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“We have created a model city . . .
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Everything that I could legally.”

— Louis Schimmel

By Greg Kaza

At first glance, Ecorse, Michigan, appears an unlikely place for a grand experiment.

Aging steel mills dominate the landscape in the 2.2- square-mile community of 11,000, located in a region known as Downriver Detroit. Downriver is typical of many of the “rust bowl” communities that dominate America’s once-great industrial heartland. Row after row of small, wood-frame houses stand in the shadows of the mills, home to three generations of steelworkers. Along West Jefferson Avenue, the bars and fast-food establishments are fighting a battle against creeping blight. Crack cocaine dealers have invaded from Detroit, decimating several surrounding neighborhoods.

But look beneath the surface and you will find evidence of a grand experiment unique in recent American history. Three years ago, Ecorse teetered on the brink of economic bankruptcy, the result of a \$6 million budget deficit caused by wasteful local spending.

Today, the deficit has virtually disappeared, along with most of Ecorse. The Ecorse city government, that is, which has been privatized to the point of near-extinction. “We have created a model city that nobody else in the country has,” explains Louis Schimmel, the man responsible for Ecorse’s grand experiment. “Some communities have privatized certain functions. I’ve privatized just about everything.

Everything that I could legally.”

Ecorse was unique before Schimmel’s appearance on the scene Downriver. It was the first Michigan community to be placed in receivership. Chief Wayne County Circuit Court Judge, Richard Dunn, appointed Schimmel receiver for the troubled community December 3, 1986, after city officials failed to comply with a court order to balance their budget.

Symbolic of the budget crisis was Ecorse’s animal control officer, paid \$45,000 annually before Schimmel’s appearance on the scene. “That’s an awful lot for collecting dead dogs,” Schimmel said. “I told Judge Dunn I didn’t want the (receiver’s) job if I had to do what the typical

politician has to do, which is make promises and then chase the taxpayers’ money to keep them. That’s how Ecorse got in the mess that it is in today in the first place.”

Schimmel’s first act as receiver was to discharge 40 paid political employees. “Cost was not important in Ecorse even though they were near-bankrupt. Having their political buddies, cronies, relatives, and friends on the city payroll had become more important than the taxpayer,” he said.

Schimmel’s second act was privatizing the 34-member Department of Public Works. Motor vehicle maintenance, snow removal, street and sidewalk repairs, tree trimming, water meter reading, weed

cutting, and a myriad of other activities are now performed by the private sector. For an encore, Schimmel sold the DPW building and the department’s equipment.

“They’re gone. It’s going to be difficult if not impossible to resurrect them from the dead,” he said.

Garbage collection was already handled privately, but Schimmel renegotiated the contract at a savings of \$120,000. The city boat-launching facility was privatized. The facility lost money under government control but is now turning a profit. Surplus buildings and abandoned city lots were sold to reduce the budget deficit, which has been cut to \$1 million. The arena, named

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Illustration for the Libertarian Party NEWS by Mary Kelley Crawford

Dick Boddie Seeking Party’s 1992 Presidential Nomination

Richard Benjamin Boddie wants to be the Libertarian Party’s 1992 presidential candidate. At the recent Wisconsin LP state convention, Boddie became the first party member to announce as a candidate seeking the Libertarian nomination.

Boddie, one of the most entertaining and enthusiastic speakers in the libertarian movement, said he was “very serious” about seeking the nomination. He has already met with a number of prominent libertarians, including Walter Williams, who, although mentioned as a possible candidate himself, recently gave a definite “no” to the possibility of a 1992 campaign.

“I believe that I could take our party to another level, if I get the nomination,”

Boddie said. “It would destroy several myths and create some dynamic activity nationwide—no, worldwide!”

One of the myths which would be destroyed, Boddie said, is that the Libertarian Party is made up of only white, male, middle-class elitists. Boddie, an African American as he terms himself, is 51 years old and holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Bucknell University and a law degree from Syracuse University.

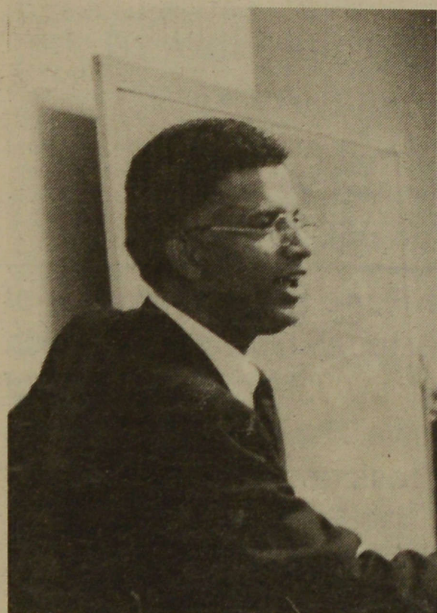
Boddie is the founder and president of The Motivators, a motivational speakers bureau in Huntington Beach, CA. He is also regarded as one of the leading experts in negotiation and conflict resolution.

In 1984, Boddie was the chief fundraiser

and road manager for David Bergland’s presidential campaign. Boddie said the experience he gained in 1984 would help him in his own campaign.

