

# Minnesota Libertarian

The official newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota

## Minnesota Libertarians challenge the status quo

Libertarian candidates are actively campaigning from northern Minnesota to the Metro area to southern Minnesota. Churches, business groups, newspapers, radio and TV are all asking to hear from the candidates from the party of individual freedom, personal responsibility and much smaller government.

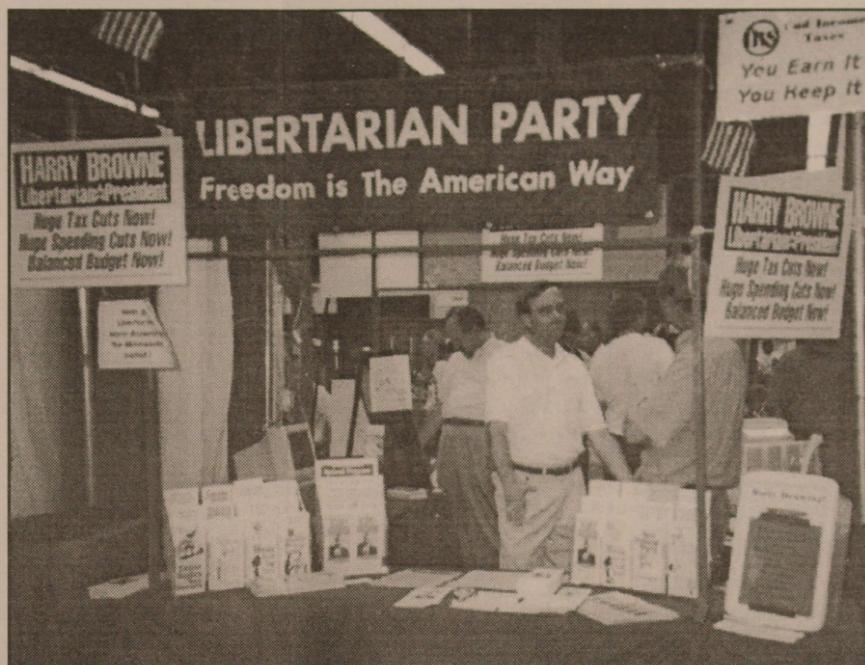
**Six Libertarian Party candidates plus Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen are on the Minnesota ballot VOTE Libertarian November 5**

Our candidates and vol-

unteers are out there knocking on doors, distributing thousands of pieces of campaign literature, going to local candidate forums and it is making a difference.

We are beginning to replace the Republican party in some races as the DFL's competition. At a recent Seward neighborhood candidate forum in Minneapolis, the Republican candidate for Minnesota Senate 62 race didn't bother to show up and the Republican candidate for Minnesota House 62A repeatedly agreed with the Green Party candidate.

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Another successful Minnesota State Fair for the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. Lots of interest in the party, the political position quiz board, our candidates and the issues we are raising. More people than ever have heard about us and asked for more information. Hundreds of new prospects were signed up and thousands of issue brochures distributed. The Libertarian Party continues to be the only party to offer concrete answers to the problems America faces.

## Harry Browne wallops Clinton, Dole, & Perot in online polls

WASHINGTON, DC —

In the political battleground of tomorrow — the Internet — both Bob Dole and Bill Clinton are getting trounced today.

The Republican and Democrat were both clobbered over the past week by Libertarian challenger Harry Browne in four separate online presidential preference polls

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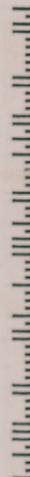
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# Libertarian candidate letters to the editor

## The constitution

Sept. 17, 1996 celebrates the 209th year of the signing of the Constitution.

The delegates who signed this Constitution in Philadelphia on Sept. 17, 1787 drew on the wisdom of the ages. This wisdom combined the best of the past in a conception of government of rule by "We the People" with limits on government which only purpose was to protect freedom. Our rights are actually called God given inalienable rights which were given to us by our creator, not early governments.

The Constitution recognizes this fact and does not place any limits upon our harmless activities as long as we remember not to use our rights in a manner that would harm another's rights. The only thing that was limited by the Constitution was the acts of government agents and public servants.

America is fortunate that its founding fathers' vision has not diminished through the years. The belief that man holds sovereignty over his life remains the cornerstone our government. Americans and millions

of other people the world over are indebted to those men for their belief in freedom and the Constitution. Also, for placing the sacred fire of liberty in the hands of the people.

At the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked, "What have we wrought?" He answered, "...a Republic if you can keep it."

As George Washington said, "That all people may know our heritage, and be so conscious of it, that it would be a means for liberty and freedom for the peoples of the world."

Today as Americans, are we conscious of our heritage? Or as some of us say, "I'm too busy to read the Constitution." My hope and encouragement is that more people read and understand what our American heritage is all about so that we know what our government should be doing and what it should not be doing.

**Larry Fuhol for U.S. Congress 8th District**

*(Editor's note: Reprinted from the September 11 Cambridge Star.)*

## Libertarians left out

I read with great interest the third installment on vying for the GLBT vote in "Politics in Gay Minnesota" (Lavender Magazine/August 16). I am glad to see recognition of third parties in print. But I did not see anything on the 25-year-old Libertarian Party. We support human and civil rights 100 percent.

Libertarians are for equal rights for gays. Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne has come out for gay marriage, as published in the Star Tribune. Most Democrat and Republican candidates would not have the courage to take these positions.

While other candidates may favor certain gay issues, they do not favor human rights. No president in history has assaulted human rights with the ferocity Clinton has. The 1976 vice presidential candidate and the 1984 presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party were gay, and gays continue to be important in the party.

