-up of speakers.

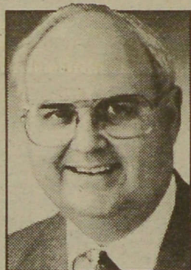
Steve Dasbach appeared at the Independent Politics in a Global World Conference at the City University of New York (CUNY) in New York City, October 6-7. The purpose of the conference was to "examine independent politics and the effectiveness of third-parties as vehicles for social change," he said.

"I hoped to provide an alternative to the liberal viewpoint that dominated the conference," said Dasbach. "But I was a lonely minority of one, since almost every other speaker was a liberal, progressive, or an out-and-out socialist."

Among the topics covered during Dasbach's panel discussion were instant runoff voting, public financing of elections, "and other issues typically associated with Ralph Nader," he said.

Other speakers at the conference included Nader, Dean Barkley (former chair of the Minnesota Independence Party), and various political science academics and authors.

The event was co-sponsored by The Nation Institute, the ADCO Foundation, Barnard College, The Open Society Institute, and the Hunter College Political Science Department.



■ Steve Dasbach: Minority.

College journalists: Win prizes

The Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) is offering cash prizes of up to \$2,500 for college libertarian journalists whose writing best shows an "appreciation of a free society."

The non-partisan free-market educational group — based at George Mason University in Virginia — is sponsoring the 2000 Felix Morley Journalism Competition for "outstanding young writers" who write about private property, volunteerism, a noninterventionist foreign policy, or other libertarian topics.

The deadline for entry is December 1, 2000.

First prize is \$2,500; second prize is \$1,000; third prize is \$750, and runners-up will receive \$250. Articles must be published "in student newspapers or other publications" between July 1, 1999 and December 1, 2000.

The contest is designed to encourage "young writers who have inquiring minds and an appreciation of a free society," said Paul Feine, the contest's program director.

Felix Morley was the Pulitzer Prize-winning editor of the *Washington Post* from 1933-1940.

For more information, visit: www.TheIHS.org. Call: (800) 697-8799. E-mail: lhs@gmu.edu.



■ A selection of the 82 Libertarian Party candidates running in Colorado pose with LP vice presidential candidate Art Olivier (6th from right) at the "Meet the Candidates" news conference in Aurora during his visit to the state in early September.

LP runs 1,420+ candidates

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promote the freedom philosophy."

The 1,420+ candidates represent a 70% jump over 1998, when the party ran 836 candidates. It's also a dramatic jump from the 800 candidates the LP ran in 1996, and the 450 who ran in 1994.

The slate of Libertarian candidates is also larger than that of all other third parties combined, reported ballot access expert Richard Winger.

Together, the Reform Party, the Green Party, the Natural Law Party, and the Constitution Party are running no more than 660 candidates, according to Winger's *Ballot Access News*.

"Once again, the Libertarian Party has confirmed its status as the only real choice in American politics," said Crickenberger.

Although record-setting, the line-up of Libertarian candidates did fall short of the party's goal of "2,000 in 2000."

The reason, said Crickenberger, is that the goal of 2,000 candidates was very ambitious.

"We deliberately set a 'stretch' goal — one that would encourage us to try a little harder, and stretch a little more," he said. "Based on our membership growth, we could have reasonably expected to run no more than 1,800 candidates this year."

"By making 2,000 candidates our target, it encouraged many of our states to set very ambitious goals — and they fell short. But most of them still ended up running more candidates than they ever have before."

Came closer

However, the LP came closer to the goal of "2,000 in 2000" than the final number indicated, said Crickenberger.

"Over 1,800 [LP candidates] announced for the year," he said. "If you count spring elections, primaries, and candidates who announced but fell prey to restrictive ballot access laws, we came much closer to the goal."

For example, several dozen LP candidates lost in competitive primary races, said Crickenberger, so they didn't move on to the November ballot.

CRICKENBERGER:

"We deliberately set a goal to encourage us to try a little harder."

The party is running 256 candidates for U.S. House, 26 for U.S. Senate, nine for governor, 55 for other statewide offices, 612 for state legislature, and 455 for various local offices, said Crickenberger.

The 256 candidates for U.S. House represent the first time in 80 years that any third party has fielded candidates in a majority of Congressional districts, according to *Ballot Access News*. The Socialist Party last did it in 1920.

California: #1

Leading the list of the states with the most LP candidates is California with 295, followed by Michigan (115), Texas (113), Indiana (111), Colorado (82), Ohio (80), Washington state (63), North Carolina (49), New Hampshire (44), and Utah (38).

Only Maryland and North Dakota have no other Libertarian candidates on their ballot besides

president and vice president.

Although there are too many variables to accurately predict how many candidates will win on November 7, Crickenberger said he hopes that between 20 and 60 Libertarians will be victorious.

"One of our goals in the future will be to make sure more of our candidates don't just run, but actually win," he said. "We will have to up our win ratio at the lower-level offices, and get into double digits on a regular basis at upper-level offices to really break through as competition for the older parties."

Run in 2002

It's too soon to decide how many candidates will run in 2002 — but the party may be able to equal or exceed this year's line-up, said Crickenberger.

"We'll set the 2002 goal through consultation with state chairs, just as we did for 2000," he said. "Typically we have managed to recruit a slightly smaller number of candidates in a non-presidential year than in the previous presidential cycle."

"But if we can implement California's highly successful Operation Breakthrough recruiting plan" — which used a telemarketing operation to recruit candidates from the state's list of registered Libertarians — "in other states, we have the potential to exceed this year's total."



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One short: Browne on 49 ballots

The Libertarian Party's drive to put presidential candidate Harry Browne on all 50 state ballots has fallen one short.

However, Libertarian Party candidates will be on the ballot in all 50 states and DC, National Director Steve Dasbach announced — and Browne will still be on more ballots than either Pat Buchanan or Ralph Nader.

"The good news is that every American will have the opportunity to vote Libertarian in November, and we are still the leading third party in terms of ballot access," he said.

"The bad news is that the Libertarian Party's streak of 50-state presidential campaigns has been broken, and Libertarians in Arizona will not find the Browne/Olivier ticket on their ballot."

Legal setback

Because of an unexpected legal setback in Arizona, Browne and vice presidential candidate Art Olivier will not appear on that state's ballot.

On September 22, a U.S. District Court in Phoenix, Arizona rejected a lawsuit filed by the Libertarian Party that would have placed Browne and Olivier on the state ballot as independents.

Judge Robert Bloomfield dismissed the lawsuit — which sought to have the state's mid-June independent petitioning deadline ruled unconstitutional — on procedural grounds.

"In his 32-page order, the judge devoted a single paragraph to the issue of the constitutionality of the deadline," said Dasbach. "The rest dealt with procedural issues. That's a shame, since no court has ever upheld such an early, unconstitutional filing deadline for an independent presidential candidate."

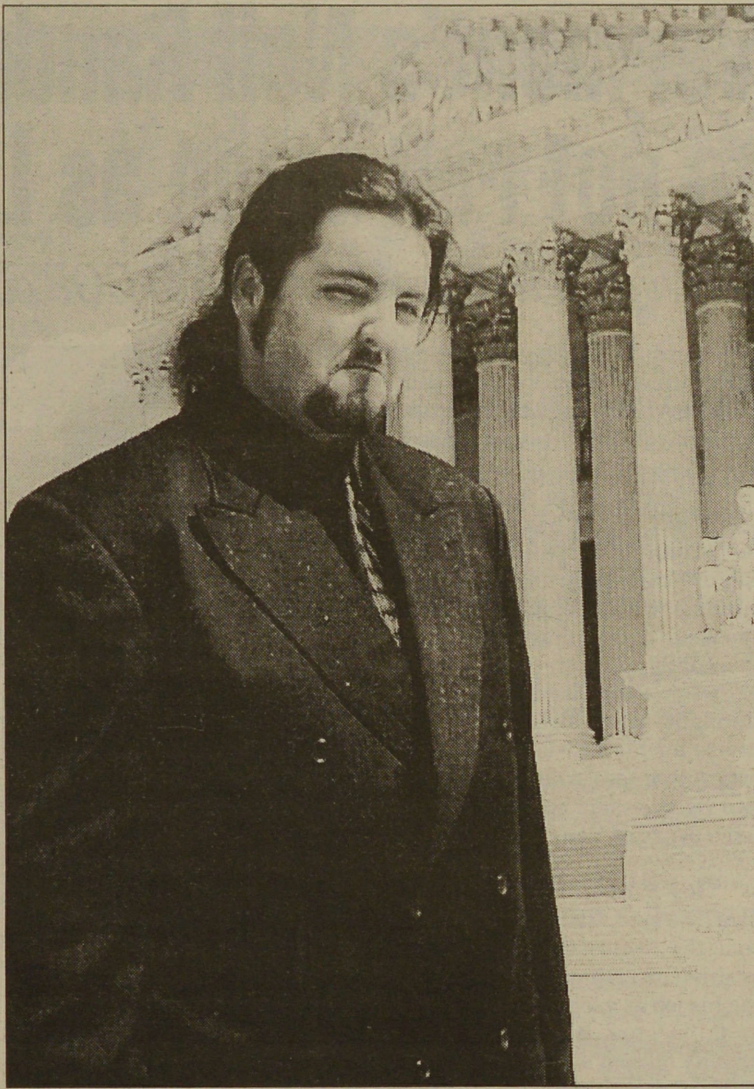
The national Libertarian Party had been forced to launch a last-minute independent petition drive after one faction of the Libertarian Party of Arizona refused to guarantee that Browne's name would be placed on the ballot.

L. Neil Smith

Instead, in early September, that faction instructed the Arizona Secretary of State to place Colorado science fiction author L. Neil Smith on the ballot as the Libertarian Party candidate for president, and Nevada newspaper columnist Vin Suprynowicz as vice president.

"A nationwide search for potential candidates turned up two individuals of such undisputed libertarian principles that no other choice was possible," said

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■ Joell Palmer strikes a pose in front of the Supreme Court building on October 3. Palmer watched the nation's highest court debate *Indianapolis vs. Edmond* — a case in which he is a plaintiff, and which will decide if police can conduct random roadblocks to search for drugs. "It was great," he said after the hearing. "Hopefully we will get some justice."

High court hears roadblock lawsuit

Libertarian plaintiff visits DC to watch Supreme Court debate 4th Amendment

The Libertarian Party member who filed a lawsuit to stop drug-search roadblocks in Indiana came to Washington, DC to watch the Supreme Court hear his case — and left with a "positive feeling."

Joell Palmer, 21, visited the nation's capital on October 3 to see the high court hear arguments in the case of *Indianapolis vs. Edmond*, which will decide whether it is Constitutional for police to stop cars so drug-sniffing dogs can search for illegal narcotics.

With the help of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, Palmer and fellow Indiana resident James Edmond filed a class action suit after they were stopped by police in 1998.

The suit charged that the roadblocks violated Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches.

Palmer first lost in U.S. District Court, but that decision was reversed by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The Indianapo-

lis city government then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Palmer, who is also the LP candidate for the Indiana House of Representatives (District 91), attended the hearing at the Supreme Court with his lawyer, Kenneth Falk.

"It was great" to see the nine Justices debate the merits of the case, said Palmer afterwards. "Hopefully we will get some justice."

Deeply split

News reports about the hearing suggested the Supreme Court was "deeply split" on the case.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy, Stephen Breyer, John Paul Stevens, David Souter, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg expressed concern that such roadblocks were "too broadly based."

However, O'Connor and Kennedy also questioned whether such checkpoints could be justified by the government's "special

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Conservative columnist Ann Coulter is rejected by Connecticut LP in bid to run for U.S. House

"Blond bombshell" commentator responds with vitriolic column in Human Events

Conservative columnist Ann Coulter got a polite but firm "no thanks" when she approached the Connecticut LP about running for Congress as a Libertarian — and responded with a vitriolic column that accused Libertarians of being "addicted" to the drug issue.

But Connecticut LP officials say they made the right decision since Coulter isn't a Libertarian and admitted that she planned to run only to punish a "pantywaist" incumbent who didn't vote to impeach President Clinton.

"It doesn't do the LP any good to run celebrities who won't take a solid Libertarian stand — all that does is confuse the public and link us with Republicans," said Connecticut LP State Chair Carl Vassar. "It harms us."

Coulter, one of the so-called new wave of "blonde bombshell" Republican commentators, is the author of the anti-Clinton manifesto, *High Crimes and Misde-*

meanors: The Case Against Bill Clinton, a weekly columnist for *Human Events* magazine, and a frequent guest on political television shows.

She first made contact with the Connecticut LP in early summer, said Vassar, when a lawyer representing Coulter called him to discuss "something of importance" for the state party — Coulter's plan to run for Congress in Connecticut's 4th District, currently represented by Republican Chris Shays.

One month

The lawyer said Coulter wanted the LP's current candidate, Daniel Gislao, to drop out, so she could run. He also revealed that Coulter wanted to jump into the race just "one month before the election."

Vassar's first reaction was interest, he said — although he acknowledged he didn't know much about the columnist.



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"I consulted a few of my associates and did a little research; looked at her book *High Crimes and Misdemeanors*, and [realized] she was a conservative, not a Libertarian," he said. "Her book was the usual Republican clap-trap; it wasn't about why Clinton should

be impeached for his Constitutional violations."

James Madison, the Connecticut LP's communications director, said he reached the same conclusion after looking into Coulter's background.

"I realized that Ann has some fantastic views on economics, gun rights, and respecting the Constitution, but I could find almost nothing on the personal choice issues," he said. "This was a concern to me because the personal choice issues are the main thing that differentiate us from the conservatives."

However, Coulter's lawyers continued to press, and state party officials finally met with her in person on August 10 in Cromwell, Connecticut.

Reluctance

Coulter's reluctance to talk face-to-face with Libertarians for several months had concerned him, said Vassar.

"Everything was through intermediaries until the Cromwell meeting," he said. "That's one thing that left an increasingly bad

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NewsPolitics

LP website is tops in link study

The Libertarian Party is winning the "Link Wars." The party's website — www.LP.org — has more links to it than any other political party, according to research by LP member Bert Wiener.

The Libertarian Party's site had 9,242 links to it as of late September, compared to 7,729 for the Republicans, 6,334 for the Democrats, and 2,791 for the Green Party. No information was available on the Reform Party's site — the result of "their implosion, no doubt," said Wiener, who used the Alexa web utility for his study.

A link is a direct, one-click connection from one website to another. Websites will link to other sites to offer more information on a subject, to direct people to a particular article, or to show support for an organization's agenda.

The LP's #1 position shows that the party's recent overhaul of its website has paid dividends, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"We have one of the best, most attractive, easiest-to-use, most content-rich political sites on the Web," he said. "Add to that the general libertarian attitude of the Web, and it makes sense that LP.org has the most links."

LP romps in Washington primary

In one of the first head-to-head match-ups with other alternative parties in the 2000 elections, the Libertarian Party received more than seven times as many votes as the Green, Reform, and Natural Law parties combined in the primary election in Washington state on September 19.

LP candidates for U.S. House, U.S. Senate, statewide office, state legislature, and county-level offices won a combined total of 373,820 votes, reported state Executive Director Carol Miller — compared to less than 50,000 for all other third parties.

"We're making history," she said.

The LP ran 61 candidates in the primary election, and all of them scored over the 1% required by state law to move on to the general election.

And for the first time since the primary system was set up in 1977, third-party candidates for both governor and U.S. Senate will appear on the November 7 ballot, since Libertarian Steve LePage qualified for the gubernatorial race and Libertarian Jeff Jared qualified for the U.S. Senate race.

"In the history of the 1% rule, no third party has qualified a candidate for Governor or U.S. Senate for the general election," said state LP activist Kelly Haughton. "In 2000, the Libertarian Party will qualify both for Governor and for U.S. Senate! All of our statewide candidates appear to be receiving the 1% required to qualify, even those facing 10 opponents. Wow!"

LEAG promotes LP cyberactivism

The Libertarian Electronic Activist Group (LEAG) has swung into high gear in the final few weeks leading up to the November 7 election, reported the site's coordinator, Mike Brinkman.

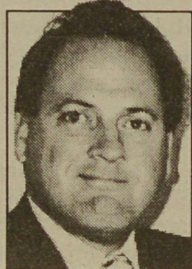
The site — <http://sites.netscape.net/leag2000> — helps Libertarians promote the LP's presidential ticket to online media, and notifies them about online polls, he said.

"LEAG is a group committed to improving the Libertarian Party's coverage and election results via the Internet," said Brinkman. "Through monitoring the web pages of major media, we will work to ensure that Harry Browne and Art Olivier and other Libertarian candidates get the same kind of recognition in coverage and polls both on and off the Web."

Libertarians can sign up at the site and receive messages from other LEAG activist about polls, websites that don't include Libertarians, or inaccurate articles that require a response.

The site includes tips about successful online activism, a list of current projects, a directory of newspapers and websites, and links to major libertarian sites.

"LEAG is an excellent method for online Libertarians to help the Libertarian Party, promote our candidates, and to play a personal role in Campaign 2000," said the party's national director Steve Dasbach. "I encourage all LP members to visit the site, and become cyberactivists for liberty. This is especially important in the final weeks of the campaign, when time is short and the impact can be the greatest."



■ Jeff Jared:
3rd party first

Vermont's Neil Randall decides to not run again as Libertarian

LP's only state legislator jumps to GOP over civil unions issue

A fierce debate that has rocked Vermont politics for the past year will cost the Libertarian Party its only state legislator as of November 7.

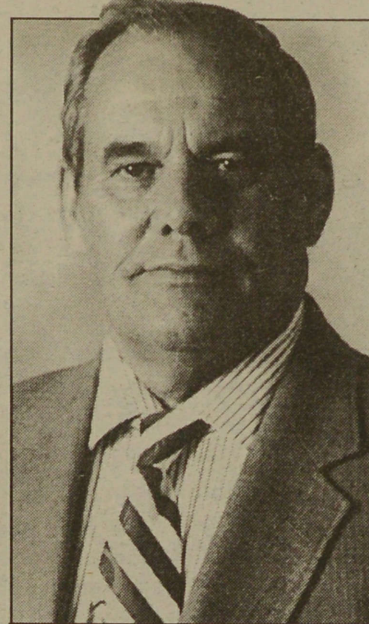
Vermont State Representative Neil Randall has announced he is running for re-election as a Republican, after clashing this summer with the state LP over the issue of civil unions.