Boddie said his candidacy would be “unique enough” to generate a lot of publicity. Since the announcement of his seeking the nomination, Boddie has been on a number of local television talk shows, including three one-half hour interviews in Indianapolis, and has been prominently featured in several newspaper articles.

Boddie is married to the former Ann Lynette Snellings, has three daughters, and is the son of the Reverend Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie, one of the most renowned Baptist ministers in the U.S.



A Fond Farewell

By Karl Hess

I do have words of fond farewell now that I'm finally leaving the editorship of this paper and as the editorship is assumed by my best friend, Randy Langhenry.

The words are lovingly advisory, based upon my experiences with you—all of you.

Please do not ever let this party become as inner-directed as once it was. Do not let it serve the personal vanities of those who mainly want power, even power just in our own relatively small pond.

Keep your eyes focused on the world of your neighbors and your communities. Speak to them in their own terms, make your suggestions clearly in those terms, avoid unfamiliar cant and theory.

There is no part of libertarianism that cannot be applied to solvable problems, and in simple, practical language. We can avoid pompous phrases and ritual codes learned from people we may revere but might not understand. Echoing wise people may make us sound impressive. But being able to apply our individual creativity to locally solvable problems makes us respectable.

Judge for yourself, by actual performance, the effectiveness of those whose major energies are spent relentlessly attacking their enemies in the party—or the party itself—as compared to those who just keep slogging away at building the party, opposing restrictions against liberty, and winning those positions from which they can more effectively do it.

Think of whether you have ever met a libertarian who is more a threat to you than is a willing, serving agent of the state. More irritating perhaps. More dangerous? I doubt it. Happily, such libertarians are far more easily ignored than the agents of the state. Just say NO.

Libertarians agree on just a few things such as the non-initiation of violence, the personal responsibility for contracts, the association of property and person and personal liberty. But there are so many other things in which clever libertarians, dazzled by their own arguments, either do disagree absolutely or at least want you to think that they do in a sort of "ours is the side of the angels" pavan of purity. But the

fundamentals of freedom and liberty have a weight and purity of their own that keeps most libertarians—90 percent, I'd judge—attending to their own lives rather than wanting to intervene in everyone else's.

The party would be wise, in my view, to resist any effort, subtle or overt, to turn its governing body or its newspaper into the formulator and then disseminator of an official party line. What could more dishonor the promise of a party devoted to individual responsibility and liberty? Information and coordination may well be appropriate for such a party. Dictation and a party line would not!

When I was able to travel—the part of being a libertarian guest at so many of your homes and meetings that delighted me most—it was the neighborliness that attracted me most. It convinced me to join the party as a matter of fact. I've never regreted that part of my experience.

I regret and apologize for those times when my editorship of the Libertarian Party NEWS became a focus of factional fury. I deeply appreciate the fact that it brought me overwhelming support.

Please remember that Randy Langhenry and I have worked as one, and usually thought as one, for four years on the NEWS. I have never lacked his support or informed criticism nor has he lacked mine. Through it all, we have just grown closer.

I will watch with intense interest each issue that he edits. I hope that all of you will give him the sort of support you have given me. Randy deserves it.

Perhaps most important of all, he believes in your individual abilities to make and report the good news of expanding liberty and to prudently warn against threats to it.

Randy is not, as I never was, interested in creating some sort of *illusion* of success through word juggling and mere graphics grandiosity. He is interested in the real success stories, the real difficulties of a party of responsible people—acting responsibly and speaking that way to their neighbors.

The Libertarian Party NEWS is passing into very good, honest, and strong hands. I earnestly hope that you will let it remain in those hands for a good, long time.

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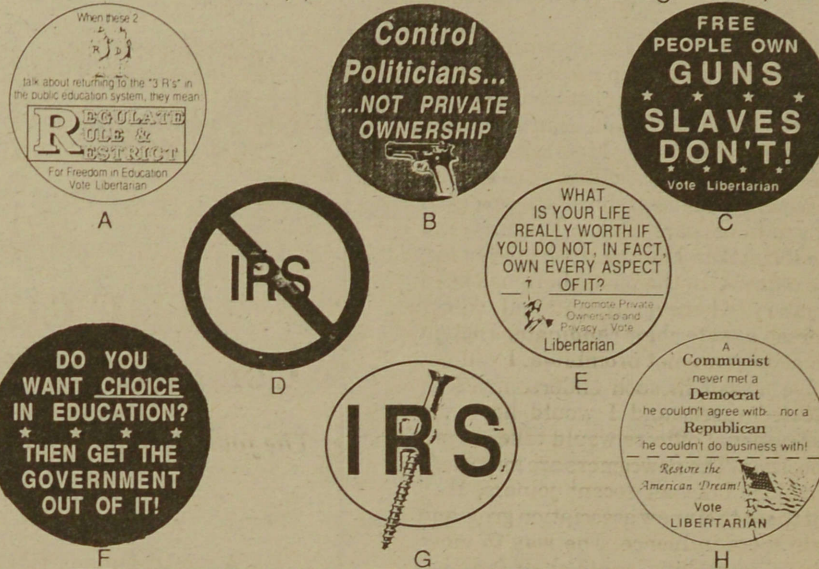
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New Members Want, Offer Action

By Dave Walter
LP National Chair

Since the beginning of 1989, the number of Libertarian Party contributing members has increased 40 percent. Many of these newcomers are just beginning to make their presence felt in our state party affiliates as they assume committee posts and run for office for the first time. This "new blood" will be providing the largest portion of the party's leadership in just a few years.