I am the Libertarian candidate for the Minnesota Senate in District 62. Government

grows through failure; individuals and business grow through success. Government is not the solution to our problems. Our lives, both gay and straight, can first be improved by the privatization of government services. This will reduce taxes and improve services. Then, violent crime like gay bashing can be reduced by redirecting police efforts from victimless to violent offenses. Ending drug prohibition will take away gang profits, ending their turf killings. Only going after crimes with victims will reduce the government's assault on rights.

Why is police effort spent on harassing gays in Loring Park in Democratic Minneapolis? For that matter, why is there no restitution made to their victims?

As the party of tolerance, Libertarians welcome you. Let's work together for our rights.

**Bob Odden for MN Senate 62 Minneapolis**

*(Editor's note: Reprinted from the September 13 Lavender Magazine.)*

layers of bureaucracy and back to us, that we are supposed to get back more than they take. This is physically impossible. We get less. Locally controlled and funded public schools would be more responsive to the needs of this community and more efficiently use our tax dollars.

It is time to send a message to St. Paul. There is intelligent life out here. We can run our own schools. We can run them better than they can.

**Rich Osness for MN Senate 27 Austin**

*(Editor's note: Reprinted from the August 20 Austin Daily Herald.)*

## I agree

I certainly agree with your editorial in Sunday's edition. Another state agency for the purpose of evaluating public schools is not necessary. It would only make the situation worse.

But why stop there? Why not take a common sense approach to improving our public schools? Simply return them to local control and funding. This would end all of the political posturing by the governor and the state legislators. Policies and funding that come about for political reasons are seldom good for education.

Where would we get this money? The same place we do now, from us. For decades politicians have been telling us when they take money from us at a local level, send it through several

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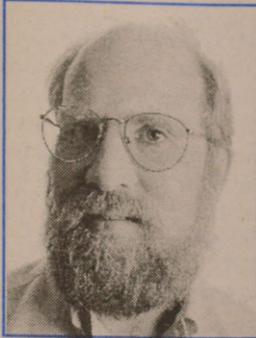
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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARTY CHAIR

Building on our successes since the 1994 elections, the Libertarian Party of Minnesota is expanding its activities like never before. Our mailing list has swelled to 5,000 names, an increase of over 60% in one year. We've added 285



Charles Test

libraries across Minnesota, college and university political science departments statewide and more media outlets to our newsletter mailing list.

We created a World Wide Web server (<http://lpmn.org>), tapping into Libertarian dominance of cyberspace. Libertarian Party press releases are faxed to 100 media outlets on a regular basis. All of this interest caused us to increase our circulation of the *Minnesota Liberation* newsletter to 14,000, a 40% increase in one year. This election, we are fielding six candidates in addition to the Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen ticket. This is the most active we have been in an election cycle for many years, perhaps ever. Our candidates are:

**Roy Carlton**  
(US Senate),  
**Larry Fuhol**  
(US Congress 8th Dist.),  
**Tim Knoedler**  
(MN Senate 6th District),  
**Rich Osness**  
(MN Senate 27th Dist.),  
**Jonathan Wirth**  
(MN Senate 55th Dist.),  
and  
**Bob Odden**  
(MN Senate 62nd Dist.).

The major media outlets are starting to notice us. Bob Odden was invited to debate with DFL incumbent Carol Flynn. The GOP challenger didn't show up, because **their** candidate was just a paper candidate. The League of Women Voters also invited Rich Osness to the debate in his district. News media, trade associations, and civic groups in the North Shore and Iron Range have been inviting Tim Knoedler to speak. Our candidates are becoming more visible than ever before, because **we** are replacing the Republicans and the Perot movement as the viable alternative. At this rate, it is inevitable that we will achieve major party status in either this election cycle or by 1998.

With growth and success come new challenges and inevitably greater amounts of work for us to do. We must begin preparing for our future campaigns today. We must identify candidates. We must organize campaign committees. We must raise campaign

war chests.

Once we earn major party status, we will be in the caucus and primary systems. That means we will need organizations in all 134 legislative districts and in all 87 counties. It's an awesome job, but we will do it. We have to. We've come this far, we've worked this hard, because we believe in standing up for everyone's freedom, on every issue, everywhere, all the time. Our efforts are paying off, and that means much greater efforts will soon be required.

We need you to invest in your future and your children's future by joining or contributing money or time to the Libertarian Party or any of its candidates. All the other parties know what Libertarians stand for. They know we will challenge their failed, big government policies. They know we will stand up for individual liberty and personal responsibility. They read the polls that say at least 20% of Americans are libertarian at heart. They read the polls that say 75% of Americans believe government is too big. They also know the power of each one of our votes in sending the message of small government loud and clear to the media and elected officials. The can hear us sending our message, loud and clear. They sense the appeal of our message of small government and of freedom.

## Minnesota Libertarians Celebrate at the "Meet the Candidates Picnic"

By Caryn Cohen

Around forty Libertarians, including family members, candidates, and several interested passersby gathered in Minnehaha Park on September 22. The group was easy to locate; one had to just look for the Libertarian flags and banners hanging from the trees. Billed as a "Meet the Candidates Picnic," the event gave all who attended the opportunity to become acquainted, talk politics, and enjoy the sunshine. Attending the picnic were candidates Larry Fuhol (US Congress 8th District), Rich Osness (MN Senate District 27), Jonathan Wirth (MN Senate District 55), and Bob Odden (MN Senate District 62). Even Tim Knoedler, who is running for Minnesota Senate in District 6 made the long trip from Saginaw, near Duluth.