LP State Chair Scott Berkey — who expressed regret at Randall's move to the GOP and praise for the legislator's pro-liberty voting record during the past two years — said he nevertheless felt a sense of "relief" over the decision.

"It's hard to lose an incumbent," he said. "[However], I know that the controversy over Neil's position on civil unions was making his job as a legislator difficult, and I'm sure it was weighing heavily on him as he planned his re-election campaign."

Randall, the retired founder of a dairy equipment company, was elected as a Libertarian to the Orange County District 3 seat with 53% of the vote in a two-way race in 1998, beating a Democrat. He won the seat on a dual-party nomination, which allowed him to pick up additional votes as a Republican.

Randall maintained a solidly Libertarian voting record in the



■ Neil Randall "ran afoul of many party members when his anti-civil union rhetoric began to include anti-homosexual rhetoric," said State Chair Scott Berkey.

Vermont House, taking the lead on such issues as a Bill of Rights Day, tax credits for home-schoolers, and a campaign to stop a state government land-grab of 133,000 acres of private property.

"Neil consistently fought the expansion of state spending, taxation, regulation, and power," said Berkey.

However, Randall set off a firestorm of controversy in the Vermont LP when he vocally joined conservative Republicans to fight a civil union bill.

The debate in the Libertarian Party mirrored a larger debate that has convulsed Vermont since the state Supreme Court last year ordered the legislature to pass a law guaranteeing equal marriage rights to gay people.

State politicians passed a civil union bill that granted some marriage-like rights — such as property inheritance, insurance eligibility, adoption rights, and enhanced legal standing — to gay partners. However, civil unions do not carry the same cross-state reciprocity as marriage.

"Take Back Vermont"

The civil union bill spawned a "Take Back Vermont" campaign to protest what many state residents viewed as an excessively liberal and out-of-touch government. In fact, in September's primary elections, all 11 Republican lawmakers who voted for the bill were defeated.

Randall, a self-described "born-again Christian," voted against the bill, saying that "homosexual acts are an abomination to God."

In a more Libertarian vein,
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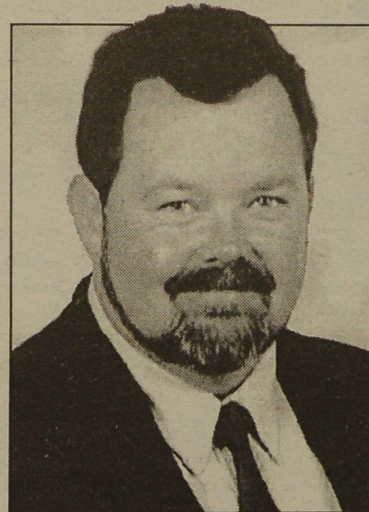
Indiana Libertarian files lawsuit against 10 Commandments display

A Libertarian in Indiana has filed a lawsuit against his county government for publicly posting the 10 Commandments in a county courthouse — charging that by doing so, politicians have violated the First Amendment.

Jeffrey Adkins, Chairman of the Washington County LP, filed the lawsuit in late August in U.S. District Court in New Albany with the help of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union (ICLU).

The suit charges that Washington County Commissioners violated the First Amendment's "separation of church and state" guarantee by posting a religious document in a government building.

"It is a violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution," said Adkins. "It is an endorsement of a particular religion, which violates the religious rights



■ Jeffrey Adkins: "I do not hate the 10 Commandments. What we are trying to accomplish is protecting rights."

of citizens that might not agree with the Christian or Jewish faith."

The Washington County Commissioners posted the Biblical document in early August after Indiana legislators passed HB 1180, which "allows state and local governments to post the 10 Commandments in public places like schools, courthouses, and other governmental subdivisions," said Adkins.

Controversial

The decision to post the document was "very controversial in this area, as it is all over the country," he said. "This issue has divided this county right down the middle with no end in sight."

Indiana is one of 10 states that have passed similar laws, inspired by the "Hang 10" project of the Washington, DC-based Family Research Council, a conservative religious group.

The 10 Commandments docu-
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Walking Points

The FBI's extremist/Bible theory & a Colombian coffee connection

■ The compassionate IRS

[In September] an IRS advisory opinion declared that the parents of a still-kidnapped child must stop taking the dependent's exemption while the child is missing.

— NEWS OF THE WEIRD
October 1, 2000

■ Forbidding censorship

Consider the case of Dr. Richard Zeller, formerly a professor of sociology at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. After 25 years of teaching at the school, Dr. Zeller retired in protest. Why? He wanted to teach a course on political correctness.

From talking to students, Zeller learned that many felt pressured to adopt politically correct views in order to get a passing grade. One student told Zeller that, in order to get a good grade, a professor virtually forced the student to agree that all whites are racist. Another student said that he felt pressured to adopt a "pro-choice" position on abortion, even though he considered himself staunchly pro-life.

[So] Professor Zeller got an idea. What about a course on political correctness, on the tyranny within academia that forces students to conform to a prescribed set of views?

But Zeller's sociology colleagues said "no" to the course.

One newspaper quoted Dr. Kathleen Dixon, the Director of Women's Studies, who said of Zeller's attempted course, "We forbid any course that says we restrict free speech!"

— LARRY ELDER
www.TownHall.com
September 28, 2000

■ Coffee connection

Village trustees [in Arlington Heights, Illinois] ordered the owner of the Colombian Connection coffee shop to change its name. "When I think of Colombia, it brings a connotation of drugs," a trustee said.

The shop became the Colombian Coffee Connection.

— PLAYBOY, November 2000

■ Gore's new crusade

How can anyone doubt that Al Gore will succeed in his crusade to use federal power to stop Hollywood from marketing violent entertainment to kids? After all, consider the magnificent success the Clinton-Gore administra-



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*in public subsidies
was transferred to
sports teams to
build stadiums.*

tion achieved in its earlier effort to block big tobacco from hooking teenagers on cigarettes.

A few years ago, remember, the Clintonistas pointed to Joe Camel as public enemy number one. In his 1997 State of the Union address, the president proclaimed that corporate efforts to sell tobacco to teenagers represented the "gravest health threat" to America's young people — not AIDS, not teenage pregnancy, not violence, not drugs, but cigarettes.

With fanfare, the vice president helped lead politicians, bureaucrats and trial lawyers to inspiring victories with billions in payoffs, strict new limits on advertising to teens, and the unlamented demise of Joe Camel.

What did we accomplish with this deployment of governmental authority? According to most studies, young people today smoke more than ever. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that smoking by high school seniors rose every year between 1991 and 1999.

The proportion of students who smoked almost every day increased to 16.8% in 1999 from 12.7% in 1991 after years of activism by the Clinton-Gore administration.

— MICHAEL MEDVED
The Wall Street Journal
September 18, 2000

■ The insanity vote

In September, Robert Salzberg finished a strong second (26%) in the Democratic primary

for a U.S. House seat from Sarasota, Fla., despite revealing that he would soon plead insanity (that a robot was attacking him) to a charge that he beat up a police lieutenant inside a station house in March.

— NEWS OF THE WEIRD
September 24, 2000

■ Score!

Raymond Keating, an economist with Capitol Hill Research and the Small Business Survival Committee in Washington, DC, conservatively estimates that more than \$5.2 billion in public subsidies has been transferred to professional sports teams in the U.S. from 1989 to 1997 [to build] professional sports facilities for private owners.

— VOICES OF THE FLORIDA
TAXPAYER, October 4, 2000

■ The Bible?

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy has made a good living with his routines and book titled "You Might Be A Redneck If..." Much of what he says is hilarious and, for the most part, good clean fun.

Following in the footsteps of what Foxworthy has done — though unwittingly I'm sure — the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* has given us its version of what this Southern comic has done. You might call what the Feds have done in this publication "You Might Be A Member Of An Extremist Group If..."

The piece in question is titled "Vehicle Stops Involving Extremist Group Members." It appeared in the December 1999 issue of the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*. The objectionable portions of this egregious article are as follows:

"Members of extremist groups may reveal their affiliations in a number of ways..."

"Specifically, extremists' vehicles may sport bumper stickers with antigovernment or pro-gun sentiments... The occupants of the vehicle may show other signs of extremist group involvement. Drivers who hold anti-government beliefs may... [have] a copy of the Constitution, a Bible, or political literature..."

Well, now. So, how do you measure up? Do you pass or flunk the FBI test? Have you ever sported an "anti-government" or "pro-gun" bumper sticker? Have you ever showed a law enforcement officer a copy of the Constitution, a Bible, or "political literature" (whatever this means)?

If you say "yes," then you might — "may" — be a member of an "extremist group."

— LARRY PRATT
Gun Owners of America
October 4, 2000

■ AmeriCorrupt

President Clinton is seeking to use AmeriCorps, his national service program, as the cornerstone of his presidential legacy. In a speech last year, Clinton appealed for support to expand AmeriCorps "to use this moment to prove that this generation of young people, far from being a generation of cynics and slackers, is instead a generation of doers and patriots."

In reality, however, AmeriCorps is a huge boondoggle:

- In Delaware, AmeriCorps members are recruiting women for the Women, Infants and Children welfare program and even driving them to welfare offices.

- In Virginia Beach, recruits helped the city double the size of an outreach program that signs people up for housing subsidies.

- The Mississippi Action for Community Education (MACE) program promised in its 1999 grant application that AmeriCorps members would "conduct door-to-door canvassing to identify potential food stamp recipients" and also provide "assistance... in completing necessary applications for food stamps."

I recently asked AmeriCorps chief Harris Wofford how food stamp recruitment meshed with his statements that AmeriCorps promotes self-reliance. Wofford replied, "A self-reliant citizen knows what their [sic] opportunities are and figures out how to make use of those opportunities."

Apparently, the key to self-reliance is knowing the address of the local welfare office.

— JAMES BOVARD
Capital Research Center
September 2000

■ Gun laws don't work

Who could possibly oppose licensing handgun owners? Requiring training for potential gun owners both in a classroom and at a firing range before they are allowed to buy a gun seems obvi-

ous. Licensing, especially when eventually coupled with registration, will supposedly also help identify criminals and prevent them from getting guns.

Yet the debate over licensing mentions just the possible benefits while ignoring the real costs to people's safety.

In theory, if a gun is left at the scene of the crime, licensing and registration will allow a gun to be traced back to its owner. But, amazingly, despite police spending tens of thousands of man hours administering these laws, there is not even a single case where the laws have been instrumental in identifying someone who has committed a crime.

The reason is simple. First, criminals very rarely leave their guns at the scene of the crime. Would-be criminals also virtually never get licenses or register their weapons.

So what of the oft-stated claim that licensing will somehow allow even more comprehensive background checks and thus keep criminals from getting guns in the first place?

Unfortunately for gun control advocates, there is not a single academic study concluding that background checks reduce violent crime.

The *Journal of the American Medical Assn.* this month published an article showing that the Brady law produced no reduction in homicides or suicides.

The reason why the Brady law does not affect criminals is simple. It is the law-abiding citizens, not the criminals, who obey the laws. For example, the waiting-period provision in the law prevented law-abiding women who were stalked or threatened from quickly obtaining a gun for self-defense.

— JOHN R. LOTT, JR.
The Los Angeles Times
August 23, 2000

■ Good news/bad news

- Percentage change since the end of the Cold War in the number of U.S. Army troops: -39.

- Percentage change since then in the number of U.S. troop deployments: +400

— HARPER'S, July 2000

"Liberty is always dangerous, but it's the safest thing we have."

— HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

Want to talk about dangerous? The real danger is that Americans will not work hard enough to protect and extend our nation's liberty. Yes, you do your share — but what about the next generation? That's why the "safest thing" for you to do is to name the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy — so the struggle for liberty can continue, even when you are not here to participate. To discuss this option, call Libertarian Party Treasurer Mark Tuniewicz at (508) 472-5321. Or e-mail him: Treasurer@lp.org.

Who's Talking About Carla Howell?

Boston Globe. Front Page. Sunday Edition. (10/1)

PBS Documentary WGBH - 9 Broadcasts - 568,000 Homes. (10/2)

CNN (10/3). C-SPAN (10/3). *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* (10/4)

USA Today said: "Carla Howell, a Libertarian, might turn out to be Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy's strongest opponent in Massachusetts. She is running ahead of Republican Jack Robinson in some polls." (10/4)



Carla Howell: "End the War on Drugs" to 40,000.

116,000 Gun Owners. 40,000 MassCann/NORML "End the War Against Marijuana" Supporters. Over 700,000 Talk Radio listeners.

After the Presidential Debate in Boston, WBZ Superstation celebrity Jon Keller said:

"Bush tried to portray himself as a small-government conservative [in the debates], but I recall several times during the night him telling us about how he will spend billions of dollars . . . obviously, Carla Howell he isn't."

Here's what the *Boston Globe* said about Carla Howell:

"As radical as Howell's program is, a small but growing base of support for the Libertarian ideal has taken hold here."

The NRA of Massachusetts Endorsed Carla Howell. GOAL (Gun Owners Action League) Endorsed Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Carla Howell and featured her 100% Pro-Gun column in their newspaper.

Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT) Leaders have all Endorsed Carla Howell.

Pioneer Institute (a privatization foundation much like REASON) Chairman and Founder Lovett Peters said:

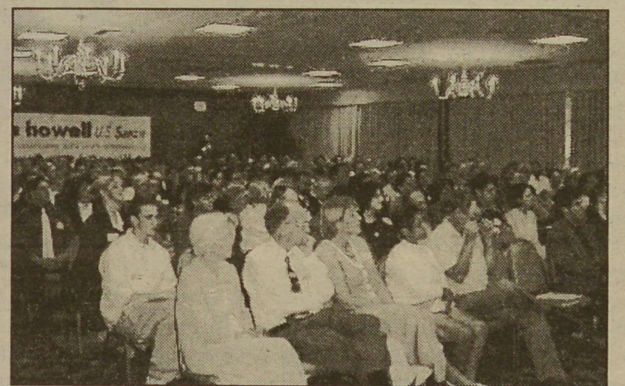
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■ CALIFORNIA

Politicians plan to target Hollywood, LP cautions

Hollywood is about to run into some "rough times" with the federal government over the issue of sex and violence in entertainment, the state LP warned.

"This is not an episode of *The West Wing* — this is the real thing," said State Chair **Mark Hinkle** in early September, after the Federal Trade Commission released a report accusing Hollywood of purposely marketing violent products to young children.

"Studio executives and industry artists beware: The politicians you have been supporting will stab you in the back for a vote."

Hollywood may think its close relationship with some politicians may protect it from the heavy hand of the federal government, but all "politically unpopular industries are eventually subject to regulation," said Hinkle. "Just look at the tobacco and gun industries, which have been regulated into the ground despite being perfectly legal industries."

"Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans will leave Hollywood alone, no matter how many dollars celebrities throw at their favorite candidates. Only Libertarians want Hollywood [to be] free to operate without the specter of government interference."

■ CALIFORNIA

LP candidate scheduled to appear on Dr. Laura show

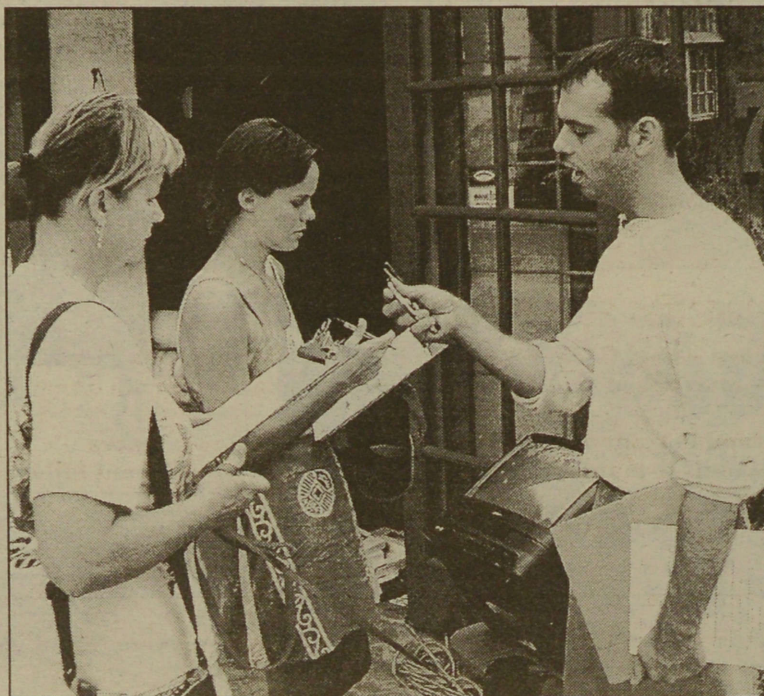
A Libertarian candidate for U.S. House (District 45) is scheduled to appear on the nationally syndicated Dr. Laura television show.

In early September, **Don Hull** taped an appearance with Dr. Laura Schlesinger to discuss the issue of whether individuals should be allowed to sell body organs for profit.

Hull was called by the show, he said, because he had posted comments about the topic on the www.organkeeper.com website, supporting a free-market position.

"[This] caught the attention of the researchers on the Dr. Laura show," said Hull. "They called me and chatted on the phone for about 20 minutes. Shortly thereafter, the researcher said she thought I'd make a good guest."

Hull taped the show the next day, he said — and made sure the



Testing TV ads in California

■ LP activist **Doug Scribner** surveys two voters to learn the effectiveness of four new Libertarian television ads on October 1 in Laguna Beach, California.

The advertisements, created for the David Nolan for Congress campaign, focus on the War on Drugs. The survey attempted to discover which ad was most effective, and which created the greatest name recognition for the candidate, said Scribner.

"We learned that having fewer messages crammed into 30 seconds was better," he said. "The most important thing we found was for name recognition, the version without David's picture was much more successful. We figure with Dave's picture and all the campaign info, people were more likely to look at the photo only."