Many of them write to me with various requests. Some want to recommend that "National remove (their) state chair" because of some perceived shortcoming—usually, lack of action. Members have to understand that state officers are elected by the state's membership, not appointed by the national party. All hell would break loose if NatCom had the power to remove state officers. In the past, there has been an outcry whenever a national officer endorsed a state chair candidate. Though such actions are not prohibited, I will not involve myself in such endorsements in contested races, and I would hope the other national officers would take a similar position. The newcomers are impatient for action. Like all recent joiners, they want to see their new association grow and obtain more influence. The way to move aside a "do nothing" state chair is to become active in your state party, attend the convention, carefully consider the candidates for chair (or persuade a better one to run), and get other delegates to back your choice. Yes, we still have state chairs who are comfortable with an LP that marks time, that doesn't recruit new members, that slumbers through the election season. No, that isn't the kind of LP you wanted to join or will long tolerate. Get involved and maybe your enthusiasm will rub off on the old-timers.

Another thing they write about is what I call "magic bullets." These are ideas for projects that will sweep the LP to power and rout the statistics "if only the national party will throw all its resources behind" thus and so. Now, maybe there is a "magic bullet" that will slay the dragon. Certainly, there are successful strategies that can catapult groups from near obscurity to prominence, if not victory. Sometimes it is a carefully crafted plan that addresses an unfilled need of the voters. But it is unreasonable to expect the national party to drop everything it is doing and focus on a new and unproven strategy. Unproven is the operative word. The best way to get national to take serious notice is to put your idea into operation locally or in your state. If the voters come running in droves because you run ads in a certain publication or because they love the unique expression of libertarian values in your candidate's program, you can rest assured your success will inspire others to try the same tactic. Everyone is geared to report on your successes: the NEWS, the Affiliate Party Committee, the Council of State Chairs, Campaign '90, the Outreach Committee. Do it! Show us!

The enthusiasm of our newcomers is infectious. They want the party to grow and win. They are not willing to accept one percent of the vote or a state organization that doesn't even want to run candidates. They've asked me, "Isn't the purpose of a political party to run candidates for public

office?" Why do we so often allow the answer to be "no?" Now, I want to make it clear that most of them are not starry-eyed dreamers who believe they will win on the first try. No, they are reasonable enough to realize the voters probably won't embrace Libertarian candidates when 90 percent haven't ever heard of the LP. They know how hard it will be to break through in states where the old parties have traditions going back a hundred years or more, or where non-partisan elections are unheard of. But don't tell them they can't

win! Some have the talent for raising monies, an articulate grasp of libertarian principles, a political personality, and the luck to be in a favorable district. They will, and should, run to win even if they know, deep down, that it is unlikely this time.

So, newcomers, jump in and get involved. Don't let your enthusiasm be damped because some of today's leaders tell you it can't be done, that they don't want a candidate who can't win or even get 15 percent. No one I know thinks hard work or outside events can put the LP on

top in five years. But that doesn't mean we should behave like we expect it to take one hundred years. The 1990 election shouldn't be skipped because "we'll save up to do really well in 1992." And we shouldn't lay back in 1992 because "by 1996 the voters will be ready for a Libertarian candidate."

There's a national public service campaign on to urge Americans to donate five percent of their income and five hours each week to the charitable organization of their choice. Many of us do that for the LP and many more could. I hope the newcomers will get in the habit, because if they do we will taste victory and see freedom in our time.



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Arizona

At the recent state convention, "None of the Above" was elected to all positions, except treasurer, on the executive committee. NOA is now the official state chair. The party decided that if Libertarians can't eliminate bureaucracy, how can they expect government to eliminate it. All organizing will be done on the county level for now, and the party will re-evaluate this experiment next year.

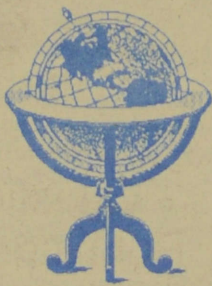
California

In San Francisco, Proposition "O," the initiative that makes it official city policy to legalize the sale of hypodermic syringes, passed during the June 5 election by a 54 to 46 percent margin. "O" was sponsored by the San Francisco LP. They collected over 15,000 signatures to get the initiative on the ballot. City officials will now be calling on the state to deregulate the sale, manufacture, and ownership of hypodermic syringes. The proposal was designed to help stop the spread of AIDS.

Greta Bickford has recently been appointed to the Tidal Protection Project Coordinating Committee by the Corte Madera Town Council. San Francisco Bay is rising and could eventually inundate the bay front of Corte Madera, Bickford reports. She plans to work with the Reason Foundation to explore various non-coercive ways (not taxes) of raising money for the project.

