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Party launches '21st Century' website

New website goes online in late May

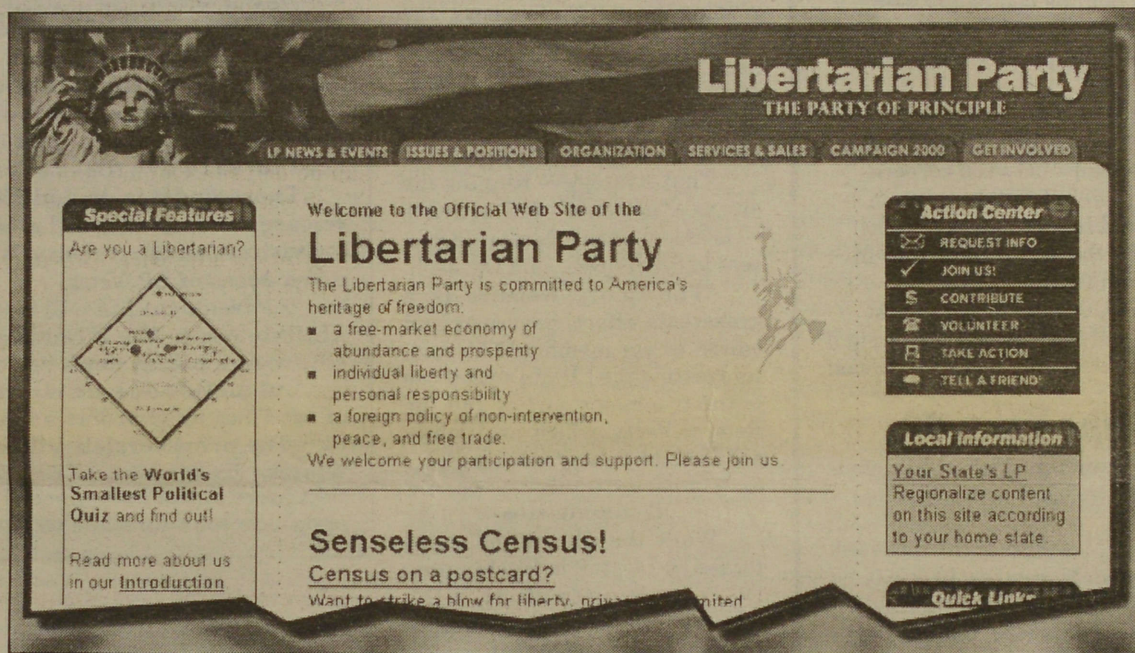
By Peter Orvetti
LP NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Libertarian Party's website — www.lp.org — has a new look for a new millennium.

In late May, the LP formally launched an upgraded and renovated version of the site. Taking full advantage of new Internet technologies, the site now offers personalized news and information, enhanced policy sections, and richer graphics, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"The new site realizes the 21st Century potential of the Internet as a tool for political organizing," he said. "Now that most Web users have more advanced browsers and faster connections, it was time for a more advanced LP website."

All of the information from the old site is still available, but is now presented in a "more inviting way," he said. New items will be added daily, and visitors should see an updated homepage each day.



■ A pre-launch model of the new website: "The new site is more welcoming," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach — with graphical links replacing the old site's text links.

In addition, the section explaining the LP's position on important political issues has been expanded, and is now written for visitors getting their first dose of Libertarianism, he said.

But the first difference visitors will notice is graphics. Unlike the old site, which was text-heavy,

the revamped site is "a feast for the eyes," said Dasbach.

"The new site is more welcoming," he said — with graphical links replacing the text links of the old version. "We hope the more attractive design will attract a broader audience."

More complex

But the beauty of the site is more than skin deep, said Dasbach; behind the visually attractive homepage is a more useful and more complex site.

"Besides being easier to use and navigate, the content will also be fresher, with daily updates

planned," he said. "This should entice Web users to stay longer, come back more often, and get involved in the Libertarian Party."

Magdalena Donea of Kia Internet Solutions, the Virginia-based design firm that built the site over the past year, said that

was her goal.

"The new site is particularly well-suited to drawing in first-time visitors and folks unfamiliar with the Libertarian Party," Donea said. "But it has a lot of compelling information for veteran LP activists as well."

Some of the site's new features include:

■ Personalization technology that can automatically provide visitors with information on local and state LP activity.

■ An expanded issues section with a brief synopsis of the LP's position on hot-button political issues, updated regularly by activists in the field.

■ A "tell a friend" option that will let visitors send acquaintances e-mail messages about the LP.

■ A Press Center designed to guide members of the press through the site and to LP news and events of interest to media outlets.

■ A stringent new privacy policy.

In addition, the site contains streamlined versions of all the old interactive features, such as online donations, information requests, and LP mailing list subscriptions.

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Jorgensen, Cloud, Harris join Convention speakers

Three of the Libertarian movement's most popular speakers, one of the LP's premier candidates for 2000, and the nation's foremost advocate of freedom as the cure for racism have been added to the line-up of speakers for the Libertarian National Convention.

The party's 1996 vice presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen, Libertarian communications "guru" Michael Cloud, and Advocates for Self-Government president Sharon Harris — all in-demand speakers at Libertarian events — have been confirmed as



■ Jorgensen: 1996 candidate

— who is taking on the country's biggest proponent of big government, Ted Kennedy — and

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speakers at the Convention, said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

In addition, U.S. Senate candidate from Massachusetts, Carla Howell

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"Why I'm Running For President"—Browne, Gorman, Hess, and Hollist

SPECIAL FEATURE

Is that your final answer?

A Libertarian in 'Millionaire' Land

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

For \$100: Peter Orvetti was the first Libertarian Party member ever to appear on:

- 60 Minutes
- The X-Files
- Who Wants To Be a Millionaire
- Beverly Hills 90210

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LP staffer jailed at anti-IMF rally

A staff member of the national Libertarian Party office in Washington, DC was arrested during the anti-World Bank protests in mid-April — and used it as an opportunity to spread the Libertarian message to “anti-capitalism” demonstrators.

Marc Brandl, who works as a customer service representative at the LP headquarters, spent a night in jail after being accidentally caught up in a massive police sweep in front of the World Bank building.

Brandl was filming the weekend demonstration for Zoomculture.com — a website that features online amateur videos — when police surrounded the crowd and arrested everybody there, he said.

“[The police] let the mainstream press out, but nobody else, even the people who pleaded not to be arrested,” he said.

Brandl spent the night in a DC holding cell before being released the next afternoon. He used the time in jail, he said, to discuss Libertarian ideas with the neo-hippy, anarchist, and socialist protesters.

“Most had little understanding of libertarianism, and they found it interesting,” he said. “Everyone agreed that corporate welfare should stop and that relationships between corporations and government enhance the power of the corporation.”

Although some protesters rejected his free-market ideas, they did find common ground against the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, said Brandl.

“We agreed that no good person — capitalist or socialist — could support the IMF/World Bank, only bad people out to steal other people’s money and screw over developing nations,” he said.

Libertarian column wins award

A newspaper column that took a humorous look at Libertarians has won second place in an Orange County, California, writing contest.

The column, “Libertarian Boy” by Victor Infante, appeared in the *OC Weekly*, and was published on November 16, 1999.

It came in second in the “Humor Category” in a writing contest that included all of Orange County’s newspapers and magazines. The award was announced on April 30.

The column was written, said local LP activist Doug Scribner, after Infante heard about the Libertarian Party — and became interested in the party’s ideas.

“The author became aware of [Libertarians] after reading some of our hip pamphlets, then we gave him a copy of *Healing Our World*,” he said. “Recently he did an interview with [LP founder] Dave Nolan and I’m told it may be a cover story about the growing LP movement, Nolan, and medical marijuana.”

In the column, Infante pokes gentle fun at third-party activism, coffeehouses, and politics in general.

Infante’s essay replaced a column entitled “Commie Girl” that usually appeared in the *OC Weekly*, said Scribner — “not bad for a socialist rag!”

“Libertarian hero” book on sale

A book that examines the lives of liberty’s “great heroes” through the ages will soon be available for sale.

The Triumph of Liberty: A 2000-Year History Told Through the Lives of Freedom’s Greatest Champions by Jim Powell will go on sale July 4.

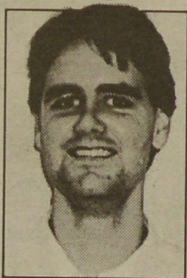
The book, published in hardback by Free Press (\$35 list price), “chronicles heroic struggles against tyranny, slavery, war and mass murder,” said Powell. “Many stories take place amidst tumultuous events like the crisis of the Roman Republic, the American Revolution, the French Revolution, the abolitionist movement, the woman suffrage movement, World War II, the civil rights movement, and libertarian movement.”

Among the 65 “heroes of liberty” discussed in the book are Samuel Adams, Frederic Bastiat, Beethoven, Milton Friedman, Victor Hugo, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., H.L. Mencken, Ayn Rand, Mark Twain, and Booker T. Washington.

“A dozen of the people I write about were imprisoned, another dozen were exiled, two were beheaded, and one was shot to death, but they helped change the world for the better,” said Powell.

“The book addresses many important questions such as: How much difference can one person make?”

Powell is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and editor of *Laissez Faire Books* (laissezfaire.org).



■ Marc Brandl: “Interesting.”

Party launches new, high-tech website for the 21st Century

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The new site will help the LP use the new medium to claim cyberspace as Libertarian territory and make inroads against other political parties, said Donea.

“Kia set out to build the best political party website on the Internet, and we believe we have done that,” she said. “The new site offers all the options of the major party sites, and more.”

And more options means a superior site, said Dasbach.

“Our new site is better than all the other parties’ sites — including those of the ‘big boys,’ the Democrats and Republicans,” he said. “We can use the Net to leapfrog the major parties and rapidly organize a large network of individuals dedicated to liberty.”

That strategy — running the site as a “network” of LP activists — is essential to Libertarian success in cyberspace, said Dasbach.

“The lp.org website is a grassroots effort, governed and edited by our members,” he said, contrasting the LP site with those of the two major parties and the Reform Party, which are tightly controlled by party insiders.

Dynamic site

While the site will be maintained by LP staff in Washington, DC, LP activists all over the country will have responsibility for various sections. By giving activists input, the party can create a dynamic site and “compete with our opponents on a much more level playing field,” said Dasbach.

Volunteers will maintain the site’s expanded issues section. In addition to text describing the Libertarian viewpoint on major issues, these pages link to related party documents and other libertarian-leaning organizations.

Party activists with interests in particular issues will work as individuals or in teams to update these issue pages, said Dasbach. The system’s new databases allow for “on-the-fly updates” to rush new material to the site.

“We made it easy for non-technical people to update the

site,” he said. “The easy administrative interfaces will let us keep up a steady stream of fresh content that is vital to keep people coming back to the site.”

The volunteer component is fitting, said Dasbach, since the first incarnation of the LP website was a volunteer effort.

California LP activist Joe Dehn launched the original site in 1993, making the LP the first party with a Web presence. For seven years, Dehn ran the site as a volunteer, handling most of the update chores by himself.

“That first site was designed to provide a wealth of information about the LP, and to function well with the browsers and slow connection speeds of that Stone Age of the Internet,” said Dasbach. “It was full of content.”

While times have changed,

the Libertarian message has not, and Donea said half her work was done for her when she began.

“The LP already had a great site; the content was there,” she said. Almost all the content remains unchanged; the redesign “draws it out and gives it more prominence. By extension, we hope this makes the LP more accessible to casual visitors.”

Constantly evolve

Changes were made to keep up with the growth of the Internet — and the LP — and the site will constantly evolve as the party grows, said Donea.

“The new site is constantly changing,” she said. “It’s a project we’re extremely proud to have been involved with, and it has the potential to change the face of American politics.”

LP News Online

The official newspaper of the Libertarian Party

LP News Online: More news, faster

A new LP website means a new look for *LP News Online*.

“*LP News* will play a much more prominent role on the new website,” said editor Bill Winter. “Instead of being buried, as it was on the old site, *LP News* will now be one of the most visible links from the home page.”

Besides being easier to find, the new *LP News Online* will have more to offer, said Winter.

“*LP News Online* will provide the kind of fresh content that people want to see when they visit a website,” he said. “Our goal is to add new *LP News* material at least three to five times a week.”

Those updates, in addition to the regular party press releases and op-eds, will mean something new every day for visitors to the website, Winter said. And it also means extra doses of *LP News*.

“*LP News Online* will have longer news stories. More Affiliate News. More Talking Points. More letters to the editor. And bonus news articles and feature stories, too.”

But all this doesn’t mean that the newspaper version of *LP News* has become obsolete.

“The print version will always have ‘new’ news,” said Winter. “Every issue of *LP News* will feature material that has not yet been posted to the website. We want people to look forward to getting *LP News* in the mail!”

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Libertarians win office in Michigan, Wisconsin

Martin Howrylak rides pension issue to Troy city council win

Topping off a hard-fought campaign that capitalized on an unpopular bit of political pork, Michigan Libertarian Martin Howrylak won a landslide election to a City Council seat in Troy last month.

Howrylak, 25, dominated the April 3 election in the city of 30,000, running far ahead of the other three candidates and beating his next-closest rival by nearly two to one.

"This was not merely a win, it was a mandate for my issues," said the man dubbed the "Kid Councilman" by the local press after his victory.

But there was one issue, more than any other, that won him the election, he said.

\$14,000 pension

Last year, in what Howrylak called a "secretive" vote, the Detroit suburb's City Council awarded itself a retirement pension that would have amounted to up to \$14,000 per year — an annual stipend much larger than the salary they receive while in office.

Howrylak denounced the lucrative perk, which became the hot-button issue of the campaign, he said.

"The Troy City Council handed us a huge issue and we ran with it," said Howrylak.



■ **Martin Howrylak (center)** is sworn into office as a city councilman in Troy, Michigan, after a stunning upset victory on April 3 that saw him beat his opponents by a 2-1 margin.

"That's what let us break through."

Howrylak, though young, was an experienced Troy politician, having sought a Council seat twice before and currently serving as Troy Historic District Commissioner. He knew a winning issue when he saw one, he said.

"We never stopped hitting the incumbents on [the pension issue]," said Howrylak.

Those "hits" took several forms, but the most successful was a mailing sent out six weeks before the election. The flyer, in the style of Old West "Wanted" posters, charged the incumbents with "Greed, Arrogance, and Con-

tempt of Taxpayers."

"It was a huge hit with voters," said Howrylak's campaign manager, Fred Collins. "After that, it was mostly smooth sailing."

Struck back

One of his opponents — under fire — struck back by trying to make Howrylak's LP affiliation an issue.

An unsigned letter calling Howrylak a "pawn of the Libertarian Party" was sent to voters. It accused Howrylak — and the Libertarian Party — of holding "radical" positions, and claimed

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Ed Thompson knocks off incumbent in hotly contested Tomah, Wisconsin mayor's race

A Wisconsin city has elected a Libertarian mayor with a unique pedigree: He's the governor's brother.

In the city of Tomah's most closely watched election in years, political newcomer Ed Thompson defeated two-term Mayor Bud Johnson in an April 4 runoff election by a margin of 58-42%.

Thompson, 55, swept to victory following his unexpectedly strong first-place finish in a four-candidate primary on February 14. Both elections drew near-record turnout.

"The people of Tomah came out, and it was a great victory," Thompson said. "I feel like I'm king of the world."

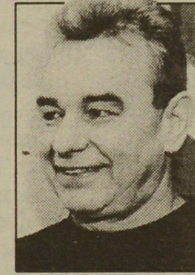
Name recognition

Thompson, who owns a restaurant/tavern in Tomah, went into the race with a big asset: Name recognition. His older brother is the state's four-term Governor Tommy Thompson.

"It didn't hurt having [the governor] for my brother," Thompson admitted.

Tommy Thompson, a Republican, did not campaign for his brother, but said he was pleased with Ed's win.

"I'm the mayor's brother now," Gov. Thompson joked. "I'm very pleased with his showing and looking forward to working with him."



■ **Thompson:** "Great victory."

It was no surprise to the new mayor that the governor didn't campaign for him, Thompson said, since they come from different parties.

"The contest for mayor was nonpartisan, but everybody knows I'm a Libertarian," he said. "We're for liberty and freedom, and when that message gets out to people, that's good."

To win his upset victory, Thompson ran a retail, populist campaign, he said. He drove around the city meeting with voters, shaking hands, and talking about his plans: Tax cuts, and reducing the city's debt, which amounts to \$4,000 for every man, woman, and child.

"I ran because government here is out of control," he said. "We're spending way too much money, and we need to get interested people involved in every level of government."

Thompson also ran on an issue where he has personal experience with government power: Gambling.

Thompson's Tee Pee Tavern See **THOMPSON** Page 19

LP passes halfway mark in '2K candidate' effort

The Libertarian Party has crossed the halfway mark of its drive to run 2,000 candidates in the 2000 elections, LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger has announced.

As of mid-April, more than 1,000 Libertarians had officially signed up to run for office — "and over 600 are already on the ballot, or face no ballot obstacle," he said.

"We're already into record-breaking territory, since the most candidates we've ever run before was about 865. But we're going to have to pick up the pace if we hope to reach our goal of 2K in 2K."

Unprecedented

The LP surpassed the 1,000 mark thanks, in part, to states like Ohio, Texas, and California, which are running unprecedented numbers of candidates, said Crickenberger.

"Most improved still goes to Ohio for this year," he said. "They

CRICKENBERGER:

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have run only a handful of candidates before, and are running 73 this year. Texas did exceptionally well also, more than doubling their previous record. And California is working on a plan to recruit dozens more candidates this year for non-partisan offices."

In other good news, more than 200 LP candidates have already filed for U.S. House — so the party is more than 90% of the way to contesting a majority of Congressional seats (218),



■ **The LP has passed the halfway mark in its quest to run 2,000 candidates in 2000, said Political Director Ron Crickenberger, in part because of local organizations like the Harris County LP in Texas, which will have 21 candidates on the ballot. Shown here are eight of the candidates (l-r, from rear): Elisa Masonhill, Ray Dittmar, Drew Parks, John Kormylo, Kevin Hagan, Colin Nankervis, Lance Flores, and Jeff Craig.**

said Crickenberger.

The result of all these candidates will be greater exposure and more votes for every Libertarian candidate, he said.

"Time after time we see that

the more candidates a state runs, the more media they get, the better the average vote for all their candidates, the better the top of the ticket does, and, most impor-

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Libertarians stop Florida tax increase

Overcoming long odds and opponents with deep pockets, Florida Libertarians helped to decisively defeat a sales tax increase in Lee County in March, saving taxpayers over \$310 million.

With borrowed cardboard signs, letters to local newspapers, and virtually no funding, LP activists took on opponents who bombarded voters with six weeks of television spots.

Their efforts paid off on March 14, when voters resoundingly rejected the County Commission's proposed one-cent sales tax increase by 82-18%.

"Our celebration went on for days," said Lee County LP Chair Kim Hawk.

The penny tax increase, which would have boosted the county sales tax from 6% to 7%,

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Online Debates petition launched

An Internet petition has been launched to allow Americans to demand more inclusive presidential debates.

The cyberpetition — which can be “signed” online at www.i-charity.net/ptn/39 — demands that the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) invite all the candidates who will be on enough state ballots in 2000 to theoretically win an Electoral College victory.

That standard would include the Libertarian nominee, as well as the Constitution, Green, Natural Law, and Reform parties' candidates, noted LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

Under the CPD's current restrictive standards, only the Republican and Democratic candidates are likely to be invited.

“Putting our digital John Hancocks on this petition is one way Libertarians can express their support for a real debate in 2000, and show their disdain for the Commission's attempts to exclude alternative political voices,” said Dasbach.

Since Brian Costin of the Illinois-based advocacy group Open Debates of America set up the petition on April 20, over 3,400 supporters have signed. Collected signatures will be sent to the CPD on a regular basis through the general election season.

“With alternative party candidates already winning the support of 5% to 10% of the electorate in public opinion surveys, it is essential that voters get a chance to hear all their presidential choices this year,” said Dasbach.

Tuniewicz seeks re-election as Treasurer

Libertarian National Committee Treasurer Mark Tuniewicz has announced he will seek re-election to a second two-year term, because the LP “has much more to accomplish.”

“Through my first two years in office, we've accomplished much: A new accounting package and database have been installed, and our budgetary process has never been smoother,” he said. “Our revenue this year is on track to be almost double last year.”

If re-elected, he said his “priorities would include the formation of a broad-based fundraising committee with members in all 50 states, and a renewed focus on local organizing. We need a permanent Libertarian presence in our local communities.”

Tuniewicz praised the efforts of the LNC over the past two years, and said the LNC helped solidify the LP's financial position.

“One of the best things the National Committee has done this term is create a financial reserve to protect against financial setbacks,” he said. “This helps insure that we will have a firm base of cash on which to stand.”

Tuniewicz was elected LNC Treasurer in 1998 after serving a term as LNC Representative for Region 6 (New York and New England). He has served as Communications Director for the Connecticut LP, New Hampshire LP State Chair, and on the boards of the state LP in Massachusetts, Michigan, and Maine.

The LNC Treasurer will be selected by delegates at the party's National Convention in Anaheim, CA, June 29-July 3.

Krawchuk, Olivier campaign for VP

The two announced candidates for the LP vice presidential nomination worked opposite ends of the country in April and May, with Ken Krawchuk stumping in the East while Art Olivier campaigned on the West Coast.

“I will visit as many state LP conventions as possible before the National Convention,” said Krawchuk, the 1998 Pennsylvania LP gubernatorial candidate. “At each stop, I stress the benefits my nomination would bring.”

Since March 4, Krawchuk has logged 18 campaign appearances in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, he said.

Out West, former Bellflower (CA) mayor Art Olivier focused on organization — and said the two most recent LP vice presidential nominees have both signed on to his campaign.

Jo Jorgensen, the 1996 VP nominee, became the co-chair of Olivier's campaign in mid-May, and “is providing valuable coaching on being a national candidate,” he said. Nancy Lord Johnson, the 1992 VP candidate, is Olivier's other co-chair.

Olivier made his first campaign appearances in April, speaking to the Nevada and Washington State LP conventions. He also has engagements scheduled for California Libertarian groups and at the Michigan and Texas conventions, he said.

The party's presidential and vice presidential candidates will be selected by delegates at the Libertarian National Convention in Anaheim, California, June 29 to July 3, 2000.



■ **Tuniewicz:**
Built reserve.

Don Gorman visits nine more states in quest for presidential nomination

Libertarian presidential candidate Don Gorman continued his quest for the party's nomination in late April and May, visiting nine states and speaking at eight LP state conventions.

Gorman, twice elected to the New Hampshire legislature as a Libertarian, addressed Libertarian conventions in Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington state, and also made a campaign appearance in Columbus, Ohio.

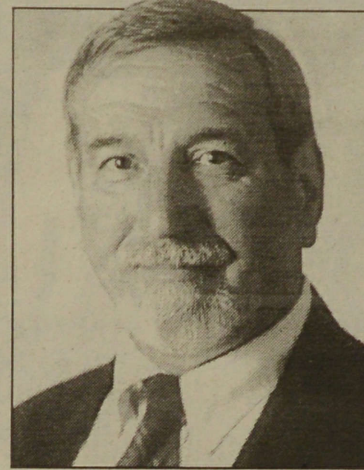
In each state, Gorman stressed his campaign's basic goal: The election of Libertarians to local offices in 2000.

“My goal is to get Libertarians active in their local communities,” he said in South Carolina on April 28. “Solutions to our problems are going to come from electing Libertarians to local [offices], not from Washington, D.C.”

Winnable races

During that same speech, Gorman praised the SCLP for fielding a full slate of candidates for the U.S. House this fall. But Gorman said the party must do more to recruit strong candidates for winnable races.

“Elected Libertarians are the backbone of this party,” he said. “We have more officeholders than all the other alternative parties



■ **Don Gorman:** “Elected Libertarians are the backbone of this party.”

combined. If I win the nomination, I will travel the country encouraging Libertarians to focus on serious campaigns for winnable offices.”

Gorman also told South Carolina Libertarians that he backs a proposal by one of the state's Republican U.S. Congressmen, Mark Sanford, to give each worker a 20% payroll tax credit for a personal retirement account. Gorman said credible solutions like that will help him win mainstream support in the general election campaign.

Gorman was even more aggressive in recruiting local LP

candidates at the Colorado LP convention on April 16. When told that the state LP had recruited only five candidates thus far, Gorman got angry, he said.