About 100 people watched the ads and then filled out the surveys, said Scribner.

word "libertarian" was mentioned.

"I was introduced as a spokesman for the libertarians," he said. "So the 'L' word got mentioned."

As LP News went to press, no air date for the show had been set.

■ CALIFORNIA

State voter registration sets new all-time record

Libertarian voter registrations in California have reached an all-time high since the party obtained ballot status in 1980, the state party reported.

"We have reached yet another important milestone," said LP State Chair **Mark Hinkle** on October 5. "First we were able to run 305 candidates in California this year. Now we surpass our previous high for voter registrations without the benefit of any paid voter registration drive."

achieved ballot status in California, and represents a doubling in voter registration since the party's low in the late 1980s.

"There is no question that the hard work of our Libertarian candidates, supporters, and activists is paying off," said Hinkle. "This is an achievement to be proud of."

■ CALIFORNIA

Libertarian advances in religious separation case

A state Libertarian has won the first round of a legal battle to guarantee a "separation of church and state" at Burbank city council meetings.

On August 3, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Alexander H. Williams rejected a request by the Burbank city government to dismiss a lawsuit filed by LP member **Irv Rubin** to stop sectarian invocations before city council meetings.

In his suit, Rubin, who is also the head of the Jewish Defense League, argued that a pastor's reference to Jesus Christ during the city council meeting invocation in late 1999 constitutes a government endorsement of one religion — Christianity — over others.

An invocation that did not refer to a specific religious figure would be acceptable, said Rubin's lawyer, **Roger Jon Diamond**.

"You cross the line when you invoke the name of Jesus Christ," he said.

In the preliminary hearing, the judge agreed, saying, "The invocation as offered here is sectarian."

A non-jury trial is scheduled to begin November 3.

■ COLORADO

Libertarians won't make 'real' conservatives lose

Libertarians have scoffed at a claim by state governor Bill Owens that the LP's record-setting slate of candidates may cause "conservatives" to lose close races.

"Bill Owens' concern for conservatives is puzzling, given that he obviously isn't one," said El Paso LP County Chair **Steve D'Ippolito**. "I used to be a Republican myself, and back then conservatives never pushed for gun control."

In early October, Owens publicly criticized the Libertarian Party for running so many candidates for state house and senate, arguing that it could cost small-government conservatives some election victories.

But if Owens was "really worried about the elections," said D'Ippolito, he would be working to reduce the size and cost of government to protect "families who are being wrecked by government child welfare agencies; gun owners who are realizing that compromise is a road with no end; seniors who are being forced to abandon their homes due to escalating property taxes; [and] families who are being separated from imprisoned loved ones by victim-

less crime laws.

"These are our voters, Governor Owens. If you want conservative Republicans to win elections, then come and get them."

■ COLORADO

In good fun, Libertarians host tripartisan 'roast'

Libertarians had bad things to say about Democratic Congressman Mark Udall — but it was all in good fun.

The Boulder LP hosted a tripartisan "roast" on August 27 at the Odd Fellows Lodge, where LP candidate **Dave Baker** and Republican candidate Carolyn Cox pummeled their mutual opponent with verbal barbs.

The event was organized by LP activist **Ron Bain**, who said the event was a way to "find common ground in humor" — and to get attention in a race against a hard-to-beat incumbent.

"Libertarians don't get much publicity, and I rack my brains to come up with ideas that will be imaginative and creative enough so that people can hear what we're saying," said Bain. "Boulder is monolithically liberal, and it's kind of hard to get the Libertarian message out there."

Although a representative of the Democratic Party attended, Udall declined to participate.

■ FLORIDA

Charlotte County LP files suit over closed primary

Libertarians in Charlotte County have filed a lawsuit to open up two recent Republican primaries to voters of all parties.

On September 7, the Charlotte County LP filed a lawsuit in circuit court, asking a judge to declare Republican primary elections in state house districts 71 and 74 invalid because they were closed to all voters except Republicans.

The complicated lawsuit revolves around a 1998 state constitution revision, which made state election law more fair to third parties. The law mandated that primary elections must be open to all voters if only one party's candidates are running, and if the winner faced no opposition in the general election.

That was the case in the district 71 and 74 primaries — except that two Republicans ran as write-ins, which qualified the election as "contested," closing the primaries to other parties' voters. However, the Republican write-in candidates admitted they ran only to close the primaries.

Such tactics are "fraud," charged **Paul Gravell**, chairman of the Charlotte County LP — and deprived voters of any real choice.

■ ILLINOIS

Congressional candidates focus on 2nd Amendment

Two Libertarian Party candidates for Congress — **Stephanie Sailor** (District 4) and **Matt Beauchamp** (District 5) — joined

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the Second Amendment Sisters for the kick-off of Gun Safety Week in Chicago on September 23.

The event coincided with a regular monthly Chicago LP gun safety course — and with a challenge by Beauchamp for his anti-gun opponent to debate him.

"My opponent, Rod Blagojevich, is about as anti-gun as they come," said Beauchamp. "He has repeatedly refused to debate me on this issue and others. What is he afraid of? Where's Blago?"

In other Second Amendment activities, Sailor launched a new television show in Chicago — called "Guns, Drugs, & Chicks" — with Libertarian co-hosts **Sara Aldworth, Julie Beckman, and Megan McClellan** on October 7. The show will include a Book of the Month Club discussion featuring such books as John Lott's *More Guns, Less Crime*, said Sailor.

"[It's] definitely not Oprah or Rosie," she said.

INDIANA

Sparks fly at Libertarian protest against the U.N.

Libertarian **Max Robinson** doesn't like the U.N. — and he illustrated that point with his Bic lighter.

As part of a nationwide protest against the United Nations' so-called Millennium Summit held in early September in New York that drew over 150 world leaders, Robinson set fire to a U.N. flag in front of the district office of U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky in Gary Indiana.

"[The U.N. is] trying to create a world government," said Robinson as he burned the 3- by 5-foot flag. "Why would we want to join a new world order?"

Robinson, who was wearing a Bill of Rights tee-shirt and a "Don't Tread On Me" button, was joined by other LP members during his fiery protest.

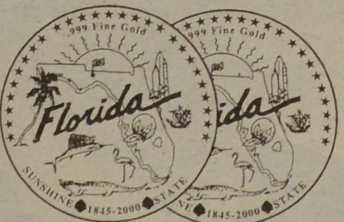
Visclosky's office was selected for the protest because the Congressman is a "globalist," said Robinson.

"I think it's time we get out of the United Nations," he said. "Otherwise, we need to get our legislators out of office."

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LP "Fife & Drum" corp marches at park fundraising event

■ The Libertarian Fife & Drum corp — (l-r) Rachel Wagener, Rebecca Wagener, Ben Forman, B.J. Wagener, and Natalie Butt — marches at Waller Park in Santa Maria, California on August 27.

"Several of us made a procession in front of 5,000 to 7,000 Waller Park day trippers during the private fundraising [event] to maintain Waller Park, since the government fails regularly to maintain it," said B.J. Wagener.

Playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy," the Libertarian Fife & Drum corp "made a very favorable impression," he said.

MARYLAND

"Weird Law" page earns recognition for website

A page on the Maryland LP's website devoted to "weird laws" has won recognition in a national magazine.

The September 11 issue of *Forbes* magazine listed the website — www.md.LP.org/weird%5Flaws.html — in its monthly "Best of the Web" department.

"What do we pay our elected officials for? You've got to wonder when you see the kinds of local laws that are still on the books," the magazine wrote.

What kinds of laws are on the books — and listed on the website? A few examples: It's illegal for a woman to go parachuting in Florida on Sunday; it's a crime to gargle in public in Louisiana; and it's against the law in Iowa for any establishment to charge admission to see a one-armed piano player.

"Check out the full list — and don't forget to vote," urged *Forbes*.

MICHIGAN

Libertarians file petition to overturn city curfew

A Libertarian Party candidate for state house has teamed up with a Hudsonville high school senior to protest the city's curfew laws.

LP candidates **Tom Campbell** and student **Jason Miller** have collected about 100 signatures from registered voters to repeal the city's seven-year-old curfew, and will submit the petition to the City Commission on November.

"I don't believe there's a place for a curfew in any town in a de-

mocracy," said Campbell. "When government grabs the role of parent, we're going down the slippery slope."

The curfew law requires all 16-year-olds to be off the streets by midnight. Violators face a ticket.

"[Hudsonville residents] should oppose curfews because of the message they send: Parents aren't good enough to raise their own children, and the government needs to step in," said Miller.

If the City Commission approves the petition language, it could be placed on the city ballot as a referendum question.

NEW MEXICO

LP candidate loses suit over sudden redistricting

A Libertarian candidate for state house has lost a lawsuit that charged county officials with depriving him of his civil rights by abruptly changing the boundaries of his district.

On August 26, a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by **Gary Miles** against seven Sandoval County officials who redistricted him out of a house race he had planned to enter. The judge ruled that Miles had not been deprived of his First and Fourteenth Amendment rights, and that county officials had not violated state election law.

Miles had publicly announced in September 1999 that he would run as a candidate for the state house (District 65). But in October 1999, the County Commission voted to change the district boundaries, moving Miles into District 43.

In his lawsuit, Miles asked that the redistricting decision be

revoked, allowing him to run in District 65.

After the judge ruled against him, Miles said, "It was still wrong, but it does not look like anything can be done about it."

NEW YORK

Libertarian blows whistle in county corruption case

An LP member has blown the whistle on a Rockland County corruption scheme, resulting in federal charges against a local Democratic leader.

In early September, federal prosecutors charged Rockland County Democratic Chair Paul Adler with taking more than \$370,000 in bribes and secret payments to grant approval for suburban developments.

The legal action came after LP member **John Cain**, a self-employed insurance consultant, was offered a bribe by Adler.

When he reported the incident to police, it led to an investigation of a "corrupt web" of bribes, threats, and secret payments by Rockland County politicians, said New York LP State Chair **Richard Cooper** — and proof that the more power politicians have, the more corruption there will be.

"Removing the government's power to interfere with markets is the best way to end payoffs like these," he said. "The only politician who can't be bought is one who has nothing to sell."

NEW YORK

Manhattan LP: Rep. Rangel is inconsistent on drugs

Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) is raking in lots of campaign contributions from tobacco

and alcohol companies — so why doesn't he take the next step and support the legalization of marijuana?

That's the question being asked by the Manhattan LP, after it discovered that Rangel has received \$25,090 in contributions from the tobacco industry and \$23,700 from the liquor industry.

"Rangel's cozy relationship with the alcohol and tobacco lobbies sends a clear message that he supports the rights of citizens to use these drugs responsibly," said **Jak Karako**, chairman of the Manhattan LP. "Why then won't he join his [Libertarian] opponent **Scott Jeffrey** in calling for the same rights for responsible marijuana users?"

Rangel — a vocal supporter of the War on Drugs — is being hypocritical if he supports two popular recreational drugs (tobacco and alcohol) while rejecting a third (marijuana), said Karako.

"If Rangel does not support the rights of individuals to use drugs that harm no one but the consumer, then he should explain why and he should return these contributions," he said.

TEXAS

Travis Co. Libertarians march for Jubilee Justice

A contingent of Libertarians joined a "Journey for Jubilee Justice" march to the Capitol building in Austin on September 29 to show their opposition to the War on Drugs.

"People are beginning to realize that the drug war is not just about drugs," said **Stewart Altmeyer**, who coordinated the event for the Travis County LP. "It seems that every time some new law takes away a bit more of our privacy, or imposes another reporting requirement, or hinders one's ability to defend oneself, it is always done in the name of the War on Drugs."

The Journey for Jubilee Justice marches were organized in several states to protest "the erosion of the Bill of Rights" caused by the drug war, said Altmeyer.

TEXAS

Travis County LP plans two-week radio ad blitz

The Travis County LP has made arrangements to run its "largest advertising blitz ever" — more than 150 radio ads during the final two weeks before the November 7 election.

"These buys represent a major milestone in the growth of the Travis County Libertarian Party," said County Chair **David Eagle**, when he announced the advertising campaign on September 14.

The 30-second ads will run on KLBJ 590-AM radio in Austin on such popular shows as Dr. Dean Edell, Neal Boortz, and Computalk, he said, and will be designed to generate prospect names.

"The ads will be generic in nature, using humor to get people to recognize the libertarianism in themselves," said Eagle.

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.

Fight high gasoline prices with a tax cut

Instead of tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to drive down the high cost of gasoline, the government should impose a one-year moratorium on gasoline taxes — and save the average consumer 42¢ per gallon, the Libertarian Party suggested.

"The problem is not Big Oil — it's Big Government and Big Taxes," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director. "Americans need relief from greedy politicians, not from greedy oil companies."

In September, Al Gore and George W. Bush sparred over how to reduce gasoline and home heating oil prices.

Gore endorsed a plan to release crude oil from the federal Strategic Petroleum Reserve, a plan Republican VP candidate Richard Cheney described as a danger to U.S. national security.

But simply suspending state and federal taxes would do far more to help Americans, said Dasbach.

"The debate over the Strategic Petroleum Reserve ignores one central fact," he said. "Much of the recent surge in gas prices could be erased instantly if politicians simply agreed to suspend the 43 different taxes imposed on the production and distribution of gasoline."

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

"Victimless crimes" drive court agenda

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear five cases this session involving the right of police to stop, search, and arrest you for drug or seatbelt violations — proving that "victimless crimes" are now the driving force behind the assault on the Constitution, says the Libertarian Party.

"If police win the right to haul you off in handcuffs for not wearing a seatbelt, scan your house with a thermal imaging gun, and set up random roadblocks, then victimless crimes will be to blame," said Steve Dasbach.

Starting in October, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear five cases to determine whether law enforcement can set up random roadblocks so drug-sniffing dogs can inspect vehicles; whether hospitals can secretly test pregnant women for cocaine; whether police can restrain people from entering their homes while police are seeking a drug-search warrant; whether people can be handcuffed and hauled off to jail for not wearing a seatbelt; and whether police can scan homes with a thermal imaging gun, searching for marijuana-growing operation.

What do these cases have in common? They all involve "crimes" where there is no victim, noted Dasbach.

"The criminal justice debate is no longer about what is permissible when catching violent criminals like murderers, rapists, and robbers — it's now about how far law enforcement can go in violating the Fourth Amendment to catch people who harm no one but themselves," he said.

Mandatory nicotine test: A step too far

A decision by an Alabama high school to impose "drug" tests on student athletes to detect cigarette smoking shows that mandatory drug testing has gotten out of hand, says the Libertarian Party.

"Even if you think teenagers and cigarettes don't mix, subjecting students to mandatory blood tests is a drastic overreaction to the problem," said Steve Dasbach.

This semester, Hoover High School in Hoover, Alabama announced it would begin a program of random blood tests of students who participate in athletic programs. Students can be tested for 11 illegal drugs and alcohol — and for nicotine from cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

School officials said athletes who test positive will be subject to parental notification, tobacco education classes, and then suspension from athletic events.

Before this program spreads across the USA, Americans should consider whether they want to escalate the government's unsuccessful "War on Teenage Smoking," said Dasbach.

"So far, the only result of Washington, DC's crusade against teenage smoking has been more teenage smoking," he noted. "Between 1991 and 1997, smoking rates among high schoolers increased from 27.5% to 36.4%. In fact, the more politicians huff and puff about the evils of smoking, the more rebellious teenagers to take up the habit. Why should this program be different?"

Howell bests Ventura's fundraising; announces \$100k in television ads

The Carla Howell for U.S. Senate campaign has passed a third-party milestone in fundraising, and is heading into the last month before Election Day with \$100,000 worth of TV ads scheduled to blitz the Massachusetts airwaves.

"We have passed the Jesse Ventura campaign," Howell announced on October 12. "We have already raised over \$647,289 — eclipsing Jesse Ventura's \$626,821 in his successful 1998 bid for governor of Minnesota."

Passing Ventura is significant, said campaign manager Michael Cloud, because the former wrestler's campaign was the most successful third-party effort in recent American history.

Howell's campaign has now raised more money than any previous non-presidential LP candidate — easily surpassing the two previous record-holders, Murray Sabrin for governor, who raised about \$500,000 in New Jersey in 1997, and Jon Coon for U.S. Senate, who raised about \$200,000 in Michigan in 1994.

\$20,000

By comparison, Jack Robinson, the Republican candidate in the race for Senator Ted Kennedy's seat, has raised only \$20,000, according to the *Boston Globe*.

The Howell campaign has already spent more than \$90,000 in radio, print, and movie screen advertising, said Howell — and is

CARLA HOWELL:

"Senator Kennedy, walk the last few feet. Come on the stage. Debate me."

now ready to start advertising on television.

"We've budgeted and scheduled our first \$100,000 in prime TV ads," she said. "We're running four different hard-hitting, issue-centered campaign ads. Small government versus big government. Carla Howell versus Ted Kennedy. Gun rights. A choice for liberty."

"[Massachusetts residents] won't be able to miss them. Neither will our non-campaigning, absentee U.S. Senator, Mr. Kennedy."

Meanwhile, Howell continued to challenge Kennedy to debate her — and taunted the Democrat, who was in Boston on October 4 to watch the Bush/Gore debate at the University of Massachusetts, to "walk the last few feet" to appear on stage with her.

"Walk the last few feet, Senator Kennedy," said Howell. "Get out of the audience. Come on the stage. Debate me. Face the voters of Massachusetts."

Kennedy has not announced whether he will participate in a debate, but has not refused to do so, either.

"The campaign has not ruled anything out or in," said Kennedy spokesman Will Keyser.

While Howell has made almost 150 campaign appearances, Kennedy had not yet started to campaign for re-election, claiming he is kept too busy with U.S. Senate business.

Documentary

In other campaign news, Howell was featured in a 30-minute documentary entitled "A Choice in Massachusetts" — broadcast on the local PBS affiliate — along with Kennedy and Robinson. Three other late-filing, fringe-party candidates were not included.

"The documentary was very well done, gave equal time to all three candidates, and portrayed Carla Howell in an excellent light," said Volunteer Coordinator Kay Pirrello.