In Modesto, John Flint, Mike Pullen, and Steve Gerringer, three very dedicated Libertarian activists, have been paying \$30 a month for 10 years to rent space on a bus stop bench. The bench is directly across the street from the IRS headquarters. Painted in big, bold letters are the

Around the States



words "Taxation Is Theft!" As the "California Libertarian News" points out, every time "IRS employees enter or leave the building, or gaze out the window from their offices, they are reminded of the truth of their employment."

Georgia

The state LP is sponsoring a "Sound Bite Contest." The idea is to come up with a 10-second statement—the kind used by the electronic media—that summarizes a Libertarian position and grabs the attention of the media and the public. The contest is designed to come up with some good "bites" that address issues which will be hot in the Georgia fall campaign.

Kansas

The ballot drive is under way with an expectation of needing 27,000 signatures to assure the nearly 17,000 valid signatures needed. The state party has agreed to pay \$12,000 to John D. Foster, a long-time libertarian activist who has established his petition collection organization as a business enterprise, after the secretary of state certifies the state LP for ballot status.

Kentucky

Members are planning on meeting with Democrat Gatewood Gailbraith, a candidate for governor, who has come out in favor of decriminalization of marijuana.

It's also good news to hear another student Libertarian group is being formed—this one at the University of Louisville.

Louisiana

A ballot access bill, HB 1592, which was drafted by the state LP, has been introduced in the state legislature. Among other things, the bill would change a present law which does not allow a party's name on the ballot next to the candidates unless the party received at least five percent of the votes in the previous presidential election, or has at least five percent of voter registrations. The bill also allows ballot access if a small party meets certain recognition requirements.

Maryland

Student Scott Capehart has recently organized a new Libertarian campus group at St. Johns' College in Annapolis. Their first meeting lasted several hours with lots of interest in libertarianism and international relations.

New Hampshire

Albert Hajjar, president of the London-derry Taxpayers Association and a former Republican, and Alfred Johnson, president of the Sullivan County Citizens for Tax Relief and a former member of the Populist Party, have joined the LPNH in recent months. Hajjar said that by working together the two groups can "put us (the U.S.) back on the proper track of good management without breaking the taxpayer's back with spiraling taxation." Johnson noted that, as taxpayers, "we must get involved if we are to keep what freedoms we have now. We cannot allow any

more encroachments, the losing of rights or liberty. We've got to work together."

North Carolina

The state party has an impressive list of projects under way, covering such topics as: ballot access, drug decriminalization, political outreach, women's issues, family issues, right to self defense, food tax abolition, campus outreach, charitable projects, and the environment.

Ohio

Members in Cincinnati are putting together a list of local experts on various libertarian subjects who can be consulted by the news media when questions arise.

Oregon

Richard C. Lamson has taken on the job of producer for "Libertarian Update," the Washington County LP's cable television news show. Each show is aired three times a week for two weeks, unless a higher priority show develops. Other party members who volunteer time include Tristan and Tina Reisfar, Mike Wilson, Mike Heidling, Bill Udy, Walter Gorman, and Martin Buchanan.

Utah

A portion of the I-15 highway in Salt Lake City will be cleaner this year and the state LP will be getting some great free publicity, thanks to the party's participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. State party members will now be responsible for removing litter along a section of the highway—the most traveled route in the state, by the way—and the state Department of Transportation will provide a sign giving credit for the clean-up to the state LP. Free publicity and a great example of "privatization" in action. Contact your local DOT for information on the "adoption" program.

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Political Adversaries Find Common Ground

By Jack Jones and Mark O'Mara

The dominant political parties usually hold debates, which emphasize their differences and polarize them, each trying to "win" the debate. But three alternative political parties recently held a "non-debate": that is, a search for common ground.

The three political parties, with apparently very different beliefs, were the Maryland Green Party Organizing Group, the District of Columbia Socialist Party, and the Maryland Libertarian Party.

Yet, the non-debate process that was used in the May event resulted in a friendly conference, with common ground reached on several specific issues related to pollution, property rights, and political institutions.

Starting in groups of two on each topic, participants built up larger groups reaching agreement, until common ground was reached by all people discussing that topic.

In some cases, an apparent disagreement was resolved by rewording a statement, to achieve a synthesis of the viewpoints.

The issue group that discussed the topic of pollution reached agreement that polluters should be held fully responsible for any injuries or damage they cause, rather than continuing the system of limited liability. There was common ground that government should stop subsidizing pollution, over-consumption, and ecosystem destruction. The group agreed that private or cooperative ownership of resources is appropriate for good care of those resources.

On the property rights issue, the group reached common ground that voluntary participation in particular uses and exchanges of property is preferred to forced participation. It was agreed that those who had been the users of particular property had, through their use of it, at least a partial claim on its ownership. The owner-

ship and control of many things today, including land, should be more decentralized, and organizations should be run from the bottom up, rather than the top down.