“This really ticks me off,” Gorman told delegates. “If [presidential candidates] Harry [Browne] and Barry [Hess] and I can take a year out of our lives to run around the country, it's not enough for you Libertarians to write a check and think you've done your part. Put your name down and commit yourselves to becoming a political party!”

Sign-up sheet

Gorman then personally distributed a sign-up sheet around the room and recruited an additional 23 local candidates for the Colorado LP.

Before leaving Colorado, Gorman gave an hour-long interview to Denver talk show host Jimmy Lakey, and said he viewed the state's debate over a small tax cut with skepticism.

“Cutting the state tax from 5% to 4.75% shows that the difference between Republicans and Democrats is exactly one-quarter of one percent,” Gorman said. “Libertarians are different.”

Later in the month, Gorman weighed in on an issue of some controversy among Libertarians.

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Browne campaign hits rocky month; rebounds to appear in national poll

The Harry Browne presidential campaign endured a tumultuous April — during which a cash crunch caused it to temporarily suspend activities — only to rebound in May with an infusion of donations, the announcement of new TV ads, and its first appearance in national polls.

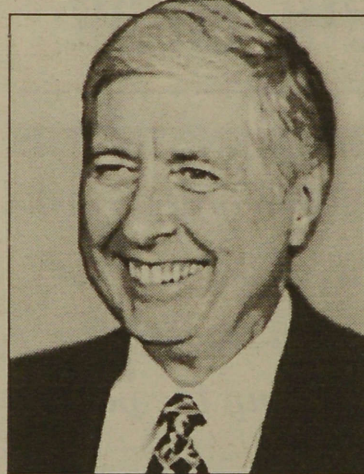
“It's been a wild few weeks, but the Harry Browne campaign is stronger than ever,” said Perry Willis, Browne's campaign manager. “We're on track again to run the biggest, most visible presidential campaign in LP history.”

But that goal seemed in doubt in late April, when the campaign issued an emergency e-mail appeal to supporters.

Suspended

In it, Willis announced that the Browne campaign had “suspended its operations” on April 21 because unexpectedly poor fundraising returns had plunged the campaign into debt.

The sudden cash crunch was caused by a series of e-mail allegations against Harry Browne by



■ **Harry Browne:** “A polling company is including us — [which] didn't happen in 1996.”

Jacob Hornberger, a former LP member and one-time rival of Browne for the party's presidential nomination, Willis said.

“Our fundraising has been declining since Jacob Hornberger began his attacks against Harry Browne,” he wrote. “We have been falling behind on our bills, and it has reached the point where we

cannot continue.”

In a series of Internet-published essays, Hornberger — who formed a presidential exploratory committee in 1999 before abruptly quitting the race — attacked Browne's motives for challenging Federal Election Commission regulations.

Civil disobedience

Had that FEC strategy been implemented, the Browne campaign would have engaged in “civil disobedience” by violating campaign finance rules on contribution limits and disclosures.

Such a challenge, Browne announced in March, might help level the playing field against his tax-financed Republican and Democratic presidential opponents, who benefit from restrictive FEC regulations.

However, Hornberger accused the Browne campaign of trying to keep the campaign's expenditures secret — a charge the campaign refuted by publicly disclosing all its financial records.

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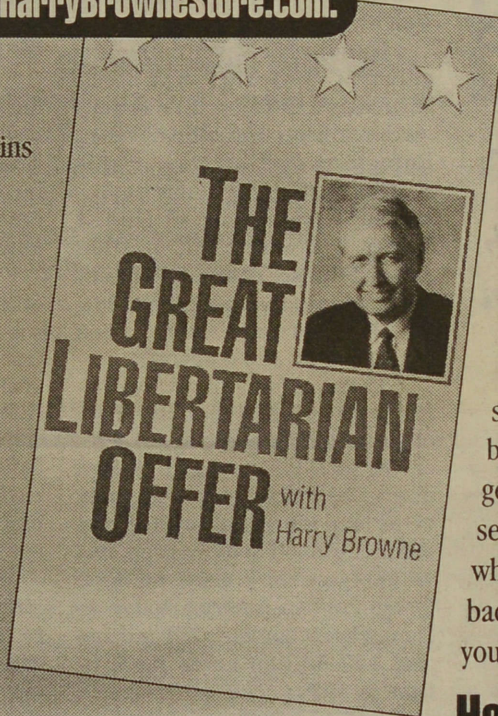
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Talking Points

Why taxpayers envy serfs, and a Filipino-Latino-Iroquois dilemma

■ How dumb is Bill?

It's a terrible thing to peer into the chasm of the digital divide.

On one side there is "us," a corps of Starbucks-powered global citizens consulting our PalmPilots for a rendezvous with destiny.

On the other side we see "them," the digital have-nots tragically separated from prosperity by a lack of Internet access.

By now, after all, it's common wisdom that children without computers grow up to face limited prospects. Computer "literacy" is already essential for success, and people without Internet access are hopelessly handicapped in the race for tomorrow.

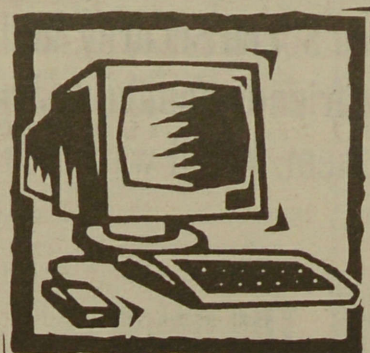
What kind of pathetic jobs are open to such unfortunates? The president of the United States appears to be one of the few positions available. Bill Clinton, who was in Silicon Valley [recently] to sanctify the efforts of high-tech companies to give more computers to the poor, acknowledged during his visit that he doesn't know anything about the damned things himself.

He doesn't use e-mail, either.
— DANIEL AKST
The Industry Standard
May 1, 2000

■ How dumb is Bill? (2)

President Clinton's railing about the "digital divide" is particularly funny considering he probably has no idea what the speeches he's reading mean.

According to a Reuters report, while visiting a Florida senior citizen center's computing class, the president was absolutely dazzled by "a basic and ubiquitous display



**WHILE VISITING
a computer class,
President Clinton
was dazzled by
a screensaver.**

"Amazing!" he said.

of software — a screensaver.

"Amazing," Clinton said as he watched a series of images — coffee cups, deer, and a blackboard — form and dissolve on a monitor."

— COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE
INSTITUTE UPDATE
March 2000

■ Getting wild

Wilderness conservation has little to do with urban sprawl. Our cities, suburbs, highways, and local roads now cover about 60 million acres, well over double the area they occupied in 1920 — but still under 3% of the land area of the continental United States.

Most of what the wilderness has lost to Americans it has lost to our agriculture. For every acre of land we use for home or office, roads, and byways, we currently use six acres for crops. Another eight acres are designated as range-larders for our livestock, which, pound for pound, outweigh us.

Happily, however, our agricultural footprint has been shrinking a lot faster than our cities have been sprawling. When Europeans first arrived on this continent, the area now represented by the lower 48 United States had about 950 million acres of forest. That area shrank steadily until about 1920, to a low of 600 million acres, as Americans spread across the landscape.

Then, astonishingly, we began to retreat, and the wilderness began to expand once again. Precisely how fast is hard to nail down: The continent is large, most of the land is privately owned, and the definitional debates rage. But all analyses show more, not less, forest land in America today — somewhere between 20 million and 140 million acres more — than in 1920.

— PETER HUBER
The Washington Post
April 21, 2000

■ Declining believability

Pupil-teacher ratios have been shrinking for a century. In 1955 pupil-teacher ratios in public elementary and secondary schools were 30.2-to-one and 20.9-to-one respectively. In 1998 they were 18.9-to-one and 14.7-to-one.

We now know it is possible to have, simultaneously, declining pupil-teacher ratios and declining scores on tests measuring schools' cognitive results.

If making classes smaller is such an effective route to educational improvement, why, after 45 years of declining pupil-teacher ratios, are [government] schools so unsatisfactory they need to be "revolutionized" by [Vice President Al Gore's proposed new] "investments"?

— GEORGE F. WILL
The Washington Post
May 4, 2000

■ Just kidding (for now)

WASHINGTON, DC — In a landmark antitrust decision, U.S. District Judge Thomas Nance ruled Monday that Parker Brothers' controlling interest in the popular board game Monopoly

constitutes an illegal Monopoly monopoly.

Found guilty of colluding with Hasbro to corner the Monopoly market — undermining the production and sale of similar board games and designing the Monopoly CD-ROM game to "take over" the user's desktop and keep other games from being played — Parker Brothers faces fines of \$15,140 and up to three turns in prison.

In making its case, the prosecution presented evidence of numerous questionable activities on the part of Parker Brothers, including making a series of illegal \$200 payoffs to Go-passing associates and engaging in price-gouging, charging \$1,275 for a three-minute stay at one of its luxury hotels on Atlantic City's North Carolina Avenue.

— THEONION.COM
April 27, 2000

■ Those lucky serfs

A slave is a person who does not own his own labor. After paying the income tax, successful Americans retain no more of the income they produce than 19th century slaves — and considerably less than medieval slaves.

The maximum that could be extracted from a medieval slave was one-third — an amount extracted today by the combination of the payroll tax and the bottom rung of the federal income tax.

The [income] tax is very expensive in other ways. It takes 6.1 billion hours — more than 3 million man-years — to comply with the slave tax.

In dollar terms, it costs us slaves an additional \$200 billion to comply with a 2,840-page tax code — more than twice the number of pages as the Bible and more than three times the words.

The federal tax rules interpreting the code come to 46,000 pages. The complexity is so great that it is easy to make a mistake and be subjected to "enforcement action." There are 481 separate IRS tax forms for 1999, an increase of 20% from 1990.

Last year, the IRS received 110 million telephone calls asking for help in understanding the rules. The IRS did not know the answer 27% of the time.

— PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
The Washington Times
April 17, 2000

■ Making Census of race

I can't remember what race I am. I got the short Census form, filled it out and sent it back, just like a good citizen is supposed to do. What am I?

I was so entranced by all the new multi-colored choices that I can't remember what I decided on. Aleutian-African? Filipino-Latino-Iroquois? Euro-Tongan?

Technically, I'm a Russian-American. Or, at the very most, a Russian-Belarusian-Ukrainian-American.

But those choices weren't on the form. And surely it's my right as an American to be whatever I want to be.

Did I leave it blank? Maybe that's why I can't remember. I'm a Blanko-American.

— JOANNE JACOBS
Knight Ridder Newspapers
April 3, 2000

■ Strange logic

When Richard Baumhammers allegedly went on a racist killing spree near Pittsburgh [in April], gunning down five non-whites, he badly complicated his future. If he committed the murders, he faces either the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole. And that's just the beginning.

The really big mistake, you see, was carrying out the slaughter in Pennsylvania. The gunman could have done it in Texas, which has no law against hate crimes. But Pennsylvania provides enhanced sentences for crimes that are motivated by malice based on the victim's race, religion, color or national origin. If Mr. Baumhammers is convicted of "ethnic intimidation" on top of murder, he could get an additional penalty of ... nothing.

Ouch. The killer must really be kicking himself for not thinking of that.

If my logic strikes you as strange, don't blame me — blame the whole notion behind hate crimes. Bill Clinton seems to think racially based murders are a powerful argument for federal hate-crimes laws.

"Five people in a suburb of Pittsburgh shot and killed for no other reason, it appears, than the color of their skin or the way they worship God," he noted. "It is simply not true that we do not need national legislation."

But how, exactly, does this tragedy prove that need? Murder, it turns out, is already illegal in Pennsylvania, and it carries the sternest penalty allowed in our system of criminal justice. Hate crimes are also strictly forbidden there — and no one seems to have noticed that the state law did no good whatsoever for the five people who were killed.

So what possible difference would it make to pass another law on top of these? Any killer who has a phobia about paper might be deterred, but otherwise, the expansion of the U.S. criminal code seems pointless.

— SYNDICATED COLUMNIST
STEVE CHAPMAN
May 6, 2000

■ Not preferred

In the contentious debate over affirmative action, four out of five U.S. college students believe race should not be a factor in admissions policy, according to the results of a poll.

The survey by Zogby International for the Foundation for Academic Standards and Tradition found that 84.3% of students believe ethnic diversity on campus is important — but 86.4% view academic standards as more important than ethnic diversity.

— REUTERS
April 18, 2000

**"A day, an hour of
virtuous liberty is
worth a whole
eternity in bondage."**

— Joseph Addison

As a Libertarian, you want to live a lifetime of liberty. But, at some point, every life is over. Would you like your legacy — for your children and your grandchildren — to be an eternity of liberty? Here's one way to help that dream come true: Name the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. For a confidential discussion of this option, contact national LP Treasurer Mark Tuniewicz at (508) 472-5321. Or e-mail him at: Treasurer@lp.org.



Carla Howell US Senate Campaign is Catching Fire!

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Why is Carla Howell's small government is beautifulsm US Senate campaign the Hottest Political News in New England?

Could it be because Carla Howell may be in a two-way race for US Senate against Big Government Ted Kennedy? Or because talk radio shows and TV news crews are interviewing her again and again? Or because Libertarian voter registrations in Massachusetts are jumping 4% to 6% each month?

Newspapers

Boston Globe: "Who Killed the State GOP?" asked premiere columnist Jeff Jacoby in his headline.

After performing the autopsy of the Massachusetts Republican Party, Mr. Jacoby wrote:

"Happily, there's a silver lining for voters who want a party that will fight for smaller government, lower taxes, and great individual freedom. Unlike the Republicans, the Libertarian Party does have a candidate for the US Senate. On May 9, Carla Howell filed nearly 33,500 signatures, far more than the number needed to qualify for the ballot."

MetroWest Daily News: Columnist John Gregg urged the GOP leadership to nominate Carla Howell for US Senate now that she's the Libertarian nominee.

He wrote, "Note to Republican headquarters — order the Howell [write-in] stickers now."

Lowell Sun Front Page Headline: "Coming to a ballot near you: Libertarians."

"The most high-profile race for Libertarians will be Carla Howell against Democratic US Senator Ted Kennedy."

TV News Coverage

Warner Bros. TV News said: "Speaking out against the Million Mom March is Libertarian US Senate candidate Carla Howell."

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The Boston CBS affiliate, Channel 5: Roy Innis, leader of CORE, and Carla Howell, the Libertarian candidate for US Senate, were covered at a Pro-Gun Rally in front of the State Capitol Building.

Fox News: "In the gun debate, Carla Howell is a breath of fresh air."

Talk Radio

The Jay Severin Show: "Well, Carla Howell, I cannot recall having heard a word in the last twenty minutes with which I disagree — I feel elated — I agree with every word of it."

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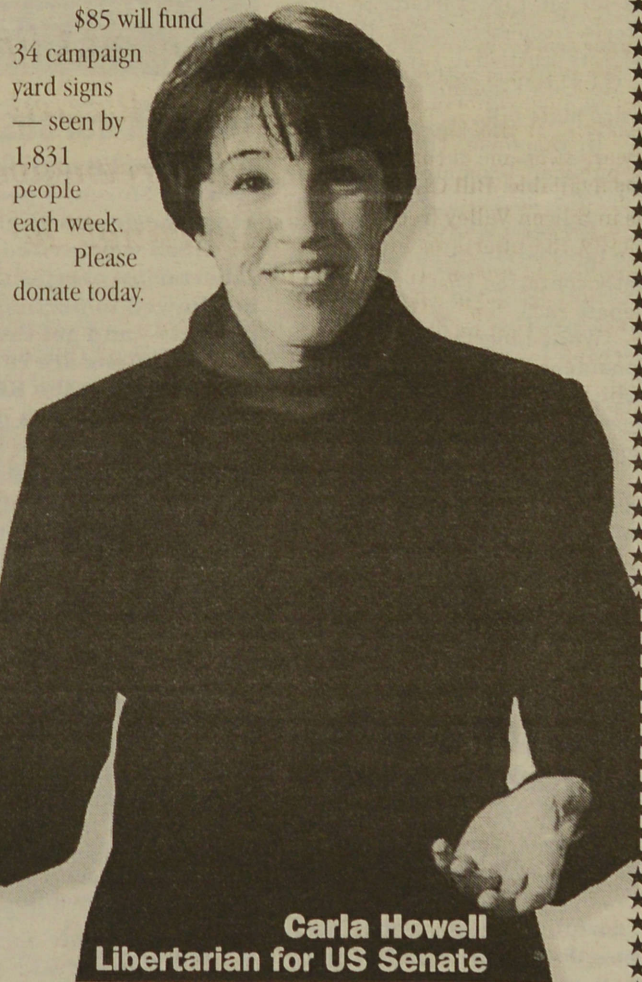
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News: Affiliates

The 'crime' of campaigning, and those (illegal) benefits of beer

■ ARIZONA

Is running a candidate (or not) really a crime?

Libertarians may face a charge of felony extortion by Republicans for the "crime" of threatening to run a candidate.

In late March, Republican leaders said they had asked a county attorney to rule whether Libertarians had committed a crime by offering to withdraw a candidate in a special State Senate race — if the GOP supported an election reform bill.

The bill would have made it easier for Libertarians to elect precinct committeemen. But legislators scuttled it, turning it into a Mo Udall commemorative license plate bill.

In response, the LP urged Republican legislators to reconsider the measure. As an incentive, the party offered to withdraw the Libertarian candidate from a hotly contested District 13 State Senate race.

While Libertarians said they considered the offer "hardball politics," Republicans said it may meet the legal definition of extortion.

"This is typical Republican," said State Chair **Peter Schmerl**. "When we try to get a change to election law passed, their response is to intimidate us."

The county attorney has not yet ruled on the "extortion" issue.

■ CALIFORNIA

LP: Don't link registration with a driver's license

A bill that would automatically register young men with the Selective Service System when they apply for a driver's license is wasteful, unnecessary, and a menacing throwback to the days of the draft, the state LP has charged.

The bill — AB 2574 — is inconsistent with a free and civil society because driving and registering for the draft "are completely unrelated," said state LP Executive Director **Juan Ros** in an April 17 statement.

"The government is using one form of compulsory registration — the requirement to obtain a driver's license — to accomplish another," he said. "Individuals should be free to obtain driver's licenses without this abuse of governmental authority."

Besides, the Republican-sponsored proposal would be a waste of money, said Ros.



The KKK versus clean highways

■ Missouri LP activist Ken Bush appears on KDNL-TV 30 News in March — posed in front of an Adopt-A-Highway program sign on Highway 55 near St. Louis.

Bush was invited to appear on the show to give the Libertarian perspective on whether the Ku Klux Klan should be allowed to participate in the state's Adopt-A-Highway project — and get the "KKK" name on a sign.

"Emotions are running so high on all sides of the brouhaha that the KKK sign was torn down by vandals each time a new one was put up," noted Bush.

On the air, Bush said a Libertarian would solve the problem by privatizing the litter-control program.

"[Under a] Libertarian system, private companies and charitable groups would recognize meritorious clean-up efforts in their community by running ads about various clean-up groups, thus sidestepping knotty Constitutional free-speech issues invoked when the state [runs the program]," he said.

"Although Libertarians advocate the complete abolition of Selective Service, proper enforcement of current law is less intrusive," he said. "Let's not spend millions coming up with the necessary forms and [new] procedures for implementing this law."

■ CALIFORNIA

Libertarian proposes referendum reforms

A state Libertarian has drafted an initiative to give citizens a "high-tech" way to qualify referendum questions for the ballot.

In April, **Sandi Webb**, state LP secretary and former Simi Valley councilwoman, drafted an initiative that would move part of the referendum petitioning process to the Web, and give petitioners an extra two months to collect signatures.

"[This proposal is] vital," Webb said. "You can't get more grassroots than the Internet."

Currently, California law forces referendum petitioners to collect 500,000 signatures in 90 days, and to lug around the full text of each statute being challenged — which can be "inches thick," said Webb.

Her proposal would let petitioners post such supporting documentation on the Internet instead of carrying it with them, lessening their load.

If Webb's initiative qualifies and passes, it will give voters "an easier mechanism to overturn bad laws," she said.

■ CALIFORNIA

LP member arranges debate on free speech

New LP member **Irv Rubin** has arranged for a public debate with the mayor of Compton over the issue of free speech rights for police officers.

While a date and location have not yet been finalized, the two agreed to debate whether four

police officers should have been suspended recently for criticizing the mayor at a city meeting.

The debate agreement occurred after Rubin, who is also the head of the Jewish Defense League, happened to meet Mayor Omar Bradley at a local restaurant in March.

Their encounter — "friendly, yet odd and raucous nonetheless," said LP activist **Jason Heath** — was the latest chapter in an ongoing debate that has "polarized" the city.

"While the details of the underlying conflict are somewhat nebulous and hotly contested, four Compton police officers were thrown out of a city council meeting and suspended for improper conduct," said Heath.

The issue is important, he said, because "once police officers are denied the right to speak, we mere citizens are doomed."

■ COLORADO

War on Drugs to blame for police corruption

Don't blame police officers for corruption — blame the War on Drugs.

That was the response from the state Libertarian Party after a veteran police officer in the town of Longmont was charged with taking bribes from drug dealers to tip them off about upcoming busts.

"When you outlaw something that some people want, like drugs, you raise the price dramatically," said State Chair **Bette Rose Smith** on April 22. "When the price goes up so very high, bribery cannot be far behind."

As a result, police turn into "addicts" themselves — "hooked on bribe money to overlook violent crimes. Just as alcohol prohibition led to the payoffs of police and judges, so has drug prohibition."

The solution? "We need to get our police out of the business of chasing non-violent drug users, so they will not be in the position of accepting bribes in the first place," said Smith.

■ COLORADO

Resolution: Don't make soldiers wear UN colors

American soldiers should march under American colors and not the insignia of the United Nations, the Adams County LP has declared.

On February 28, the county LP unanimously passed a resolution opposing any effort to force American troops to wear foreign or U.N. military insignia.

The statement also declared that U.S. soldiers should not serve under foreign command, and endorsed individual soldiers' rights to boycott such service.

The resolution was sparked by the case of Michael New, a U.S. soldier facing court martial for refusing to serve under U.N. command, said Chair **Jay Carper**.

In part, the resolution demanded that "no member of the Armed Forces of the United

States be required to wear as part of the military uniform any badge, symbol, headgear, or other visible insignia of the United Nations or any foreign State."

"Not a single Libertarian opposed it," Carper said.

■ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LP lends hand to keep anti-IMF protest peaceful

Did the Libertarian Party's belief in the "non-initiation of force" help reduce the level of violence at the April protests against the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC?

Longtime LP activist **Carol Moore** — who put together a volunteer "peacekeeper" force to monitor the April 16-17 demonstrations — said it did.

"I think [we] helped convince the unions to rally with the peacekeepers, which meant less violence," she said. "I also convinced some of the violent demonstrators to control themselves and even to speak out for peace."

Moore's group patrolled demonstration areas on the Ellipse in front of the White House, and was able to calm angry protesters who were heading for confrontation with police, she said.

Her most persuasive argument with protesters: Nonviolence and non-initiation of force are central to real social change.

"If we can't learn nonviolent conflict resolution within our movements, how can we create a peaceful world?" she asked.

■ GEORGIA

Design a new website, win Convention package

The Georgia LP faced a challenge: It wanted to overhaul its website — and also wanted to send a full delegation to the upcoming Libertarian National Convention in Anaheim, California.

So, it combined the two problems into one solution, and offered a deluxe Gold package (worth \$369) to the Convention to the person who submitted the best website redesign concept.

"We need to totally overhaul the site in order to best leverage the opportunities that the Internet provides," explained LP activist **Helmut Forren** when the contest was announced. "We need immediate assistance with creative look-and-feel appearance [and] detailed site maps."

The goal of the new website, he said, will be to "attract visitors, leverage their visit, generate LP visibility, attract new members, raise funds, garner votes, and everything under the sun."

The contest closed on May 21. When *LP News* went to press, the Georgia LP had not yet announced a winner.

■ IOWA

County party: Include LP candidates on list

The Johnson County LP has launched a campaign to convince the County Auditor to include Lib-

ertarians on its list of candidates running for office.

"Many people think government will treat everyone fairly," said County LP Chair **Christy Ann Welty**, who is spearheading the effort. "In reality, government power is used for favoritism and self-perpetuation."

Welty has used letters, press releases, and the threat of legal action to urge the County Auditor to include **Tim Borchardt**, the Libertarian contender for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, on the "official" list of candidates it gives to voters and debate forums.