The campaign has also started to pick up some significant media coverage, said Howell, including a front-page story in the *Boston Globe* on October 1.

Despite the publicity, a Rasmussen Poll released on September 27 showed Howell in a distant third place, with 5% of the vote. Kennedy had 63%; Republican Robinson had 18%, and the Conservative Party candidate had 2%. Another 12% were undecided.

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Tim Slagle: "LIVE" At the Libertarian National Convention, Anaheim, CA 2000

Tim Slagle has been the foremost libertarian comic in the country for years, and for good reason: the combination of intelligence and humor are all too rare, especially when mixed with Slagle's engaging political philosophy.

Whether he is talking about guns, drugs, vegetarians, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, George Bush, taxes, or political correctness, Slagle slices and dices with delightful adroitness. In "Live" (performed at the Libertarian National Convention in Anaheim in July 2000) Slagle keeps a crowd of nearly a thousand people roaring with laughter for over an hour. Using some of the best bits from the past, but with mostly new material, "Live" showcases Slagle's prodigious talent both as a comedy writer and performer. Slagle's first two videos, "Awake" and "Nation of Criminals" were terrific: "Live" is hands down his best.

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The Campaign

Browne wins TAC '00 endorsement

Harry Browne has won the endorsement of the largest taxpayers group in Illinois.

In late September, Browne received the endorsement of Jim Tobin, chairman of Tax Accountability 2000 (TAC '00) at a campaign rally held at the Westin Hotel in Chicago.

"Harry Browne is the only candidate who promises real, permanent tax cuts by eliminating the federal income tax," said Tobin — as well as such "pro-taxpayer reforms as the privatization of Social Security."

Browne also distinguished himself "by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to oppose any effort to increase federal taxes," said Tobin, and displays an "exceptional desire to fight taxes and further the cause of vitally needed fiscal integrity."

TAC'00 is the political action arm of National Taxpayers United of Illinois (NTU). Founded in 1976, NTU is the largest taxpayer organization in Illinois with more than 10,000 members and affiliation with more than 200 local taxpayer groups.

Tastes great! Less taxing!

Harry Browne isn't just a candidate — he's a beer, too.

LP member Richard Stueven, the head brewer at Egan Brewing Company in De Pere, Wisconsin, has changed the name of one of his company's brews from "Brown Ale" to "Harry Browne Ale" for the duration of the election season.

"I'd like to be able to contribute more financially to the LP and its candidates, but they don't pay brewers very much, so I thought I'd create some free positive publicity instead," he said.

"Harry Browne Ale" is available at a restaurant named Gallagher's in De Pere, and is described as follows on the beer list at each table:

"Harry Browne Ale: Tired of the same old song from both sides of Big Government? Tired of handing over nearly half of your income in taxes, and getting virtually nothing in return? Then it's time to vote for a real change: the Libertarian Party. Presidential candidate Harry Browne has a plan that will reduce the federal government to its constitutional limits, eliminate the federal income tax and replacing it with nothing, and generally get government off our backs . . .

"Oh, about the beer . . . it's our regular Nut Brown Ale, renamed for the duration of this election season."

Voters: Let Harry Browne debate

For the first time, a plurality of voters want Harry Browne included in the presidential debates.

A nationwide public opinion poll released by Reuters/Zogby on September 13 found that 44.2% of Americans think the Libertarian candidate should be allowed to participate in the debates, compared to 39.9% who disagree.

"This is a good sign," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "Harry Browne has reached enough people, and built up enough support, that a consensus is developing to include him in the debates. Voters are coming to understand that Harry has something important to contribute to the political dialogue."

A subsequent, unscientific poll on www.WorldNetDaily.com on September 29 showed considerably more support for Browne. When asked the question, "Which minor candidates should be permitted into the presidential debates?," 55.74% selected the Libertarian.

By comparison, 23.32% said all third party candidates should be invited, 1.62% selected Ralph Nader, 2.43% chose Pat Buchanan, 7.34% picked Nader and Buchanan, and 8.17% chose "None." More than 13,000 people participated in the online survey.

The president of cyberspace

Harry Browne continues to rack up impressive numbers in online polls. Recent results include:

■ On an MSNBC "Equal Time" poll on October 11, 64% of the respondents said they would vote for Browne "if the election were held today."

■ On a poll at MSNBC.com, Browne was the most popular pick in response to the question: "Which Presidential Candidate Would Best Handle Foreign Crises?" The Libertarian won 74%, compared to 16% for George W. Bush and 5% for Al Gore.

■ In a similar poll on October 15 on Lycos.com, 45% selected Browne in response to the question: "Whom would you rather have handle the Middle East crisis?" George W. Bush won 41%, while Al Gore trailed with 41%.

Harry Browne debuts new TV ad

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sive to Browne's comments, said Michael Cloud, one of Browne's campaign fundraisers.

"[Ventura] repeatedly laughed at Harry Browne's jokes, gave Harry thumbs-up on a number of points on tolerance, public policy, [and] liberty and responsibility," he said.

On other debate news, Browne is scheduled to appear at a five-way debate sponsored by Judicial Watch on October 20 (after *LP News* went to press).

The 90-minute event, to be held at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC, is expected to feature Nader, Buchanan, Hagelin, and Phillips. It is scheduled to be televised nationally by C-SPAN.

In early October, the campaign also released a new television ad which slammed Al Gore and George W. Bush for their hypocrisy on the drug issue.

"We believe this ad is the most powerful of the five we've created," said Willis.

The ad features man-on-the-street comments about the failure of the War on Drugs, highlights the lengthy prison sentences served by many young people, and shows Browne wondering if "Al Gore and George Bush would be better off today if, for their youthful indiscretions, they had served 10 years in prison?"

The ad — which can be viewed at www.harrybrowne2000.org/misc/warning.htm — was scheduled to start running in late October on the Sci-Fi cable channel. Other Harry Browne ads are still running on the CNN Headline News channel, and the campaign plans "Don't Waste Your Vote" radio ads during the last week of the campaign, said Willis.

Over the last month, the campaign also stepped up its efforts to end the media "Browne-Out."

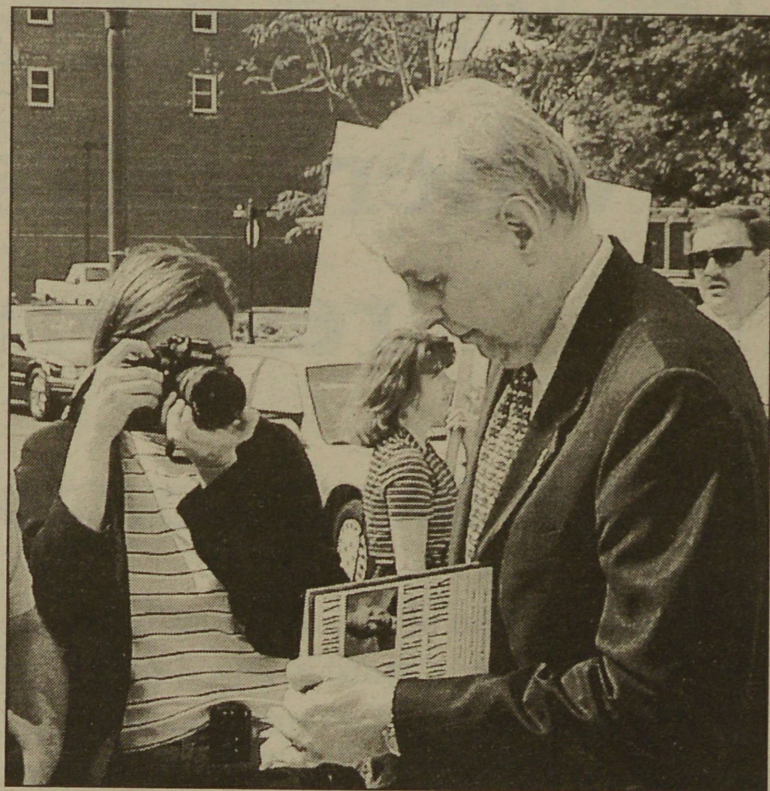
"Do Your Job"

In late September, the campaign launched "Operation Do Your Job" against NBC's *Meet the Press*, which invited Nader and Buchanan on the show for a debate, while excluding the Libertarian.

Browne, who was running ahead of Buchanan in recent polls, asked: "Why does *Meet the Press* exclude the fourth-place candidate from its debate, but invite the fifth-place candidate?"

"If Buchanan and Nader are newsworthy, think how much more newsworthy is a candidate who has attained their level of support without their celebrity and press coverage."

Libertarians bombarded the program with e-mail and phone calls — shutting down the office voice-mail system — and even held a protest outside of NBC's studios in Washington, DC, but the show refused to include Browne.



■ Harry Browne signs a copy of his *Why Government Doesn't Work* book during a campaign stop in Norfolk, Virginia on September 22. Browne visited about a dozen states during the last month of the campaign.

In mid-October, the Libertarian Party launched its "Wallop Gallup" campaign, to try to get the nation's largest pollster to include Browne, along with Nader and Buchanan.

Despite Gallup's refusal to include the Libertarian, Browne continued to run neck-and-neck with Buchanan in the polls.

Less money

For example, a Reuters/Zogby poll and a Rasmussen poll released on September 21 showed Browne tied with Buchanan — "despite receiving much less media attention, having much smaller name identification, and having less money to spend than [Buchanan] does," said Willis.

According to Reuters/Zogby, Browne and Buchanan were tied at 1%, while Rasmussen Research had them tied at 1.2%.

"The bad news is that we can't convince the media that this phe-

nomenal achievement is newsworthy," said Willis.

On September 29, the Zogby poll showed Browne ahead of Buchanan by 1.6% to 0.6%.

The Browne campaign also planned to file a lawsuit to knock down unfair and unconstitutional federal election laws, said Willis.

On October 26, the campaign plans to file a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia, challenging the Federal Election Campaign Act.

"This lawsuit could unstack the deck, and make it possible for third parties to compete against the Republicans and Democrats," said Willis.

The suit, which is supported by Gun Owners of America, Howard Phillips, and Citizens United, charges that the Federal Election Commission gives preferential treatment to the major parties; that taxpayer-funded campaign subsidies are unconstitutional; and that campaign contribution limits discriminate in favor of "celebrities, incumbents, and ruling families," said Willis.

Fair chance

"If we win, it would completely free up the election process," he said — and probably eliminate disclosure laws, campaign limits, federal campaign funding, and the FEC. "We think it has a fair chance of succeeding."

The Libertarian Party is expected to endorse the lawsuit, but had not done so when *LP News* went to press.

Browne also continued to travel around the country, making campaign stops in New Hampshire, Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, Washington state, North

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■ Harry Browne talks to college students following a speech in Dearborn, Michigan in late September. "Some responded very positively and signed up to volunteer for the campaign and the LP," said Browne.

Browne files FEC lawsuit

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Carolina, and other states.

Despite all the campaign efforts, Willis cautioned that Browne's final vote totals may not be as high as some Libertarians hope.

"We don't exist"

"Our vote total will probably suffer from the fact that national TV has decided to focus just on Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan — which sent a message to the electorate that we don't exist and

we don't matter," he said.

But whatever the vote total, Willis said the Browne campaign has achieved a number of important goals.

"This campaign brought us standing in the polls for the first time; competitiveness with a media-recognized candidate (Buchanan); more TV coverage than previous campaigns; bigger crowds; and better-quality TV ads than in 1996," he said.

"We're very pleased with what we've done over all."

Art Olivier campaigns in 7 states

Vice presidential candidate Art Olivier swept through seven states from late September through late October — speaking at major universities, whipping up crowds at Libertarian rallies, and talking to the press in support of the Browne for President campaign.

Over the last month, Olivier toured through New Hampshire, Washington, DC, Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and California, exhorting Americans to help him "build the Libertarian Party into the major political force in America."

Some highlights:

■ From October 14-19, Olivier campaigned in Oklahoma and Arkansas, focusing on meeting younger groups, where the Libertarian message "struck a real chord," he reported.

The highlight of the trip, said Olivier, was a talk he gave to a group of 50 seniors at Bishop Kelly High School in Tulsa.

"I asked everyone in the group to raise their hand if they believed the Drug War was working — and not a single hand went up," he said. "Then I asked them to raise their hand if they believed they would get any money back from Social Security — and not a single hand went up!"

"Even high school kids know that the War on Drugs is a total joke and that they'll never get a

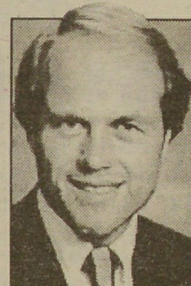
dime out of Social Security. If the average electorate were half as well informed, we would have a Libertarian in the White House in 2001."

■ On October 6, Olivier kicked off a Florida tour that included speaking engagements at four major universities, a campaign appearance with LP Congressional candidate Charlie Westlake, an address at the Florida LP convention in Tampa, and a flurry of radio interviews.

■ On October 4, Olivier flew to Kentucky to protest his exclusion from the vice-presidential debate between Sen. Joseph Lieberman and Dick Cheney. And though Olivier didn't get invited inside the auditorium, he did get to sound off to the news media outside — landing interviews with C-SPAN, the local Fox affiliate, three newspapers and the 90-station Kentucky Radio Network.

■ On Sept. 29, Olivier spoke at a gun rights policy conference in Arlington, Virginia.

"I was a little apprehensive about how I would be received by people I assumed are Republi-



■ Art Olivier: On the road.

cans, since I can't help slamming Republicans," he said. "When Reps. Chris Cannon [R-UT] and Matthew Martinez [D-CA] spoke about gun rights, people lost interest. Idaho Senator Larry Craig got a little more respect — although I observed eyes rolling when he spoke of the importance of electing George Bush."

"But when I gave them the LP position on repealing the 20,000 gun laws that are on the books, I received a few rounds of applause. I believe the lack of respect for politicians is the result of gun owners hearing the same stale rhetoric from the old parties."

New way

On his flight home, Olivier discovered a new way to get the Libertarian message out.

"I was getting off the airplane in Los Angeles when the handle broke off my 20-year-old briefcase. While I was crawling on the ground gathering my campaign material, a gentleman looked down and exclaimed, 'Hey, Harry Browne — I'm voting for him!'"

As LP News went to press, Olivier was scheduled to head back to California; visit Ohio starting on October 27; swing through St. Louis, Missouri, in the first week of November; then head to Atlanta, Georgia, for an "election night victory party on November 7."



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BookReview

Seven painful years of Clinton

■ **"Feeling Your Pain": The Explosion and Abuse of Government Power in the Clinton-Gore Years**, by James Bovard. St. Martin's Press. \$26.95, hardbound.

Reviewed by Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

A medical warning: Don't read this book if you're prone to heart attacks. Or if you have high blood pressure. Because if you're a Libertarian who suffers from those ailments, then *"Feeling Your Pain"* could kill you dead. It is so chock-full of examples of wasteful government programs, boldfaced politicians' lies, preposterous regulations, and stunning bureaucratic cruelty that your blood pressure will skyrocket higher than the federal budget during the Clinton/Gore administration.

Yes, James Bovard is back, and he's mad. Following in the footsteps of his classic *Lost Rights* (1994) and *Freedom In Chains* (1999), he has turned his attention to the administration of Mr. "Feeling Your Pain" himself, Bill Clinton. It's not a pretty picture.

As Bovard notes, "From concocting new prerogatives to confiscate private property, to championing FBI agents' right to shoot innocent Americans, to bankrolling the militarization of local police forces, the Clinton administration stretched the power of government on all fronts."

Bovard's technique is simple. He takes a topic — AmeriCorps, FEMA, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the bombing of Kosovo — and proceeds to expose Clinton's anti-freedom record with a machine gun blast of facts, figures, anecdotes, and quotes. (Everything is meticulously documented, too, with 63 pages of footnotes.) And Bovard throws in acerbic quips, just to keep it lively.

Until you read *"Feeling Your Pain,"* you'll have no idea how much damage Clinton has done to our personal and economic liberty. The best way to illustrate this to is share a few of Bovard's stories:

■ After the Exxon Valdez dumped 11 million gallons of oil on the Alaska coast in 1989, the Justice Department sued the company for allowing a drunk employee to captain the ship. So Exxon banned past and present substance abusers from jobs that could lead to environmental catastrophes.

Bad move. This outraged Clinton's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which then sued Exxon for discriminating against the handicapped — that is, supposedly "rehabilitated" drunk captains.

But wait: It gets better! Faced with this lawsuit, Exxon asked the two lawyers from the Justice Department (who had sued Exxon to get the drunk captain off the job) to testify against the EEOC (which was suing to keep drunk captains on the job). Clinton's Justice Department blocked their testimony.

■ In 1998 alone, Clinton's Justice Department confiscated 42,454 cars, boats, houses, cash, and other private property.

■ After an earthquake hit California in 1994, Clinton's FEMA "swung into action by sending thousands of homeowners unsolicited checks of up to \$3,450 out of the blue, simply because they lived in zip codes that reportedly had been hit." (Bovard notes that California was vital for Clinton's 1996 re-election plans.)

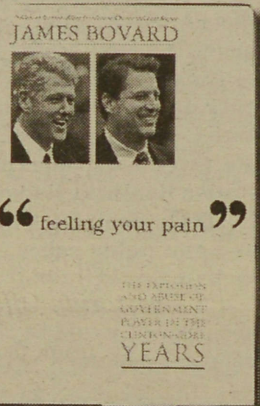
■ Since 1995, "the Pentagon has deluged local law enforcement with thousands of machine guns, over a hundred armored personnel carriers, scores of grenade launchers, and over a million other pieces of military hardware."

■ In 1994, Clinton's first EEOC chairman, Gilbert Casellas, held a press conference and noted that some Americans are frightened by a call from the IRS. "By the end of my term, I hope people worry when they get a call from the EEOC," he said. Notes Bovard: "Here was a laudatory public policy goal: maximization of fear and anxiety."