An issue group on political institutions reached common ground that there should be more direct democracy, including: the right to recall of a representative; referendum; ballot initiative; easier ballot access for third parties, with proportional representation in elections (rather than "winner-take-all"); the right to sue the government; and a genuine trial by common law jury (where the jury is reminded that it has the right to judge the law as well as the facts of the case).

The statements agreed upon, of course, represent the participants in those issue groups at the conference, and are not official statements of any of the three political parties. Those present expressed interest in further searches for common ground, to include other organizations as well.

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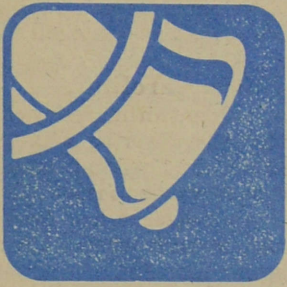
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Now is the Time for All . . .

Emergency—Act!

By Tomas Estrada-Palma
and Larry Monaghan

A new bill, HR 4079, co-sponsored by Representative Newt Gingrich and Senator Phil Gramm, would open the way for American concentration camps to be built, and thereafter permit the state to round up suspected drug users so they can be forced to work without compensation for the state.

"The Drug and Crime Emergency Act" drips with patriotism as Gingrich tries to vaguely connect the freedom movement in eastern Europe with America falling deeper and deeper into "the slavery of drug addiction."

The bill proposes suspending the Constitution for five years so millions of illegal drug users can be held by the state in concentration camps. All internees will be forced to work and if anyone is caught with drugs in the camps they will have one year added to their sentence each time—with no right to appeal.

“The bill proposes suspending the Constitution for five years . . .”

HR 4079 calls for declaration of a five year national state of emergency—in essence, martial law. It proposes reopening the concentration camps of WWII, using active and inactive military bases as prisons, and a new privately owned prison system as well. To aid in accomplishing this, the 4th Amendment, the 8th Amendment, and habeas corpus are either superseded, redefined, or disallowed. A provision has been built in to allow the government to purchase goods manufactured by prison slave labor. To insure the duration of this labor force, all previous maximum sentences would be changed to minimum sentences. New mandatory sentences would be established, and probation, parole, and suspension of sentences revoked.

To provide an even greater pool to draw from, mandatory drug testing of just about everyone above junior high school level has been included. The resolution carefully avoids addressing the funding necessary.

Even after 30 press releases were sent to all the national and local news outlets by Maryland LP members, there has been practically no mention of the bill in the media. The state evidently is hoping to sweep this bill into law right under our noses while we are all preoccupied with other events taking place around the world. Surprisingly, the response from libertarians as well as mainstream folks has been one of complacency.

Everyone needs to make phone calls and write letters. Direct your correspondence to the media and your representatives, as well as Gingrich and Gramm. If they don't think you care about this bill becoming law—it will! Act now or cry behind the barbwire later.

Books to Lithuania

By Marla Bottemiller
LP National Field Coordinator

Early in May, a delegation of Lithuanian economists visited Milwaukee and expressed an interest in receiving books on free market economies, agriculture, and starting new businesses, in order to aid the rebuilding of their country.

The LP of Wisconsin decided to honor their request by collecting and shipping books to Lithuanian citizens.

After collecting books and packing materials, eight members of the Wisconsin party met for a book-mailing work session. It was learned that packages should be less than 12 pounds, so as not to draw too much attention. Approximately 140 pounds of books in 14 boxes were assembled and shipped along with a letter in both English and Lithuanian telling of our support and asking them to let us know if the books were received.

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As noted last month in the NEWS, books and donations can be sent to Mary Roffers, 2462 Lake Shore Road, Grafton, WI 53024, or call 414-375-0068 for more information. Every box of books costs about \$11 to ship to Lithuania.

Personal Touch

Several party members have written about another organization which offers more direct, one-to-one contact.

A businessman in Minnesota wrote letters to media outlets in Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and the Soviet Union, offering to correspond with anyone interested in learning more about "democracy and free enterprise." He felt people there would be looking for direction, support, and encouragement.

He was right. He has been receiving nearly 1,000 letters a week from eastern Europeans wanting "pen pals." The volume of mail has been so heavy he has had to form a non-profit organization and has over twenty volunteers working on mail coordination and program development.

Each American volunteer writer is matched by age, interest, occupation, or whatever with a European. Several Libertarian Party members already have "pen pals" through this program and see this as a method of establishing hundreds of contacts in eastern Europe, and of spreading the libertarian message on a personal basis.

If you are interested in participating in this program, write to: World Contacts Network, 14370 Fairway Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. They are requesting \$4 to help defray the costs. Cheap enough to get the name of someone who really wants to learn about individual freedom and the free market system.

Q & A

Questions and Answers about Running for Office as a Libertarian

By Steve Dasbach and
Andre Marrou

Q: Can I run as a Libertarian and be elected?

A: If you are an active member of your community, then you can run for office as a Libertarian and win. If you aren't active in your community, becoming active should be your first step.

Q: What do I need to do to win?