The County Auditor's office claims it cannot mention any third-party candidate until petitions are filed in August.

But Welty said that policy is unfair — and Libertarians cannot wait that long.

"Because [debate] organizers don't know he's running, Tim will miss out on opportunities for participation in candidate forums," she said. "Libertarian messages may be lost."

■ IOWA

Johnson Co. LP offers 'illegal' beer information

"Got beer?" Or, rather, "Got nutritional information about beer?"

If you don't, the Johnson County LP is now offering cardboard coasters with a detailed listing of the vitamins and nutrients in a bottle of brew — information that the BATF has made illegal to put on a beer label.

"It's against the law for beer brewers or sellers to post nutrition information on or near their products," noted county LP Chair **Christy Ann Welty**. "No other political party is willing to stand up for the benefits of beer, but we will."

To publicize those "benefits," the county LP is offering the coasters for \$5 each or \$20 per set of five. One side lists "Beer Nutrition" information; the other side features the Johnson County LP logo.

"The coaster educates about values of both food and freedom," Welty said. "People are going to buy beer. Maybe they'll buy into freedom, too."

To order, write: LPJC, PO Box 401, Iowa City, IA 52244.

■ LOUISIANA

Libertarian: End city ban on Sunday wine sales

Baton Rouge will sell no wine before it's time on Sunday — but one Libertarian is now working to change that.



Helping the homeless, "100% free of government" interference

■ **Astarte Rainbow**, the secretary of the Multnomah County LP in Oregon, ladles out a scoop of homemade chili for the homeless at a table in Portland in late April.

Every week, Rainbow hosts the booth, handing out food for the less fortunate — along with voter registration forms and initiative petitions, said **Ken Montone**, the Oregon LP communications director.

The table always draws a large crowd "because this [is] the first time that a political party practiced what it preached: Individual responsibility," he said. "When was the last time you saw the Democratic or Republican Party on the streets caring for the homeless?"

Rainbow "cooks, coordinates and gives out all the food, every week," said Montone — which makes the project "100% free of government programs, legislation, regulations, laws, and disincentives."

LP activist **Michael Wolf** has started a lobbying campaign to repeal a city law that makes it illegal to sell wine on Sunday.

"I've suffered under this ridiculous law for 30 years and I'm sick of it," he said. "Nearby cities permit alcohol sales on Sunday with no ill effects. It's time to bring Baton Rouge into the 21st century."

Wolf launched his one-man lobbying campaign earlier this year after the City Council refused to introduce a repeal measure.

In response, Wolf wrote a letter-to-the-editor to the local newspaper, quizzed the mayor about the law at a public forum, and convinced a city councilman to support a repeal ordinance.

"With a little persistence, we'll be able to mold public opinion in favor of letting those of us who aren't priests get wine on Sunday if we want it!" he said.

■ MAINE

Clean Elections Act is 'welfare for politicians'

A new so-called "Clean Election" law is "nothing less than welfare for politicians," the state LP has charged.

"It's bad enough that Democrats and Republicans have flamboyantly spent the hard-earned tax dollars of Maine citizens," said Maine LP Press Secretary **Jeff Weinstein** on April 5. "Now they're asking that you finance their campaigns as well."

The bill, which was passed by

voters in 1996 and upheld in court last year, takes effect for the 2000 election. It allows candidates to take campaign funds from a tax-funded "Clean Election Fund" instead of raising their own money.

But Libertarians refuse to participate, said **Weinstein**.

"Libertarians take responsibility for raising and spending their own campaign funds, unlike a number of politicians in Maine of both major parties," he said. "They think that makes us dirty — and that's just fine with us."

■ MICHIGAN

State LP works to keep ballot access in 2000

The state LP has formed a Ballot Access Retention Committee 2000 (BARC) to make sure it retains ballot status after the 2000 election.

The committee — created in December and moving into high gear this spring — has set the goal of winning the "largest vote total for the LP presidential candidate in any state in the nation," said LP campaign manager **Barbara Goushaw**, one of the primary movers behind the effort.

"We lost ballot status after 1992," she said. "We retained it after the 1996 election, but I want a resounding vote total in 2000."

According to state law, Libertarians must win 1% of the vote for its "top of the ticket candidate" — the LP presidential candidate — to maintain ballot status.

To achieve that goal, BARC activists are planning radio and

print ads, and have reserved over a dozen billboards.

"We're building a professional campaign organization to meet this challenge," said **Goushaw**.

■ MINNESOTA

For ninth time, LP says: 'Give It All Back Now!'

State Libertarians participated in the ninth "Give It All Back Now" rally on the steps of the state Capitol building — blasting Governor **Jesse Ventura** for making excuses instead of keeping his campaign promises.

"Always measure your elected legislators and candidates by their actions, not their words," said State Chair **Charles Test**, who spoke at the rally. "We've learned this the hard way with **Jesse Ventura** campaigning with libertarian rhetoric, but governing like a Democrat."

The rally — which was held on April 15 and attracted a crowd of several thousand — demanded that the governor and legislature return the state's \$1.8 billion surplus "to the people who created it — the taxpayers," said **Test**.

Noting that then-candidate **Ventura** vowed to "give it all back" at the first such LP rally in 1998, **Test** said **Ventura** has only returned "25¢ on the dollar" so far.

■ NEW YORK

Libertarians rally to save church from land-grab

More than 100 Libertarians and other activists participated in

a rally in March to try to save a church from a government land-grab scheme.

On March 25, Libertarians led a rally at the site of St. Luke's Pentecostal Church in New Cassel — which the region's Community Development Authority is trying to seize for "community revitalization" under a federally funded "urban renewal" program.

"Moses said to Pharaoh, 'Let my people go,'" Nassau County LP Chair **Richard Cooper** told the assembly. "The Libertarian Party says to our modern Pharaoh, 'Let these people stay.'"

In the coming months, Libertarians will sponsor more pro-church rallies and continue to circulate petitions calling on the CDA to leave the church alone, said **Cooper**.

And in Washington, DC, Congressman **Ron Paul** (R-TX) has introduced a bill that would bar the use of federal funds to seize church property.

■ VIRGINIA

VCU students protest 'censorship' of speech

Virginia Commonwealth University Libertarians have accused school officials of "censorship" for trying to block a pro-drug decriminalization event on campus.

On April 21, VCU officials revoked room space the school's Libertarian Club had reserved for a speech by noted Virginia marijuana activist **Roy Scherer**.

"The reason for revoking the space was directly related to **Scherer's** topic, the harm of marijuana laws," said LP activist **Greg Lloyd**.

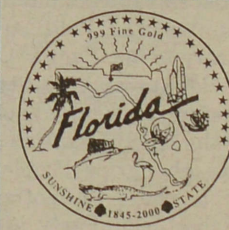
Over 50 students turned out for the speech, but found the room locked.

Undaunted, Libertarians quickly moved the event to a nearby room — and **Scherer** was able to complete most of his presentation before security personnel arrived and cleared the room, said **Lloyd**.

"Apparently VCU officials decided this was not an appropriate topic for such a fine school and revoked their official status as a student organization," he said.

Libertarians now plan to file a formal complaint about the action, said **Lloyd**, and publicize the school's "censorship."

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NewsBriefs

Newsletter will analyze candidates

A Washington State Libertarian has launched a new newsletter to help other party members determine which LP candidates are worthy of support or likely to win election. Brian Bartels, state LP communications director, debuted his e-mail newsletter, *Victory News*, in April, and said it will help Libertarians cut through the "hype" of campaign promises. "Victory News is an investment newsletter for Libertarian donors, looking for opportunities to get the most libertarianism for their dollar," he said. "I provide news about opportunities to advance liberty through support of viable candidates."

Bartels, a past editor of *Liberty* magazine, said he will use his media expertise and his own experiences as a local candidate to "rate candidates" on viability, fundraising success, and other objective criteria.

"This will help potential donors cut through the fundraising hype that's an inevitable part of any political campaign," he said.

The first issue of the newsletter examined the campaign of Michael Hamilton, who is running for Pierce County Council in Spanaway, Washington. Future issues will focus on Mitch Shults's run for Oregon State Treasurer and Carla Howell's bid for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts.

His analysis of the campaigns, said Bartels, will be based on his own campaign experience and his role in statewide campaigns as communications director.

The newsletter, delivered monthly by e-mail, is available at no cost. For information, visit: www.vforvictory.net.

Website: Science fiction & liberty

Libertarians who enjoy science fiction have a new place to visit this month: The www.scifidimensions.com website, which features several articles examining the liberty/speculative fiction connection.

The new May issue of *scifidimensions* includes pieces about the Prometheus Awards — given each year by the Libertarian Futurists Society to honor libertarian-themed science fiction — and an examination of *Atlas Shrugged* from a science fiction perspective, said site editor John C. Snider.

"[The] article entitled 'But Is It Science Fiction? Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*,' analyzes this classic work of literature from a science fiction standpoint," he said. "I hope [Libertarians will] take the time to visit our site."

On a non-political note, the site also includes articles about *Star Trek* and the "Ten Movies That Changed Science Fiction," and an interview with space entrepreneur Jim Benson.

Paglia: A 'Libertarian Democrat'?

Camille Paglia, the iconoclastic art critic and foe of feminism, has said again that she's a libertarian — but wants party members to stop sending her "dreary" letters urging her to run for president.

In her April 26 column in the online publication *Salon*, Paglia wrote that she was a "libertarian Democrat" — but was reluctant to support LP candidates in 2000.

Why? Because while she does agree "with many of the platform tenets of the Libertarian Party," she wrote, "I am troubled by its failure to highlight social responsibility as an ethical principle. I feel society must respond to those in need."

Paglia seems to misunderstand the LP's position on responsibility, countered LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"Contrary to Ms. Paglia, Libertarians have a profound belief in individual responsibility and compassion," he said. "We just understand that private organizations can do a better job of helping the needy than can government bureaucrats."

Paglia's other gripe: People pestering her to run for president.

"Over the years, I've gotten many rather dreary mailings from the Libertarian Party, including invitations to compete for its presidential nomination," she wrote.

That was news to Crickenberger.

"The national office doesn't recruit presidential candidates, nor send her any dreary letters," he said. "And I'd be surprised if any LP member wants a presidential candidate who supports government-guaranteed medical care and housing. For a 'libertarian Democrat,' Paglia seems more Democrat than libertarian."

Paglia is the author of the books *Sexual Personae* and *Tramps and Vamps*. Her columns can be found at www.salon.com.



■ Camille Paglia: Dreary letters.

Party's anti-Census project raised public concern about the long form

The Libertarian Party's campaign against privacy-invading Census questions seems to have made Americans more suspicious about the 2000 Census, according to a recent public opinion survey — and has continued to generate media coverage for the party.

"The evidence is piling up that our campaign helped change public perceptions about unconstitutional Census questions," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director. "And thanks to the phenomenal media coverage this campaign generated, it also helped raise public awareness about the Libertarian Party."

According to a poll by Inter-Survey published in *USA Today* on May 5, 48% of Americans said "privacy concerns" made them less likely to answer questions on the long form, while 29% said the same thing about the short form.

When asked about specific questions, 53% said queries about income were "too personal." Another 20% said questions about housing were intrusive, and 22% mentioned questions about race.

USA Today attributed that concern to "the outcry by conservative Republicans, Libertarians, and talk show hosts."

But while Republicans may have echoed some similar mild privacy concerns, the Libertarian Party started the Census privacy campaign, noted Dasbach.

2,000 radio stations

Between January and April, the LP issued four press releases and an op-ed about the Census, did more than 100 print and broadcast interviews, did several guest spots on national TV, and appeared on more than 2,000 radio stations, he said.

"This was our most successful campaign, in terms of interviews and press coverage, since our anti-Know Your Customer effort in 1999," said Dasbach.

During the campaign, the party encouraged Americans to answer the only Census question required by the Constitution: How many people live in your home?

"Census bureaucrats say it is your civic duty to answer all the questions," said Dasbach at that time. "But it's actually your patriotic duty to refuse to answer nosy Census questions."

The problem with the Census, he said, is that government bureaucrats use it to determine "who gets how much of what."

"Information collected by the Census is used to dole out an estimated \$180 billion in taxpayers' money and to allow the government to discriminate against Americans based on their racial background," said Dasbach.

In addition to media appearances previously listed in *LP*

DASBACH:

"Our campaign helped change public perception about the Census."

News [May 2000], the party also received coverage:

■ On CBS Evening News with Dan Rather on March 31, California LP activist Mark Selzer appeared on the show, identified as a "Libertarian and Internet Businessman," to discuss why he opposed the Census.

"I said that the Census was a major invasion of privacy, that I

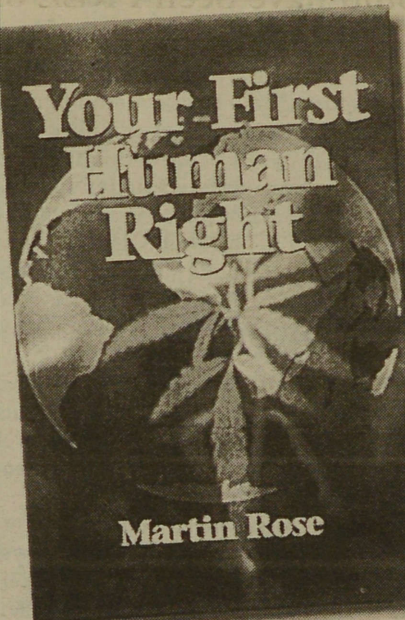
got the long form and was so disgusted I threw it in the trash," said Selzer.

■ In the *Indianapolis Star* (April 11), which noted: "The Libertarian Party has been vocal in its opposition [to the Census]."

■ In the *Topeka Capital-Journal* (April 8), which reported: "Some groups, such as the Libertarian Party, have said Americans should give two pieces of information — how many people live at an address and who they are."

In addition, anti-Census op-eds were printed in the *Caledonia Record* (St. Johnsbury, Vermont), the *Atlantic City Press* (New Jersey), the *Index-Journal* (Greenwood, South Carolina), the *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* (Indiana), the *Missoulian* (Montana), the *Las Vegas Journal-Review* (Nevada), and the *Daily Journal* (Kankakee, Illinois).

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Harry Browne

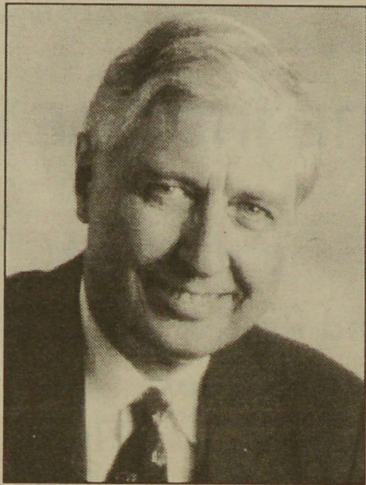
We have a lot to be optimistic about this year.

Public interest in third parties has escalated. But to capitalize on that interest, we have to let voters know of the alternative we offer.

Fortunately, the Libertarian Party is about three times the size it was four years ago, with greater talent and greater resources. This means far more people will hear our message this year than in 1996.

Our campaign has already produced a 30-minute TV show that has run on commercial stations in Atlanta, Denver, St. Petersburg, and Jacksonville. We hope to run it on national commercial networks after the LP convention. And in May we produced a series of 60-second ads we expect to run nationally in June.

Just since February, we've had press coverage from the Associated Press and dozens of metropolitan daily newspapers. And during that time I've had the opportunity to appear nine times on national television, 34 times on



national radio, and over 60 times on big-city radio shows.

The reception to the Libertarian message is better than ever. And that isn't surprising. After all, what other party is offering to set people free — to allow them to live their lives as they want, rather than as the politicians command? We have the strongest political message in the world. To gain people's approval we need only focus on how much better off

they'll be in a Libertarian America.

However, they can't approve of what they never hear. It's vital that we be able to transmit that message far and wide, and that takes money. The more money we raise this year, the more we can broadcast the message. I hope you'll pledge to help make it possible for us to do far more television advertising than any previous Libertarian presidential campaign.

4,300 volunteers

Making people aware of the message also requires personal effort. I'm happy to report that our campaign now has over 4,300 volunteers who have signed up to write letters about the campaign to newspapers and broadcasters, to distribute literature, to call into talk shows, to post yard signs — all of which will help make the campaign much more visible.

And visibility is the key. We need to make all Americans aware that there's a party that wants to set them free, to reduce govern-

ment to its constitutional limits, to free them from the income tax, to let them out of Social Security, to end the insane War on Drugs, and to stop the dangerous foreign policy of the past 60 years.

If we can do that at the national level, it will make life much easier for the 2,000 Libertarian candidates who will be running local or state-wide campaigns. If we elevate name recognition for the Libertarian label, we will inspire voters to punch their ballots for Libertarians even when they're unfamiliar with the individual candidates.

We are already way ahead of where we were at this time in 1996. But that's not good enough. We need to break through the limitations of a small, marginal party and become important enough to have an impact on the outcome of this election.

I hope you will help. We need your time, your money, your commitment to do whatever you can to take the presidential campaign and the party to new heights.

Please get in touch with me

by going to my website at HarryBrowne.org or call (800) 777-2000. We'll send you a video-cassette of the 30-minute TV show and details on how you can help make this the best Libertarian presidential campaign ever.

■ **Harry Browne** is the author of 11 books, a radio and TV personality, and a public speaker — and he was the 1996 Libertarian candidate for President of the United States. For 30 years he was an investment advisor, retiring in 1997. His new book, *The Great Libertarian Offer*, will be published in June.

Don Gorman

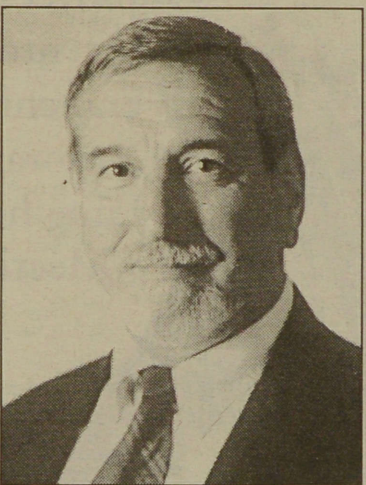
All through my life, I have had a passion for liberty, for freedom.

I have seen the traditional freedom and liberty of the American citizen being eroded, encroached upon — and very few seem to realize that this is happening. The process creeps on, locally, state-wide and all through the country — and those of us who understand what is going on must work against it, fight back, act to help others to see and understand.

Most of all, we must find ways to halt this erosion of our liberty.

The Libertarian Party, of which I have been a member for the last nine years, is the traditional guardian of Freedom, the best hope of gaining back our Constitutional rights. We need to build the strongest possible foundation for this Party, helping to elect Libertarians in every position they can win.

In this way, the message of the Party will be felt locally through the success of these "winners" in lowering the cost and the



intrusiveness of the government in which they have a role. Until Libertarians move to take these positions and this responsibility, we will remain a marginal group, unable to achieve the freedom we so desire. I am absolutely convinced that encouraging Libertarians to gain local, winnable office is the best way to build this strong foundation.

It is to this end that I pledge to cross the country, appearing

with local candidates, helping them to attract media attention, speaking to the constituents they are seeking to attract to their campaigns, supporting them in every way I can.

At the same time, I understand the importance of using the mass media to bring the Libertarian message to anyone who will listen. I believe that I can do that, with the help of Libertarian activists around the country.

Media appearances

In every state where I have attended a convention, knowledgeable supporters have arranged media appearances. I have been on TV, on talk radio, given newspaper interviews — and many other such appearances are being arranged as I write.

My speeches may not be as smooth and sophisticated as those of others, but many people have tired of listening to political rhetoric. I have a down-to-earth, straight-forward way of going out to people. I believe in being factual and truthful; I will not build

a fantasy that we can't at this moment achieve. Instead, I will ask you to build the foundation, to work toward freedoms we can gain this year, right now.

Here is an example:

Legalizing the compassionate use of marijuana is within our reach! Several states have already passed laws that make this palliative use legal — but the Federal government is trying to nullify these laws and overrun the will of the people, often using horrifying force to do so. We should be working in every possible way to strengthen these laws, to help other states to pass them, to keep the Federal government from bullying its citizens. This is an achievable goal, and one that will be shared by many who are not as yet Libertarians.

It is also a step toward a greater freedom that is just beyond our grasp at the moment, but increasingly more reasonable and supportable for many non-Libertarians: the end of the destructive War on Drugs! The terrible results of this conflict are

obvious; we are squandering huge resources in people, money, trust and liberty. We need to speak out and to act on this matter, but not in such a way that we frighten the general population. We must have elected representatives who can vote to end this prohibition!

Clarify and purify

And the only way to elect those representatives is to start off in "entry-level," winnable positions in which we can demonstrate our ability to think and to act for the good of all. Libertarians will not be contaminated by political success; they will clarify and purify the political process wherever they are elected!

It happened with me in the New Hampshire Legislature, it's beginning to happen with elected Libertarians all over the country — and I promise that I will work hard to continue this process, to create a real movement for Freedom!

There is no way that one person can do this alone. Even have-

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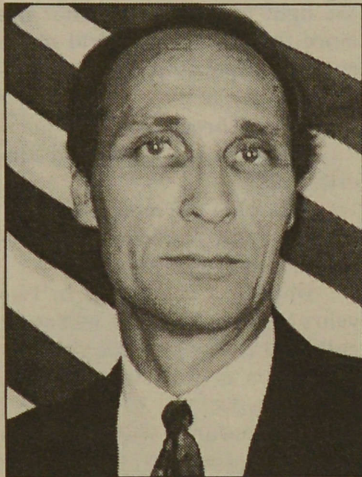
Barry Hess

My decision to seek the Libertarian nomination for the American Presidency was actually made in September, 1999. I saw the future of the Libertarian Party finally being elevated to prominence in the year 2000.

So it came as a tremendous blow to hear the 1996 nominee adamantly asserting that we "simply cannot win the White House this time around, and probably not for several years to come," "realistically," I was assured, a 5% vote total was something to be "thrilled" with.

I thought to myself, "If you choose to lose, I can guarantee your success every single time." I realized there was literally no one else who was willing to stand up and give us an honest, full out effort to return control of the White House to the dictates of the Constitution in this election year.

As a businessman and former salesman, I have literally been in the private homes of over 10,000 American families who were willing to share their thoughts, expe-



riences and expectations of government. In this regard, there isn't a single candidate for the nomination who can match my experience. I know how close to the surface the frustration with our government runs.

I am not a politician, I am a leader. Those who contend political experience is a positive factor are wrong. The great perversion of our government happened as a result of "professional politicians"

who worried about their own political futures instead of that of the American people.

Certainly our founding fathers would find that our society had been reduced to its current state because we kept electing career politicians. Their intent was to provide a mechanism that would allow the Citizenry to be represented best by one of their own, not an elitist.

Learned in office

Only 42 people in history have ever held the office of the Presidency, and I am confident that each and every one would tell us that 99.9% of what they needed to know to function in the office was learned in office. This position is so unique; there literally is no way to prepare.

A grasp of the Constitution, common sense and the integrity to follow through in doing what is right, are preferable to laying claim to having been "successful" at thriving in a corrupt system. I am intent on changing the way things get done in Washington,

DC, and not concerned with how they are being done now.

I have no stronger desire than to restore our nation to its former greatness. As America's first party, Libertarians have an obligation to press on until the job gets done. A single-mindedness of purpose is the real qualification we need.

The single most self-destructive blow that ever struck this country was clearly the imposition of the "income tax." Not only does it breach the barriers of individual privacy, and force every American to live in fear of their government, but it took our moms out of the home, and out of community involvement.

Without parental attention, our latchkey children are left to the mercy of Jerry Springer to learn their values and morals. What have we done? My promise, and you can read my lips, is to absolutely eliminate any and all tax on your earnings and remove any and all reporting requirements.

The constant attempts of

subversives within our government to disarm the American citizen will be brought to an abrupt and immediate end. My commitment is to the American Constitution, as written, unless or until it is changed by the People. I will not relent until we have a complete restoration of this bulwark against tyranny.

Trampling rights

I will declare war on the "war on drugs" in all of its insidiousness in trampling of our natural rights. I will free all Americans who are imprisoned without having committed a "crime" against another citizen, their property or their rights.

Removing governmental influence from our schools will enhance the quality of education. Competition begets excellence in educating our children, assuring America's prominence for generations to come.