But these few examples can't give a proper sense of the scope and cumulative power of the book, as Bovard piles fact upon fact, anecdote upon anecdote — taking the Clinton/Gore administration to task for wiretaps, attacks on bank privacy, costly trade policies, anti-gun legislation, the massacre at Waco, boondoggles at HUD, bankrupt farming programs, and so on.

"Feeling Your Pain" is brilliant. If any one book can help turn the tide against Clinton-style Big Government, this is it.

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Advocates for Self-Government offers free copy of communications magazine

The Advocates for Self-Government is offering a free copy of a new magazine — designed to help libertarians become more "successful communicators" — to anyone who requests it, the organization has announced.

The magazine, *The Libertarian Communicator*, features strategies, tips, techniques, and tools to effectively communicate libertarian ideas, said Advocates President Sharon Harris.

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SHARON HARRIS:

It's "a how-to for anyone who wants to become a better" communicator.

the libertarian movement, sharing their communication and outreach ideas," said Harris.

Sample authors and articles include Harry Browne ("Selling The Most Powerful Political Message in the World"), Nathaniel Branden ("We're All Libertarians Now"), Wendy McElroy ("A Strategy for Successful Arguing"), Michael Cloud ("Take Out The Trash!"), Jon Osborne ("Lady Liberty's Movie Reviews"), and Mary Ruwart ("Short Answers to the Tough Questions").

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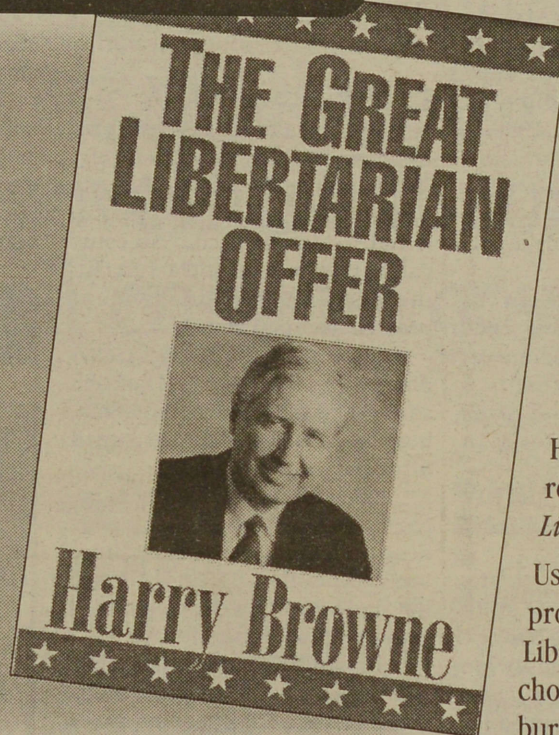
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Harry Browne qualifies on ballot in only 49 states (plus DC)

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Liz Andreason, the state chair of the maverick group. "We regret any confusion our nominee may cause to others throughout the country."

Smith and Suprynowicz were selected, she said, "after a careful search for the most qualified libertarian candidates. We are delighted that Arizona voters will be able to cast their ballot for candidates who truly represent libertarian principles."

Won Arizona primary

Browne had won 77.2% of the vote in the Arizona Libertarian presidential primary on February 22. He also won a first-ballot victory at the Libertarian National Convention in July, with 56% of the vote, to become the party's presidential nominee.

The national Libertarian Party recognizes a group chaired by Peter Schmerl as its Arizona affiliate, while Andreason's faction is recognized by the Arizona state government.

As the state-sanctioned party, Andreason's group had the power to determine which presidential candidate was put on the ballot.

The Libertarian Party is recognized as a "major party" in Arizona, thanks to a registration drive in 1995, partially paid for by the national LP, that boosted the number of registered Libertarians in the state over the 0.67% level. As such, the party can place candidates on the ballot with no additional petitioning.

That major party status was one factor in the ongoing dispute between the two rival Libertarian

groups, since they disagreed about the extent to which Libertarians should comply with state law that regulated the structure of political parties. The groups also had strong differences over strategy and policy issues.

The rivalry came to a head in mid-1999, after delegates at a bitterly divided state convention voted on a proposal to merge the two groups. When Andreason's group brought a challenge to the Libertarian National Committee, the LNC disaffiliated both groups, saying it was no longer able to determine which one was the real state affiliate.

In late 1999, the LNC conducted an advisory referendum so national LP members in Arizona could indicate which group they supported. After 64.7% chose Schmerl's group, it was affiliated by the LNC in November 1999.

However, an Arizona court ruled in January 2000 that Andreason's group would be recognized by the state government, so the dispute continued.

After the National Convention, when it became clear that efforts by the LNC to mediate an agreement between the two groups might fail — and after Andreason's group threatened to not put Browne on the ballot — the party decided to qualify Browne for the ballot as an independent, said Dasbach.

"We didn't want to risk the chance that voters in one state would be unable to vote for the Browne/Olivier ticket simply because of an internal dispute in our party," he said. "Fifty-state ballot status was too important."

STEVE DASBACH:

"The real losers are the rank and file Libertarians in Arizona."

The party collected more than 22,000 signatures at a cost of about \$65,000 and filed them on August 17.

State law required independent ballot petitions to be turned in by June 14, so the party filed a lawsuit to overturn the deadline.

Fairly confident

"We were fairly confident we would win, since every prior court ruling has held that such early filing deadlines are unconstitutional," said Dasbach. "No court ruling had ever upheld a June filing deadline for independent presidential petitions."

After the U.S. District Court dismissed the lawsuit, Dasbach said the party may appeal again, but the case won't be heard until after the election.

"We will probably appeal because we don't want this precedent to stand that June deadlines are acceptable," he said. "It will not matter in this election, but it could hurt us in the future."

Browne's campaign manager, Perry Willis, said the decision by some Arizona Libertarians not to put Browne on the November

ballot was regrettable.

"That group has decided to ignore the Arizona presidential primary that gave Harry Browne 77% of the Libertarian vote, and to ignore the LP's choice at the national convention," he said. "It's up to the people involved to explain why they want to defeat the efforts of Libertarians all over the country — who worked so hard to get the Libertarian nominee on every state ballot for the third presidential election in a row."

The campaign will not attempt to qualify Browne as a write-in candidate in Arizona, said Willis, in an effort to rise above any "intramural hostility" in the party.

"To further party unity, we urge Arizona Libertarians to vote for L. Neil Smith for president, rather than writing in Harry's name," he said. "If Smith is the only Libertarian presidential candidate printed on the Arizona ballot, it makes sense to pile up as many votes as possible for him."

Browne's 49-state ballot status will almost certainly have some negative impact on the outcome of the election and the amount of press coverage the campaign receives, said Dasbach.

Few hooks

"We've lost one of the few unique hooks we had to try to get Harry Browne more media attention — that he would be the only third-party presidential candidate on all 50 states, plus DC," he said. "That's got to hurt us."

"However, the real losers in this situation are the rank and file Libertarians in Arizona, who will not find the candidates of their choice on the ballot."

This election will mark the first time since 1988 that the Libertarian Party's official presidential candidate is not on all 50 state ballots (plus DC).

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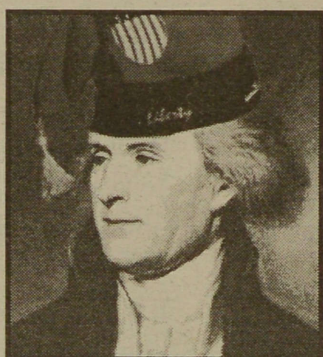
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Supreme Court hears Indiana Libertarian's roadblock case

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need" to fight illegal drugs.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Antonin Scalia appeared to support the roadblocks.

Palmer said that several Justices wondered how far the state could go with such roadblocks.

"They were really hard on the state [on] the point of, 'When will the searches stop?' and, 'Are they going to have pedestrian searches next?'" he said.

Such concerns gave him the "positive feeling that I would win," he said.

Legal bounds

However, said Palmer, the opposing attorney argued that "if the cops want to use any kind of illegal detection devices, then it should be OK, as long as the stops are in the legal bounds of roadblocks."

The lawyer for Indianapolis argued that roadblocks are an "effective" way to combat drug dealers, and said that 9% of the drivers stopped were arrested for drugs or traffic violations.

But Palmer's lawyer countered that the roadblocks were "seizures of primarily innocent people," and could lead to "ever-increasing incursions" against individual liberties.

Previously, the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of drunken driving checkpoints on the grounds that the government has a compelling reason to remove inebriated drivers from the road, and checkpoints for illegal immigrants.

According to legal experts, the Supreme Court will have to decide if the government's "interest" in fighting the War on Drugs outweighs Constitutional privacy protections.

A decision could be issued by the court as soon as December, or as late as June 2001.

Media coverage

Palmer's appearance generated a flurry of media coverage — including interviews on NBC, Fox, ABC, and CNN. He also did interviews with National Public Radio, CNN.com, and several other newspapers and radio stations.

"I was surprised about how big the media coverage was," he said. "It's usually hush-hush when someone is fighting the system."

Palmer launched his "fight against the system" after he was one of 1,161 drivers stopped in Indianapolis between August and November 1998.

The city police department had set up six "narcotic checkpoints" in various locations, and drivers were asked to show their license and registration while a drug-sniffing dog circled the cars.

When the police stopped him, they asked Palmer if he would allow them to search his car.

Palmer, who had no drugs in the car, told them, 'I don't give up my right to privacy.' They said I didn't have any rights," said Palmer. "I said 'no' to the search.

JOELL PALMER:

"I was surprised about how big the media coverage was."

What they did was totally wrong." That's why he filed the lawsuit, said Palmer.

"I am standing up to something that I know is wrong," he said. "I'm happy to know that I am going down in history as someone who fights the corrupt system."

"I am fighting for everyone's rights — [and] showing there actually are people who don't let big government bully the people around."

Palmer is the third Libertar-

ian Party member who has been involved in a Supreme Court case within the past four years.

In 1997, LP member Walker Chandler was the winning attorney in a case involving drug testing for political candidates in Georgia. The Supreme Court overturned the law.

And, in 2000, LP member Gail Lightfoot was a co-plaintiff in a case that led the Supreme Court to overturn California's "blanket primary" law.

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Ann Coulter: 'No thanks' from Connecticut LP for House bid

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taste in my mouth. She apparently never considered it important, or felt it beneath her, to approach us directly. Never joined, gave money, or to our knowledge, even registered as a Libertarian."

At the meeting, Libertarians queried Coulter about her positions on the issues, and probed her reasons for wanting to run as a Libertarian, said Madison.

"At no time during the negotiations did Ann say that the campaign would be a grudge match with Shays, but we could tell that it would be," he said. "She had made her contempt for Shays quite clear, so while she did not actually say her main intent was to beat Shays, we could tell that it was."

In fact, Coulter later admitted that she wanted to run only to defeat Shays, who she described as a "phony, ponderous, hand-wringing, pantywaist" who voted against the Clinton impeachment.

Obsessed

"Coulter is obsessed with getting even with Shays," said Gislao, who also sat in on the meeting.

During the discussions, it became increasingly clear that Coulter was not a Libertarian, said Madison.

"I have been a libertarian long enough to know when I'm talking to a fellow libertarian, and Ann Coulter is not one," he said. "I could tell that I was talking to a conservative. As with most conservatives, the thing she misses is that limited government ap-

WHEN ASKED IF she would endorse the Libertarian presidential candidate, Coulter said, "I'll get back to you on that."

plies to personal choice too."

Although there was agreement on many smaller-government issues, Coulter tended to side with Libertarians "only on economic freedom; not personal" freedom issues, agreed Vassar.

Coulter also refused to take a position on the War on Drugs, said Madison — whether the particular issue was medical marijuana, asset forfeiture, foreign aid to Colombia, or Fourth Amendment violations.

"We were willing to be [very] moderate on the drug legalization issue," he said. "We were willing to let her take the federalist argument and simply say that it should be a state issue. We were willing to let her focus on specific winning aspects of the issue like asset forfeiture and medical marijuana."

But when asked specific questions, Coulter would move "on to something else without ever an-

swering the question," said Madison.

"In reality, we could tell that she simply could not afford to say anything [about drug legalization] that would offend her conservative friends," said Gislao.

The deciding issue, however, was when Coulter refused to agree to endorse Harry Browne, said Vassar.

"What finally made me adamant was when she replied, when asked if she would support our presidential candidate, 'I'll have to get back to you on that,'" he said.

"This was most definitely a bigger sticking point than drug legalization," said Gislao. "If you are going to run as a Libertarian, you support our presidential candidate without hesitation."

In the month following the meeting, the Connecticut LP discussed the Coulter issue at a State Central Committee (SCC) meeting, said Madison.

No circumstances

"By that time, I had decided that under no circumstances should we run her for Congress," he said. "This is in sharp contrast to my view before we met Ann. Before the meeting, I was leaning toward having her run. I thought it would be great. But after discussing the possibility with her and thinking it over for a few days, I completely changed my mind."

"The rest of the SCC pretty much felt the same way" — and voted to reject Coulter's offer.

Less than a month later, Coulter fired back with a harsh

essay in *Human Events* magazine.

In her column in the September 15 issue, Coulter wrote: "The local Libertarians' opposition to government is almost totally focused on only one small aspect of government: the drug laws."

Shooting heroin

Coulter had declined to state a position on the Drug War, she wrote, because "my position on drugs was to refuse even to discuss drug legalization until I don't have to pay for the food, housing, transportation, and medical care of people who want to stay home all day shooting up heroin."

"It's not like we live in the perfect Libertarian state of nature with the tiny exception of those pesky drug laws."

As a result of this difference, Coulter reported that she is now "virulently, passionately opposed" to ending the War on Drugs.

"There's a joke about a Frenchman, an Englishman and a Russian who are told they have only one day until the end of the world," she wrote. "The Frenchman says he will spend his last day with a bottle of Bordeaux and a beautiful woman. The Englishman says he will take his favorite sheepdog for a walk across the moors. The Russian says he will burn down his neighbor's house. I'm with the Russian."

Madison said he was not surprised by the tone of the essay.

"It became apparent in our discussions with her that she has a very childish tendency to throw a tantrum when she does not get things her way," he said. "So it is

not surprising."

Gislao agreed. "She is very bitter about her rejection, and I think it shines through in the article," he said. "It is clear she is the woman scorned."

"It vindicated our decision," said Vassar. "I'm proud of what we did."

Madison said that Libertarians who yearn for "celebrities" to run under the Libertarian Party banner should learn from the Coulter experience.

"[Coulter] had no intention of furthering the objectives of the Libertarian Party," he said. "Her primary if not sole objective was to battle Shays, and we all saw that. She also said she was not sure that she would support Harry Browne for president."

"Do we want to start filling up the party with high-profile figures who do not support our presidential candidate? I don't think so. I certainly don't."

CORRECTIONS

■ In the October issue, two names were spelled incorrectly in the caption for the North Dakota ballot access signature turn-in photograph on page 14. The correct names were Scott Kohlhaas and Greg Enerson.

■ In the October issue, an incorrect date was given for the Colorado LP's "Constitution Monday" event, listed in the "UpComing" section. The correct date was October 2.

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Neil Randall won't run again for State Rep. as a Libertarian

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Randall also argued that the state Supreme Court had unlawfully infringed on the power of the legislature with its mandate and that civil unions extended government "benefits to another group." His vote, he said, had helped "preserve and advance the cause of liberty."

The Libertarian Party Platform does not specifically address the issue of civil unions, but does oppose government denying, abridging, or enhancing an individual's rights based on "sexual orientation."

As a result, most Libertarians say marriage should be a private religious or civil affair, and should not require any government "sanction." However, as long as government does regulate marriage, most Libertarians say it should not discriminate against gay people — and should either legalize gay marriage or allow civil unions.

Randall's vote — and, more importantly, his language — generated controversy in the Vermont LP, said Berkey, because it made the Libertarian Party appear to be a far-right organization.

"There are other Libertarian party members and candidates who oppose civil unions," he said. "[But] Neil ran afoul of many party members when his anti-civil union rhetoric began to include anti-homosexual rhetoric."

"Neil's support for government discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation [also] ran afoul of that vast pool of liberty-leaning moderate voters we need to win over if we are to become a successful party in Vermont and elsewhere."

Compromise

After a number of meetings with Randall to try to work out a compromise, the state party issued a public statement politely distancing itself from Randall's position.

In response, Randall "declared that he couldn't be part of the Libertarian ticket if other candidates were going to support civil unions," said Berkey. "Many of the candidates I recruited were supporters of civil unions and I wasn't about to throw away a dozen candidates to save one."

Later that summer, the state party voted to not renominate Randall for State Representative — prompting Randall to announce he would run as a Republican.

Although that decision was

painful, it was in the Libertarian Party's best interest in the long run, said Berkey.

"Libertarians need to learn a lesson that, ironically, Neil wrote about in our newsletter before this controversy broke," he said. "He warned us not to become like the major parties which exist solely for the purpose of winning elections, often regardless of the politics of the candidates who seek those parties' nominations."

"It may take longer to build a

SCOTT BERKEY:

"It may take longer to build a party that sticks to its principles."

party that sticks to its principles. It may take more work to build a cohesive slate of candidates. It may be painful to lose an incumbent here and there. It may be all of these things, but in the end it is what we must do to succeed as a party."

The state party probably won't elect another state legislator this year, but will do so again in the future, predicted Berkey.

"We still have a lot of elected Libertarians at the local level in

Vermont [and] we are trying to build our state party from the grass roots up," he said.

"We have several candidates for State Representative, but none with a campaign as organized as Neil's winning campaign. Our remaining candidates for the Vermont House probably won't produce a replacement for Neil this year. [But] I wouldn't be surprised at all to send one or more Libertarians to the Vermont House again in 2002."