A: Campaign '90 will be happy to provide you with specific information on how to win your election. In general, you will need to recruit a campaign manager and precinct captains; research your district and the last election; outspend the incumbent by 2 or 3 to 1; and use the medium of today, television, to get your message across to the voters.

Q: I don't think I can win this election. Should I still run?

A: YES! You can use your campaign to raise libertarian issues and present libertarian solutions. More importantly, your campaign can build your local Libertarian organization and lay the foundation for winning in the next election. Also, in some cases your race may allow the LP to gain (or retain) ballot access.

Q: How can I use a campaign to build my local Libertarian organization?

A: Our research shows that 10 to 20 percent of the people who request information about the Libertarian Party go on to join and become active members. If you focus your campaign on generating inquiries for more information, you will produce more LP members and increase the chances of victory in the next election.

Q: What office should I run for?

A: In general, choose the smallest partisan office available. The number of votes needed to win is smaller, less money has to be raised, and you will be able to personally meet more of the voters. Also, voters are more likely to vote for a Libertarian candidate for a lower office.

Q: Should I set a goal for my campaign?

A: DEFINITELY! The goal(s) you set should be measurable. Without a definite, measurable goal, there is no way to judge the success of your campaign. If you can't judge success, you are more likely to consider the campaign a failure.

Q: What should I set as a campaign goal?

A: If you are running to win, your goal is obvious: 51 percent of the votes cast. You should estimate how many votes that will be and use that number as

your goal.

If you are running to gain (or retain) ballot status, your goal is whatever percentage (or number of votes) it takes to do that.

If you are running an organization-building campaign, your goal should NOT be set in terms of votes, UNLESS you are prepared to advertise on television. A candidate who is not running to win and not advertising has very little control over the number of votes he or she receives. Your goal instead should be set as the number of inquiries (for more information) that you will generate. Remember, between 10 to 20 percent of the inquiries you generate will become active members of the Libertarian Party.

Q: Can I really afford to use television in my campaign?

A: YES! Television ads can be inserted on local cable stations (CNN, USA, ESPN, MTV, etc.) for less than \$100 per ad. It will cost about \$1,000 to produce your own ads; however, if you are running an outreach campaign you could use the ads available from the national LP and record your own tag line to qualify for the political candidate rate.

Q: What services are available from Campaign '90 to help me in my campaign?

A: Campaign '90 will be offering intense support and training for a limited number of state legislative candidates who are running to win. We hope to raise matching funds for the most serious and successful of these candidates.

For outreach campaigns, we will be running a series of candidate training and support teleconferences. Participating candidates will receive an audio cassette on the topic of the teleconference during the prior week. The teleconference will put a group of six to eight candidates together with an expert on the topic for discussion and allow for questions and answers. Each teleconference will also provide candidates with the opportunity to share problems, concerns, ideas, and successes. Topics will include fundraising, setting goals, working with the media, advertising, public speaking, and other topics of interest. The only cost to the candidate will be the phone call.

Q: All right. I've decided to run. When should I get started?

A: Right now! Call Steve Dasbach at 219-432-7430 (Indiana) to begin receiving information on available Campaign '90 services.

Steve Dasbach is chair of the Affiliate Campaign Committee (Campaign '90), and Andre Marrou serves as an honorary co-chair.

Right-to-Work Laws

Former union organizer Bruce Baechler has his facts badly confused regarding compulsory unionism, Right-to-Work laws, and libertarian principles.

The problem of compulsory unionism arises with the pro-compulsory unionism federal law—a law which not only authorizes compulsory unionism, but compels employers to bargain with union officials over employee freedom (one of several points on which Mr. Baechler is ignorant of the law).

Right-to-Work supporters are working to change the federal law which creates the compulsory unionism problem. Sometimes our proposal is called "a National Right to Work law." However, what we propose does not add new federal legislation. Instead, it would repeal the compulsory unionism authorization inherent in federal law.

Meanwhile, until the federal law can be brought in line with America's tradition of individual freedom, Section 14(b) of the National Labor Relations Act permits each state to protect its citizens from federally-authorized compulsion by passing state Right-to-Work laws.

Right-to-Work supporters oppose any law, state or federal, which places the privileges of union organizers ahead of the rights of individual working people.

Reed Larson

President

National Right to Work Committee

Pollution is a Trespass

Monroe County's regulation against smoking (May 1990 LP NEWS cover photo) is perfectly consistent with the Libertarian platform, if not libertarian philosophy. The Libertarian Party platform says "Pollution of other people's property is a violation of individual rights." This sentiment is echoed in the LP program—"Pollution is a trespass." If it is wrong for an individual factory or powerplant to spew out smoke, why is it right for an individual person to do so? If you have no property rights in the air surrounding you in a restaurant, how can you have them in the air surrounding your house? The argument that you have a choice about whether or not to patronize a particular restaurant or "public area" is meaningless since you obviously also have a choice about whether or not you live in the vicinity of a powerplant or highway.

Does being a consistent advocate of liberty mean that some individuals can do things that other individuals are not allowed to do?