By recalling our military troops and strengthening our national defenses, we will eliminate

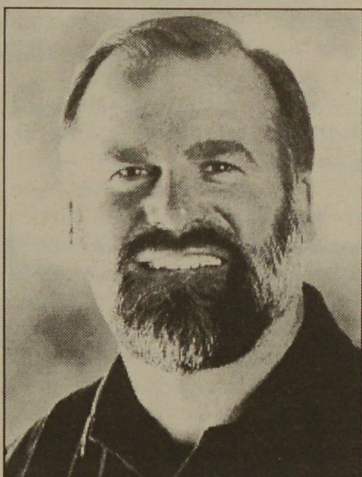
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Dave Hollist

I'll try not to waste your time. Instead of being a candidate, I prefer to vote for someone to defend my property, but unfortunately everyone on the ballot wants to take my money even though our constitution starts with "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion." Our elected politicians believe they should take our money while I think the opposite, and when they tax us, they are establishing their religion by force.

Sadly, even our party's last presidential candidate said on his website that he would use excise taxes and tariffs to operate our government. This is unacceptable because he has signed a contract with us stating that he would not advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political goals. This pledge is the distinguishing characteristic of our party and the only thing that I have agreed to in becoming a member, so I thought the only alternative was to be on the ballot myself.

Ayn Rand taught me a way to



finance government, which I've spent the last 20 plus years trying to sell to the majority of voters, and why I am running for president.

Let me give you an example: Bill Gates is the wealthiest person in the world. He is an American businessman who signs billion-dollar contracts. If anything goes wrong — if people don't follow through with what they had promised — his attorneys just

present the contract to our government, and the courts adjudicate it. And if necessary, the police are sent out with guns drawn and will shoot people dead in order to get what is due Mr. Gates.

This is a wonderful service that is provided by our government, but there is one thing that is wrong: It's free. I don't understand — how can something of such great value be free?

Enough money

Well, you guessed it. I propose that we charge people one percent of the value of their contracts to insure them against something going wrong. Now in this example, one percent would be ten million dollars that would be paid into the United States Treasury, and this is just one man and this is just one of his contracts so you can see that with all the contracts that are signed each day, this would raise hundreds of billions of dollars each year — more than enough money to effectively run our government.

Now it's insurance — no one

has to buy it, but if something goes wrong with your contract and you didn't have insurance, you'd have a big problem. If you go out and forcibly try to take what you felt you deserved, the police would stop you. If you go to the government, it will say that you should have bought insurance, and you probably will the next time. You can see the great incentive.

I know it's painful to listen to insurance salesmen so I'll shut up, but essentially that is what I am — a contract insurance salesman, and I'm applying for a job. I'm asking you to hire me. If you vote for me, I will do my best to persuade the majority of voters to buy contract insurance. Thanks for your consideration.

These are the introductory remarks that I plan to make in the presidential debate at our national convention this year. After making similar statements at my state convention debate, I was politely booed by some and I appreciate this opportunity to elaborate using this newer technology of the written word.

At our last regional meeting, a fellow Libertarian said that I had frightened the delegates with all this talk about shooting people dead. This may seem harsh but people's lives depend on the money they invest in business deals and without this system of compliance, few if any of the modern conveniences that we enjoy could have been created.

Voluntary system

Unlike the uninvited intrusions in our lives by politicians today, I propose a voluntary system whereby we hire our government to enforce our contracts. But make no mistake, if you invite your government into your life, you are agreeing to have it shoot you dead if you refuse to give up the property that you agreed to in a contract. By the way, this is the ultimate proof to those you are doing business with that you are serious about following through with your commitments.

Thanks to the growing number of Libertarian voters and can-

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THE RACE FOR NATIONAL CHAIR

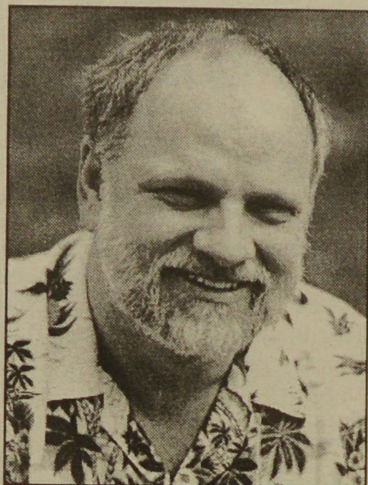
Why I'm Running For LP Chair

Gary Copeland

The Libertarian Party has struggled to become the predominant third party, well-organized in all states. While the liberal leanings of television's single-point communication have been the trademark of the 20th century, the Internet, with multiple-point communication, will forever be home to Libertarian ideals and concepts that are the seeds of tomorrow's dream of a self-governing people. We will use the Web to continue the revolution that began with Jefferson and Paine.

Currently I am working with several activists on the Wolf Pack, a political PAC to use volunteers and donations to double registration where possible and create a media presence in those states where it is not. <http://www.epires.com/wolfpack/>

By creating ideas that reach beyond just the present libertarian constituency, we create the desire for other parties and politicians to join and learn of our cause. Our next step into a larger universe is pivotal for the expansion



of our ideas and goals for the 21st century. We are but limited by our own convictions and imagination.

Being a Libertarian

It means not only willing to be unsuccessful but going out and failing in order to sacrifice personal time for the hope that one person will realize that they can make a difference.

It's knowing that your vote counts for more than all the

people who don't register.

It's teaching others that in order to get liberty I have to give it.

It's willing to listen to politicians who sacrifice our rights on the altar of government in order to fulfill self-serving desires for power and control.

It's long debates about the color red, green and how many Libertarians fit on the head of a pin.

It's convincing candidates that their sacrifice for the party is not in vain and that each person they touched makes a difference, even if they never see it.

But most of all it means being an individual willing and able to change the system. Standing up and fighting government anywhere and everywhere it invades the lives of individuals and business. Hope springs eternal and that the right to make the wrong decision is part of the gift of life liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

I am humbled to be among those who have served the party.

We fight a noble battle that not since the revolution could mean so much. I am Proud to be a Libertarian.

I have three goals:

■ Double the registered Libertarians

■ Double the membership

■ Create a permanent process for party growth

Doubling the party in two years is not a goal that will come easy and it will gain me no accolades from my libertarian peers. This I can do.

Elect me and I will double the registered Libertarians, double the membership, and design a permanent process for party growth.

■ **Gary David Copeland:** Professionally, I am the President of Epicenter Research, a computer consulting firm founded in 1983. I authored the book Enterprise Design for the 21st Century. I recently started another company, NextCure, an Internet business involved in information content for the public and the pharmaceu-

tical industry. I have three children, Lake, Willow, and Ceara, and a wonderful Libertarian wife, Kelley O'Neill.

James W. Lark

I am running for chair because I believe I have the requisite skills, experience, temperament, and vision for the task. Also, several LP members throughout the country, representing many viewpoints concerning strategy/tactics, urged me to run because they believe I'll be a "consensus candidate" who will help bring party factions together.

I have breadth and depth of experience and success in the various aspects of building the party at all levels:

■ LNC member (elected at-large, 1998)

■ National campus coordinator

■ Organized several local parties in Virginia and other states

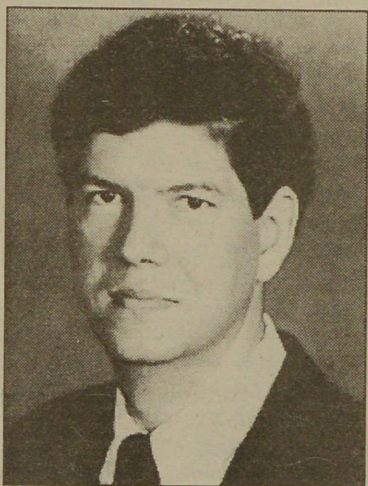
■ Secretary, Jefferson Area Libertarians (LPVa. local affiliate)

■ Ninth Congressional District chair

■ Vice-chairman, LPVa. (1998-2000)

■ LP Platform Committee (1991, 1998), LP Bylaws Committee (2000)

■ Success '97, Success '99 seminar faculty member



■ Advisor to several candidates/campaigns (1999, 2000)

Emphasize

Should you entrust me with the chairmanship, I'll emphasize:

1) Reaching out to young people, particularly high school and college students. It is crucial that we improve our youth outreach. My campus work will help me in this matter.

2) Improving the process of

generating, recruiting, and training new activists. We must encourage members to become activists, particularly members who are the "lone Libertarian" in the community. While Success '97 and Success '99 training programs were very successful, we can use other tools to improve the quality and scope of our efforts. One program I want to establish involves "schools" for candidates and campaign managers.

3) Improving membership retention.

4) Improving ways to leverage work by Libertarian movement organizations, especially think tanks (e.g., Cato, Reason, Cascade, Heartland) and education groups (e.g., F.E.E., I.H.S.). My relationship with these organizations is very good; I believe I can contribute substantially in this task.

5) Conducting a full-scale systems analysis of the LP and its operations particularly concerning information flow. LP operations should be reviewed on a regular basis; as a systems engi-

neer, I believe I'll ask the right questions and help find the right answers.

(These are broad statements; I provide more details in other forums.)

Certain aspects of my personal situation should be particularly helpful if I am chairman. As a professor, my schedule is reasonably flexible and I'll have roughly four months during the spring/summer to devote to this activity.

Oversight

I live within a two-hour drive of LP headquarters in Washington, D.C., which will facilitate my efforts to raise the LP profile with Congress, regulatory agencies, the "prestige press," and think tanks. Also, I can easily perform the chair's oversight responsibilities.

Note: I am not campaigning for chair in the conventional manner. I am working at several tasks to promote liberty/defeat statism, and I don't want to divert resources from these tasks to campaign for internal party positions.

I shall offer my positions and qualifications in various forums, discuss issues with Anaheim convention attendees, and then seek the judgment of the delegates.

I am flattered that many Libertarians I respect actively support me; the LPVa. endorsed my candidacy by acclamation at the 2000 LPVa. convention. Some representative endorsements:

■ Joe Cobb, LP California candidate, U.S. House of Representatives: "I strongly endorse Jim Lark for the next LP national chairman. He has helped the Virginia LP rise from typical amateur status to a real organization."

■ Alan Handleman, LP Kentucky: "Never have I met a man more energetically devoted to the cause of individual liberty, nor more personally generous in its pursuit with his time, talent and resources than is Jim Lark."

■ Mark Hinkle, chair, LP California: "I have no doubts that Jim Lark is the best person running for LNC Chair."

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THE RACE FOR NATIONAL CHAIR

Why I'm Running For LP Chair

George Phillies

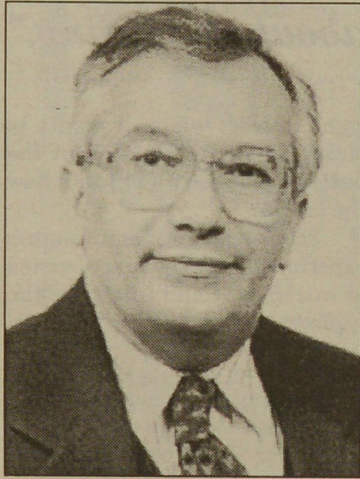
It's time for change. In 2000, we need to choose a Party strategy. We can follow the Perry Willis-David Bergland Membership Recruitment strategy, raising money to fund membership drives to ask new member-donors to fund more membership drives.

There is an alternative. We can follow the Local Organization strategy of "Stand Up for Liberty" (<http://cleanslate2000.org>). That strategy says: Members should be activists, not checkbooks that walk.

We tried Membership Recruitment. Supporters talked of 50,000, 100,000, 200,000 members by July, 2000. We didn't get them. A strategy's failure does not mean its supporters are necessarily immoral or corrupt. It just means we need a new strategy, so...

It's time for change.

For three decades, we've recycled a strategic pattern: A quadrennial Presidential campaign. A few "big-ticket" campaigns running good Libertarians like Jon



Coon. Developing a donor ("member") base. A primary focus on fundraising.

We made some progress. Hundreds of Libertarians hold political office. Far more are running this year. Observe: There are national races where we invest lots of money. There are local races that elect Libertarians and build our voter base. We should start betting on winners. We should urge activists to invest

first in local candidates who can win.

It's time for change.

I believe our National Party has critical roles: Get 50-state ballot access! Incite activism! Support and train candidates and volunteers! Create affinity groups! In short: Create the requisite conditions for victory.

The higher you are in an organization, the farther out you should look. The Chair is at the top, looking the farthest. What will we need, that takes 20 years to build?

Incite activism

We need strong ward, town, and state committees, strong candidates, and competent staffers. Those people are activists. To get activists, we must incite activism, not mere checkwriting. To keep activists on board, they must have something to do, namely running successful Libertarian campaigns. To get campaigns, we must incite members to become candidates and campaigners.

How? Use outreach tools: LP

News. Direct Mail. Conventions. Electronic media. The National Party can lead us in the right direction.

In 20 years, we'll also need affinity groups. Democrats and Republicans count on NRA and NEA support. When our candidates run against Democratic-Republicans, they need friends, too. They need affinity groups that give Libertarian ideas about guns, schools, and taxes. Credible affinity groups can't be run by the National Party. Credible affinity groups can be launched by National, and we should start launching.

It's time for change.

Alas, the last few years we've had some backwards steps. The Liberty Council PAC was destroyed by litigation. A major Presidential candidate had to suspend his campaign for lack of money. As I write, a legal feud between the National Committee and an Arizona LP may have cost us 50-state ballot access.

I don't have a time machine. I can't undo these steps.

Our Libertarian principles tell us how these backwards steps could have been avoided:

- Honesty—do what is right.
- Transparency — be seen doing what is right.
- Moral suasion — not litigation.

I'll urge the National Committee to rely on honesty, transparency, and private moral suasion, so we don't take more backwards steps. For starters, I'll repeal the directive that our Treasurer and Auditors cannot talk directly to each other.

It's time for change.

If elected, I will lead, not lurk. I'll give the National Committee a strategy 18 hours, not 18 months, into my term.

If elected, I will listen to you, not talk at you. I'll ask you for your ideas. I'll try to help you put your ideas into effect.

If elected, I will set high ethical standards. If the National Committee wants to send Stand Up for Liberty! to activists, I'll

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Gorman

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ing a Libertarian President would not make it happen. Every Libertarian needs to commit his or her efforts toward this very difficult but truly attainable goal.

Our country has been sliding into socialistic practices for so long that most of the population takes them for granted; it will take a lot of explaining and a concerted effort to wake up this sleeping giant which the American public has become.

We are the ones who must sound the alarm, must say to them, "Speak out for your constitutional rights! They are disappearing before your eyes!"

Responsibility

Friends, the other side of the "Liberty" coin is responsibility.

If you believe with me that this is the right course for the Libertarian Party, then give me your support. I need your vote, if you are to be a delegate at Anaheim.

I need your volunteer efforts, in sending this message out to everyone you can reach.

I need your contributions, so that I can keep traveling, keep encouraging candidates, keep working for your freedom, my freedom, the liberty that is truly embodied in the very title "Libertarian."

Gorman for President, P.O. Box 94, Deerfield, NH 03037. GoGorman@Gorman2000.org. Home: (603) 463-7771. Voice Mail: (202) 478-1723

■ **Don Gorman:** Born in Boston, February 5, 1938. Three grown children.

Owned a high-rise water-proofing company. Taught firearms safety and outdoor survival. Airplane pilot, a skydiver, an expert scuba diver.

Merchant Marine Captain of a 1600-ton ocean-going Tug. Owns Auld Reekie Chimney Service.

Elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives 1972-1974 as a Republican, 1992-1994 as a Libertarian. Leader of Libertarian caucus in the NH House. Criminal Justice Committee and the Rules Committee.

1996 recipient of the "Most Effective Elected Libertarian" award. Chair of the Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment, Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Hess

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any incentive for terrorist attacks on American soil, so that we can once again be a peaceful, free nation.

I ask all Libertarians to support my candidacy because I am the one who can effectively take the message of Freedom beyond the confines of the Libertarian

Party. Please visit our website www.HESS2000.com for more complete information.

It's all about "vision." I read when I was a young man that "Only one who can see the invisible, can do the impossible."

If you can't see what I see, I'm asking you, "Will you let me be your eyes?"

■ **Born** January 29th, 1957, in Garden City, Michigan, **Barry Hess** is fully qualified to lead the Libertarian Party to Victory in

November 2000. His experiences in having lived in Florida, Ohio, New Hampshire, New York and Arizona give him a unique perspective on the "pulse" of America.

His international travels and business experiences have made him an expert in efficiency and effectiveness. Barry is a true "critical thinker" who brings hope and confidence to all those who hesitate. As stated by a conventioneer, "Barry doesn't just inspire us to do great things — he's willing to lead the way; that's character."

Hollist

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didates, we are assembling our 269 member team (218 Congressmen, 50 Senators and the President) to abolish taxes and regulations, which has great emotional appeal, and incorporate contract insurance, which has great intellectual appeal.

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■ **David Hollist:** (909) 980-4198. constitution@compuserve.com.

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Over 2,500 primary votes '98 Candidate, United States House of Representatives (42). '96-'98, Secretary, LPSBC36. '78-'96, Capitalist candidate: House, Senate and President.

'94, Associate in Science from Chaffey College. '88, Married and

in '92 my wife gave birth to our child.

Bank teller, Voter, Carpenter, Juror, Bus driver, Politician, Author. Read *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand. '53, Born, Fairbanks, Alaska, Dairy farm, Four sisters, Two brothers.

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Million Mom March mistakes

Women who participated in the Million Mom March made a terrible mistake by attacking guns instead of focusing on the women who have been raped or killed because of gun control laws, the Libertarian Party said.

"May 14, the day of the march, should have been a day to mourn the victims of gun control — including the estimated 4,177 women who will be raped this year because it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon in their state," said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party national director. "What will it take to make the Million Mom marchers understand that criminals love women who hate guns?"

An estimated 150,000 women participated in the Million Mom March in Washington, DC. They demanded what they call "common sense" gun laws — including trigger locks, gun licensing, limits on gun purchases, regulation of gun shows, and more.

Unfortunately, such laws already put women at risk, said Dasbach — including the 4,177 women who are raped every year because of laws making it illegal to carry a concealed weapon.

That figure comes from a study by the Cato Institute, which found that violent crime dropped dramatically in 24 states that passed concealed-carry laws. In those states, rapes fell by 5.2%.

Had other states passed similar concealed-carry laws, that 5.2% drop in rapes would have translated into an additional 4,000+ women who would not have been sexually assaulted.

"The Million Mom March participants thought they were sponsoring an anti-gun event," said Dasbach. "Instead, they sponsored a pro-rape event. That's the real tragedy."

Higher beer taxes: Gonorrhea's cure?

Clap if you believe this: Higher taxes on beer can prevent gonorrhea. At least, that's what the federal government says. But Libertarians are taking that claim with a dose of healthy skepticism.

"If gonorrhea is the disease, higher taxes are not the cure," said George Getz, LP press secretary. "After all, gonorrhea can be cured with a single shot. But taxes are impervious to antibiotics and can re-infect our paycheck every time politicians start lusting after our money."

According to a report in May by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP), raising the tax on a six-pack of beer by 20¢ could reduce gonorrhea by 9%.

The CDCP based its findings on a study of gonorrhea rates in states that boosted alcohol taxes between 1981 and 1995. According to the CDCP, the higher the new taxes on beer, the lower the rate of sexually transmitted disease.

The CDCP suggested that cheap beer led to more drinking, which led to more "risky sexual behavior" among young people.

Libertarians aren't buying that argument.

"If there is one thing more desperate than a Happy Hour Casanova at closing time, it's a tax-happy politician promiscuously looking for revenue in all the wrong places," said Getz. "But taxing beer will no more protect young people from gonorrhea than taxing cigars will protect White House interns from Bill Clinton."

Don't buy back toy guns; buy a clue

A politician in Maryland wants to start a buy-back program for toy guns and it's got Libertarians baffled: They don't know whether to support the program or snicker at it.

"This is a real dilemma," said Steve Dasbach. "Do we praise this politician for going after toy guns instead of Constitutionally protected real guns? Or do we point out that buying back toy guns will no more keep our streets safe than buying back non-alcoholic beer will keep Ted Kennedy sober?"

In April, Annapolis alderwoman Cynthia A. Carter proposed that the city start a program to buy back water pistols, cap guns, and other toy weapons to curb "violent behavior" among children.

The first-term Democrat argued that children "can't distinguish between a real gun or a play gun," and said she would eventually like to make all toy guns illegal.

But Libertarians have a better idea, said Dasbach.

"Here's a suggestion for Alderwoman Carter: Instead of buying toy guns, buy a clue," he said.

"Disarming toy gun-toting tots is a childish reaction to a serious public problem. A six-year-old with a water pistol doesn't cause crime; criminals cause crime. And the sooner politicians figure that out, the safer we will all be."

California Libertarians optimistic about Supreme Court primary case

The California Libertarian Party's fight against the state's "blanket primary" made it to the Supreme Court in April — and party activist Gail Lightfoot, who attended the hearing, said she was "jubilant" about the expected outcome.

"I anticipate a clear victory for the LP," she said after hearing the arguments in court on April 24.

Lightfoot, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, traveled to Washington, DC along with representatives of the Democratic, Republican, and Peace & Freedom parties to watch the high court consider the case.

The Supreme Court will now decide whether the California blanket primary — which allows all voters, regardless of party affiliation, to vote for candidates from any party in primary elections — is Constitutional.

A decision is expected to be announced by early July.

The contentious court session was "unusually lively," and by the end, most of the justices seemed to be on the side of the LP, said Lightfoot.

Arguing for the Libertarian Party and the other parties challenging the primary system, attorney George Waters told the court that alternative parties — which exist mainly for philosophical reasons — risked being hijacked by "outsiders" of other party registration.

Lightfoot said the justices seemed receptive to Waters's argument — but were far less friendly to the other side.

Interchangeable

Arguing in favor of the blanket primary, California Assistant Attorney General Thomas Gede said voters and parties are interchangeable, and the state's unaffiliated voters have the right to be heard in the nomination process.

The justices seemed to balk at that logic, said Lightfoot.

"Gede scarcely finished his opening statement before being hit by a barrage of questions and comments from the justices," she said. "They lit into him much more than they had our side."

As the visibly nervous defense attorney was "peppered with questions" from Justices O'Connor and Kennedy, Lightfoot said she flashed a quick thumbs-up at her anti-blanket primary allies in the gallery.

"I was jubilant," she said. "And it just got better and better."

Justice Scalia told Gede the blanket primary allows "people with little or no association with a party and absolutely no commitment to a political party" to choose the party's candidate.

"I find it hard to see why a state should take away a party's

GAIL LIGHTFOOT:

"I anticipate a clear victory. [I'm] very optimistic about prevailing."

arguments, and another two justices seemed to be skeptical about whether the blanket primary was Constitutional.

That's why, she said, she is "very optimistic about prevailing in this case."

First Amendment

Since the beginning of the case in 1996, the Libertarian Party has argued that the blanket primary violates the First Amendment's guarantees of free speech and freedom of association.

"Our bylaws say only party members can select our candidates," noted Lightfoot. "By inviting non-members to participate in the LP primary, California is allowing non-Libertarians to determine our beliefs."

If the Court finds in favor of the Libertarian Party and its allies, the system will cease by 2002.

right to elect whom it wants to elect," he said. "What about the party that doesn't want to follow the crowd?"

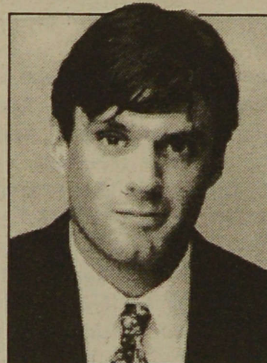
Scalia warned that the state's experiment in "democracy carried to extremes" could result in "the tyranny of the majority."

Lightfoot said five justices — a majority — seemed to be solidly on the LP's side by the close of

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Libertarians rally against taxes on April 15-17

Tax Day 2000 lets LP spread anti-tax and anti-IRS word

Neither rain (Indiana), nor heat from post office officials (Massachusetts), nor gloomy IRS employees (Pennsylvania) were able to prevent Libertarians from turning out in force around the USA in mid-April to protest the income tax.

From Florida to New Hampshire — and at least two dozen states in between — Libertarian Party members rallied in front of local post offices between April 15-17, carrying signs, encouraging disgruntled taxpayers to honk their car horns, and handing out anti-IRS literature.

Their goal: To try to “strike a responsive chord” with taxpayers and attract media attention to the party’s goal of reducing, simplifying, and eliminating taxes.