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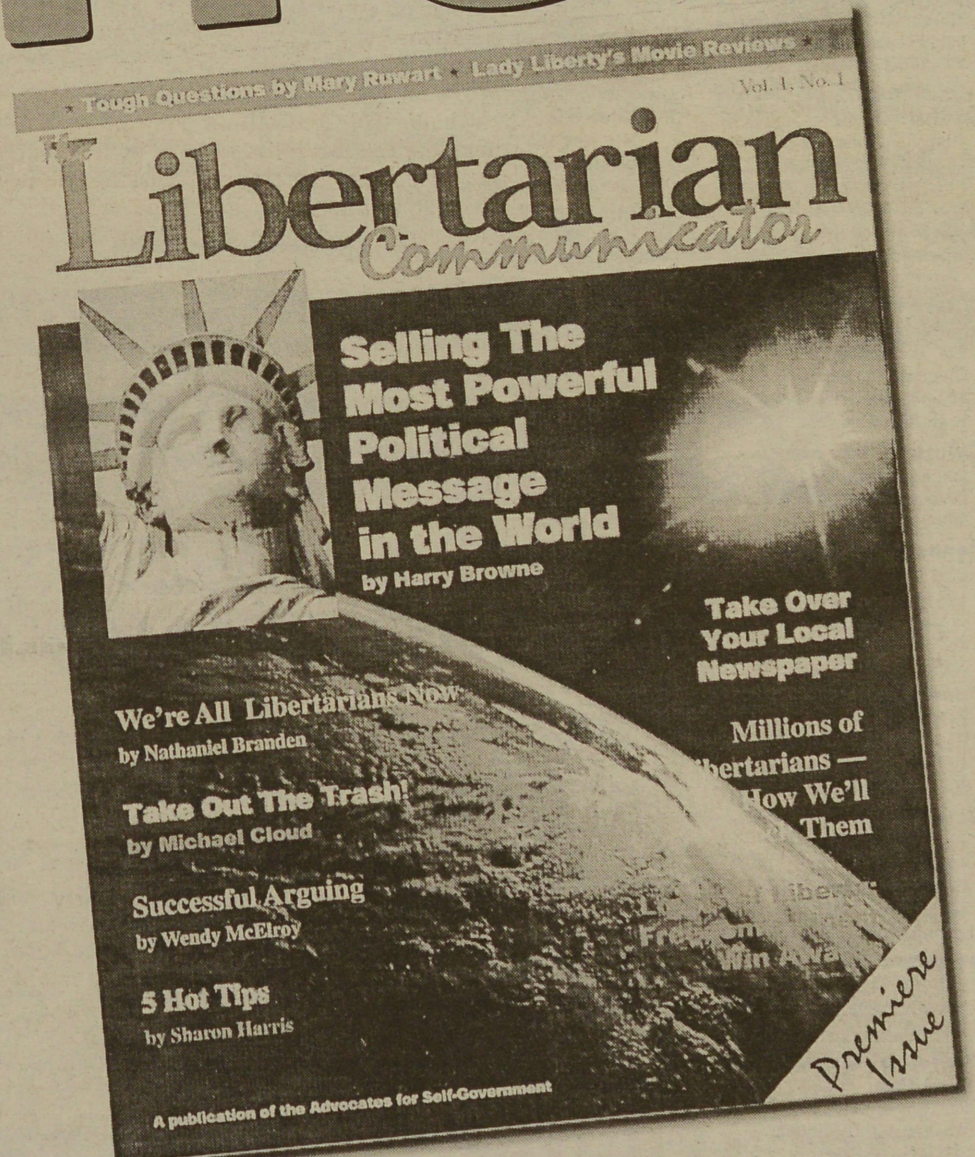
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10 Commandments lawsuit filed

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ment in the Washington County courthouse was a gift of the fundamentalist New Covenant Baptist Church in Indiana — which helps disprove the notion that the display is “historic,” not religious, in nature, said Adkins.

“Anyone who has listened to the lawmakers and local leaders knows this is being displayed as a standard for the community, not an historical document,” he said.

Testified against

Adkins said he decided to file the lawsuit only after he unsuccessfully testified at a Commission meeting against the proposal.

“Since the Commissioners

JEFFREY ADKINS:

It “looks like this is going to be a real clash of the titans.”

decided to post the commandments, I filed a suit,” he said.

Adkins, who has been identified in almost every news account as the head of his local LP, said the 10 Commandments contro-

versy is a Libertarian issue.

“I am doing this because I am a Libertarian, standing up for Libertarian principles,” he said. “The Libertarian Party Platform states: ‘We defend the rights of individuals to engage in, [or abstain from], any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. In order to defend freedom, we advocate a strict separation of Church and State. We oppose government actions that either aid, or attack any religion.’

“Do I need to say more? The Libertarian Party is the only political party that will defend the religious rights of the individual. That is one of the reasons I am a Libertarian.”

The lawsuit could give ammunition to critics who caricature the Libertarian Party as “anti-religion,” acknowledged Adkins.

“Defenders of the 10 Commandments [may] use this to try to discredit defenders of the First Amendment, saying we are hostile to the Christian faith,” he said. “[But] I am not an atheist. I do not hate the 10 Commandments. I don’t think there is a better law written for man to live by. What we are trying to accomplish is protecting the rights of others.”

Adkins said he expects to get a preliminary injunction requiring Washington County to remove the 10 Commandments on October 25 (after *LP News* went to press), followed by the trial in Indianapolis federal court — where he will face some high-powered opposition.

“I found out that Pat Robertson is defending this case for the county,” he said. “Looks like this is going to be a real clash of the titans. Hopefully, truth and justice will prevail.”

New Hampshire LP offers ballot spots

Granite State Libertarians have used a quirk in state law to allow a handful of Republicans and Democrats to run as Libertarians — a strategy the State Chair says strikes a blow for “free and open elections.”

On September 29, the Ballot Law Commission ruled the LP is not a “political party” under state law since it had to petition to get on the ballot. As a result, one Democrat and six Republicans who lost in their parties’ primaries will be allowed a spot on the

November ballot as Libertarians.

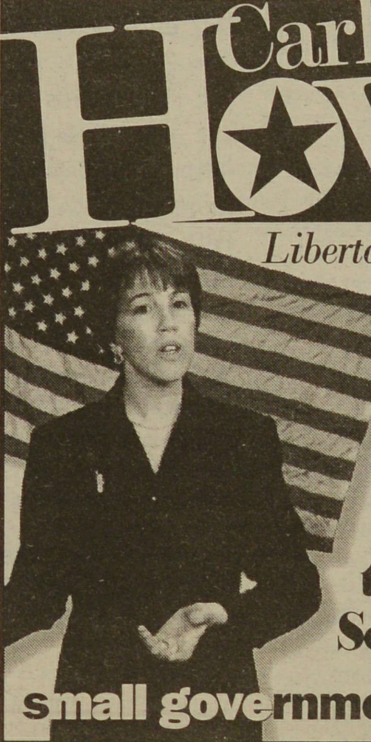
“This is a victory for the little guy [and] the disenfranchised [voter],” said State Chair Danielle Donovan.

The case hinged on whether the state’s “sore loser” law — which prohibits candidates who lose in a primary from running in the general election under another party’s banner — applied to the LP. Since the Libertarians are not a “party” under the state election code, the law doesn’t apply to them, the Commission ruled.

As a result, seven Republican and Democratic candidates for State Representative — all of whom share substantial agreement with LP positions, said Donovan — will appear on the ballot under the Libertarian label.

“Since we had no candidates running for those seats, the decision to invite them to run as Libertarians was easy,” said Donovan.

Almost 40 LP candidates will be on the ballot as well, she said, running for positions from governor to state legislator.



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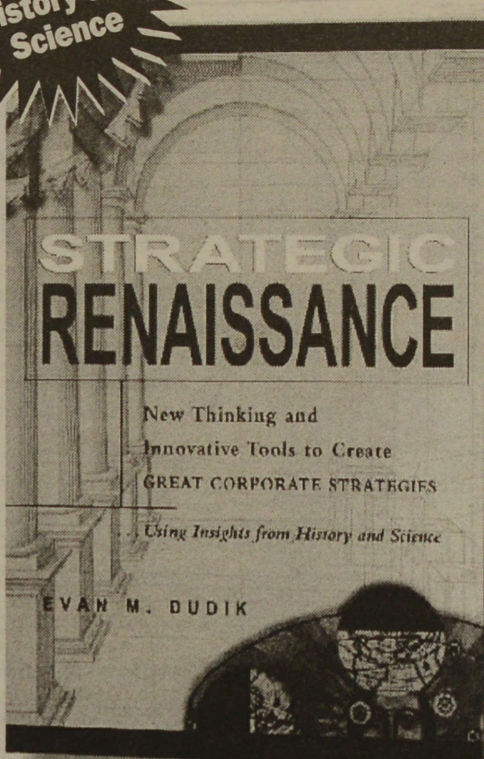
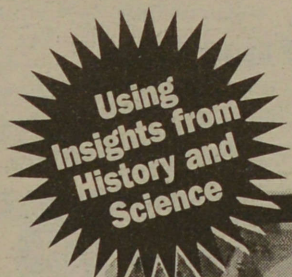
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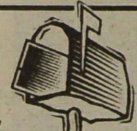
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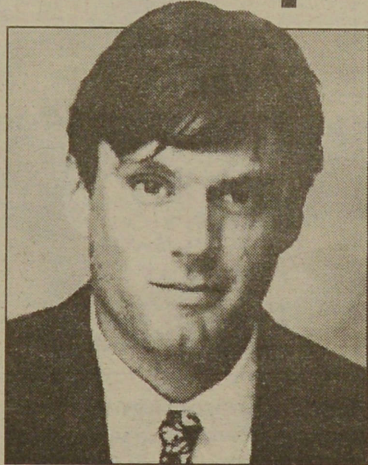


Dale Ritchey: The best chance for an LP State Rep. in Georgia

On November 7, Dale Ritchey will learn whether his year-and-a-half campaign to get elected to the Georgia General Assembly has been successful.

And if planning ahead, raising money, walking the district, and targeting popular issues are what it takes to win an election, then Ritchey will be the next State Representative from District 34, predicted his campaign manager Mike Powers.

"Dale's goal in this race is to win," he said. "Absolutely. He is running in a two-way race against the Republican incumbent and no Democrat opposition. We are very excited about our chances and we hope for the best."



■ Dale Ritchey: "We are very excited about our chances and hope for the best," said campaign manager Mike Powers.

10,000 votes

Ritchey, 34, is running in the 30,000-voter Cobb County district, in the suburbs of Atlanta — and will probably need about 10,000 votes to win, based on a 65% turn-out during presidential elections.

Although he is facing off against a four-term incumbent who is the Deputy Republican Whip in the Assembly, Ritchey has done the things needed to get elected, said Powers:

■ He started early. "We began organizing this campaign around April 1999 — a year and a half before the election!" said Powers. "We sent out our first fundraising letter [in] August 1999. Thus, we began collecting funds more than a year prior to the election."

■ He's raised the money needed to be competitive. "We have raised about \$21,000 so far;

we expect to raise about \$28,000 overall," said Powers. "We plan to spend all of it, either on TV ads, direct mail, or newspaper ads. Dale's opponent will probably raise around \$30,000 to \$40,000 [but] he has done little active campaigning. Much of his spending goes to consultants."

■ He's advertising — including paid ads in the *Marietta Daily Journal*, 15 large campaign signs (4' x 8') throughout the district, and one mass mailing to every registered voter, said Powers.

In addition, the campaign "is in the process of filming a campaign ad which will be shown locally on cable television networks throughout the district — practically unheard of by any State Representative candidate," he said.

■ He's going door-to-door. "Dale and his volunteers have pledged to visit 10,000 homes

from now until Election Day, passing out literature," said Powers. "We will be going door-to-door every Saturday and Sunday until Election Day to accomplish this."

■ He picked a relatively unpopular incumbent to run against. "The incumbent is not particularly well-liked," said Powers. "Besides, he is a lawyer!"

By contrast, Ritchey is a "regular guy" — a Gulf War veteran, a former U.S. Army Airborne Paratrooper, and the owner of NDR Construction, an underground cable company, noted Powers.

Ritchey is also focusing on a handful of issues that resonate with voters, said Powers: Tax relief for families, providing parents real choices in their children's education, defending the rights of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves, and green space preservation through free market methods.

The latter issue is "a big topic in the area," said Powers. "We are emphasizing elimination of estate taxes, which often leads to families being forced to sell large tracts of land. Also, land trusts, corporate sponsorships and voluntary donations of land by individuals and companies create parks and preserve green space — as opposed to more taxation."

Strong team

Ritchey has also put together a strong team of campaign volunteers, said Powers — and attracted the support from Libertarians all over the state.

In fact, Ritchey's campaign was picked by Mark Mosley, executive director of the Georgia LP, as the state party's "best chance for electoral success this year."

"Dale has created the most active and organized campaign team of any of our Libertarian candidates," said Mosley. "Dale may become the first Libertarian elected to the Georgia General Assembly — [and] he most certainly deserves it."

For more information on the Dale Ritchey for Georgia General Assembly campaign, visit: www.daleritchey.com.

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Politics 2000

Endorsements, debates, & run-offs

■ In Colorado, Libertarian **Steven Lee** was endorsed in late September by the *Denver Post* in his bid for State Senate (District 26). The newspaper wrote: "A Libertarian in the Senate could help keep that body intellectually honest." In Illinois, LP Congressional candidates **Stephanie Sailor** and **Matt Beauchamp** received the endorsement of Tax Accountability '00, the political action arm of National Taxpayers United (NTU). In Maine, the state Reform Party has endorsed the candidacy of Libertarian **J. Fred Staples** for Maine's First District Congressional seat. "I commend the Reform Party for joining with us in our mutual interest of reducing bloated, inefficient, and intrusive government at both the state and federal levels," said Maine LP Press Secretary **Jeff Weinstein**.

■ The Libertarian candidate for House District 19 in Colorado had a good excuse to suspend her campaign — she was called up by the Red Cross as part of the national disaster mobilization to aid people affected by flooding in South Florida. In mid-October, **Colette Wright** flew to Miami as a member of a Red Cross Damage Assessment Team (DAT) to gather information on property damage caused by recent torrential rain storms. "This is a tough time in the campaign to be absent, but I hope everyone understands, she said. "Running for State Representative is important to me, but it does pale a bit in comparison to the losses, stress, and suffering that people [experience] in major disasters."

■ Lower the voting age and he'd win: In a three-way straw poll at the Indiana Kids' Election event at the Indianapolis Children's Museum on October 5, Libertarian **Andrew Horning** beat his Republican and Democratic opponents for governor with 40% of the vote. "This is the power of Libertarian ideas," said Horning. "These students cast objective, educated votes, untainted by bipartisanship." In California, U.S. Senate candidate **Gail Lightfoot** has traveled 16,000 miles to 14 California counties during her campaign, she reported. In South Carolina, **Joe Young** is running for State House (District 91) while keeping his "night job" — guitarist in the hard rock band, ANTISEEN.



■ Joe Young: Guitarist.

■ In Florida, registered Libertarian and Florida State University economics professor **Randy Holcombe** has been appointed to that state's Economic Advisory Council by Governor Jeb Bush. The appointment makes Holcombe "the highest-placed Libertarian in Florida government," said longtime LP activist **Dan Walker**. In Wisconsin, a primary race between two LP candidates for state Assembly came down to a tie-breaker. **Bob Pritzl** and **Dave Howard** won the same number of votes in the race in Milwaukee's 15th District, so the state Election Board chairman had to pull one of their names from a bowl on September 21. The winner of a spot on the November ballot: Pritzl.

■ In Texas, in an interesting twist, the Democratic incumbent in the 17th Congressional District has agreed to debate the Libertarian challenger — while excluding his Republican opponent. Democrat Charlie Stenholm was scheduled to face off against Libertarian **Dr. Debra Monde** on October 19. Not invited: Republican Darrell Clement. It's a "stark reversal of national debate policies that have excluded 3rd party candidates," said Monde campaign spokesman **George Schwappach**. In New Hampshire, Libertarian gubernatorial candidate **John Babiarz** has been invited to be part of the October 31 "New Hampshire Debates," reversing a previous decision by the debate organizer, the *Manchester Union Leader* newspaper, to exclude him. "It's hard to say exactly what changed their mind," said State Chair **Danielle Donovan**, "But they have done the right thing."

■ In Texas, the LP is running more statewide candidates than the Democrats — and the news media has finally noticed. The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* ran a front-page story about that accomplishment on September 17, noting that Libertarians are contesting 30 of 31 congressional seats, compared to just 28 for the Democrats. In Colorado, the governor has complained that Libertarians — running in 75 of 84 state legislative races — might cause the defeat of Republicans and throw control of the legislature to Democrats. "Government gets bigger and more intrusive, no matter who is in charge," countered State Chair **BetteRose Smith**. "Why wouldn't people vote for change?"

The Forum

A Libertarian view of the LA protests

Members of the Libertarian Party participated in the protests at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, August 13th-18th 2000. The protesters represented a wide array of groups, including anarchists, anti-globalization and anti-police brutality activists, student and immigrant rights advocates, the Green Party, and many others.

At any one time there were 3,000-10,000 demonstrators in the streets, parks, and other locales in downtown LA. There were perhaps two dozen Libertarian activists involved.

Police brutality

A Libertarian team carrying a "Don't Tread on Me" flag marched in several of the protests against police brutality. These protests ranged through downtown Los Angeles, from Pershing Square to the LA County Jail to Staples Center where the convention itself was being held. Most of the protests were accompanied by platoons of riot-gear armed police who marched alongside the demonstrators in military formation. The police carried shotguns, gre-

nade launchers, and chemical weapons. Interestingly enough, not a few demonstrators, including several in the libertarian contingent, had gas masks — the indiscriminate police use of chemical weapons during the prior year's protests in Seattle made this a necessity.

At MacArthur Park, Mark Selzer, head of Region 64, set up a Libertarian Party tent where a four-day rave was in progress as counterpoint to the convention. Along with members of the Libertarian Youth Coalition, Mark passed out much literature and registered 50 people for the LP during the Convention.

And LP vice presidential candidate Art Olivier made an appearance and addressed the ravers on fighting repression.

Tuesday, August 15th, saw speakers such as Jesse Jackson, Tom Hayden, and Kevin Zeese at the Shadow Convention attacking the U.S. war on drugs. The Shadow Convention was held at nearby Patriotic Hall, organized by Arianna Huffington to give an

By Joseph Miranda

alternative to the growing Democratic-Republican monopoly on politics in America. Also present were representatives of various drug reform (i.e., decriminalization) organizations with tables and literature, as well as several Libertarians.