Picnic attendees were asked to clean out their attics and basements and bring their favorite "white elephant," wrapped and

ready to be auctioned off to help raise money for the upcoming election. The picnic-turned-garage-sale idea was extremely popular and people arrived with items ranging from tennis rackets and leaf blowers to homemade wine and a hand-crafted wooden backgammon board. Attendees donated generously, knowing that their money would be used to promote Libertarian candidates on the radio and in print. After the auction, a game of "Trivial Pursuit for Dollars" was held; rather than winning money, however, individuals had to pay for the privilege of answering a question. Both events raised

approximately \$600 in donations for the Libertarian Party of Minnesota; not bad for some "white elephants" and a few trivia questions!

Libertarians agreed that the picnic was a success. In an election season when each day is a challenge, whether the activity is ballot access petitioning or campaigning while being virtually ignored by the major media, the picnic served an important purpose. It allowed candidates and members to pause and celebrate the Minnesota Libertarian Party's successes and rapid growth over the past several years.

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## College Libertarians organize at the University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus restarted its College Libertarians group this fall.

That brings the total number of student groups in Minnesota up to four. All the College Libertarian clubs in Minnesota - Moorhead State, University of Minnesota's Duluth campus, Hamline, and now University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus - have been organized within the past three years.

"It's heartening to see student activity picking up," said David Dean, a former LP of MN chair (1988-89) and a graduate student at U of M, Twin Cities. "College students

are one of the LP's greatest resources, as they provide us with both political savvy and enthusiasm."

College Libertarian activities so far have included both philosophical discourse and practical involvement. Club members have distributed literature for LP State Senate candidate Bob Odden, whose district includes the West Bank campus of the U. With some coaching from the group, Odden prepared for his debate with incumbent Carol Flynn, reviewing his statements on health care, welfare, education, the environment, and crime.

Those interested in joining, supporting, or

learning more about the U of M Twin Cities' College Libertarians can reach Shannon Daniels at [dani0138@maroon.tc.umn.edu](mailto:dani0138@maroon.tc.umn.edu) via the internet.

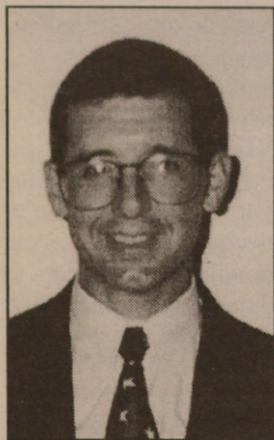
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Bob Odden appeared to be debating five big government advocates from the other four parties running in MN Senate 62. No wonder the voting public can't tell the difference between the two major parties.



**Roy Carlton for US Senate**

Roy Carlton has been calling into talk radio shows and responding to questions on the internet. He also met many people while at the LP of MN's state fair booth.

Carlton is a Detachment Commander at the 3rd Brigade, 84th Division (IT), U.S. Army Reserve. He obtained a B.A. from Augsburg College in 1983 in Accounting, and in 1985 in Finance.

You can e-mail the candidate at RCarl10353@aol.com & 104767.653@Compuserve.Com

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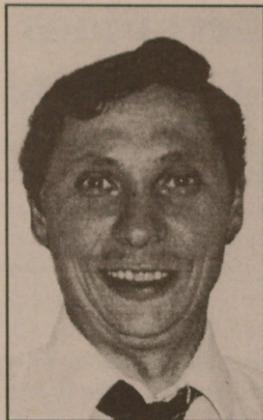
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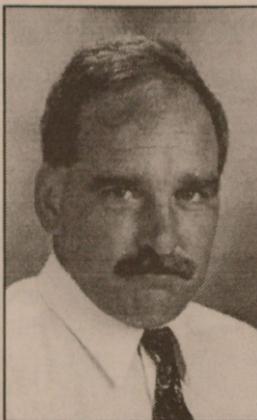


**Larry Fuhol for US Congress 8**

Larry Fuhol (pronounced "fuel"), Libertarian candidate for U S Congress 8th District, has been on the campaign trail for about a year now. He's been in at least twenty parades to date. The Fuhol for Congress campaign has outfitted two pickup trucks with banners and the statue of liberty. He reports cheering crowds as the Fuhol for Congress float passes. This past summer at an Aurora parade, in northern Minnesota, Larry tells the story of being sent to be with the other politicians. Wouldn't you know it there was the competition Jim Oberstar plus Skip Humphery and Paul Wellstone. Larry reports they became speechless with his appearance.

Churches in Elk River and Cambridge, JCs in North Branch have heard the libertarian message. Later this month the Nisswa JCs and motorcyclists at the Freedom Rally at the Medina Ballroom will get a chance to meet Larry Fuhol. On October 3rd the Duluth Tribune interviewed Larry Fuhol. TV Channel 9 in Bemidji has invited Larry to be interviewed on October 24. The North Shore media has been very interested in our candidates this year. There is much discontent with government control on the Iron Range and the libertarian message of keeping your money and controlling your own life is a welcome one.

Fuhol for Congress radio ads begin airing the two weeks before the election. Eveleth, Grand Rapids and Princeton stations will be airing the commercials. There are other events, interviews, forums, and parades still being scheduled. Larry Fuhol is running a great campaign and deserves your support of money or time.



**Tim Knoedler for MN Senate 6**

*From Tim Knoedler*

I gave a speech at a political forum sponsored by ELGHT (Fight Ineffective Government + High Taxes). There were about 100 members and 20 politicians. I mentioned Harry Browne's basic philosophy and proposed cutting State taxes by 50% immediately, saving big bucks by reducing the giant educational costs of bureaucrats and red tape. This group loved my speech, and one ELGHT leader told me he is a libertarian, as did a Republican party chairman.