Warm response

Despite the occasional rain squall or belligerent postal official, most Libertarians said the annual Tax Day ritual was enjoyable — and said the events did seem to generate a warm response from taxpayers.

“People waved at us and gave thumbs-up signs,” said Obie Mild, chair of the Montgomery County LP in Pennsylvania. “It’s very rare that we find so many people behind us.”

On Tax Day, Libertarians also distributed tens of thousands of the party’s popular “Million Dollar Bills” — a faux currency note that highlights the fact that the federal government spends \$1 million every five seconds.

“Our million-dollar bills lighten up what is otherwise a stressful time for taxpayers,” said Christy Ann Welty, chair of the Johnson County LP (Iowa).

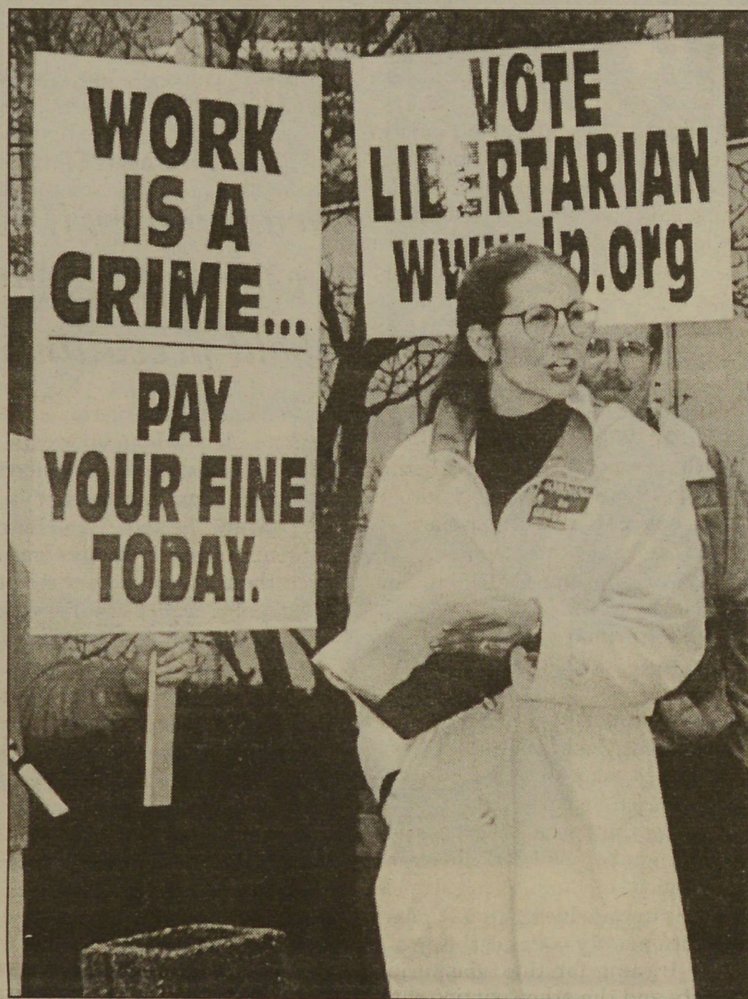
Some highlights from around the country include:

■ **Florida:** Broward County Libertarians staked out the Fort Lauderdale Post Office for eight hours — and their festive demonstration earned them a photo on the front page of the local section of the area’s largest newspaper.

Wearing colonial-era uniforms and hoisting a 13-star American flag, a dozen Libertarians handed out million dollar bills to taxpayers while posing for photographers, said Chair Tom Regnier.

“The colonial uniform is a media magnet,” he said. “Some of the newspaper photographers told me quite frankly that that is the hook that brings them there. You gotta have a gimmick.”

Thanks to the publicity and friendly response from taxpayers, even new Libertarians enjoyed the event, said Regnier.



■ **Above:** Monroe County LP Chair Erin Hollinden blasts the income tax at a speech in Bloomington, Indiana, asking, “Whose money is it anyway?” Right: John Haley in Pottsville, Pennsylvania makes his point dressed in a barrel and long underwear.

“Some of the new activists could not believe how much fun it was to experience so much positive reaction from the public,” he said.

■ **Delaware:** The income tax is a criminal disgrace — so why not dress like a criminal on Tax Day?

That’s what Mike Ayers and Dana Ayers did at the Dover post office: They slipped into boots and spurs and put on cowboy hats to play “Tax Day Bandits.”

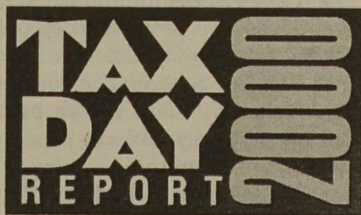
With 1040 forms rolled up in their holsters, the two Libertarian activists “ambushed” late filers with anti-tax literature.

The costumes “really got everyone’s attention,” said State Chair Jay Lawrence.

■ **Indiana:** About 15 Libertarians gathered in front of the Bloomington post office under a light drizzle to hand out literature, and to hear Monroe County LP Chair Erin Hollinden give a speech urging the repeal of the income tax.

In the speech, Hollinden noted, “Many of us pay more in taxes than we do for food, clothing, and housing. This is a crisis! We can’t let it continue!”

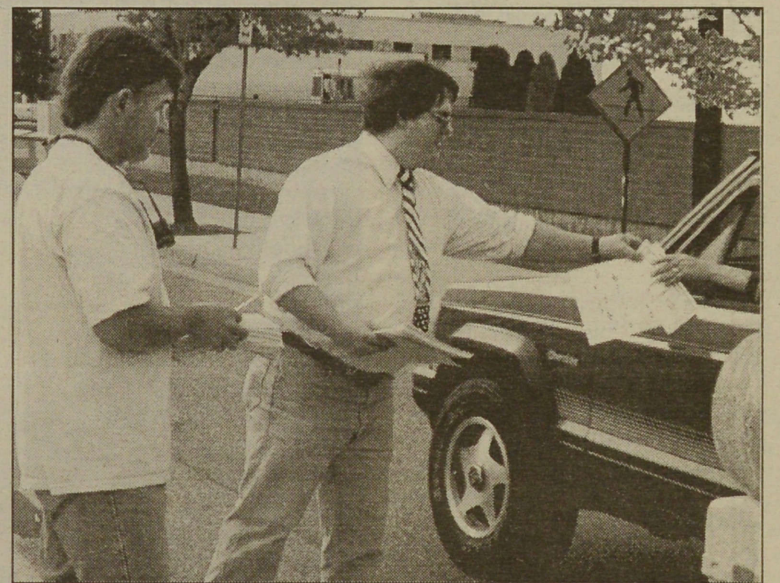
■ **Massachusetts:** Three Worcester Libertarians — one of



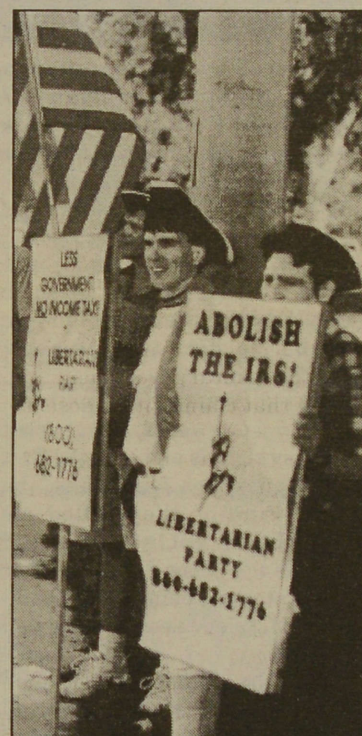
them accompanied by his young son — were threatened with arrest when they tried to hand out million-dollar bills at the city’s post office.

After 15 minutes of toting signs reading, “Shrink the Government, Not Our Wallets” and “End The Income Tax, Vote Libertarian,” the trio was approached by a postal employee who ordered them to move 90 feet away from the entrance, according to LP activist C.D. Tavares.

They complied, but took refuge under the building’s awning when a rain squall crept in. Though the Libertarians stopped



■ **Above:** Dennis Houseal (left) and William Jones hand out the Utah LP’s customized “Million Dollar Bills” at the Salt Lake City main post office. Left: Members of the Broward County (Florida) LP rally in front of the Ft. Lauderdale post office, dressed in three-cornered hats and colonial uniforms. “The uniform is a media magnet,” said Florida LP Vice Chair Tom Regnier.



phabet soup,” according to Chair Christy Ann Welty.

The theme week took such “autocratic acronym agencies” as the IRS, FCC, USPS, BATF, and EPA.

And on Tax Day itself, a group of Libertarians distributed million-dollar bills at the Iowa City Post Office, providing what Welty called “a ray of sunshine” for grumbling taxpayers.

“Our million-dollar bills lighten up what is otherwise a stressful time for taxpayers,” she said. “They say it doesn’t have to be this expensive — our government can help everyone by getting smaller. Libertarians are here to light the way.”

■ **Utah:** Libertarians “gave away” the entire state budget on Tax Day — using bills as phony as politicians’ tax-cut vows, said State Chair Jim Dexter.

Rallying at post offices all around the state, Libertarians met their goal of handing out \$6.5 billion in customized million dollar bills — “equaling the state government’s vastly inflated budget,” said Dexter.

The Utah LP’s “home-made bill compares the federal government’s runaway spending rate of \$1 million every five seconds to the Utah state government’s which lays out \$1,000 every minute,” he said.

“This activity is always fun and always strikes a responsive chord with Utah taxpayers. If elections were held the day after filing, very few tax-and-spend incumbents would be re-elected.”

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LP staffer appears on 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' show

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Wants To Be a Millionaire, he may have become the most-watched Libertarian in the history of the party.

On May 16, Orvetti, who works as the deputy director of communications at the LP national headquarters in Washington, DC, appeared as a contestant on the red-hot ABC-TV game show.

"I was eerily calm because it seemed so improbable," he said later of his experience.

Viewed by upwards of 25 million people, Orvetti fast-fingered his way into the seat across from natty host Regis Philbin, got in a quick plug for the Libertarian Party, and went on to win...

Not yet. You'll have to keep reading. But first, a little background.

■ **For \$200:** *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire* is the most successful new game show:

- a. Of the month.
- b. Of the year.
- c. Of the past decade.
- d. In history.

Answer: D. And that's no hyperbole.

Since it went on the air in August 1999, *Millionaire* has dominated prime-time ratings like no game show before it. The show always wins its time slot, racking up huge numbers in every demographic group.

Millionaire is such a ratings powerhouse that ABC now broadcasts it three or four times a week. In fact, during the week Orvetti appeared, four of the nation's top seven shows were episodes of *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire*.

But the impact of the show goes beyond ratings. It's spawned a pop culture catch-phrase: "Is that your final answer?" It's made ABC the #1 network. And it's made Regis Philbin a multi-millionaire — he just signed a \$20 million, 5-year contract extension.

The appeal of the show is simple: Contestants try to answer 15 multiple choice questions that get increasingly difficult as they go along. The first correct answer is worth \$100; the last (if they get that far) wins them \$1 million. With each question, the stakes get higher. The tension mounts.

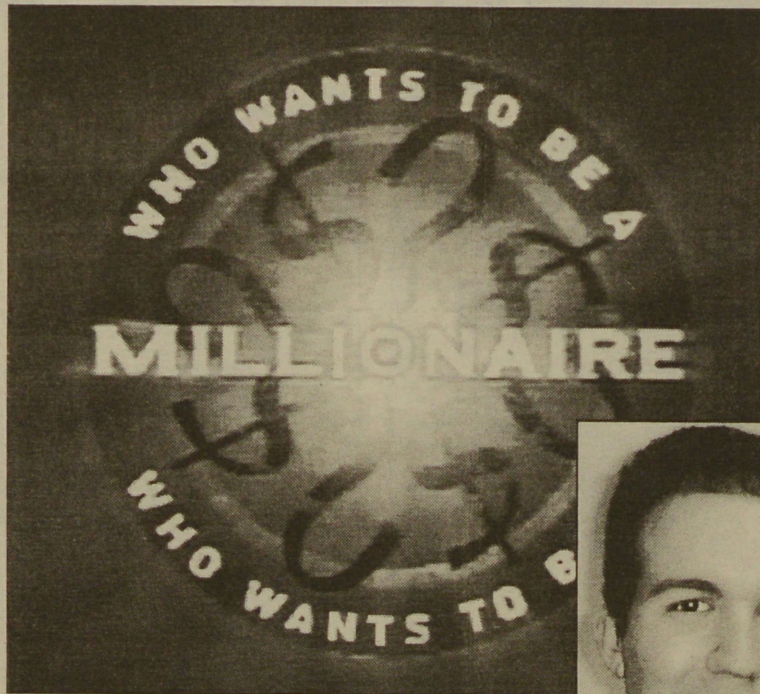
But there is a twist. *Millionaire* offers each contestant three "lifelines" — ways to get help when questions are too tough. Contestants can poll the audience; remove two of the wrong answers; or phone a friend.

How valuable are those lifelines? Orvetti used all three as he moved towards his final payoff.

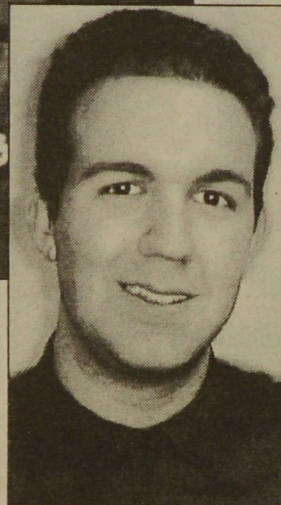
■ **For \$500:** *Millionaire* is so popular it took Orvetti how long to qualify?

- a. A week.
- b. Six months.
- c. Four days.
- d. Six weeks.

Answer: B. "I first started try-



■ **Above:** The most popular logo on television. **Right:** Libertarian *Millionaire* contestant Peter Orvetti. "I was eerily calm because it seemed so improbable," he said.



ing last fall, simply because there's absolutely nothing to lose," he said. "I enjoy the show, and watch it fairly regularly" — so he started dialing the show's toll-free number to play the pre-show qualifying quiz.

"I called daily, very methodically, for a few weeks, and got past the busy signals and past the first round questions four times," he said. "Finally, they called me back, but I got nervous and flubbed the second round. After that, I stopped being so methodical and tried every couple of weeks."

His persistence finally paid off in mid-April when he got a call from ABC with big news: He had qualified, and would be flown to New York City to tape the show.

His reaction? "Muted shock," he said. "It seemed so implausible. I didn't get excited at all — at that point."

■ **For \$1,000:** The thing Orvetti enjoyed most about his trip to New York to tape the show was:

- a. Meeting Regis Philbin
- b. Meeting other contestants
- c. Wearing TV make-up
- d. Winning money

Answer: D. It's not that the rest of the trip wasn't enjoyable: ABC flew him and his wife, Farrar, to New York in early May, put them up in a nice hotel, and gave him \$150 in spending money. Before the taping, he got a pep talk and practice session from the

show's producers — and did a quick pre-interview.

"I summarized the LP philosophy briefly — and the producer I was talking to was fascinated and said she might join the party!" he said.

Then, with the nine other contestants, he marched out to the set — all gleaming industrial steel and flashing lights — determined not to "look dumb when friends and family tuned in."

■ **For \$16,000:** Put the following movies in order by the date of their theatrical release:

- a. *Goodfellas*
- b. *Analyze This*
- c. *Donnie Brasco*
- d. *The Godfather*

Answer: d,a,c,b. Get it right? Orvetti did (and did it *faster* than the other contestants), qualifying him for the "Hot Seat." And a chance to win one million dollars.

"I was a bit nervous when the taping actually started, but I got into the Hot Seat on the second try," he said. "I had gotten past the hardest part without expecting to."

It didn't hurt, he said, that *The Godfather* is his favorite movie.

■ **For \$64,000:** In his brief introductory chat with Regis Philbin, Orvetti was able to promote the Libertarian Party by:

- a. Reading the LP Statement of Principles.
- b. Reciting *Atlas Shrugged* from memory.
- c. Describing the party in five words.
- d. Smiling.

Answer: C. Once Orvetti settled into the seat, Philbin welcomed him, noting that Orvetti worked for the Libertarian Party.

"I said Libertarians believe in personal responsibility and per-

sonal freedom, and that we think you are better equipped to run your life than the government is," said Orvetti.

Unfortunately, the show clipped all but the "personal responsibility and personal freedom" part — but it was still a nice plug for the party, heard by 25 million Americans, said Orvetti.

■ **For \$125,000:** Orvetti's strategy, when in the Hot Seat, was:

- a. Play conservatively.
- b. Go for broke.
- c. Insult Regis's monochromatic tie.
- d. Guess a lot.

Answer: A. "I decided to play very conservatively," he said. "Watching at home, I always said that if you get in the Hot Seat and plan to win \$32,000, it is hard not to. It's taking risks to get to bigger money that kills you. I kept my cool."

And he did keep his cool — steadily answering one question after another.

■ **For \$250,000:** Orvetti attributes his success on *Millionaire* to:

- a. His "trivial" life.
- b. The fact he's a Libertarian.
- c. A stint at Harvard Divinity School.
- d. Just luck.

Answer: A. "My life is very trivial," he said. "And I seem to collect interesting but quite useless trivia and knowledge on a daily basis. It's less about formal education than the compulsive pursuit of knowledge. The trivia accrues."

That trivia came in handy as he answered questions like: "What play was Steve Martin's *Roxanne* based on?" "What product did Billy Carter market during his brother's presidency?" And "What baseball player was known as the 'Sultan of Swat'?" (Answers: *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Billy Beer,

and Babe Ruth.)

But a "trivial" life can only get you so far...

■ **For \$500,000:** The question that finally tripped up Orvetti involved a quotation by:

- a. Thomas Paine
- b. Karl Marx
- c. Groucho Marx
- d. Hulk Hogan

Answer: A. How embarrassing for a Libertarian.

The question was: "What war did the phrase 'These are the times that try men's souls' refer to?"

The possible answers: The Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, or World War II.

Of course, *every* Libertarian knows that Thomas Paine made that statement about the Revolutionary War, right?

"I guessed Civil War," said Orvetti.

But he didn't feel bad about the guess: "I might be embarrassed if it was something I almost knew, but I wasn't even close," he said. "I knew the quote, but didn't know it was Paine."

■ **For \$1,000,000:** Orvetti ended up winning:

- a. \$2,000
- b. \$500,000
- c. \$32,000
- d. \$500

Answer: C. \$32,000 — exactly what he had expected to win.

What are his plans for the money? "Very dull and boring," he said. "Pay off debt. Start saving."

But even if he didn't walk away with a million, Orvetti said he was glad to have appeared on this show: He got a free trip to New York City. A story to tell for the rest of his life. A small role in a pop cultural phenomenon. A nice sum of money.

And "a good free ad for the Libertarian Party" seen by 25 million people, he said. Not a bad day's work for the party's deputy director of communications.

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■ Ed Thompson (left) celebrates his election as mayor of Tomah, Wisconsin with Rolf Lingren, chairman of the LP of Dane County, and his brother Tommy Thompson, the four-term Republican governor of Wisconsin.

Thompson wins in Tomah

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and Restaurant was raided by police in December 1997, and he was charged with operating three nickel-slot video gambling machines. The cops seized the machines and also took \$1,000 from the cash register.

Thompson successfully fought felony charges of running an illegal gambling operation, but said he spent over \$10,000 fighting the charges.

Until then, he said he was happy to leave politics to his brother. But his outrage over the raid — and the state's "unjust" gambling laws — convinced him to become a Libertarian.

Get involved

"I was never interested in politics until the raid," he said. "But after that, I could never again with any respect call myself a Democrat or Republican. I fig-

ured that was the time for me to get involved."

He spent much of the next year lobbying for gambling legalization, and said he met every member of the state legislature. Thompson, who joined the LP as a life member in 1998, was honored for his efforts with the Wisconsin LP's Liberty Award in 1999.

Now, as mayor, Thompson plans to continue to challenge the state's "protected monopoly" on gambling for Indian reservations, which is a "deep injustice to taverns," he said.

On a personal level, what can Tomah residents expect from their new mayor?

Poker player

Based on his past, Mayor Thompson will be less like his brother and more like the governor of the state next door, Minnesota's Jesse Ventura. The flamboyant Thompson has been a professional poker player on the Las Vegas strip, driven a snow plow, and done a stint as a prison chef.

And while he's never been a pro wrestler like Ventura, he has been a professional boxer.

So will Thompson ever seek to replicate Ventura's political success — and try to become the next Governor Thompson?

"My aspirations are not higher than mayor right now," he said. "I just want to do a good job here, and we'll see what happens after that."

Howrylak wins in Troy

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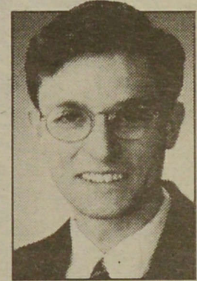
Howrylak planned to shut down Troy's police force if elected.

But rather than hurt Howrylak, the attack boomeranged and won him sympathy, the candidate said.

"The charge was ludicrous and obviously vindictive," he said. "Instead of hurting me, it made [my opponents] look irrational, bordering on hysterical."

Buoyed by the backlash over the smear attempt, Howrylak coasted to victory. On Election Day, Howrylak finished with just under 4,000 votes, while his next-closest rival barely topped 2,000. Moreover, Howrylak's landslide pushed one of the pro-pension incumbents into last place — and out of a job.

Howrylak was sworn into office a week after Election Day, and immediately carried through on his chief campaign promise: Repealing the pension.



■ Howrylak: "Energizing."

On April 10, by a unanimous vote, the Council rescinded the pension that one of the surviving incumbents had voted for just weeks earlier.

"Nothing is so energizing as winning, at the ballot box or in a Council meeting," Howrylak said. "But there's more to be done."

Howrylak now plans to fight "cronyism" and tax breaks for favored businesses, he said. But for now, he's savoring his "one-two punch" of Libertarian victories.

"This shows that people will vote for small government," he said. "We can and do make a difference — even when we don't have a majority."

Candidates: 1K and counting

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tantly, the more Libertarians they elect," he said.