Michael Rosfeld
St. Charles, MO

Bart Simpson for President

I think I may have come up with the ultimate political campaign idea that will put us on the map. I think it's a terrible shame that 1990 isn't a presidential election year,

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because if it were, Bart Simpson of "The Simpsons" television show would surely garner a tremendous percentage of the vote. Do you catch where I'm going?

Let's face it. Somewhere out in America, there is a real Bart Simpson who is getting teased to death about his name. I propose that in 1992, the Libertarian Party run as its presidential candidate a real Bart Simpson. Finding a real one and talking him into running for president will not be easy. But think of the publicity we'd get if we could. Instant name recognition for our candidate. Easy ballot access during petitioning. It would be a major coup, and loads of fun. Just think, maybe the real Bart Simpson would even believe in libertarian ideas.

Sally Anne Moore
Cincinnati, OH

Pro Choice: A Red Herring

In his letter, "Pro Choice on Everthing," (May 1990 LP NEWS) Fred Cookinham said that "the shrewd reader [of this slogan] should grasp that" it clearly implies: "That Does Not Violate the Free Choices of Others." Should we assume that all readers are shrewd?

"Pro choice" is a red herring; it distracts attention from the charge that abortion is homicide. It leads many to think that the only issue we need discuss is choice. Act as if the "Others" are non-persons, and there is nothing further to discuss, is there?

Robert Raffealli (May 1990 LP NEWS) at least raised prenatal personhood and when our right not to be killed begins. Libertarians for Life's literature presents arguments in both biology and philosophy defending the view that personhood begins when our lives begin: at conception, and therefore, why abortion violates the basic libertarian obligation not to initiate force.

Doris Gordon
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Lear

I'm writing regarding a column in the June issue of the LP NEWS titled "LNC on Panama Letter."

Yes, I did reject the apology that I had to fly to Austin to get. It must have just slipped

the LNC's mind to mention why I rejected the apology. I had asked that a formal policy, barring this type of fundraising, be adopted. They did not grant that. I also asked that funds raised in Phillip Lear's name not be used to promote views contrary to those he supported and advocated in life. I also expressed my willingness to compromise on this issue. The LP almost had it right when they said, "... redirect these funds to a charity of which Mr. Lear would have approved." Yes I did say that, but (this must have been another slip of the mind) I had said one that would satisfy both Phillip's memory and the donors good conscience. Another compromise I was willing to accept is that they keep the donations only by confirmation (either written or phoned) from the contributors. (Mentioning that must have also slipped their mind.) These were immediately rejected. Which leads me to wonder if they have faith in their position in this situation? Or, if they have faith in their donors? Another bypassed request of mine was that I be allowed to publish an accurate description of Phillip Lear in their LP NEWS. Thanks to some individual LNC members' advice, here is my story in the form of a letter to the editor. Finally the letter I received in Austin, Texas lacked the signature of Mr. David Walter, whose signature it was that was on the offending fundraising letter. The LNC is defending him by claiming that it wasn't Mr. David Walter who wrote the fundraising letter. Maybe I'm just getting old and out of touch with things, because I've always believed that a person who signs their name to something takes full responsibility for it. Another slip of the mind for the LNC is that there was more than just one offending paragraph in the fundraising letter. With quotes such as the following, how can it be argued that the funds were not raised in Phillip Lear's name. "Let us remember Phillip Lear in all that we now do to end the horrible scourge of 'behave others,'" and "I leave you with one final thought. Phillip Lear . . ." In short it was an incomplete and insincere apology.

Literature that I've read on Libertarian philosophy, in absolutely no way, supports

the Panama/Phillip Lear fundraising letter. Your own party platform does not support the fundraising letter. I thought that individualism, voluntary consent, individual responsibility all meant something to true Libertarians?

Is it the leadership or do I need glasses?

Jeniece LaCross
Port Orchard, WA

Anti-Freedom?

Anti-hunting, anti-abortion, anti-gun, anti-smoking, anti-fur, anti-prostitution, anti-gambling, anti-mining, anti-trapping, anti-logging, anti, anti, anti . . . , anti-freedom?

While the rest of the world is striving for freedom, America appears to be throwing it away.

If we Americans do not stop imposing our will upon each other and tend to our own liberties, America will no longer be the land of the free.

All individuals are born with inalienable rights, the right to live his or her life as desired. No person or persons should have the right to rule over another, even if they have the consent of the majority.

The chant of our forefathers was "Give me liberty or give me death." Not anti, anti, anti.

John L. Taylor
Gardnerville, NV

Adopt a Costume

In the June 1990 LP NEWS, mention was made of the successful tax protest made by the Nevada party. Orchids to them.

I'm sure you are aware that a very effective protest was put on here in Houston, Texas. I didn't even know that it was coming until I had the pleasant surprise of seeing it on the six o'clock news. That the media even noticed them was pleasing.

One of those demonstrating, I believe it was John Kormylo, was wearing a 1776-style costume, complete with the three-cornered hat so popular in that era. That may have been the thing that got the TV's attention.

I don't know how common this practice is among Libertarians, but it seems that it would be a good idea to adopt that costume (or at least the hat) as a "uniform" to be worn on occasions when we want to be noticed. For instance, at Libertarian Party conventions; or better still, outside the Republican and Democratic meetings.