I stopped at a local radio station that has an open invitation for candidates to stop and take a few calls. The host is Eli Miletech, a former Duluth Police Chief, who has a reputation as a person who stood up to the politicians. I got on air at 4:30 on Thursday 10/3/96, and Eli mistakenly introduced me as a Republican. The lines started lighting up with callers and Eli ended up having me on for the remaining 1 and 1/2 hours of the show.

During the show a border patrol agent called and seemed uneasy about his job of confiscating boats and cars if even one joint were found. I explained how he was violating the 4th, 5th and 9th Amendments, and he agreed, and even said that perhaps we should legalize drugs. Eli said that maybe we should do more to destroy drugs growing in foreign countries. I asked him if Islamic countries, which do not allow alcohol, would be justified in coming to this country to destroy Jack Daniels and Budweiser to stop the flow of liquor? He laughed and shrugged and said I had a point.

Several callers said that I was right on every

issue, and one asked me why only the Libertarians were talking about the corrupt Tax Increment Financing (TIF) going on in Duluth. I explained how we are the only Party that stands on principle. One caller thought that I was either a doctor, a lawyer, or an engineer, because Libertarians were all highly educated and wealthy, and gunnuts. When I said that I was none of these, she said then I must be a brilliant flower child or maybe a fascist. Eli jumped in, and scolded her for insulting his guest. During commercials Eli kept telling me to keep talking about taxes. He was getting a big kick out of what I was saying. Eli agreed 100% with me on everything but drugs, and seemed to have a lot of respect for the fact that I was open and straight forward in my comments.

On 10/4/96 I gave a speech to the Arrowhead Builders Group. I told them that all the permit fees and inspectors should go and their State taxes should be cut in half. They want the State to increase the requirements for contractors, to drive the bad ones out. I warned them that this would back-fire, because the State would use this to add to the red-tape, and regulations. When I was done their lobbyist jumped up and shook my hand; she didn't do this with any other candidate.

The Duluth News-Tribune editorial board interviewed me. The 3 Senior Editors were horrified by my views. A young reporter sat in, however, and kept grinning and scribbling as I made my points. The next day I dropped off *Why Government Doesn't Work* and some other material. He called me back and wants to interview me again on Monday. He said that he and the other reporter covering politics are really interested in the Libertarians. This is born out by the fact that Harry Browne has been the top story in the political report in the 2nd section of the paper the last 2 days. Progress is being made.



**Jonathan Wirth for MN Senate 55**

*From Jonathan Wirth*

I participated in a candidate preprimary forum in August, sponsored White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce.

Did a video taped talk at Hamline University on Sept. 19.

I've been busy filling out questionnaires. Working on a campaign brochure. Any volunteers to help hang the information on doors would be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday November 3, I'm scheduled to speak at the Pilgrim House Unitarian Church

There will be a live televised forum October 19, at the Suburban Community Channels (SCC) studios at Bellaire & County Road F in White Bear Lake. this is sponsored by the White Bear Press and SCC. Other forums I am invited to:

October 8 at Noon, First Presbyterian Church, 5th & Bloom, White Bear Lake, sponsored by White Bear Lake Woman's Club

October 24 at 7:00 AM, Burnett Realty, 4525 White Bear Parkway, sponsored by White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce.

I am still need committee members, a committee chair, and a campaign treasurer. Anyone interested please call me at 618-2198. Also, anyone willing to put up yard signs Please contact me.

My DFL opposition seems to have unlimited funds, and has been a professional politician since 1973. The Republican candidate is a professional lobbyist. Both are well-funded, well-connected, big government enthusiasts. I need all the manpower and monetary donations anyone has to offer, to help run a campaign against the big government guys.



**Bob Odden for MN Senate 62**

Bob Odden Libertarian candidate for MN Senate 62 has been knocking on doors and listening to the people in his neighborhood. The Libertarian message of tolerance and respect for the individual is being welcomed. Odden for Senate lawn signs are popping up through MN Senate 62. Thousands of voters have and will receive Bob Odden campaign literature. After a recent Seward neighborhood candidate forum Bob spoke at length with voters interested in the Libertarian alternative after they had heard from the other liberal DFL, Grassroots/Reform, Green, and Republican candidates. Bob Odden has a way of explaining libertarian philosophy one a one on one basis.



**Rich Osness for MN Senate 27**

Rich Osness has been busy in MN Senate 27. He's working hard on behalf of the voters of Freeborn and Mower counties. He was the only candidate to attend the Albert Lea Utopia Teen Dance Club fundraising rally in September. Rich also attended the American Association of University Women candidate forum on October 8. He'll be at the Austin Chamber of Commerce candidate forum and the Freeborn county League of Women Voters candidate forums on October 22.

The Osness for MN senate campaign plans to distribute 32,000 newspaper inserts in Austin and Albert Lea newspaper before the election among other activities. Rich Osness an Austin small business-man is going to make a big difference in the MN Senate 27 race.

# Harry Browne's platform (abbreviated)

## PREAMBLE

Government doesn't work. It can't deliver the mail on time, it doesn't keep our cities safe, it doesn't educate our children.

Government programs have failed. Government reforms have failed. Democratic and Republican politicians have failed. Government doesn't work.

Still, whatever the issue, Republican and Democratic politicians propose more government as the answer - even when, as is usually the case, it is government that has caused the problem.