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■ WEDNESDAY (June 28, 2000)

9:00 am Success 2000 (Ends at 5:00 pm)

■ THURSDAY (June 29, 2000)

9:00 am Success 2000 (Ends at 5:00 pm)

8:00 pm Welcome Party

■ FRIDAY (June 30, 2000)

8:00 am Registration

9:30 am Welcome

Juan Ros • Executive Director, LP of California
Steve Dasbach • National Director

10:00 am Keynote Address

Fred Collins • City Councilman, Berkley, MI
Barbara Goushaw: "America's Future: Liberty, Responsibility & Community"

10:45am Business

Call to Order • David Bergland, National Chair
Credentials Report • Credentials Comm. Chair
Adoption of Agenda
Platform Retention
Treasurer's Report • Mark Tuniewicz, National Treasurer
Platform Committee Report • Platform Committee Chair

11:45am Speakers

Richard Rider • Anti-tax Advocate, San Diego, CA
John Berthoud • President, National Taxpayers Union

12:30 pm Luncheon

David Thibodeau: "Waco: A Survivor's Story"

2:00 pm Speakers

Michelle Kubby • Victim of the War on Drugs
Bill Masters • Sheriff, San Miguel County, CO
Mark Skousen: "Persuasion Versus Force"

2:45pm Platform Committee Report & Debate

4:45pm Speakers

Bonnie Flickinger • City Councilwoman, Moreno Valley, CA
Dr. Mary Ruwart • Candidate for U.S. Senate, Texas
Marshall Fritz • President, Separation of School & State Alliance

6:00 pm Nolan for Congress Fundraising Reception

6:30 pm Liberty Pledge Reception

7:30 pm An Evening of Entertainment

Comedian Tim Slagle, Recording Artist
Melanie, others TBA

10:00 pm Young Libertarians Concert & Hospitality Suites

■ SATURDAY (July 1, 2000)

7:45am Breakfast

Jack Gargan • Former National Chairman, Reform Party
ALSO: Campaign/Activist Workshop

8:00 am Registration

9:00 am Opening Address

Carla Howell • Candidate for U.S. Senate, Massachusetts
Neil Boortz • Nationally Syndicated Radio Talk Show Host

9:45am Platform Committee Report & Debate

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Upcoming deadlines include:

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

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- 11:45 am Speeches**
David Nolan • LP Founder, U.S. House Candidate
Michael Cloud
- 12:30 pm Luncheon**
Barbara Branden • *The Passion of Ayn Rand*
- 2:00 pm Speeches**
Gary Nolan • Syndicated Talk Radio Host
Russell Means • Indian Rights Activist
- 2:30 pm Platform Committee Report & Debate**
- 4:30 pm Presidential Candidates Debate**
Moderator: Alan Bock (*Orange County Register*)
- 6:30 pm Torch Club Reception**
- 8:00 pm Special Screening, *Waco: A New Revelation***
Followed by Q&A with Producer Mike McNulty
- 10:00 pm Hospitality Suites**

■ SUNDAY (July 2, 2000)

- 7:45am Breakfast**
Mark Skousen • Investing & Financial Privacy
ALSO: Campaign/Activist Workshop
- 8:00 am Registration**
- 9:00 am Presidential Nominations & Voting**
- [TBA] Morning Address**
Michael Tanner • Director of Health & Welfare Studies, Cato Institute
- [TBA] Roll Call of States**
- [TBA] Presidential Campaign Platform: Presentation & Voting**
- [TBA] Brown-Bag Lunch**
Vice Presidential & LNC Candidates Forum
- [TBA] Vice Presidential Nominations & Voting**
- [TBA] Afternoon Address**
Dan Fylstra • President, Frontline Systems
- [TBA] Results of Vice Presidential Nomination**
- [TBA] LNC Chair Nomination & Voting**
- 5:00 pm Acceptance Speeches**
VP & Presidential Nominee
- 6:30 pm Banquet Reception**
- 7:30 pm Presidential Banquet/Dancing**
Master of Ceremonies: Gary Nolan
- 10:00 pm Hospitality Suites**

■ MONDAY (July 3, 2000)

- 8:00 am Registration**
- 9:00 am Libertarian National Committee Nominations & Voting**
Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Seven At-Large Members, Regional Representatives
- [TBA] Judicial Committee Nominations & Voting**
- [TBA] Resolutions**
- 2:00 pm* Adjourn (*Estimated time)**
- 2:30 pm* First Meeting of the New Libertarian National Committee (*Estimated time)**

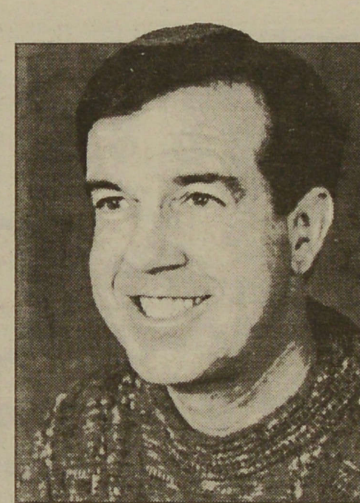
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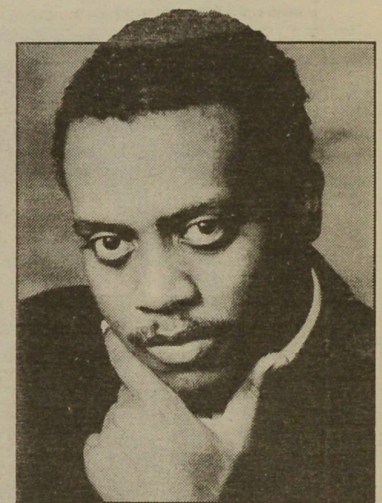
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■ Reginald Jones: He makes perhaps the most cogent argument that "Freedom is the Cure for Racism."

Jorgensen, Cloud, Harris, and Jones confirmed as speakers at Convention

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They will also be entertained by some of the best speakers in the libertarian movement, said Crickenberger, including:

■ **Jo Jorgensen:** She was the LP's vice presidential candidate in 1996, winning praise for

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her warmth, polished presentation skills, and ability to reach "Generation X" audiences.

■ **Michael Cloud:** A self-described "Libertarian Samurai," he is also one of the Libertarian Party's most popular speakers on the subject of effective communications.

■ **Sharon Harris:** She is the president of the Advocates for Self-Government, a non-profit educational organization which specializes in libertarian communication and outreach. In 1999,

the Advocates was named the "Most Effective" libertarian organization by readers of *LP News*.

■ **Reginald Jones:** He's the spokesman for the African-American leadership group Project 21, was the host of the show *Grass Roots Live* on America's Voice TV network, and since 1998 has been a talk show host on the Radio America network.

His topic at the Convention: "Why Liberty is the Cure for Racism."

■ **Carla Howell:** In 2000, she is taking on one of the most difficult tasks in politics — running against liberal icon Ted Kennedy for U.S. Senate. Her campaign has already attracted national attention, and her campaign theme — "Small Government is Beautiful" — has been widely quoted in the media.

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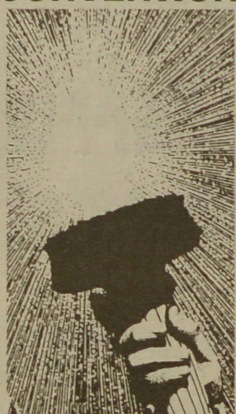
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Jesda Gulati aims 'to win' in Washington State House race

One of Washington State's newest Libertarians now hopes to become the LP's newest State Representative.

"I'm running to win, and I plan to," said Spokane LP Chair Jesda Gulati, an information technologies entrepreneur. "I'm tired of the clowns in Olympia trying to run our state government."

Gulati, 18, joined the LP last year, but has "been calling myself a Libertarian since 1997," he said. After joining the party, he threw himself into activism, serving as a public relations specialist for the Spokane LP before running for Chair earlier this spring.

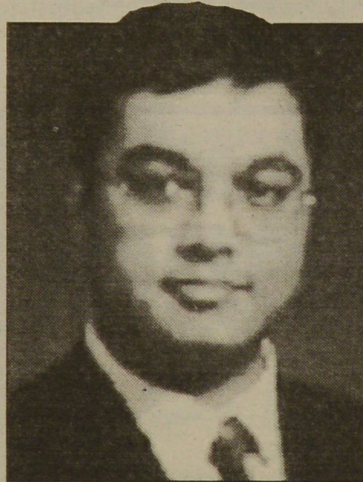
Now, Gulati says, he wants to top off his crash course in Libertarianism by winning his first bid for elected office.

Why run?

"Why run? Why not?" he asked. "It lets me articulate Libertarian positions, build the party, and generate exposure. I chose to run because of my desire for change and progress, not out of opportunism."

Still, Gulati said the 2000 election offers a real shot at victory.

"The climate is always good



■ **Jesda Gulati: "I am willing to put my faith in the citizens of Washington, and not the elitist legislators."**

as long as Democrats and Republicans fail to protect freedom," he said. "The legislature is blaming tax cuts for cutting services, and at the same time, they refuse to cut pet programs for special interests."

This means lobbyists always win and taxpayers always lose, he said.

"Washington's government is excessive and unreasonable to the point where it no longer serves

citizens," he said. "I, unlike the alternatives, am willing to put my faith in the citizens of Washington, and not the elitist legislators and bureaucrats in Olympia."

Gulati faces only one rival, incumbent Republican Brad Benson, who is seeking a third term. Gulati concedes he faces an uphill fight in the solidly Republican district, especially since he will need a majority of the vote to win the two-way race.

However, Gulati said Benson is vulnerable.

Positions will hurt

"He has failed to fulfill his promises, or even attempt to," Gulati said. "And his positions on social issues, like his support for a statewide youth curfew, will hurt him."

Gulati is running on a very different platform, which includes abolishing the state gasoline tax, ending pork-barrel highway projects, "slashing" property taxes to help retirees keep more of their money, and refunding property taxes to parents who send their children to private schools.

The election is still half a year away, but signs of Gulati's support

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Winning a tough city council race: Martin Howrylak in Troy, Michigan

By Fred Collins
BERKLEY (MI) CITY COUNCIL

Editor's note: On April 3, 25-year-old Libertarian Martin Howrylak was elected to the Troy City Council in Michigan [see story, page 3]. Here's the "inside" story of how this improbable election victory occurred, as told by his campaign manager, Fred Collins.

In late January, I received a call from Martin Howrylak, wanting to run for Troy, Michigan, City Council. Greg Dirasian had recommended that he talk to me because of my council win in Berkley.

After a chat about municipal elections and strategy, I told him to call if there was anything I could do. Little did I know that I had just committed every free moment for the next two months.

Martin filed his paperwork on



January 24. Because of the short amount of time we had to raise money and organize the campaign, we sent out a fundraising letter to the top donors in the LP of Michigan on February 1. A week later, Martin held his first campaign committee meeting.

Up to speed

The committee consisted of Libertarians and Martin's friends who lived in Troy. We began discussing issues (although we were already pretty sure of the issues we would focus on). This was a good discussion that brought the

Libertarians up to speed on the issues and the concerns of the Troy residents. It was at this meeting that I agreed to become Martin's campaign manager.

We developed the first literature piece to distribute to voters exiting the polls from the February 22 presidential primary. During development of the piece, Martin expressed his concerns that we were being too harsh on the current City Council. I reminded him that we had to give the voters a reason to "throw the bums out."

On February 21 after a City Council meeting, Martin sent an e-mail informing the campaign that the Council had just voted themselves a pension plan. The plan passed 6-0. Martin was clearly upset, concluding his e-mail by saying, "I think our wording on the campaign literature

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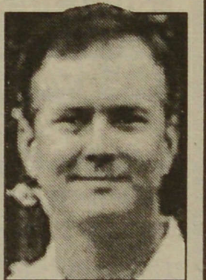
In Massachusetts, the **Carla Howell** for U.S. Senate campaign filed 33,467 petition signatures on May 10 to win a place on the ballot. State election law requires 10,000 valid signatures. In California, **Linda Lee Grau** has been named campaign manager for **Gail Lightfoot's** bid for U.S. Senate. "I wanted a campaign manager who had been out working on real campaigns for real candidates," said Lightfoot. In Virginia, 8th District LP Congressional candidate **Ron Crickenberger** celebrated his birthday on May 2 by collecting ballot access petitions during local elections in Alexandria and Falls Church.

■ **Election news:** **Steve Guinn** was elected to the Mt. Pleasant Township School Board in Indiana on May 2. In Michigan, also on May 2, **Stacy McGuire** and **Jame Goldstein** came in third and fourth respectively in a five-way race for school board in Washington Township District 1. And **Andy Hart** received 7% of the vote in a nine-way race for the Indianapolis Public School Board's At Large position.

■ **Presidential news:** An unscientific preference poll taken in early April by FreeMarketopia.com reported that **Harry Browne** (with 49% of the vote) is the most popular presidential candidate among Libertarians. Coming in a surprise second was science fiction writer **L. Neil Smith** (27%), a past LP member who has not announced that he is seeking the party's nomination. In third place was **Don Gorman** (13%), followed by **Barry Hess** (10%) and **Dave Hollist** (0%).

■ Two new LP candidates have announced in Illinois: **Nathaniel Krause** and **Andrew Trapp**, who are both running for the Champaign County Board (District 8). In Michigan, another local candidate has announced: **Donald McCallum**, who is running for Chester Township Trustee. In Louisiana, **Bob McElroy** announced that he will run for the 5th Congressional District seat. In Minnesota, **Erik Pakieser** has announced that he is seeking the LP's nomination for U.S. Senate.

■ **Julian Hecklen**, candidate for Attorney General of Pennsylvania, spoke at the Medical Marijuana March on April 29 in Washington and at the Blair County Prison Society on May 1. In New Jersey, U.S. Senate candidate **Emerson Ellett** has reserved his first billboard for advertising. In Oregon, candidate for state treasurer **Mitch Shults** has won the endorsement of the Executive Club of Portland. In New Hampshire, **Ken Blevens**, LP State Senate candidate, appeared on WMUR TV 9 in Manchester on April 9. In Indiana, **Andrew Horning**, candidate for the LP's gubernatorial nomination, appeared on WIBC Radio on April 11 after speaking to a meeting of Jaycee Presidents on April 10.



■ **Mitch Shults gets endorsed.**

■ **Correction:** LP News (April 2000) reported that **Kevin Tull** (District 5) and **Jimmy Dyckes** (District 6) were running for U.S. House in Mississippi. In fact, both are running in Missouri. Tull's website: www.geocities.com/TheJCLib/campaign.html

■ In Colorado, **David Baker** has announced his candidacy for U.S. House (2nd District). In Maine, three Libertarians are running for State Senate: **Davis Hart** (District 5), **Jeff Crafts** (District 16), and **Saavik Leary** (District 19). In California, **Tom Hohman** has entered the race for State Assembly (74th District). In Texas, **Patrick O'Brien Jackson** has announced a run for State Representative (District 98); **John Adams** will run for the office of Kerr County sheriff; and Dr. **John Turnbow** will be on the ballot for U.S. House (13th District).

■ In Wisconsin, **Bernie Dalsey** has announced that he is running for State Assembly (District 31). In Virginia, **Robert McBride** has announced his candidacy for U.S. House (11th District). In Washington state, **Jesse Brocksmith** has launched a campaign for State Representative (44th District). In Pennsylvania, **Thomas F. McGrady, Jr.** announced that he is running for State Senate (R-19th), while **Kenneth Evans** has launched a bid for State Representative (R-158th).

■ What does a presidential candidate eat on the road? The *Philadelphia Daily News* reported that **Don Gorman** visited Pagliacci restaurant in mid-April and dined on "sweet sausage, linguine, and diet Coke." Now you know.

Jesda Gulati: Running 'to win'

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are already popping up. Campaign volunteers spent the weekend of April 22 posting lawn signs throughout the district, coinciding with the launch of Gulati's first radio ads that same week.

"Radio will be the primary medium for this campaign," Gulati said. "In addition to ads, I'm using talk radio to target the district's Republican majority."

Gulati hopes to raise at least

\$60,000 for the campaign, he said. Already, he has raised enough to keep his radio advertising alive through the summer, and intends to keep the spots running "24/7" until November.

Promotional

The campaign has also invested in a wide array of promotional materials, he said, including the traditional pins and bumper stickers as well as inno-

vative "donor premiums" like compact discs of the candidate's speeches.

The first-time candidate said he has a secret weapon as well: The "valuable advice" of two elected Libertarian city councilmen who have endorsed him, Mark Taff of Colville and Greg Holmes of Spangle.

"But my best reason for confidence is the mess in Olympia," he said. "Our legislators hate tax

cuts, and when the people vote for them as they did last year [in a referendum to repeal an unpopular car tax], they don't know how to handle it."

Gulati was born in Thailand and moved to Missouri as a child. He founded a computer network firm, Infinital Technologies, in 1997, and also produced his own online political news periodical until beginning his assembly campaign in March.

For more information on the Gulati campaign, or to contribute, visit www.gulati2000.com. Or write Gulati 2000, 3720 E 51, Spokane, WA 99223.

Howrylak's council race

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was too gracious!" The Council had just given us our winning issue.

The next day, while handing out literature at the polls, each volunteer made certain to tell people that the Council had just voted themselves a pension plan. Martin incorporated this information into his door-to-door campaigning, and members of the campaign committee began writing letters to the local papers.

Greg and I immediately began working on literature to show the incumbents as greedy fat cats. It was a good start, but we felt that we really needed to give the voters a wake-up call.

A couple days after the pension plan was passed, I came up with the idea of creating a separate organization, "Friends of Troy," to insulate the campaign from charges of negative campaigning. To be safe, Martin was not affiliated with Friends of Troy; we wouldn't even discuss the group if he was in the room.

"Most Unwanted"

Our "Most Unwanted" literature piece was distributed by Friends of Troy. The mock "Wanted" poster listing "political crimes" was a tactic that was originally used by LPM Executive Director Tim O'Brien in a campaign a few years ago, and its effectiveness had been proven.

While Tim worked on the Unwanted flyer, Greg and I began modifying our existing lit piece to include the pension plan. This information — and our position on it — had to get out to the voters. I got a list of recent voters and sent it to them. Troy has about 85,000 residents in about 30,000 households; our mailing went to about 10,000 households.

Then we started on our absentee voter letter. Most absentee voters are seniors who respond well to the idea of lower taxes. We pointed out that between a recent \$3.1 million tax abatement that the city granted to a multinational corporation headquartered in the city and the new lucrative pension plan, taxes would go up.

We also determined that we had to hand-address all the envelopes (about 1,800) for maximum effectiveness. Martin signed each letter individually and we folded, stuffed, stamped, sealed, and hand-wrote the return address for each envelope.

We had a big "stuffing party" on March 11. When Martin arrived, he said it looked like we were having some effect on the pension issue because there were rumors that some members of Council were trying to rescind it. Rescinding the pension plan might take the wind out of our sails, so we decided to put out

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How Howrylak won his council race

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another lit piece with a cartoon on the back and a history of the pension plan inside.

Greg drew the cartoon, which showed the two incumbents running for re-election saying, "I told you we should have waited until after the election to pass the pension."

Our letters got to absentee voters on March 14, and they received their absentee ballots a day later. A night later, on March 16, we reached the turning point of the campaign.

At a League of Women Voters candidate night, one of the incumbents announced he would make a motion to rescind the pension plan at the next Council meeting. The other incumbent announced that he had "made a mistake" voting for the plan and would second the motion to rescind.

I knew we were doing well at this point, but the upcoming Troy City Council meeting could have thrown a monkey-wrench into our campaign by taking away our best issue. Greg and I spent all day Sunday, March 19, finalizing the "Unwanted" poster.

We created three versions, one based on the pension plan remaining in place, one based on the Council rescinding the plan, and one based on the Council tabling the motion. We would go to print the morning after the meeting.

Left plan in place

Amazingly, the Council left the pension plan in place, so we took the appropriate version of the poster to the printer the next day. We only managed to cover half the city with the first lit drop, but it was still successful. The press picked up on it and there was lots of coverage.

Troy residents began receiving Martin's lit piece with the cartoon around March 22. They received his "introductory" lit piece around March 28.

We expected some kind of response. On March 31, Greg called me to say that some of our Troy people were getting calls from reporters asking about the "Libertarian connection" and specifically asking about "Fred Collins." I got a call from a reporter with the *Detroit News* a few minutes later. The reporter was looking for a story about outside interference.

I informed him that Martin approached me through a mutual friend, and that I was a Libertarian, and raised some money for the campaign from Libertarian friends, but the majority of the

money for the campaign came from Troy residents. He never asked me if Martin was a Libertarian. The reporter decided that there was no story, and then confided in me that his information had come from the incumbents.

Volunteers continued to distribute the "Unwanted" poster throughout the following week.

On the morning of April 1, I got a call from the "chair" of Friends of Troy. Both she and Martin had received a "hit" piece

from the opposition in their mailboxes. The piece called Martin a liar and a "pawn of the Libertarian Party." We decided to ignore it, and continued distributing the "Unwanted" poster.

And, on Sunday we rested.

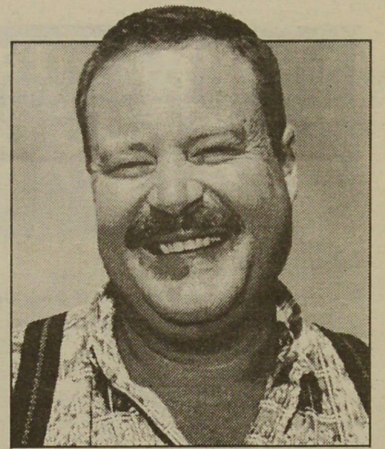
More nervous

On Election Day, I think I was more nervous than at my own election. But after about an hour, when I saw a voter walk into the polls carrying a "Troy's Most Un-

wanted" poster in her hand, I knew we had done it. We won with the biggest landslide in the history of Troy. We won on Libertarian issues — showing that when you take off party labels, people vote for small government.

One of the first issues the new Council voted on was the repeal of the pension plan. The vote: 7-0, in favor of repeal. We didn't need a majority to turn around the vote. All we needed to do was elect one Libertarian leader.

■ **About the author:** *Libertarian Fred Collins serves on the Berkley, Michigan, City Council.*



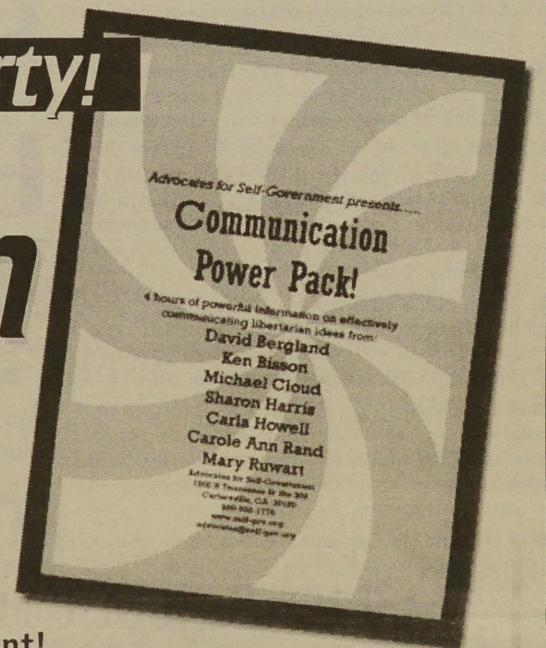
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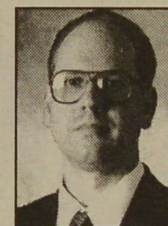
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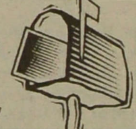
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LP activists bash taxes

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■ **Colorado:** Thanks to the local Libertarian Party, Adams County taxpayers had the "pleasure" of meeting Bill Clinton at the post office on April 17.

Or so it seemed. But the Bill Clinton-look alike — actually LP activist Ari Armstrong in disguise — generated a more positive reception than the real president would have, said Armstrong.

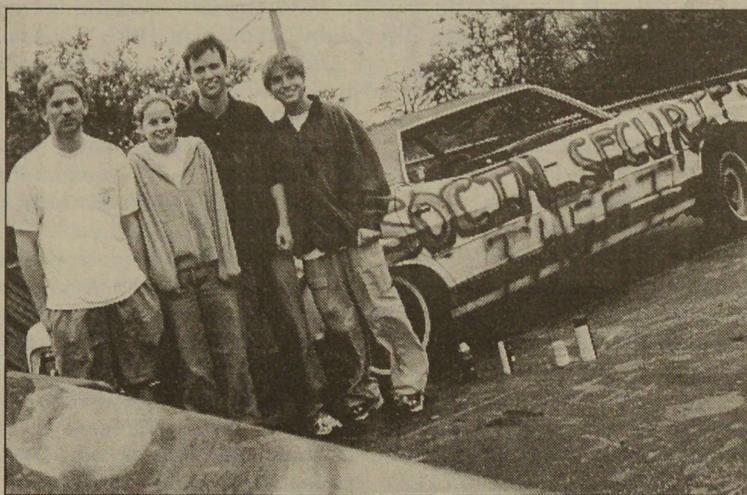
"The overwhelming response was very favorable to the Libertarian Party," he said.

■ **Virginia:** First District U.S. House candidate Sharon Wood took political advantage of Tax Day, denouncing the income tax in a series of rallies around the district.

"Americans should not be forced to pay for government's spending spree to the tune of \$1.8 trillion dollars in this year's proposed federal budget," Wood told voters in Newport News. "They should be free to keep the money they earn to save, to spend, or give away, as they see fit."

■ **New Hampshire:** Who wants to be a millionaire? At least 500 Manchester residents, Libertarians discovered.

During a seven-hour rally



■ **Student Libertarians at the University of Georgia in Athens sponsored an unusual Tax Day event: They spray-painted anti-tax and anti-Social Security slogans on an old junk yard car, and charged fellow students \$1 to whack it with a baseball bat. Shown here (l-r): Matt Nicholson, Jennifer Smith, Mike Skott, and Chris Blair.**

outside Manchester's main post office, LP activists handed out that many million-dollar bills on Tax Day, State Chair Danielle Donovan said.

■ **Pennsylvania:** Montgomery County Libertarians helped make some anti-tax noise on April 15 as they encouraged Philadelphia motorists to honk their horns to protest taxes.

"Maybe only a few people hate taxes sufficiently to take part in a protest, but a majority of the population is willing to honk their car horn to show that they hate taxes," said Chair Obie Mild, one of several damp Libertarians who

spent the rainy Saturday afternoon outside the city's IRS processing center.

Joining the LP rally was a detail of police officers — who were instructed to protect the Libertarians from potentially hostile IRS employees across the street, said Mild.

But if the IRS bureaucrats didn't appreciate the rally, taxpayers did, he said.

"People waved at us and gave thumbs-up signs," said Mild. "We all agreed that the public support made up for the rain; it's very rare that we are in a forum where we find so many people behind us."