Democracy?

I met Mark Hilgenberg, Secretary of the Libertarian Party of San Fernando Valley, there. He later told me that many people, seeing the massive police presence in the downtown area, asked him, "I thought we lived in a democracy?" Mark's answer: "Yes, and this is what a democracy does — it turns the guns of government on the minority on behalf of the majority."

I was present on the night of Monday, August 14th, when the police attacked a crowd at the official protest area next to Staples Center where the Democratic National Convention was being held. A rock concert was in progress when several anarchists climbed the fence and waved banners. Some debris was thrown and the police then declared an illegal assembly and charged the



■ A "bipartisan" protester outside the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles.

demonstrators, firing rubber bullets and chemical weapons.

The police response seemed largely inept — they were unable to isolate the malefactors amidst the crowd and instead indiscriminately attacked otherwise peaceful citizens. Fortunately, the Libertarian contingent emerged unscathed.

Several valuable lessons were learned from the week. One was the necessity to work in coalitions with other groups — which may

have different ideological agendas but similar objectives in challenging the growth of state power and the exclusion of third parties from the political process.

And the demonstrations required a considerable organizational effort. In the weeks prior to the event, I set up an Internet web site with directions and coordinating information [the web site is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/protest.html>].

Getting militant

I also made the rounds of Los Angeles area supper clubs to advocate Libertarian participation in the demonstrations. I found many Libertarians getting militant in the face of government attacks on party members such as Peter McWilliams and Steve Kubby.

One thing that was especially good to see were younger people, such as the UCLA Bruin Libertarians, involved in the protests.

The demonstrations at the Democratic Convention are not the end. Los Angeles area Libertarians are currently organizing to participate in the October 22nd National Day of Protest against Police Brutality. Expect to see a new era of militancy in the libertarian movement.

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Selecting Supreme Court Justices with six easy questions

The Constitution isn't written in Esperanto. So why can't the Court figure out what it says?

For the past year, Republicans have been trying to explain to us small-government advocates why we should vote for George W. Bush. But since Mr. Bush has no plans to reduce government or improve our lives in any significant way, Republicans have had only one argument: he isn't Al Gore.

But after seeing the Republican convention — with its theme, "big government can be compassionate government" — it turns out that George Bush is Al Gore after all.

Since George Bush loves big government as much as Al Gore does, Republicans have had to find another reason. So they remind us that the next President may select as many as three or four new Supreme Court judges.

"Do you want Al Gore choosing those judges?" they ask.

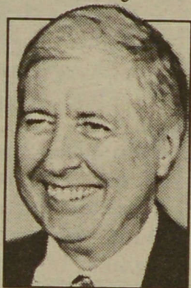
The Supreme Court is a favorite Republican whipping boy. They blame the court for many of today's ills — hoping we'll ignore the role of the big-spending Reagan and Bush administra-

tions and the pork-obsessed, over-regulating, power-hungry Republican Congress.

They neglect to mention that Republican presidents appointed seven of the nine judges on the court they love so much to hate. They expect us to jump at the chance to vote for a president who will undoubtedly appoint more judges like Anthony Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor, and David Souter.

Picking a judge

We have bad Supreme Court judges because bad presidents have chosen them. And the court won't be improved by electing another big-government president — whether his name is Al Gore or George W. Bush.



By Harry Browne

Every modern Supreme Court justice decides constitutional questions by referring to something other than the plain language of the Constitution. They invoke "original intent," a "living Constitution," "penumbras," "the greater good," or the "compelling interest" of government. In so doing, they demonstrate that they're unqualified to sit on the Supreme Court.

What should be the proper qualifications of a Supreme Court judge? Should the president apply a litmus test?

Yes, he should. If I become president, I will ask six simple questions of any potential judge.

The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

And yet, when Congress or a legislature makes a law censoring the Internet, restricting political advocacy, prohibiting cigarette advertising on TV, or barring hate speech, the judges don't strike it down automatically. They deliberate to determine whether the government has a "compelling interest" in regulating speech. But the

First Amendment doesn't speak of the government's "compelling interest" or provide for any exceptions or qualifications.

It says very simply, "Congress shall make no law..."

No law.

First question

So the first question I would pose to any potential Supreme Court judge is:

1. Can you read?

If the prospect can pass a reading test, we can move on to the second question:

2. What do the words "Congress shall make no law" mean?

The Second Amendment says: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Again, no exceptions are given. So my next question is:

3. What do the words "shall not be infringed" mean?

And on from there:

4. Do the thousands of gun laws now on the books infringe on the "right to keep and bear arms"?

The Ninth Amendment says: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not

be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

Nowhere in the Constitution is the government given the power to take away your right to privacy, your right to defend yourself, your right to keep your property, your right to choose your own retirement program, or any other right. So my next question is:

5. What rights do the people no longer have, and where in the Constitution were those rights taken from the people?

10th Amendment

The 10th Amendment says: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

My final question will be:

6. Where in the Constitution was it delegated to the United States government the power to interfere in education, health care, law enforcement, welfare, charity, corporate welfare, or any of the many other areas that form a part of today's overbearing federal government?

These six questions will tell me all I need to know about the
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'Why do you Libertarians even bother to run?'

*Trying to build a third party is hard work.
But in the last analysis, there's no alternative*

Late last year I walked into the office of *The Coaster*, our weekly paper here in Asbury Park, and delivered a press release for Emerson Ellett, our U.S. Senate candidate. The editor's assistant scanned it, gave me a little smile and asked, "Why do you guys even bother to run?"

Truth is, that's the unspoken question of many of our members, too. Why bother to leaflet? Why bother to have a booth at the County Fair? Why bother to donate?

Only instead of asking, they grow privately disillusioned and gradually drift away.

So why bother?

Simplest reason

For the simplest reason in the world: Because we must.

None of us is trying to land cushy political jobs. None of us is trying to enact a lucrative government program for some special interest group. And I can assure you, none of us is a political junkie addicted to the game of electoral politics. Far from it. We're reluctant candidates and reluctant campaigners.

What are we? We're abused citizens losing our rights to an omnipotent government. We're hardworking citizens who are having our money and property taken against our will to fund counter-productive programs. But most of all, we're free men and women who refuse to go down without a fight.

The Libertarian Party holds great promise. It can be the tool we need to regain control of our government and reverse the direction our nation is taking. Building a party from the ground up, one voter at a time, one election at a time, is hard and often frustrating work.

No alternative

In the last analysis, there's no realistic alternative. To remain quiet is to give silent approval to what's happening. Voting for the lesser of the evils on the ballot is like choosing between Stalin and Lenin. But some argue that we should work within the old parties or concentrate on education or issue advocacy.

The latter approach is a good one and fortunately many such as the Cato Institute do such work. But the results must be trans-

lated into political action to make a difference. And I have no beef with those who work within the Democratic and Republican Parties. But history shows that such efforts are co-opted, neutered, and

By Pat Bontempo

in time expunged.

A strong Libertarian Party will make a difference. The old parties will be forced to change in response to such a challenge or risk passing away. And they'll be unable to co-opt and kill our movement so long as it's housed in its own party.

But it's hard work. It's a long, often lonely road. And from time to time you'll find yourself asking, "Why bother?"

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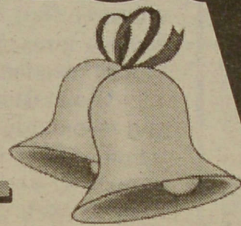
There is no alternative for free men and women.

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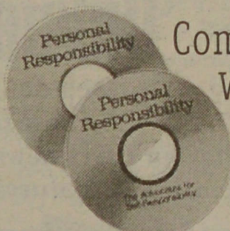
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FROM The Chair

Election Day isn't the end of campaign jobs

November 8, 2000. Election Day plus one. The various LP campaigns have ended the day before. The post-election parties have finally concluded. Now the hard work begins.

Listed below are some activities to be conducted *after* each election campaign. Prospective candidates for office should incorporate these activities into their campaign planning timelines. Most of these activities may seem obvious; however, as one of my friends suggests, "obvious" frequently means "overlooked."

- The candidate should thank members of the organization (staff, volunteers, contributors) by phone, thank you card (or letter), and/or a personal visit. For those who participated in a major way, some type of gift or keepsake should be offered.

- Campaign material (particularly signs) should be collected, especially to avoid charges of littering.

- Detailed election returns (at the precinct level) should be gathered and analyzed. This analysis should be discussed at a "post mortem" meeting (see below).

- Whatever reports (contributions, expenditures, etc.) are required by law should be filed with the appropriate agencies. Also, a report about the campaign — including information about funds raised and campaign expenditures — should be prepared for the benefit of supporters.

- A "post mortem" meeting of the campaign organization should take place to analyze the campaign and make suggestions for future efforts. The results of the analysis and the suggestions should be recorded and made available to the LP. Some items to consider:

- Where did the candidate do well? Do poorly? How do the results compare to other campaigns? Are any trends visible?

- How did the candidate do in his "home area"? What happened in those precincts where the candidate worked the polls?

- What were the results of experiments and special projects?

- How many new members can be attributed to the campaign? New activists?

- What issues resonated with voters? Which issues didn't?

- What sympathetic media resources were developed? Names and contact information of journalists, editorialists, talk show hosts, and radio and TV show producers who are interested in receiving LP press releases should be sent to LP headquarters and state LP media coordinators.

- An event should be held to thank key members of the campaign team. The candidate may wish to give awards to various participants. It is a nice touch to have a photographer available to take photos of the candidate and attendees.

- The candidate should visit and thank various election officials and functionaries for their help and cooperation during the campaign. Also, organizations that included the candidate in debates/forums should be thanked (again).

- Candidates who are not elected may wish to serve as "shadow representatives" — that is, monitor the actions of the person elected to office, and offer commentary about those actions. The candidate should inform appropriate media organizations of the intention to serve as a "shadow representative."

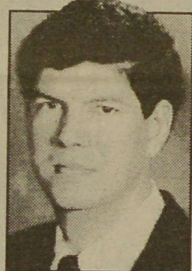
Post-election work may not be as exciting as other campaign work, but it is very important to the growth of the LP.

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In early September, the Libertarian Party lost a great champion of liberty and some of us lost a good friend. Bruce Baechler died following an automobile accident and subsequent heart attack in Ohio. Bruce was a dedicated activist who was involved in many projects at the time of his death.

I met Bruce about a decade ago, and had the pleasure of working with him on several occasions. He was a student of politics who worked hard to learn more about the subject. He was a pleasant, gracious man who was always willing to share his knowledge and wisdom with his Libertarian colleagues.

Carol Moore has announced that a memorial dinner in his honor will take place in the DC area on Saturday, November 18. Those who wish to obtain more information about the event should contact Ms. Moore at Carolmoore@kreative.net.



By Jim Lark,
National Chair

Does our nation's 'love affair' with guns lead to more crime?

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 Scott McPherson
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OKLAHOMA

If an armed society is a polite society, then what happened in America?

We are one of the last countries that still allows its citizens to own personal weapons, yet our crime rate is above every other industrialized nation.

Homicides are particularly above average for a first world country. By comparison, England sees just one murder for every 10 in the United States, and we can all agree that no one over there has any guns. Surely there must be a connection.

As a matter of fact, a view of gun ownership from an international perspective can be very enlightening about the efficacy of firearms as a crime-fighting tool when left in the hands of private citizens.

In Switzerland every adult male is required, by law, to keep in his home a fully automatic assault rifle for militia service. Shooting is practically a national pastime, and a permit to carry a handgun is easily obtained.

Far from attacking those it views as "stockpiling" weapons, surplus military rifles are made available by the Swiss government for around \$50 each.

And far from having blood running in the streets, crime in Switzerland is virtually non-existent — putting even England's peaceful reputation to shame. And this in a country of gun-owners!

"Love affair"

Israel, too, has its own "love affair" with firearms. In 1974, after an Arab gunman attacked a bus full of students, killing over 30, the Israeli government began arming teachers and parents to counter this new form of terrorism. Retirees were encouraged to provide a community service of acting as security guard for the local school — armed, of course.

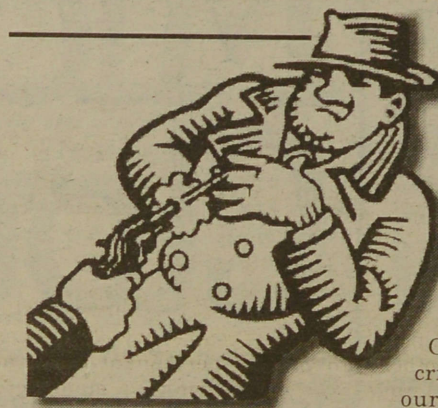
On a recent trip to Jerusalem, Gun Owners of America executive director Larry Pratt photographed a group of school children on a field trip being escorted by an older student who was armed with a fully automatic military rifle.

Israel, offering a brilliant contrast to episodes like Columbine or Jonesboro, has never had a repeat of the 1974 incident within its borders. And this is a country where guns are a part of life!

Libertarian Solutions

Americans have a lot of guns, that much is true. But America is not an "armed" nation. According to the most liberal estimates, gun-owners are merely one-third of our population, and just 3 million people are licensed to carry a concealed weapon in the U.S., a pitiful minority amongst a minority of the populace.

Only 30 states allow the issuance of a concealed carry per-



QUESTION:

Some nations have more gun laws and less crime. Is there a connection?

mit to residents, and this after undergoing a process that often inhibits the poor, minorities (some cities have a reputation for discouraging carry-permits for blacks and gays) or anyone convicted of a non-violent felony offense.

Most people use guns for hunting or sport shooting and keep them locked up at home.

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Occasionally a deer rifle can be seen in the back window of somebody's pick-up truck, but by law firearms kept in an automobile must be left unloaded. The obvious conclusion is that very few people in this country are ever prepared to defend themselves or others in a public place.

The image of Americans as six-gun toting cowboys out looking for a scrap is outdated.

Defensive

It is also an irresponsible misrepresentation of the truth, for the major difference between the United States and Switzerland and Israel is that the people of these latter countries view guns as defensive instruments, to be relied upon and openly displayed as a deterrent to violence. These two countries fully understand the meaning of a "gun culture," and clearly it is working.

Even compared to "peace-loving" Europe, the safest place for an American is in his home, which is exactly where his guns are. Criminals rule the streets and crime-infested neighborhoods of our nation because they know that they will not face armed opposition to their advances.

Laws restricting open or concealed-carry of a firearm are not an obstacle to violent predators; they are a death sentence for thousands of decent, law-abiding people each year.

Despite prohibitions on having a gun within a thousand feet of a school, demented little maniacs are still wreaking murderous havoc on their classmates. And who is there to stop them?

But the problem goes beyond schools. When law-abiding citizens are denied access to guns, everyone (except criminals) suffers.

For example, a study by economist John Lott revealed that when laws are passed to give people the right to carry concealed handguns, murder rates go down by 8.5% and rape by 5%.

If every state had similar concealed-carry laws, reported Lott, there would be 1,600 fewer murders nationally and 4,200 fewer rapes each year.

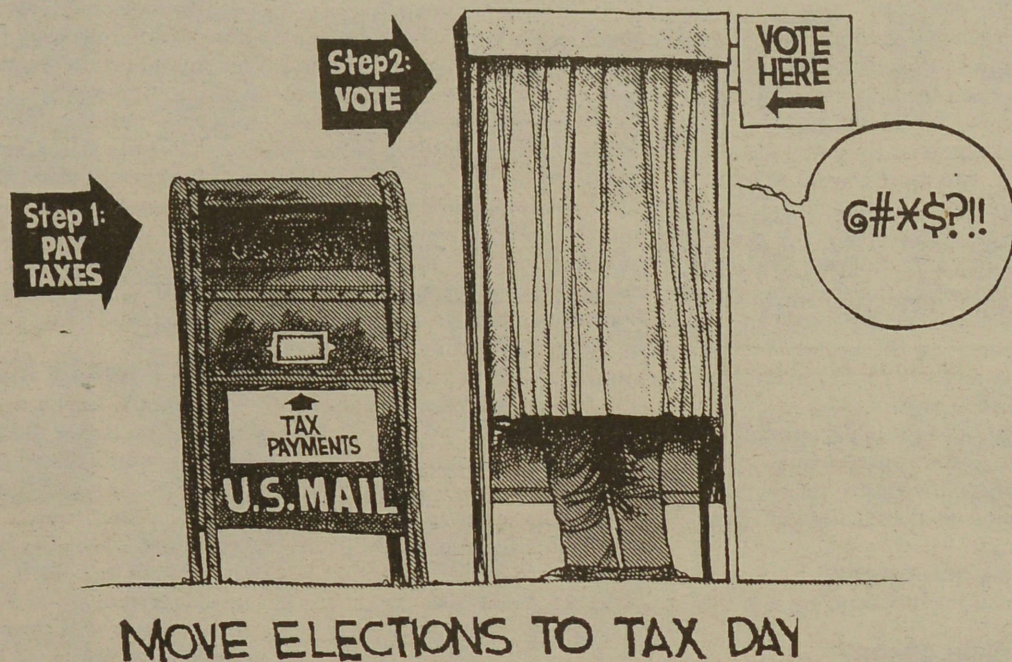
Unfortunately, for every person legally carrying a gun in the United States, 87 are defenseless when they step out their front door.

Until this ratio radically changes to the advantage of honest citizens, we cannot be considered an armed society.

■ **About the author:** Scott McPherson is a Libertarian Party member and past Media Coordinator for the Oklahoma LP.

FOR THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

How to REALLY change the System:



The Mailbox

■ That explains it

In his letter to The Mailbox, "What Are We For?" [September 2000] Fred Bluestone complains that libertarians speak only in the negative, saying we are against taxes, government waste, pork barrel spending, fascists, communists, racists, bureaucracy, rules, and regulations.

Very well. For the benefit of those unable to figure it out for themselves, we are against those things because we are in favor of private property, market discipline, fiscal prudence, civil liberty, economic liberty, individual responsibility, freely made contractual agreements, and strict liability.