Libertarians stand for individual liberty, self-responsibility, and freedom from government - on all issues at all times. If there's a problem, our first question is not, "How can government solve this problem," but "What government program must be eliminated to improve this situation?"

We are the only party dedicated to dramatically reducing government - and doing it now, not in some pie-in-the-sky future year.

We are the only party that recognizes that the federal government has expanded far beyond the small, limited government envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

We are the only party that believes the Bill of Rights is an absolute document, to be taken literally. Government has no right to violate the Bill of Rights in any circumstance.

This means:

- \* You, and every other person, have the right to speak and write freely - on paper, on the airwaves, on the Internet - even if the government and the politicians don't like what you say.
- \* You have the right to keep and bear arms - even if some lunatic shoots up a restaurant in Texas.
- \* You have a right to be safe from unreasonable search and seizure - even if a DEA agent thinks you fit his profile of a drug dealer.
- \* You have a right to financial privacy - even if an IRS agent demands to know everything about you. You have a right to the full use of your own property - even if some bureaucrat wants to declare your backyard a wet lands.

Because politicians have long disregarded the limitations of the Constitution, the federal government has exploded in size. It is intrusive, oppressive, and obscenely expensive. And we the people suffer from all its failed programs.

Government doesn't work. Its War on Poverty has expanded poverty. Its War on Drugs has created a huge, illicit drug industry, escalated drug use, and generated a crime wave in every American city.

Still, politicians of both old political parties insist that the next government program will work, will pay for itself, will improve America, will solve some social problem.

But government doesn't work.

## THE LIBERTARIAN DIFFERENCE

The overriding question in this Presidential election is: **How can we make the federal government much smaller?**

Democratic and Republican politicians try to pose as supporters of smaller government, but on issue after issue, they still call on government to solve problems.

The differences among them are trivial. But the differences between their positions and those of Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, are as different as night and day.

### Reducing Government

Democratic and Republican politicians are both responsible for the over bloated \$1.6 trillion federal government. Republican Presidents and Republican Congresses, Democratic Presidents and Democratic Congresses have all served to make government bigger and bigger and bigger.

With the exception of the retrenchment period after World War II, every President - Republican or Democrat - since Calvin Coolidge has left a government that's bigger than the one he inherited. We have to stop this trend.

Today, with the American public overwhelmingly anti-politician and antigovernment, politicians of both parties try to convince us that they, too, are for "smaller government," "lower taxes," "less regulation." But the specific proposals they make will all lead to bigger government.

- \* Democratic politicians play games by "reinventing government," even though every reform they propose makes government bigger and more expensive.
- \* Republican politicians play games by proposing to close down departments of the federal government, even though they intend to transfer the functions and expenses of those departments to other agencies - leav-

ing government just as big as ever.

- \* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, says government doesn't work - and he wants to remove the federal government immediately and completely from every activity not specified in the Constitution - education, energy, regulation, crime control, welfare, housing, transportation, health care, agriculture, and all the other areas the federal government has stuck its nose into unconstitutionally over the past 60 years.

### The Income Tax

The enormous tax increases of 1982, 1983, 1990, and 1993 show that neither of the old parties stands for lower taxes. Republican and Democratic politicians alike are quite willing to raise your taxes anytime, on any pretext.

Today they try to convince us that they have changed, that "We are all low-taxers now." But their proposals would only rearrange the existing tax burden. Because they have no concrete plans to reduce government significantly, there is no way they can lower your taxes significantly.

The income tax is the biggest government intrusion into the lives of the American people. It forces every worker to be a bookkeeper, to open his records to the government, to explain his expenses, to fear conviction for a harmless accounting error. Compliance wastes hundreds of billions of dollars. The income tax penalizes savings and creates an enormous drag on the U.S. economy. It is incompatible with a free society.

We must get rid of hundreds of federal programs, but we can't remove them one at a time, because each program has beneficiaries and supporters who will fight us. We can overcome their resistance only by combining all the spending cuts into a single package that includes the largest tax cut in American history - the total repeal of the federal income tax. That way most people can see that they'll save far more in taxes than they lose in subsidies.

By combining the reduction of government with the repeal of the income tax, every voter will know that the price of keeping today's federal programs is to continue paying the income tax. Every voter will know exactly how much he can gain by eliminating the complete package of unconstitutional programs.

But this isn't what politicians of the two old parties want. They like the power that comes from controlling your income.

- \* Democratic politicians like a progressive income tax that's based on the "ability to pay" - meaning that those who have earned the most by doing the most for others should be penalized the most. But their "progressive" tax rates somehow always hit middle-class Americans the hardest.
- \* Republican politicians pretend to be helping us by proposing to end the current version of the income tax, and replace it with a giant sales tax - or with a "flat tax" that contains so many wrinkles, it's actually just another progressive tax. But because they aren't reducing government, they are merely rearranging the same oppressive tax burden.

- \* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, wants to end the income tax and abolish the IRS his first year in office and replace them with *nothing*. By reducing the federal government to its Constitutional functions, we can do away with all direct taxes - the income, estate, gift, capital gains, and Social Security taxes - financing national defense and the federal judiciary with the level of tariffs and excise taxes being collected already. Harry Browne makes this offer to every American: Would you give up all your favorite federal programs - such things as farm subsidies, student loans, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and any other programs - in order to be free of the income tax forever?

[A proposed six-year federal budget showing revenues and expenditures, is laid out in chapter 24 of *Why Government Doesn't Work* by Harry Browne (245 pages, St. Martin's Press, available at any bookstore, \$19.95).]