Bill Williford
Houston, TX



Ecorse, Michigan: A Grand Experiment

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for a local politician, now houses a small business operated by an entrepreneur.

"His company is happy, but the politician isn't because there has been a name change," Schimmel said.

Michigan law prevented Schimmel from altering Ecorse's police department, but he privatized the pension fund, restoring financial sanity to a system once underfunded by \$15 million. Under the fire union contract Schimmel renegotiated, the current full-time force will become a part-time and volunteer department through attrition. "We have a long list of applicants for the new positions. They don't seem to mind that it's not full-time. They just want to work," Schimmel said.

Few Ecorse departments have escaped

Schimmel's budget-cutting wrath. The city's work force, once 140, has been reduced by more than 60 percent through privatization. There have been exceptions. The duties of the \$45,000 animal control officer were contracted to the neighboring city of River Rouge. "We pay half their costs and both of us save money. \$20,000 is still a lot for dead dogs, but half of what we used to pay," Schimmel said.

Not everyone is impressed with Ecorse's grand experiment. Labor unions representing former city employees have criticized the receivership, portraying Schimmel as an economic czar with an abrasive personality. Officials responsible for the \$6 million deficit contend the privatization of city services has gone too far.

State Treasurer Robert Bowman, how-

ever, has supported Schimmel. Bowman and other Democratic leaders, among them Governor James Blanchard, may turn to Schimmel to resolve a \$4.4 million budget deficit in River Rouge. "There isn't a community Downriver where I wouldn't use privatization," Schimmel said. "That includes River Rouge."

For his critics, Schimmel has a ready response. "They knew bankruptcy was coming with that kind of spending, but they didn't want to do a damn thing about it. We did."

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Statistics as of 6/1/90

Growth compared to 4/30/90

Total Contributing Members in Areas with Affiliate Parties: 8,933

Overall Growth: 163 new members

Top Five States in Percent of Growth:

Maine, 21 percent; Rhode Island, 16; Utah, 16; New Mexico, 8; South Dakota, 7

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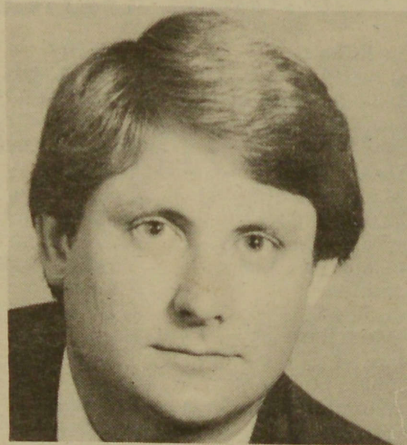
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Bates Appointed

Charles Bates, a member of the Libertarian Party of Washington State and a Sammamish Community councilman, has been appointed by the Bellevue, Washington, city manager to the East Bellevue Transportation Study Advisory Committee. The committee will work over a period of eighteen months with a team of staff and consultants to develop a set of policies and facilities recommendations for long-range transportation planning in the East Bellevue Transportation Study area. Bates has been on the Sammamish Community Council since 1989 and a national LP member since 1974. Bates is a personnel executive with Godfather's Pizza.



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July 21, 1990:

Delaware LP Convention; 302-653-4904.

August 10-14, 1990:

"World Environmentalism—The Future of Freedom in the 1990s," Libertarian World Conference, incorporating the World Conference of International Society For Individual Liberty, Future of Freedom Conference, and Advocates for Self-Government Summit, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA.; 415-864-0952. Speakers include Milton Friedman, Walter Block, Barbara Branden, Peter Breggin, Marshall Fritz, Frances Kendall, Leon Louw, Tom Palmer, Ron Paul, and Robert Poole, Jr.

August 11-12, 1990:

National Committee Meeting, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA; 415-731-3031. To receive agenda packet call 202-543-1988.

August 11, 1990:

Council of LP State Chairs Meeting, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA; 818-796-8231.

Fall 1990:

Minnesota LP Convention
North Dakota LP Convention

October 1990:

Maryland LP Convention; 202-328-0099.

November 6, 1990:

Election Day. VOTE LIBERTARIAN !!

December 8-9, 1990:

National Committee Meeting, White Plains, NY; 914-633-5137.

February 15-18, 1991:

California LP Convention; 714-949-3442.

April 1991:

National Committee Meeting, Atlanta, GA; 404-957-6825.

August 28-September 1, 1991:

"Liberty Triumphant," LP Presidential Nominating Convention, Chicago Marriott, Chicago; 708-475-0391.

To add your LP state convention or other LP event of national interest to this calendar, provide information to Gary Johnson, 2001 Parker Lane, #134, Austin, TX 78741-3849; 512-441-6378.

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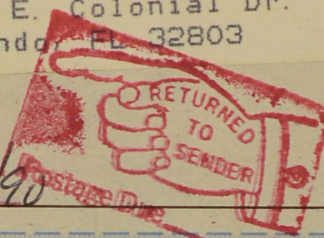
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