TN county commissioner joins Libertarian Party

A first-term county commissioner in Tennessee joined the Libertarian Party in March, becoming the only Libertarian to currently hold office in that state.

Morgan County Commissioner Trudy Austin said she had been having difficulty for years "finding a political home" — but finally discovered the LP fit her best ideologically.

"I'd always leaned independent, but after doing some research, I concluded the LP's philosophy is closer to mine than any other," she said.

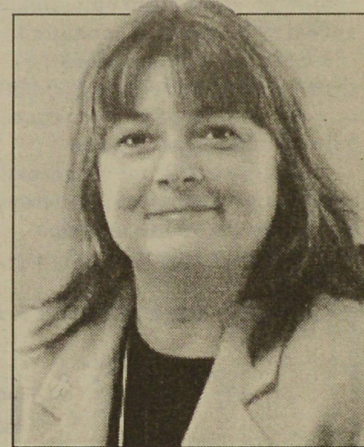
Austin is an organic farmer and resident of Deer Lodge.

Independent

Until joining the LP, Austin said she had never been a member of any political party. However, she was politically active, winning her commission seat in 1998 as an independent.

Her new Libertarian affiliation has given Austin a heightened sensitivity about spending citizens' money, she said.

"Since I've joined the LP, I find I tend to question public expenditures and tax dollars with increased scrutiny," she said.



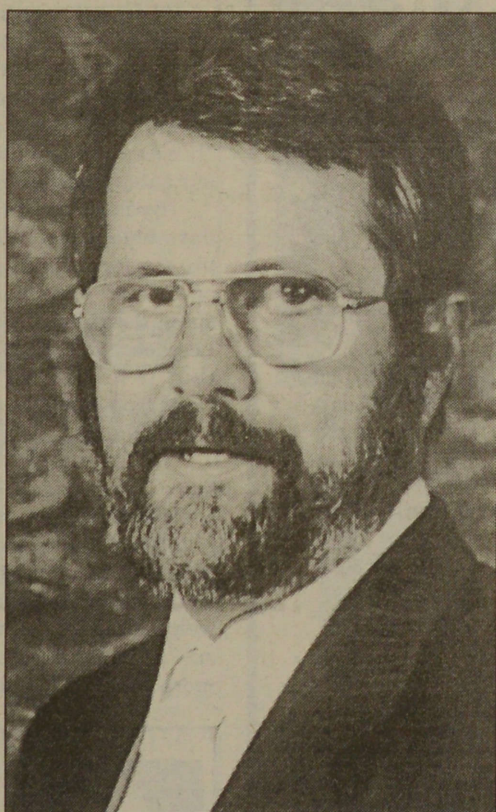
■ **Trudy Austin: "I concluded the LP's philosophy is closer to mine than any other."**

Austin also plans to offer Morgan County a Libertarian solution to economic stagnation: She supports industrial hemp production, she said, and will highlight the issue during upcoming campaign for the U.S. House.

Victory in the Third District race is "unlikely," admitted Austin, but she said she savors the race's potential.

"Any race is a good opportunity — for the LP and for the voters — if it lets us get our message out," she said.

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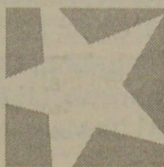
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Browne appears in new poll

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But the result of the controversy, said Willis, was a dramatic drop in contributions, a decision not to go forward with the FEC challenge — and the emergency appeal to “save the campaign.”

Browne supporters responded with more than \$50,000 in contributions in just three days, Willis reported later.

“You gave us what we needed to get back to full speed,” he wrote in a follow-up e-mail message.

With the injection of cash,

Browne hit the campaign trail again and all canceled events were rescheduled, Willis said.

As part of the resurgence, the campaign also announced a plan to air a series of national TV advertisements in June and July.

“We want to produce a series of 30-second and 60-second TV ads,” Browne said. “Not only will these ads be cheaper to run than our [30-minute] infomercial, but they will be different from previous LP presidential campaign ads: No talking heads. Instead, I

want to do ads that are polished, provocative, and get people talking about us.”

In another development, Browne also made his first appearance in a national poll.

2% in Oregon

On April 20, Browne showed up at 0.8% in a national poll conducted by Zogby International. And on April 24, a *Portland Oregonian* poll showed Browne with 2% of voter support in Oregon.

Both polls were “good news,” said Browne — and represented a breakthrough for the campaign.

“A national polling company

is including us — something that didn’t happen in 1996,” he said. “And we’re showing up in the polls in a state where I’ve had almost no localized coverage at all.”

In late April and early May, Browne spoke to LP conventions in New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and South Carolina.

He also did interviews on National Public Radio, American Freedom Network, WBUS in Columbus (OH), and over a dozen other radio stations.

Browne, the LP’s 1996 presidential nominee, faces Don Gorman, Barry Hess, and Dave Hollist for the 2000 nomination.

Lee County LP stops tax hike

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would have cost taxpayers over \$310 million over five years. The funds would have been used for road construction, parks, and “beautification,” though specific projects were never defined.

The LP got involved in the anti-tax campaign in early 2000, said Hawk. Lee County Libertarians launched a letter-writing campaign, flooding area newspapers throughout January and February.

“I’ve never seen such a hot issue,” said Hawk. “Once we started, it was as if someone had poked a hornet’s nest.”

Apparently feeling the heat, pro-tax politicians struck back. In February, the City Council in Fort Myers, the county’s largest city, voted to spend \$33,000 in tax dollars promoting the tax increase.

But that decision backfired, Hawk said.

“They sounded like big bullies stealing everyone’s lunch money,” he said. “We [were able to exploit the fact that we] had to fight a government that wanted to use its own resources to further its own cause.”

An unscientific newspaper poll in late February showed that 97% of the public opposed the expenditure — so it was no surprise, said Hawk, that the City Council later rescinded the decision.

As the referendum drew near, Hawk was invited to debate several County Commission members on the tax issue for a local newscast.

Crack foundation

“I told the audience that the annual Lee County budget, in \$100 bills, would fill a small home to the ceiling and crack the foundation with its weight,” he said. “It was a great opportunity to get our Libertarian message out.”

By Saturday, March 11, three days before the referendum, the pro-tax forces had spent \$300,000 on their effort — while the LP had spent less than \$300. In fact, the Lee County LP had so little money that it had to borrow anti-tax signs from a neighboring county’s LP affiliate.

In the end, it didn’t matter, since Libertarians “beat the sales tax decisively,” he said.

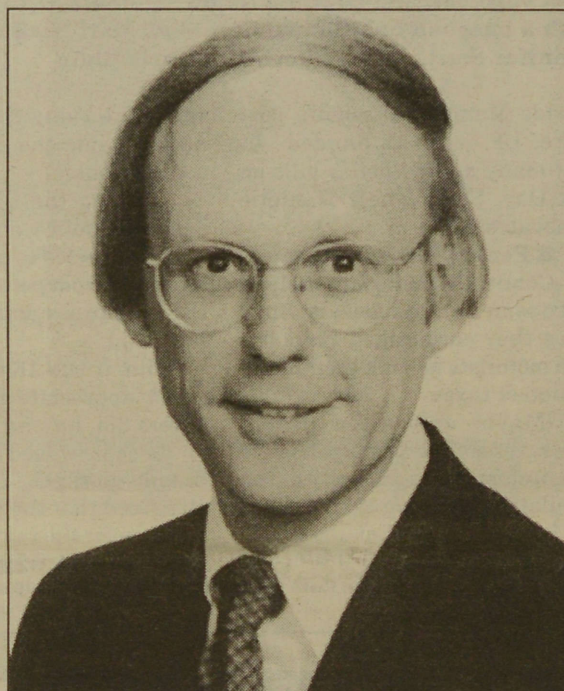
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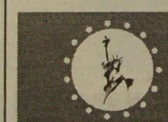
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For more information, please contact me at www.JimLark.org, jwlark@dellmail.com, or (804) 973-5958. I'm happy to share ideas about building the LP/Libertarian movement.

Thanks for your consideration.

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He has served as visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of Public Choice (Virginia Tech) and Earhart Foundation Visiting Fellow at the Center for Research in Government Policy and Business (University of Rochester).

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Phillies for LP Chair

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In 1996, Massachusetts Libertarians nominated him for U.S. Senate. In 1998, he ran for Congress: A one-hour Libertarian-Democratic-Republican debate went out coast to coast 7PM EST on CSPAN-II. WJAR-TV said he won a 3-way debate in Attleborough.

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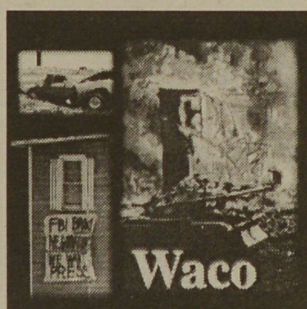
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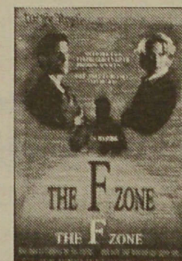
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Gorman visits 9 more states

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From his New Hampshire home, Gorman issued a statement on the seizure and removal of six-year-old Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez from the home of his Miami relatives by federal order.

"Isn't it ironic that Elian Gonzalez's mother died while trying to bring her child to a land she thought of as free?" Gorman rhetorically asked.

Gorman faces Harry Browne, Barry Hess, and David Hollist for the presidential nomination. The party's presidential candidate will be selected by delegates at the LP National Convention in Anaheim, California, June 29-July 3, 2000.

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Barry Hess participates in televised New York debate

Libertarian presidential contender Barry Hess sparred with several long-shot presidential hopefuls from two other parties in a debate televised on New York City cable.

On May 13, Hess took questions from a studio audience in the town meeting-style forum, hosted by a local cable personality. Other participants included Reform Party candidates Bob Bowman and Erik Thompson, as well as Lyndon LaRouche, who is seeking the Democratic nomination.

The broadcast, on a Staten Island public access channel, was available to 300,000 cable homes.

"I tried to convince my Reform opponents to 'throw in' with the Libertarian Party to form a larger, stronger alternative to the Republicrats," Hess said after the debate. "I hoped we could find common ground in our desire to reduce government."

Alternative parties have a real chance to make an impact this year if they work together, Hess told the debate audience.

"We are limited by the rules set out by Democrats and Republicans to keep us out of serious contention," he said. "But if we all pull together, we can win. And the Libertarian Party can win if we

all get up off our duffs and do something to forward the cause of liberty."

Hess offered an "optimistic survey" of Libertarianism in his opening statement, he said.

"The Libertarian philosophy of allowing the free market to settle itself has an historic track record without blemish. The current trend of usurping the Constitutional role of government via judicial and executive fiat is [a] destructive force in our nation."

Uncertain impact

Hess said he enjoyed the debate, but is uncertain how it will impact his chances at winning the LP nomination.

"The biggest benefit [of appearing] was general exposure, although our concerns at this point are specifically our own Libertarian delegates," he said.

In the week before the debate, Hess spoke at three more LP state conventions — in North Carolina, Ohio, and Indiana. He also addressed the Michigan LP convention on May 19.

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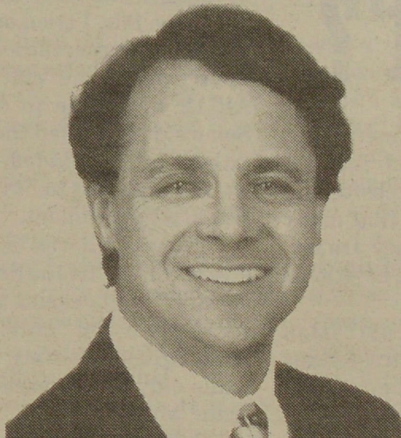
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Has Compassion Gone Astray?

by Jacob G. Hornberger



As part of his presidential-campaign theme of "compassionate conservatism," Texas Gov. George W. Bush recently announced nearly \$500,000 in state-financed grants to Christian groups in Texas. "America will be changed because people of faith and good heart are willing to help people in need," Bush said. "I believe rallying the armies of compassion, thanking the soldiers in the armies of compassion, is the next bold step in welfare reform."

Bush failed to explain, however, exactly who are the saints in the grant-making process — the state legislature, tax collectors, judges, sheriffs, the taxpayers, or the governor himself.

Here's how the system works. The state of Texas imposes sales and property taxes on the people of Texas. These taxes are not voluntary. For example, if a person refuses to pay his property tax, the state effects recovery of the tax by foreclosing a tax lien on

the person's property. If the property owner continues to refuse to pay the tax, his property is sold at a foreclosure sale, and a state judge issues a writ of possession to the new owner. Law-enforcement officials serve the writ on the now-former owner and force him to vacate the property. If he refuses to vacate and instead decides to resist forcibly, he most likely will find himself in the hereafter for "resisting arrest."

When Governor Bush uses tax monies to assist Christian groups, is he acting compassionately? All that he has done is distribute money that the state has forcibly taken from other people. How does that make the governor a compassionate person? Doesn't compassion connote the willing use of one's own money for benevolent purposes?

What about the members of the Texas legislature? Does their mere enactment of sales or property taxes convert them into compassionate people?

Tax collectors, judges, and law-enforcement personnel? Does their use of force to recover the taxes entitle them to share in the collective compassion?

What about the Texas people? Since they paid the taxes, are they entitled to claim a pro rata share of the collective goodness? What about those who didn't like paying their taxes? Are they

nevertheless to be considered soldiers in Governor Bush's army of compassion?

Let's ask a different question: Can Governor Bush's conduct be reconciled with religious principles?

Suppose a thief robs you of your money and tells you that he's donating the money to a local church. Wouldn't you still consider him a thief even though he was helping Christians with the money he had stolen from you? Wouldn't you still expect him to be criminally prosecuted for the robbery?

What church pastor, knowing that the money had been stolen, would accept it? Wouldn't ministers refuse the money and advise the thief to return it to its proper owner?

Is the process different, in moral terms, when Governor Bush assists people with the money that has been taxed from the people of Texas?

The Christian who supports and participates in this process must ask himself some uncomfortable moral questions. Is it morally permissible to use the force of the state to take money from a person to whom it belongs in order to give it to another person? Can a private act of immorality be converted into a moral deed simply by making it legal? Is the Christian who

supports this process actually sanctioning a violation of Christian principles rather than participating in a charitable process?

How can compassion mean anything unless it comes from the willing heart of an individual? If a person is forced to commit an act of kindness, how can he truly be considered to have acted compassionately? For that matter, doesn't God's great gift of free will entail the right to say "No" — the right to reject one's neighbor?

How can the conscience of an individual be expected to develop when decisions on whether to love one's neighbor or not are made at the ballot box and as part of the political process?

Modern-day political campaigns provide politicians with the opportunity to garner votes by being charitable with the tax monies that have been forcibly extracted from the citizenry. Why not separate compassion and the state and restore moral decision-making to individuals?

*Mr. Hornberger is president of The Future of Freedom Foundation, publisher of **Your Money or Your Life: Why We Must Abolish the Income Tax** by Sheldon Richman.*

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The Forum

Is it time for the party to can the 'cult'?

I recently tried an experiment with 12 non-Libertarians at my workplace. I handed each of them a copy of the phrase, "We challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual" and asked them what it meant to them.

Most of them looked bewildered at first. Only four of the 12 were able to give a reasonable explanation of the phrase.

Most of the others struggled with an interpretation but admitted they weren't sure or that all or some part didn't make sense to them.

The phrase was described as "ambiguous," "confusing," "over my head," "needing clarification," and even "extremist" and "frightening." One person even said, "Why are you doing this to me?"

As most of you will recognize, this phrase is adapted from the opening sentence of the Libertarian Party Platform's Statement of Principles, which reads: "We, the members of the Libertarian Party,

challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual."

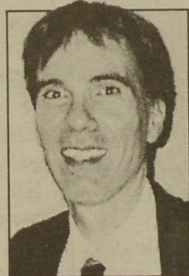
For the past few years, a huge majority of LP members have wanted

to replace this phrase with something that communicates better, but because it takes a seven-eighths majority of registered convention delegates to make a change in the Statement of Principles, no replacement wording has passed.

Hold on?

Why would a minority still want to hold on to this phrase?

Certainly, it is a stirring battle cry to many. It gets them fired up and reminds them of our enemy — the state which thinks that it can solve all problems. At



By Tom Regnier

the time our party was formed, faith in big government was so pervasive among the rest of society that it may have seemed natural to define ourselves in terms of what we were against rather than what we were for.

But if we are to be a party that reaches out to the public at large, rather than a tiny band of dissidents sitting on the sidelines and complaining among ourselves, we must consider the effect that our words have on the people we want to reach.

I therefore encourage anyone who supports the "cult" wording to try an experiment (on non-Libertarians only, please!) similar to the one I did. Though the number of participants in my informal survey was not enough to qualify it as a scientific study, I think that if you try it for yourselves, many of you will start to understand the problem.

The "cult of the omnipotent state" phrase sits atop our Statement of Principles in our Platform. Our Platform is no longer

just an internal document that only party insiders read. Today, it can be found on our website and may be the first thing that many people look at when they are trying to find out what the LP stands for.

Imagine their frustration when one of the first phrases they meet is something that puzzles or mystifies them.

While the phrase surely deserves some reference (and reverence) within the party's literature, I think its current placement is not the most appropriate for it.

Undeniable rights

When I was on the Platform Committee in 1998, I proposed the following first paragraph for the Statement of Principles: "We, the members of the Libertarian Party, believe that all people have certain undeniable rights and that among these are the rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. We champion the rights of the individual and hold that the sole purpose of govern-

ment is to safeguard those rights."

This wording, which emphasizes what we are *for* rather than what we are *against*, received overwhelming delegate support but fell just short of the seven-eighths majority needed to pass at the convention.

To be fair, I tried out my proposed wording on the same people I surveyed on the "cult" wording. All 12 were able to explain it. Some said it evoked the founding fathers and reminded them that we are supposed to have a constitutional government.

They said it was "more understandable," "friendlier," "more specific," and "easier to identify with" than the "cult" wording. Nine agreed with my statement while only three agreed with the "cult" wording.

All 12 said they preferred my wording to the "cult" wording. (By the way, I did not tell them I wrote it before I asked them what they thought of it.)

I intend to propose a change to the Statement of Principles again at this year's convention, and I am open to your comments. If you can improve on my wording or if you have a completely different suggestion, please e-mail me at: TRegnier@aol.com.

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Microsoft: A threat to capitalism, or Justice run amuck?

The Microsoft antitrust suit: An attack on America's premier developer of software . . .

The paragons of legal and ethical virtue in the Clinton Justice Department are now in federal court, seeking Draconian antitrust penalties against Microsoft, history's premier developer and producer of computer software.

Despite an intensely competitive market marked by falling prices and prodigious innovation, the government continues to allege that Microsoft has a monopoly position in the software market — and has used that position to stifle its competition to the detriment of consumers.

It is interesting to note that the presiding judge in the Microsoft litigation, a liberal Republican assigned to the case by the Democratic Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, has a track record of unbridled hostility to Microsoft and a track record of being reversed on appeal in antitrust cases.

But although the factual conditions of the software market make the government's case against Microsoft abysmally weak and unconvincing, there are malefactors in our society — unmitigated monopolists all — whose

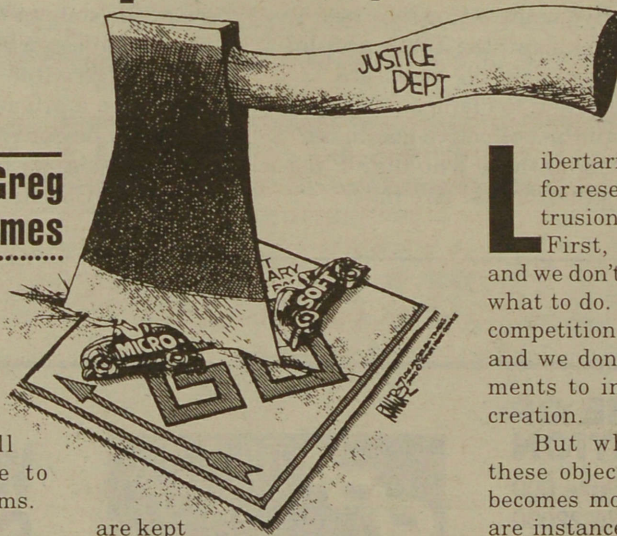
predatory and anticompetitive practices are undeniable. By suppressing competition, driving up prices, and limiting consumer choice, these monopolists have the power to manipulate and control markets to a degree Bill Gates could never hope to achieve in his wildest dreams.

Ruthless

Of course these monopolists are the federal, state, and local governments, each of which has established and ruthlessly enforces total or near total monopolies in diverse fields of endeavor from the delivery of First Class mail to the practice of medicine, from the taxicab business to garbage collection, insurance to banking, from the education of children to the practice of law, selling real estate to cutting hair.

In each of these arenas, governments jealously guard their raw power to decide who may compete and even whether competition will be permitted at all. For unlike any private business arrangement, these monopolies

By Greg Holmes



are kept in place through government's unique power to use "lawful" force to fine, imprison, or even kill any violator of its monopolies who is sufficiently insistent about it.

Absent force or fraud in a free market, we Libertarians tend to regard as immoral any government interference with the right of individuals to dispose of their private property as they see fit.

This is because we have learned through experience that free societies are inherently more benign and more economically efficient than unfree societies or even partly free societies. This principle of liberty shapes our attitude toward Microsoft and every other business enterprise.

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Or an effort to give the free market's "invisible hand" a helping hand?

Libertarians have two reasons for resenting government intrusion in the marketplace. First, we like our freedom and we don't like people telling us what to do. Second, we like open competition and consumer choice and we don't like to see impediments to innovation and value creation.

But what happens when these objectives conflict? What becomes more important? There are instances in which an unrestrained free market will lead to severely curtailed competition and consumer choice. And conversely, there are instances in which government action can make the market more efficient in providing value to consumers and investors.

Examples of the heavy hand of government acting to successfully encourage or invigorate the market are easy to find. Take the patent system. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office grants exclusive rights and ownership to the developers of intellectual property. Inventors and innovators can then expect huge potential profits from their hard work and research dollars.

But without such government-

tal controls there would be much less incentive to devote resources to new technologies since anyone else would then be free to appropriate the inventions without having taken any risks. Patents thus encourage technological innovation, and both consumers and suppliers benefit enormously from this Constitutionally mandated government handout.

Limit choice

The government also helps preserve open competition and innovation with its antitrust laws. An unregulated free market tends to breed monopolies, and monopolies tend to exploit their market positions by inflating prices, leveraging in other products, stifling competition, and other predatory and unfair practices that ultimately limit consumer value and choice.

The Federal Trade Commission, acting under the authority of Congressional acts that date back to the late 1800s, investigates and prosecutes firms that abuse their monopoly positions, as

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"Don't you understand? This is how it starts!"

"Hans" survived the Red Army and Hitler. Why did the seizure of Elia affect him so?

Two days after federal officers executed an armed pre-dawn raid to seize the Cuban child from the Miami home where he had been staying, I had occasion to speak with an East European refugee from WWII. His name is "Hans."

I asked him what reaction he had to the raid. In response, he related to me the following story. It is a riveting first-hand account of the nature of tyranny.

Hans was a child in Moldavia... until the Red Army came early in the war to take over half his country. The other half was given to Romania under a Soviet-Nazi power-sharing agreement.

Hans and his family were deported by the Soviets to Yugoslavia for a while. They lost all their land, their house, and their farm animals. It had been their family home for more than 125 years. They lost it all.

Next, they were shipped to Austria, where they spent months trying to convince government authorities they weren't Jewish, as their family name is spelled the same as a common Jewish name.

Luckily for little Hans, they were successful. Finally, the Austrians herded them off to Poland, where they were sent to live on bombed-out abandoned farms. The authorities told them to farm, "or else."

One day, while Hans and his family were living there, a young Jewish family appeared, and

asked if they could rent one of the abandoned farm-houses. His family told them "go ahead" (but never did charge them any rent).

Each morning, Hans and the other children in the area, including the Jewish family's daughter, would walk to school... until one day a few months later, when she didn't come out of the house when it was time to leave for school. That evening, they entered the home to find the entire family and their clothing were gone.

The Gestapo

A few days later, the Gestapo came. They had questions for his family.

"Did you know they were Jews?" the Gestapo asked. "Did you let them live there in order to hide them from us?"

"We had no idea they were Jewish!" Hans's parents told the Gestapo. But they had known very well who they were helping... and the risk it entailed.