### Government Spending

In their Alice-in-Wonderland world, when politicians talk about smaller government, they don't mean a government that is actually smaller. They mean a government that is smaller than some hypothetical government that is much larger than today's government. In other words, to a politician, "smaller government" means government that doesn't grow as fast he wants.

- \* Democratic politicians want a "smaller government" that continues to grow by 4% a year.
- \* Republican politicians want a "smaller government" that continues to grow by 3% a year.
- \* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, knows that

government doesn't work. He doesn't just want to stop government growth - he proposes slashing the federal budget 50% the first year as a first step.

## Education

There is no Constitutional authority for the federal government to be involved in education in any way whatsoever. The growing amounts of money and control coming from Washington have been matched by lower SAT scores, declining standards, more dangerous schools, and generations of Americans who have no basic education in history, geography, the Constitution, mathematics, science, or literature.

This doesn't bother the politicians, however, because they don't see federal aid to education as a means of raising literacy and knowledge.

- \* Democratic politicians want to use federal aid to education as a way to implement their social agenda.
- \* Republican politicians want to use federal aid to education as a way to implement their social agenda.
- \* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, knows that no federal educational program will work, and he wants to get the federal government out of education completely and immediately. The most effective way we can improve education in America is to repeal the income tax, so that you can afford to educate your child your way - in a private school that offers the curriculum you want, in a religious school that teaches the values in which you believe, or through home-schooling conducted your way.

## Crime & the War on Drugs

Before there were drug laws in America, there were no drug problems. And prior to the federal government's declaration of War on Drugs in the 1960s, there were no muggers on the street trying to support a \$100-a-day habit, no pushers on high school campuses trying to hook children on drugs, no gangs fighting over monopoly drug territories, no drive-by shootings, no crack babies, no overdose problems. Outside of the 14 years during alcohol Prohibition, nothing like this had ever been seen in America. It took the War on Drugs to make it happen.

- \* Democratic politicians like the War on Drugs just as it is - because they love the power it gives the federal government.
- \* Republican politicians want to *accelerate* the War on Drugs - by taking away more of your Constitutional liberties, by taking away more of your privacy, by turning America into more of a police state.
- \* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, says the War on Drugs is a total failure. Government can't keep drugs out of the country; it can't even keep drugs out of its own prisons. He wants to *end* the insane War on Drugs - which will take the criminal profit out of the illicit drug trade and bring peace to our cities once again. On his first day in office, he will pardon every one who has been convicted of a non-violent federal drug offense - to empty the federal prisons of the marijuana smokers and others who are no threat to society, and make room for the truly violent criminals and other thugs who escape prison through early releases and plea bargains to return to the streets and terrorize our citizens.

## Personal Values

The Constitution gives the federal government no authority to tell us how to live our lives. However, the politicians will not be restrained. They want to govern every aspect of our existence.

- \* Both Democratic and Republican politicians believe that Americans are dysfunctional children who need government to act as their parents. They both seek to impose their values in the most intimate personal and family relationships and admit to no limits on their authority to do so.
- \* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, respects the right of all Americans to choose and act on their own personal values, to work together in their families and communities to achieve the goals they set for themselves. Americans throughout their history have proven their ability to solve problems their own way, without government interference.

# Harry Browne news

(Internet polls  
continued from page 1)

"If the Internet is the future of politics, as many predict, then Dole and Clinton better watch out," said Sharon Ayres, campaign director for Browne. "Their campaigns seem stuck in the past, while Harry Browne is surging into the future."

Browne defeated Clinton, Dole, and Ross Perot in head-to-head match-ups on the AllPolitics World Wide Web site, the PoliticsNow site, a Boston Globe online poll, and an RTIS Cyberpoll.

**\* In an August 28 AllPolitics Virtual Election poll -- run by CNN and Time -- Browne won 32.9% of the vote, beating Dole (29.4%), Clinton (26.5%), and Perot (1%). Other fourth-party candidates**

**picked up about 7% of the vote.**

\* Browne won 40.2% of the vote in an August 19 PoliticsNow "Voter Booth" poll, beating Clinton (35.6%), Dole (22.6%), and Perot (0.6%). PoliticsNow is a joint project of ABC News, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, and the National Journal.

In the PoliticsNow survey, Browne displayed a surprisingly wide base of support. According to poll data, Browne was the favorite of 54% of self-declared independent voters, 6% of Democrats, 15% of Republicans, and 15% of Reform Party voters.

\* In an August 25 Boston Globe online poll, Browne roared to victory with 35.8% of the vote, beating Clinton (30.3%), Dole (26.3%), and Perot (6.3%). A

handful of other fourth-party candidates split about 1% of the vote.

\* In an RTIS Cyberpoll on August 28th, Browne -- with 60.5% of the vote -- romped over Dole (29.2%), Clinton (7.8%), and Perot (1.3%). The site is run by Real Time Internet Services, Inc.

\* Harry Browne won the *Mother Jones* first weekly online poll Oct. 4. A left wing magazine audience is not usually considered fertile ground for libertarian converts. Harry Browne's success reflects the Libertarian Party's dominance of cyberspace.

"All these online polls aren't scientific," cautioned Ayres, "but they show that when voters are exposed to a lot of information about all the candidates -- as they are on the Internet and World Wide Web -- the one candidate who

emerges as the clear favorite is Harry Browne.

"The surveys prove once again, as his supporters boast, that Harry Browne is the 'president of cyberspace.' Now our challenge is to turn his online support into public opinion numbers -- and votes on Election Day," said Ayres.