Thank you for asking.
— I. DEAN AHMAD
Bethesda, Maryland

■ One party, one team

I recently spoke with LP members from several other states. Some of them indicated they were putting most of their efforts into local races and recruiting members for their local clubs. I admire their efforts, but keep in mind that supporting our national party and presidential candidate promotes local candidates.

We are very close to getting enough members and votes that the news media will not be able to ignore us. If we can get the national news media to cover our presidential candidate, the local news media will follow with more coverage of our state and local candidates.

I know it would be a miracle for Harry Browne to win the election this year, but he is paving the way for a future Libertarian to be

elected president. Many Libertarians don't realize how close we are to gaining permanent ballot access and becoming a major force in the political arena.

Remember, we are One Party, One Team, working for Freedom. Get out those yard signs, put bumperstickers on your car, and call your friends and neighbors. Our forefathers fought and died for our freedoms. We cannot let their sacrifices be in vain.

In the August issue of *LP News*, I challenged every member to recruit one new member. Have you recruited your new Libertarian member?

— TIM NORTON
Cobden, Illinois

THE GREATEST threat is not the Democrats or Republicans. It is ourselves.

■ Media irritation

It irritates me to no end that the TV news media ignores the LP presidential candidate, Harry Browne, but gives so much coverage to oddball candidates such as the Green Party's Ralph Nader and Reform Party's Pat Buchanan. Tim Russert has had these two on his program more than once, but not our nominee.

Of course we all know who runs the news media — Socialist

Democrats — and even a mention of the Libertarian Party drives them crazy. They don't want limited government. It's always "big business" but never "big government." Either of the Republicrats, George W. Bush or Al Gore is acceptable to them.

Oh well — I notice if no one else does.
— D.L. SMITH
Montgomery, Alabama

■ Who's the enemy?

I have met the enemy, and they are us.

In the September *LP News* feature "The Pulse," one person accuses Harry Browne of "Corporate Welfare" in regards to his support of missile defense. Another accuses him of dishonesty in fundraising.

Then in the Mailbox, one person claims that Microsoft "forces" him to buy their software. Another thinks that we need to abandon some of our "pie-in-the-sky" ideas. Still another thinks we should water down our attacks on the Drug War.

The greatest threat to the Libertarian Party is not the Democrats, Republicans, or any other third party. Nor is it ballot access restrictions or mainstream media blackouts. It is ourselves.

— JAY MCINTYRE
Colmar, Pennsylvania

■ Thanks, Harry

Regardless of how many votes Harry Browne gets this time, I am confident that he will get more than any other Libertarian could in this election year.

In his ability to articulate the
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The Pulse

The problem with Bush/Gore

What's the single best reason *not* to vote for Al Gore or George W. Bush in this upcoming election? To paraphrase Elizabeth Browning, "let us count the ways." The ways, that is, *both* the Democrat and Republican presidential candidates would be bad news for liberty if elected.

And that's what *LP News* readers did in this month's unscientific Pulse poll, citing dozens of reasons why Bore or Gush — sorry, Bush or Gore — are unworthy of your vote.

Leading the pack with 28% of the vote was the "smaller government/liberty" argument. Simply put, neither Bush nor Gore would work to reduce the size or cost of the federal government, or to protect individual liberty, said this plurality of respondents.

Coming in second was the pardon issue. Surprisingly, 11% complained that Bush or Gore — respondents split on which one — would pardon President Clinton for any crimes he committed while in office.

Tied for third place with about 6% of the vote were several different political issues, ranging from Bush and Gore's positions on health care, to an interventionist foreign policy, to Supreme Court appointments.

And another 6% of respondents scolded us for even asking the question — saying that we shouldn't want anti-Gore or anti-Bush votes, but pro-Libertarian votes.

Here is a representative sample of the answers:

■ Why? Because neither half of that two-headed candidate wants to make government smaller, less intrusive, or less expensive.

— RAY UBINGER, Durham, North Carolina

■ Both Bush and Gore have already sinned against us by accepting matching campaign funds. There is no difference between the two. Both will take other people's money to further their own cause.

— RICHARD HAWKINS, Skiatook, Oklahoma

■ Universal (a.k.a. socialist) health care and prescription coverage. I am disappointed, but not surprised, that Bush has jumped on this bandwagon. Monkey see, monkey do.

— MARK STRYKER, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

■ If you vote for either Bush or Gore the result would be the same. The government will get bigger and you'll lose more liberty. Both candidates want the government to do more, spend more, and control more of your life. It's just a question of how much more.

— RICHARD GILBERT, Buena Park, California

■ If Bush is elected and Clinton is indicted — and most assuredly, if Clinton is convicted — G.W. will grant him a blanket pardon that will effectively foreclose the long-standing principle of equal justice under the law. Make no mistake, "W." is a Clintonian triangulator. He was unwilling to lift a finger on behalf of those patriots who sought the President's impeachment and removal.

— Bruce Earnheart, Dayton, Ohio

■ The best reason not to vote for Al Gore is that the first thing he'll do once he gets into office is pardon Bill Clinton of any crimes committed. I think Bill's entitled to get everything he deserves. . .

— DAVID MORGAN, Aurora, Colorado

■ Gore brags that he will put the pedal to the metal on the way to bigger government. Bush promises that he will just stay in the slow lane. Libertarians know that the road to socialism is unsafe at any speed.

— LARRY CLIFFORD, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

■ Both are child abusers: Their goofy socialist schemes will do nothing other than make our children and grandchildren absolute servants to federal programs. If successful, either would absolutely destroy the personal and economic freedoms of future generations of Americans.

— JACK D. NULL, Fairborn, Ohio

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■ I am very disappointed in the question. Are we that hard up for voters that we want anti-Bush or anti-Gore votes, or do we want people to embrace the Libertarian program and vote for Libertarians?

— LOU ELWELL, Long Branch, New Jersey

■ The single best reason to vote against George Bush and Al Gore is the likelihood that they will involve the U.S. in another foreign war. Bush, an aggressive nationalist, is fond of using the Orwellian phrase "We must win the peace" to justify our imperial, offensive military posture. Gore has a track record for his support of the Persian Gulf War and for his enthusiasm for Bill Clinton's war in Yugoslavia.

— COURTENAY HOUGH, Stamford, Connecticut

■ If either a "liberal" Democrat (Gore) or a so-called "moderate" Republican (Bush) is elected, they are guaranteed — based on history — to maintain a Big Government liberal majority on the U.S. Supreme Court.

— MICHAEL J. HOLASEK, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

■ To paraphrase Ayn Rand: It is pointless to fight against something, if you don't know what it is you are fighting for. A merely negative campaign cannot win. A vote for Harry Browne is a vote for individual liberty. A vote for George Bush or Al Gore is a vote against individual liberty.

— MARK HANLEY, Stevenson, Washington

■ Al Gore and George W. Bush will work for more government. No patriotic American can vote for either of them in good conscience.

— JASON MILLER, Hudsonville, Michigan

January Question: Goal for 2001?

A presidential election year is like the Super Bowl or World Series for political parties: It's the climax of a lot of strategizing, preparation, and hard work. But on November 8th, the election is over — and it's four long years until the next presidential campaign. So, what should the LP do during the "off-season"? Over the next year, should the party focus on continued membership growth? Try to win more local elections? Work to build stronger affiliate parties? Run more advertising? Start candidate recruiting for the 2002 elections? Concentrate on "educating" voters? Start trying to win a Congressional seat in 2002? Or focus on a completely different strategy or goal? While it would be nice to do everything, realistically, an organization can only accomplish a small number of goals in any given year. So...

■ QUESTION: What strategy, goal, or accomplishment should be the Libertarian Party's #1 priority in 2001? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: December 5, 2000

Dec. Question: What do women want?

Here's your chance to be a political analyst. Or sociologist. Or biologist. Or anthropologist. Or whatever scientific discipline can answer the vexing question: Why don't more women support the Libertarian Party? The problem is serious: According to a recent Rasmussen poll, 2.4% of men support Harry Browne for President — but only 0.4% of women. That's a six-to-one gender gap. And anecdotal evidence suggests men outnumber women as LP members by about three to one. So why aren't more women Libertarians? Is it the LP's philosophy? The way it's presented? The issues the party focuses on? Or is it some fundamental difference between the sexes? Cultural? Biological? Social? What?

■ QUESTION: Why don't more women support the Libertarian Party? (Keep answers to 100 words or less.)

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issues to those who have not understood the Libertarian message before, he is by far the best spokesperson the party has ever had. The most crucial need is to educate the public on the Libertarian philosophy.

I do not totally agree with any single person, but Browne's range and depth of competence and consistency on the issues is greater than any other Libertarian I have heard or read.

I hope the party will fully recognize his contribution and encourage his future participation. I think we should all say, "Thanks, Harry."

— JACK GARDNER
Austin, Texas

■ New shoes?

First it was Big Tobacco that was crucified. Now, big chocolate could be nailed to the cross. [Talking Points, October 2000]. I dread to think what will come next. Will we have any food producers left? Will we have any industries left when they've all been sued into bankruptcy?

It seems that there's a message here for the footwear industry: You will have to stop making shoes out of leather. Stop making them out of plastic. Of rubber. Of canvas. You'll have to stop making them in pairs. You'll have to make them in fours. They'll have to be made of steel. Because we're becoming a nation of asses.

— BILL WILLIFORD
Houston, Texas

■ Fragmenting families

I'd like to expand on the topic addressed in September's Mailbox by Paul Booth, who stated, "The only public aspects of marriage that I see help governments determine at what rate our income will be confiscated" (and redistributed).

Often in Libertarian rhetoric we attack the government as though it were a "stand-alone" entity. Family law in Oregon is little different than in other states and 95% of it was written by, you guessed it, lawyers. Talk about your basic conflict of interest.

Approximately 40-50% of all law practiced in the U.S. is family law. It's very lucrative to pit two people against each other who already have problems relating. The carrots and sticks are marital assets and children. Typically, a fragmenting family loses all liquidity and the equity in their

home to lawyers who represent their own interests rather than their clients. And more often than not one parent has their relationship with their children severely restricted.

A relationship that was intact until outside interference was introduced via "the state." An increasing number of psychologists, court personnel, mediators, legal assistants, and others with vested interests gain, while the American family becomes an endangered species.

Family law and public recognition of marriage exists in the U.S. for no other reason than to facilitate the immensely profitable divorce industry.

— KURT A JAEGER
Oak Grove, Oregon

**A WEDDING IS
a union between
before God. The
state has nothing
to do with it.**

■ Misguided on marriage

Roland Peterson, in his letter regarding marriage vows in the August issue of the LP News, claims that "A union of two persons is a public social contract. Thus government should be properly involved."

I disagree. He feels that "with the power vested in me by the state" is one of the most important parts of the marriage ceremony.

Sadly, Mr. Peterson is forgetting that a wedding is a union between a man and a woman before God — the state has nothing

to do with it.

When couples ask for state permission (a license) to be wed, they bring the state into their relationship.

Since God's laws supersede man's laws, they would be of paramount importance to me in my life with a wife. My marriage would not be a "public social contract".

The only vested power of the clergyman who conducts my wedding ceremony that I care about is that vested in him by the church and the Lord.

— ARTHUR L. FARNSWORTH
W. Rockhill Twp., Pennsylvania

■ Let down by Means

In July I was delighted to hear that Russell Means was making a bid to be the LP candidate for the Oval Office in 2004.

I was particularly pleased after the on-again-off-again effort of the man I had been supporting until less than a year ago for 2000, that someone was giving us plenty of advance notice of his availability.

To top it off, it was a person I felt could bring the LP to the attention of voters who were not pure whitebread.


This weekend, Russell Means let me down. I don't mind his being arrested: I've been locked in an interrogation cell myself; it's a kind of ordeal of passage.

But after blocking the Columbus Day/Italian Pride parade in Denver, it is clear that this man is not out to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution" that stands for free speech. It is clear that he is not qualified to lead a nation of "many nations and kindreds and tongues."

He may claim that his actions conform to Libertarian principles, since it was Columbus who first used force, but if you go back half a millennium, you can "justify" making almost anybody your enemy.

On Saturday he made it clear that he's just another publicity seeker with a race card to play, and who doesn't mind picking on

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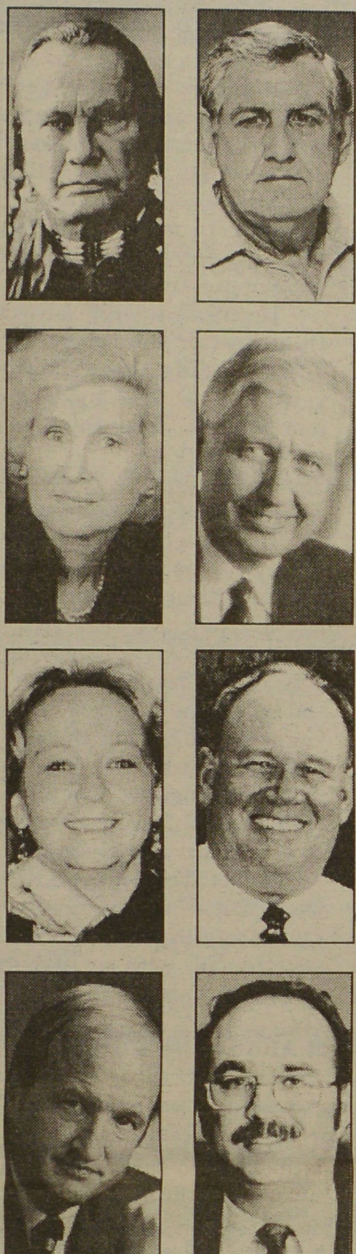
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people who themselves, less than a hundred years ago, were a despised minority.

Sorry, gang, we've got to keep looking.

— BENNETT RUTLEDGE

Littleton, Colorado

■ Second choice

Millions of people don't vote because they don't like either of the major party candidates and they don't think the "third party" candidate they really prefer has a chance.

And millions of people vote for what they consider the lesser of two evils, because they don't think the "third party" candidate they prefer has a chance.

I believe millions of those people would vote for the candidate of their choice if they could also vote for a second choice "lesser of two evils" candidate, if their first choice did not come in either first or second.

I intend to vote for Harry Browne, but I would like to vote for Bush as my "lesser of two evils" second choice.

So, under my system, if Browne did not come in first or second, my vote would go to Bush.

The beauty of this proposal is that the people and the politicians

would know how the people really felt about the "third parties." More people could vote and the voters would get much more influence with the politicians.

Just try to imagine the effect on Bush or Gore to know that his election was decided by X millions of voters who considered him the "lesser of two evils."

— JAMES W. PHELPS

Aurora, Colorado

■ The 'FairTax'

I would like to encourage all libertarians to learn about the FairTax, a plan to replace federal income, payroll, capital gains, and estate and gift taxes with a national sales tax.

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To learn more about the FairTax, call: 1-800-FAIRTAX. Or please visit: www.fairtax.org.

— ANTON PINEDA

Exton, Pennsylvania

Selecting Supreme Court Justices

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kind of judge a potential nominee would be.

The Constitution isn't written in Chinese, Swahili, or Esperanto. It is in plain English. We don't need anyone to translate or interpret for us.

Phrases like "make no law" or "shall not be infringed" are comprised of everyday words that require no search for "original intent" or "penumbras."

The Constitution means what it says it means — or it means nothing at all. And any judge who overrules the plain English of the Constitution is no judge at all — whether he's been appointed by a Republican or a Democrat.

Gore or Bush?

Will either Al Gore or George Bush choose judges on the basis of their respect for the plain words of the Constitution?

Of course not. They both believe in big government. They both believe your leaders know what's best for you.

Neither of them thinks of you as a sovereign individual with inalienable rights he should leave alone. And neither of them intends to have his grand plans for a Brave New World derailed by the plain words of the Constitution.

Al Gore doesn't want a Supreme Court judge who will strike

HARRY BROWNE:

"The Constitution isn't written in Chinese, Swahili, or Esperanto."

down his vision for federal pre-school programs. George Bush doesn't want a judge who will strike down his vision of federal school vouchers.

Neither of them wants judges who will keep him from meddling in education or violating the Constitution in any other way. Quite the contrary.

So why should you think you'll be any freer with a Bush Supreme Court than one selected by Al Gore? Do you believe George W. Bush is determined to keep the government's nose out of your business?

I don't think so. He can't wait to get his hands on the reins of power so he can use your tax money to promote his favorite charities. He can't wait to impose his concept of a good society on you.

Do you want smaller government?

If so, you will never get it so long as you support those who are making government bigger. You will never get it by inventing excuses to vote for those who are working to make government more expensive, more intrusive, more oppressive.

If you vote Republican or Democratic, you're giving up. You're saying there's no hope you'll ever be free, and so you're just going to make the best of a very bad bargain.

Vote for freedom

If you want freedom, you must vote for freedom — not for big government. When you do so, you may not get what you want this year. But you're paving the way to get freedom in your lifetime — maybe even in this decade.

But with the Republicans and Democrats, you'll never get what you want. Instead, you and your children will face an ever-larger, more intrusive government.

To get freedom, you have to vote for it — for candidates who are unconditionally for smaller government, with no exceptions and no excuses.

■ **About the author:** Harry Browne is the Libertarian Party's candidate for president. This article first appeared on www.WorldNetDaily.com.



The
Power of Just
One Signature

Do you think that our government has gotten too big and too powerful? Do you think a maze of bureaucrats and politicians are chipping away at the freedoms Americans used to take for granted? Do you think the Bill of Rights is being silently repealed — one precious freedom at a time?

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speaker: Jacob Hornberger (president, Future of Freedom Foundation). For information, call Diane Barnes: (810) 774-1625. Or e-mail: Dbarnes98@aol.com.

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Maryland LP Fall Convention, Timbuktu Restaurant, Hanover. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail: nsarwark@cuc.edu.

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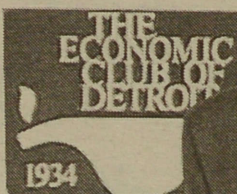
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