In the "offline" world, Browne is running an aggressive nationwide campaign, focused on talk radio. He has appeared on more than 250 radio talk shows over the past several months, won the endorsement of dozens of radio talk show hosts and major newspapers for inclusion in the presidential debates, and is in the process of wrapping up his drive for 50-state ballot status.

## New law won't end the lure of welfare benefits that attract immigrants, says Harry Browne

WASHINGTON, DC -

The immigration bill passed this week by Congress will accomplish little except to build "a 14-mile fence on our border that won't keep out the immigrants that government welfare benefits continue to lure," Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne charged today.

"This legislation gives Republican and Democratic politicians an opportunity to pose as tough on immigration and pander to the xenophobia of some voters," said Browne. "But this bill does nothing to reduce the lavish government benefits that helped cause this problem in the first place."

The legislation, signed by President Clinton this week, authorizes funds to build a 14-mile fence along the Mexican border, doubles the number of border guards, increases the number of INS agents, and establishes a prototype computer database for employers to check the nationality of job seekers.

It does not, however, reduce government-funded educational benefits for illegal immigrants, reduce government-funded AIDS benefits for legal immigrants, or restrict the ability of legal immigrants to collect public assistance.

"After years of luring immigrants with welfare benefits, politicians have decided it's time to build a fence to keep them out," said Browne. "But politicians won't admit that government hand-outs escalate the flow of immigrants. So Republicans and Democrats try to solve this problem - created by government - by putting another layer of government on top of it."

When elected President, Browne said he would move in a sharply different direction to solve the immigration problem.

**"We don't need to close down the border; we need to close down the welfare state," he said. "Once there is no more welfare gravy train, the only people who will want to come here will be those who want to work to build a better life for their families."**

**"At one time, America attracted only those from around the world who were seeking freedom - freedom from oppressive governments, freedom to build a future for their families through honest, hard work. A return to that kind of open, inclusive immigration policy would help build a more prosperous, vibrant America," he said. "We wouldn't need a 14-mile fence on our border that won't keep out the immigrants that current government welfare benefits continue to lure."**

However, Browne said, Republicans and Democrats continue to reflexively insist that more border guards, more laws, more fences, and more government spending is the answer.

"But government doesn't work, and this new government immigration policy won't work any better than the last one," he predicted. "The net result of tighter immigration laws will be higher costs to the taxpayer, more opportunities for corruption in law enforcement, and harassment of American businessmen - while illegal immigration continues unabated."

## Don't be "politicians' victims," Harry Browne tells Harvard students

WASHINGTON, DC -

Only innovative Libertarian policies can save America's young people from becoming "the politicians' victims" - and having to pay an 80% tax rate later in life, Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne said yesterday in a major speech about the next generation's issues at Harvard University.

"For decades, politicians have been promising money and 'free' benefits to almost every group they could identify. They made no provision to pay for these promises. Now the bills are coming due. And who's going to pay them? Today's politicians have found someone to pick up the check - you," Browne told the audience at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at the prestigious university in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"Why you?" asked Browne. "Because only a small percentage of young people vote. So

the politicians figure you'll pay the bills and your anger won't hurt them politically. As a member of Generation X, you are expected to pay for all the politicians' failed programs and grandstanding."

As the preeminent example of such a failed program, Browne cited Social Security.

"For years, they took money from your grandparents' paychecks and claimed to be putting it away in a Social Security trust fund," he said. "But there was no trust fund; they spent all the money as fast as it came in - spent it on the retirement of others, spent it on political pork-barrel projects and other reelection schemes, and even gave it to foreign governments to help them pay off their debts."

"Now the cupboard is bare. And they expect you to restock it. You are forced to pay 15% of your earnings [in Social Security taxes] for the retirement of others - even though you know that nothing you put

into Social Security today will ever come back to you."

While Republicans and Democrats either deny there is a problem with Social Security or promise to solve the crisis with minor tax increases, Browne said only a total privatization of the system will work.

**"The only way to 'save' Social Security from collapse is to get the government completely out of it," he said. "I want to sell trillions of dollars worth of unneeded federal assets to finance the liquidation of Social Security and buy private retirement annuities for senior citizens who are dependent on Social Security. Your grandparents will have guaranteed contracts with private companies that have never broken their promises - unlike the U.S. Congress. And you will be free of the 15% Social Security tax. This means if you earn \$30,000 a year, you will have \$4,500**

**more in your pocket every year."**

The only other option, said Browne, is for young people to meekly accept 70% to 80% tax rates later in life to keep a myriad of bankrupt government programs afloat.

**"Don't be the politicians' victim," urged Browne. "The Republicans and Democrats expect you to pay off their debts. This year, surprise them. Vote for Harry Browne -- the Libertarian -- for President."**

Browne spoke at the Arco Forum of Public Affairs at Harvard University to a mixed audience of students, faculty, and visitors on Tuesday, October 1. The speech was part of a three-day campaign swing through the New England area.



**Harry Browne for  
President**

**Jo Jorgensen for  
Vice-President**

## DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE THIS YEAR

The overriding issue this election year is *smaller government*. And on that issue, there is no real difference between the two old parties - no difference that could effect a real improvement in your life now.

**Only the Libertarians offers specific, workable, credible proposals to dramatically reduce the size, cost and intrusiveness of government.**

For years, you may have wasted your vote - giving it to candidates who have served to make government bigger and bigger. Don't waste your vote again by giving it to candidates like Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, whose entire careers have been devoted to making Big Government bigger.

**It's time to make your vote count for a change - time to vote for someone who is determined to make government much smaller now.**

If you cast your vote wisely, you can make a difference. But if you don't vote for what you want, you are throwing your vote away.

- \* **If you want huge tax cuts now, vote for them now.**
- \* **If you want huge spending cuts now, vote for them now.**
- \* **If you want a balanced budget now, vote for it now.**
- \* **In other words, if you want much smaller government now, vote for Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate for President.**

Stop voting against what you're afraid of, and start voting for what you want.

Vote for the only candidate who has the will and determination to immediately reduce government to a fraction of its size today.

Vote to take back your freedom, to take back your life. Vote to end the income tax and abolish the IRS. Vote to keep your earnings in your hands - to spend, to save, to give away as you see fit.

Vote to affirm your support for the small and limited Constitutional Government given to us by the Founding Fathers.

This year, vote for:

- \* **Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen for President and Vice-President**
- \* **Libertarians for Congress and the Senate**
- \* **Libertarians in state and local races.**

**This year, don't waste your vote.  
Vote Libertarian**

## Another newspaper endorses Harry Browne

Another newspaper has endorsed the Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen ticket for President. *OutNOW!*, a biweekly gay community newspaper in San Jose, California, gave its support to the Libertarian Presidential team in 1996.

Commenting on Harry Browne's views, the editors of *OutNOW!* write, "his positions on issues of importance to gay Americans are those we can endorse with a

clear conscience." The endorsement came in the October 1 issue.

The praise of Browne's views were contrasted with the "empty promises and symbolic gestures of Bill Clinton" and the "thinly-veiled intolerance" of Bob Dole.

Elsewhere, the Browne endorsement comments indicated that voting Libertarian is more pragmatic than voting for one of the older parties. "Voting for a

third party candidate may not have much of an effect on this election. But it sends a powerful message to candidates in 1998, 2000, and beyond: politics as usual is no longer acceptable conduct."

(The October 1, 1996, issue of *OutNOW!*, the biweekly gay newspaper in San Jose, CA endorsed Harry Browne for president. Their web site is [www.outnow.com](http://www.outnow.com))

## Some upcoming events Libertarian Party of Minnesota

Larry Fuhol for US Congress 8th District  
October 17 Nisswa JCs  
October 19 Freedom Rally Medina Ballroom  
October 24 9 PM KAWB-TV Channel 9 Bemidji interview

Rich Osness for Minnesota Senate 27  
October 22 7:00 PM  
Austin Chamber of Commerce candidate forum  
October 22 8:30 PM  
Freeborn County League of Women Voters candidate forum

Jonathan Wirth for Minnesota Senate 55  
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# LP of MN Outreach Report

## State Fair

The Great Minnesota Get Together, the State Fair, has come and gone, marking the end of yet another summer. The Libertarian Party information booth on the lower level of the grandstand attracted a large number of people who are gaining interest in alternative political parties. We got more than 400 people to sign up for a free six month subscription to the newsletter, and managed to finish our ballot access petitioning shortly after the fair opened.

It is very encouraging to have people take the political position quiz, watch them score solidly in the libertarian quadrant, and then learn they have never heard of the Libertarian Party. There is a substantial number of latent libertarians to be discovered; recent polls suggest 20% of the population have libertarian sentiments. Our information booths continue to be one of the most cost effective ways of presenting our principles to the

general public, and to find people who someday will be members of the party.

Our thanks to everyone who helped staff the booth: Josh Mercer, Bob Smith, Brent and Debby Jass, Rich Osness, Allan Anderson, Frank Germann, Mike McCarty, Larry Christianson, Eric Olson, Ken Poe, Mike Strand, Nick Nelson, Larry Fuhol, Mike Nietzel, Rich Klienow, Lise Dossi, Tom Young, Dennis Kurk, Richard Wheeler, Dave Wahlstadt, Jonathan Wirth, Anthony Sanders, Charles Test, Wes Wiggins, Robert Babione, Caryn Cohen, Rory McGovern, Bradley Lambson, Jim Davis, Roy Carlton, Colin Wilkinson and Ken Iverson.

## College Libertarians of America

The Libertarian Party of Minnesota has initiated a college outreach program in conjunction with the National Libertarian Party's college organizing efforts. Posters have been placed at various colleges in the

metro area. College libertarian clubs typically host forums, debates and discussion sessions. The outreach committee hopes to have an information booth at various colleges during the upcoming school year. Anthony Sanders has agreed to be the state contact for anyone interested in starting their own college organization. Anthony is the head of Hamline University's libertarian organization. If you are a student interested in forming your own college libertarian club, contact Anthony at (612) 641-2545.

## Information Booths

There are several gun shows in the metro area, the most prominent one being at the Minneapolis Convention Center on October 26 and 27. The computer show at the Convention Center is an event to keep in mind, which usually is held sometime in February. If you would like to help out at a gun show, or know of any other events which may be a good

opportunity for us to attend, please let us know.

## Cable Access

Rory McGovern, the long time media coordinator, has moseyed on to New Mexico. Ruth Mason will take up some of his duties, she will continue doing her usual fine job as camera person, producer, and editor. Nick Nelson will be attending producer certification training this fall, and I will continue to edit tapes and distribute them to Metro Channel 6 and several other local cable access channels. If you are interested in taking part in our video productions, we certainly can use all the help we can get. Cable access is one of our most promising outreach endeavors, allowing people to learn more about issues from a libertarian perspective. If you don't see any of our programs on your local cable access channel and they have a lot of dead air time, our programs will be more than welcome. Anyone can submit pro-

grams. Just contact them (they should be in the phone book under cable television) and contact me, and I will send you the programs as they are produced and edited.

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