The Gestapo could prove nothing, so they gave up hassling them for the moment.

Some months later, Hans and some friends were snooping about the house while his father was off to the market. They discovered the shotgun his father had carefully hidden in the attic of the old farmhouse.

So, naturally, they took the

gun out, put up a make-shift target, and started to blast away at it.

It wasn't long before the Gestapo arrived. His father was carted away at gunpoint by the Nazi goons, his shotgun confiscated. He was later released, but for the duration of the war, his family was on the "list."

"The list?" I wondered.

Then I remembered the scene at the end of the movie *Casablanca*, where Humphrey Bogart's character, Rick, kills the Nazi Major at the airport. As the police arrive to find the dead German officer, the Prefect of Police, whose political as well as personal loyalties were (until that moment)

severely in doubt, sternly announces: "Major Strasser has been shot! [dramatic pause...] Round up the usual suspects!"

Hans and his family were now on the list of "usual suspects" — and whenever there was "trouble," they were immediately suspected, rounded up, and interrogated by the Nazi authorities, until the war ended.

Land of the free

After the war, Hans emigrated to America to make a fresh start, in "the land of the free, and home of the brave."

Then, one Sunday, Hans saw the photo on the front page of the newspaper of Janet Reno's hand-

picked stormtrooper with an automatic weapon pointed at an unarmed man holding a small child in Miami. His reaction was predictable.

It was a reaction by a man who knows all too well what it's like to have troops of tyrants pointing guns at him.

Hans asked incredulously, in his faint Eastern European accent, "Don't you understand? This is how it starts!"

This is a true story. I spoke to this man about an hour ago.

Don't we understand?

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Pro-Microsoft

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There are certainly those — mostly his competitors, plus some politicians and antitrust bureaucrats — who strongly dislike Bill Gates. Technology consumers, on the other hand, overwhelmingly view Microsoft and Gates with

unqualified approval, as demonstrated by virtually every poll and survey and more decisively, by the outcome of the everyday struggle in the software market.

The most cursory examination of the case against Microsoft reveals that the Clinton Administration's position lacks any serious factual or legal merit.

But true or false, all the alle-

gations against Bill Gates and Microsoft pale by comparison with the routine anticompetitive actions of governments at every level. In other words, whatever you may think of him, Bill Gates cannot put anybody in jail!

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Anti-Microsoft

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we saw a decade and a half ago with AT&T and are currently seeing with Microsoft.

LP News subscribers have read vigorous defenses of Microsoft, and vigorous criticisms of what are widely held to be the lib-

erty- and free market-crushing practices of our government.

But the end result of government intervention in the Microsoft case, and in the instances described above, is a better-functioning economy. The preservation of competition, innovation, value and choice is more important than a strictly free market.

All future Libertarian policy-

makers and elected officials will be faced with these kinds of choices. Equally committed Libertarians may disagree on what to do when a free market and an effective market don't always go hand in hand.

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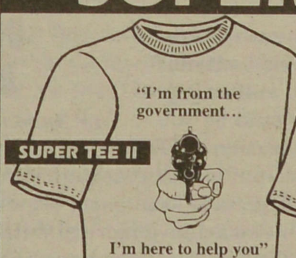
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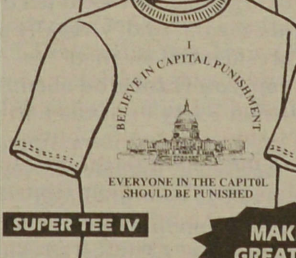
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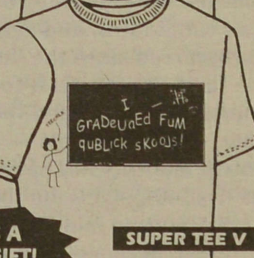
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FROM The Director

What the party's staff does (and doesn't do)

Who's going to be the party's candidate for president in 2000? Why don't you recruit Clint Eastwood to run? Why don't you change the Platform's position on [fill in the blank]? Those are some of the questions I get asked in letters, in phone calls, and in person at state conventions. However, they're questions I can't answer.

The headquarters staff here in Washington, DC doesn't recruit presidential candidates. Or decide whom to nominate. Nor do we determine what our Platform says.

Individual Libertarian members like *you* are the ones who convince people to run for president, through your encouragement and support. And if you attend our National Convention as a delegate, you'll decide whom to nominate for president. You'll decide whether or not to change our platform.

The job of the HQ staff is to advance the mission of the Libertarian Party, and to support the efforts of our members, volunteers, candidates, and state and local party organizations.

It's our job to ensure ballot access in every state.

It's our job to help our state parties recruit candidates, to take full advantage of that hard-won ballot access.

It's our job to help our state parties develop into effective, successful, professional political organizations. For example, the Unified Membership Program provides a solid base of financial support for the 44 states that participate. We handle the administrative burdens of membership renewal, enabling them to focus their volunteer resources on political activity.

It's our job to share information about what works with other Libertarians, by offering workshops like Success 2000, distributing materials like our campaigning handbook, and publishing the *Libertarian Volunteer* for our activists.

It's our job to raise the public profile of the LP through press releases, media interviews, advertising, and projects such as our campaign against the Census and last year's campaign against the FDIC's Know Your Customer regulation.

This is an area where we've achieved significant success. Over the past seven years, we've gone from booking one media interview per month to more than 50 a month — including TV appearances on CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC.

It's our job to promptly respond to inquiries with a professional information package, and to use our media opportunities and advertising to generate additional inquiries. We forward those inquiries on a daily basis to our state parties, so they can immediately follow-up with information about state and local activities.

It's our job to build membership — our network of supporters and contributors. Increased membership makes it possible to achieve goals that would be out of reach for a smaller organization. With more members, more local communities reach critical mass

and are able to organize and sustain local party organizations. And our state parties are able to achieve more ambitious goals.

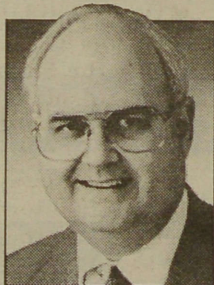
For example, 11 of our state parties now have paid staff — someone working full-time to organize new local parties, recruit candidates, and generate media. And, virtually all of this has occurred since the last presidential election.

Last, it's our job to keep you informed about everything going on in the Libertarian Party — at the national, state, and local levels — by producing an interesting and informative monthly newspaper: *LP News*. You have in your hands the first 40-page issue the party has ever produced — and there was even more news that we simply couldn't fit in!

(And, of course, it's also the job of *LP News* to share, via letters to the editor, advertising, and commentary, the opinions of Libertarians who *disagree* with what we do and how we do it.)

At our Convention, our delegates will determine the *future* of America's only true third party. I hope you'll be there. And, whatever the Convention decides, the national office staff will be back at work the next day, working with you to promote liberty.

From the entire staff at the national office — *thank you!*
We appreciate everything you do to make this a freer country.



By Steve Dabach

LP National Director

Streams, wildlife, wilderness: Liberty's surprising triumph

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, *LP News* will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Peter Orvetti

LP NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In June and July, as the summer sun warms the nation's forests and mountains, many American families load up their trunks with sleeping bags and a tent, grab their hiking boots out of the dark corners of the closet, gas up, and head out to America's bounteous national parks.

The family camping trip is a time-honored tradition in the United States. But what will become of it when Libertarians come to power, and privatize the parks? If we cut the State down to size, will we be cutting down all the trees, too?

In other words, can private interests be trusted to maintain America's parkland — or will they "pave paradise and put up a parking lot," as Joni Mitchell sang?

Naturalists who have studied both private and government land preservation have reached a surprising conclusion: The "Disney-like" parks feared by many nature lovers — clogged with paved roads and myriad concession stands — are much more common in government-run parks than on untouched land held by private interests.

Collette Ridgeway of the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University wrote in "Privately Protected Places" that "free markets and private property rights . . . lead to more efficient and more permanent solutions to the many environmental problems facing the world today" than "eco-statist" government protection.

Protect the land

Why? Because government and private groups have different priorities. While government parks cater to tourists exclusively, citizens' groups often band together to protect the land where they live.

This creates the contrast Ridgeway discovered between Maine's Acadia National Park, full of "roads, cars, countless people, and accompanying development," and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, only miles away, where citizens bought coastal land to protect it from condominium development.

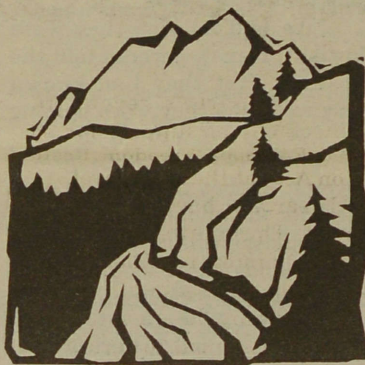
"Gathering funding and support, [residents] founded the Trust to purchase and protect what they could of Maine's re-



maining undeveloped rocky coast," wrote Ridgeway. "What began as a plan to protect the historical and environmental treasures of a small community now protects thousands of acres of pristine islands and coastal property all along Maine's Atlantic shore."

Ridgeway notes that private interests are usually portrayed as greedy companies out to rape the land for a quick buck. But often, "private interests" are concerned citizens like the folks in Maine.

Another example is the privately maintained 2,000-acre



QUESTION:

Can individuals, groups, & private companies be trusted to preserve the wilderness?

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Pennsylvania, "one of the best birding locations in the world." Conservationists bought the land in 1934 to protect birds from hunters, and a private trust still cares for it today.

So we may be able to trust citizens. But what about those greedy companies? Well, they're

interested in land protection, too; destroying their land destroys their long-term prospects.

For example, Ridgeway notes that some of the best parkland in Maine is maintained by North Maine Woods, Inc., a consortium of two dozen companies, mostly paper manufacturers. They turn a profit by permitting camping and hiking — on paths much less developed than those at nearby Acadia.

In Georgia, the International Paper Company is even protecting wildlife.

"IP employs wildlife specialists to oversee wildlife and recreation on its lands, where research is carried out to develop forest management practices that enhance wildlife populations as well as profits," wrote Terry L. Anderson and Donald R. Leal of the Montana-based Political Economy Research Center in "Inside Our Outdoor Policy."

"White-tailed deer, turkeys, rabbits, bobwhite quail, mourning doves, and other species are beginning to reap the benefits of new management techniques. Habitat is improved by controlled burning, buffer zones along streams, and tree-cutting practices that leave wildlife cover and plenty of forage."

Out of business?

So private concerns can responsibly manage and maintain wilderness areas. But why get the government out of the business? Isn't it doing a good job, too?

In many ways, yes. America's national park system is the envy of the world.

But it has its flaws, too.

"Public ownership does not always preserve environmental values," wrote Anderson and Leal. "[Government employees] may have a formal obligation to protect park resources, but they have no personal stake; their wealth is not diminished when trees are destroyed."

And, as any government operation, environmental regulations can become dogma — and actually hurt the land they were designed to protect.

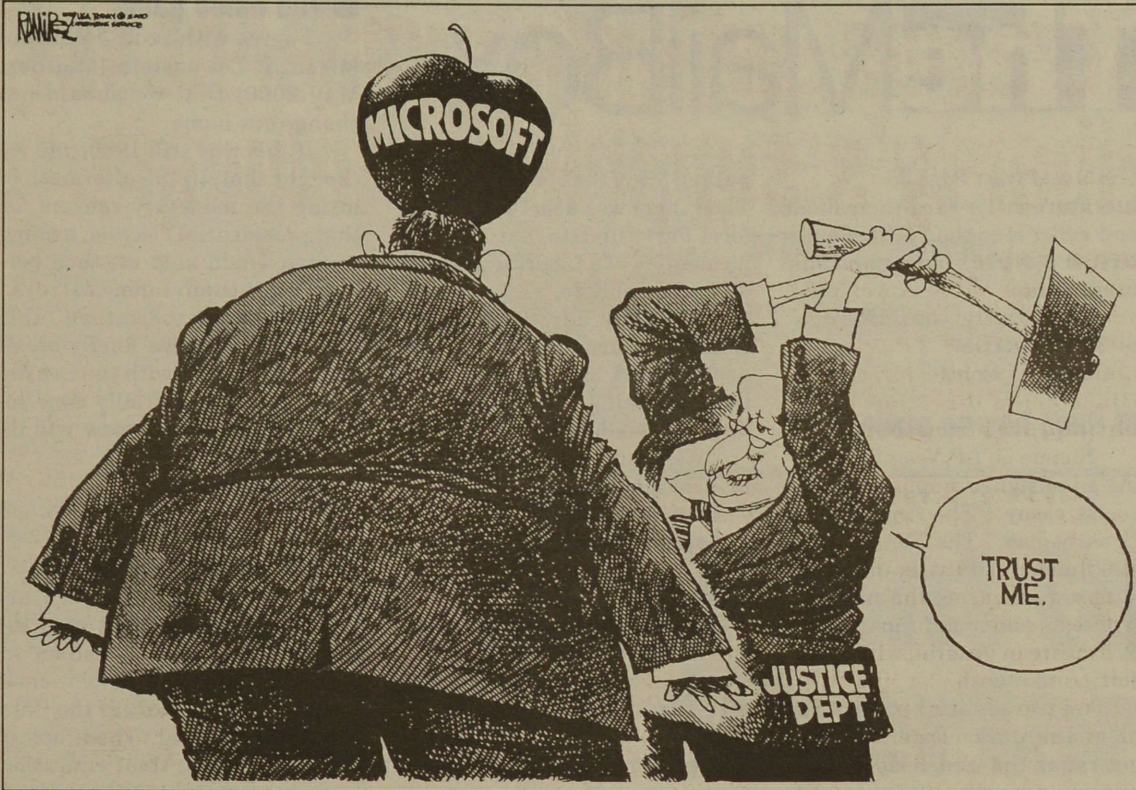
One example: For years, the government tried to stop New Mexico rancher Sid Goodloe from using "controlled burning" to remove excess brush from his land, even though his process brought long-dead streams back to life when "water-hungry" brush was removed, according to Ridgeway. Even trout have returned to the formerly dried-up streams.

Contrast that with the 1994 fire on Park Service land adjacent to Goodloe's property: "Years of governmental fire suppression had allowed an unnatural buildup

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The Mailbox

■ Indoctrination?

In the May *LP News*, the LP announced it had signed on to support the various state-level Religious Freedom Restoration Acts. These acts would permit government money, extorted from the tax victims of this country, to be sent to religious-based institutions.

These acts would permit the imposition of majoritarian religious indoctrination in government schools by allowing the posting of religious texts in the schools at tax-victim expense. What they are seeking is the ability to post one of the various versions of the Ten Commandments in schools.

These acts would permit the use of government facilities, such as school loudspeaker systems, and common class time, for public prayer, if the majority wanted it.

These are all anti-Libertarian proposals. I believe that this move by the LP was poorly considered and is ill-advised. I request that the LP cease to support these attempts at religious majoritarian tyranny.

— TOM WRIGHT
Oakland, New Jersey

■ Praise for RFRA

Regarding the LP's endorsement of Religious Freedom Restoration Acts: Great!

This story should be sent "for immediate release" to every Christian news publication in America.

— GRANT KUHN
Carlsbad, California

■ Free to discriminate

As a long-time Libertarian Party member and former state chair, I wish to express concern

about the party's recent announcement of support for so-called Religious Freedom Restoration Acts at the state level.

I fear you have been misinformed. These laws are not designed to protect religious Americans from government harassment. They are designed to allow religious extremists to harass and discriminate against others.

One such law, just passed by the Idaho legislature and signed by the governor, creates a broad exemption to all state and local

THE R.F.R.A.:
"The intent of this law was to create a religious right to discriminate."

statutes for any religiously motivated act. This includes laws against housing discrimination, employment discrimination, child abuse, and hate crimes, or any rights protected by statute but not by state or federal constitutions. Legislators have openly acknowledged that the intent of this law is to create a special religious right to discriminate.

I also feel that this is an unwarranted intrusion by the national party into state affairs. The decision whether to oppose or support state legislation should rest with state LP organizations.

In the meantime, I encourage you to meet with religious and civil rights groups that oppose

such legislation, such as the ACLU, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, or the Interfaith Alliance so you can hear different perspectives.

— CHRIS STRUBLE
Boise, Idaho

■ Charity drive

At this year's tax protest, I had an idea for a sign: "Replace Taxes with Charity and User Fees."

I think this answers people who say that the poor would starve or we would be defenseless if taxation were ended. Also, it could mean a gradual replacement instead of a sudden end of taxation, which seems to scare most people.

— KELLY RUSSELL SIMPSON
San Francisco, California

■ Turning the tables

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"Would you like more information on the Libertarian Party?"

If they say no, immediately answer, "I appreciate your call, please consider the Libertarian Party in the next election." (Then hang up without giving them a chance to respond.)

If they say yes, take their name and address and send them

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The Pulse

Our favorite issue: Liberty

Ask Libertarians what their favorite political issue is, and you shouldn't be surprised when they respond: "Liberty."

And that *was* the most popular answer to this month's unscientific Pulse question: Which one issue do you think the Libertarian Party's 218 U.S. House candidates should focus on as they campaign this year?

In all, 17.9% of *LP News* readers said the broad category of "defending Liberty" or advocating "Constitutional government" was the single best issue for Libertarians.

In second place, with 14.3% of the vote, were the twin topics of dramatically reducing (or repealing) taxes and abolishing the Internal Revenue Service.

Coming in third, with the support of 10.7% of respondents, was "Drug Peace" — repealing Drug Prohibition and ending the War on Drugs.

In fourth place, with 7.1%, was the theme of opposition to Big Government: Exposing its true nature or radically reducing its power over the lives of ordinary Americans.

An additional 7.1% of respondents argued that LP candidates should not focus on one issue. Instead, they said, each candidate should find his or her *own* message.

Here is a representative sample of the responses:

■ Focus on taxes, and how with less of them people would be more empowered, and also the War on Drugs, which causes more problems than it solves.

— KENNETH HOCKETT, Twain Harte, California

■ Take a pass on the drug problem and concentrate on the tax issue. This is a winning issue; drugs are not.

— EUGENE SIGILLITO, Mahwah, New Jersey

■ Economic woes are caused by Big Government. Civil liberties are violated by Big Government. The Drug War is run by Big Government. Big Government is always our issue.

— JAY MCINTYRE, Colmar, Pennsylvania

■ Our candidates should carry the message that America has a choice to make between statism and liberty. Only the Libertarian Party will stand fast against totalitarianism.

— JASON C. MILLER, Hudsonville, Michigan

■ Smaller, less-expensive government. Such a single theme would allow a candidate to explain many concrete positions of a Libertarian campaign.

— KEN BISSON, Angola, Indiana

■ I would like to hear the words "uphold the Constitution" in every speech made by our candidates.

— BRIDGET RUTTY, Tully, New York

■ It would be a mistake for LP candidates to focus upon any single issue, which could lead to being misidentified as a single issue party.

— BRIEN KROEGER, Brooklyn, Connecticut

■ LP candidates should focus on the stadium subsidy racket. Corporate welfare schemes lend themselves to a slam-dunk Libertarian analysis to which people across the political spectrum should prove receptive.

— TONY PIVETTA, Royal Oak, Michigan

■ Campaign forum reform, such as ballot and debate access. The entrenched Demoblicans use muscle to stifle competition. It's up to the Libertarian Party to expose the public choice fraud.

— MIKE BOERSTE, North Augusta, South Carolina

■ Education. If we don't stop the government-run public schools from churning out illiterate but propagandized politically correct statisticians, there will be no hope for future generations.

— CASSANDRA D. HOCUTT, Atlanta, Georgia

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■ **Repeal drug prohibition and abolish the IRS.** These can happen together, but neither can occur alone. The income tax pays for Prohibition. Prohibition justifies the need for taxes. And so the wheel goes 'round.
— RICHARD TRACY, New Orleans, Louisiana

■ **Drugs.** Few things are as intrusive as the government telling us what we can put in our own bodies.
— PAUL L. STUDIER, Lake Forest, California

■ **Individual freedom and responsibility, and the application of freedom's principles to any political issue.**
— CHARLES A. STUPPY, Albuquerque, New Mexico

■ **The principle that government's only rightful reason for existence is to protect the rights of citizens.**
— PHIL UNDERWOOD, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

■ **"No pray, no pay."** Tell religious Americans that if you don't like a school's prayer policies, you shouldn't be taxed for that school.
— ANDREW LOHR, Lookout Mountain, Georgia

■ **Focus on the costs of the "freebies" their opponents brag about bringing to their district.** The voters pay for every one of these programs, but this fact is never mentioned by their opponents.
— MILTON VERSTANDIG, New York, New York

■ **We need to get lawyers who bring class action suits and lose to pay the legal fees of the defendants.**
— KURT OWENS, Arroyo City, Texas

August Question: The "Pledge"?

It's only 23 words long — but it has generated enormous controversy within the Libertarian Party. It's the party's "membership statement" (sometimes called "The Pledge") which new members must sign to officially join the party. It reads: "I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

The oft-debated issue: Should the party require a signed statement for membership? Some Libertarians say yes: It articulates the party's "non-initiation of force" philosophy, and sets us apart from any libertarian-sounding lunatics who may use violence. Other LP members disagree: Other parties don't require a signature for membership, they say, and, since many people find it somewhat odd, it may stunt membership growth.

■ **QUESTION:** Should the Libertarian Party drop its mandatory membership statement? Why or why not? (Please limit answers to no more than 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** July 5, 2000

July Question: Too doctrinaire?

In an interview at FreedomChannel.com on March 28, third-party expert J. David Gillespie (the author of *Politics at the Periphery: Third Parties in Two-Party America*), said the Libertarian Party ought to be able to "resonate" more with voters — but is held back by its "reputation of being a party that is doctrinaire."

"What happens," he argued, "is that if you appeal to people on a doctrinal level, you appeal to people who agree with half of your position — but not the other half."

Do you agree? Does the Libertarian Party adhere too rigidly to its philosophy in a "doctrinaire" way — and suffer because of it? Or does the party's staunch commitment to Libertarian principles work to its advantage?

■ **QUESTION:** Is the LP too doctrinaire? Why or why not? (Limit answers to no more than 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** June 5, 2000

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literature or forward their name and address to the LP headquarters, so they can send membership information.

Give it a try, you'll like it.
— TIM NORTON
Cobden, Illinois

Race has no place

Shame on LP News for printing an unsigned, euphemistically racist essay ["The Ant and the Grasshopper," The Forum, April 2000]. There must be plenty of good arguments against welfare, public housing, and government assistance in general, without resorting to racism.

We are all ants, and we are all grasshoppers. Better yet, let's get rid of the allegories and admit we are all citizens of the United States of America. Citizens of African ancestry have very good and real reasons to suspect racism in everything American.

It is time for non-socialist Americans of European ancestry to seek atonement and justice because we know any time an African-American citizen complains, it is met with "here they go again" indifference.

— CHRISTIAN HENDRICKS
Metairie, Louisiana

You have no right

"What America needs: A bill of no rights" by Lewis Napper [The Forum, April 2000] was wonderful and should be widely disseminated. It was billed as "On the Lighter Side of Politics," but unfortunately it points out, all too well, the attitudes of a large part of our population.

I think there is one "No Right" missing. It is: You do not have the right to force other people to live the way you want even if it is for their perceived own good. You do not have the right to force them to pray (or not), to smoke, drink or drug (or not), to abort (or not).

Everyone should be allowed to go to Hell in their own way.

— LARRY MITCHLER
Fall River Mills, California

Don't forget Hedbor

In the May LP News, you reported that "[John Featherman] became the only Congressional candidate in the history of the LP to gain the endorsement of a major daily newspaper," the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

In the mid-1980s, Jim Hedbor got the endorsement of the Burlington, Vermont, major daily paper for his race for U.S. Congress for the LP.

— SCOTT LIEBERMAN
San Jose, California

The time is now

This is really sad. The *Orange County Register* ran an article about how Ralph Nader is starting to pose a threat to Al Gore by

pulling 5% of the vote in the West. Then there was also the daily Reform Party update, but as usual, no mention of a Libertarian presidential candidate.

Whoever our presidential candidate turns out to be, they need to start making some noise to avoid being rolled over by a dope like Nader.

We cannot wait until August to start making some waves!
— BOB VONDRUSKA
Laguna Hills, California

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Bearish on investment

Too often I find myself shaking my head as I read articles like the one titled "Retirement Dark Ages" in the May 2000 LP News [Talking Points], arguing for privatized retirement plans instead of Social Security.

I would like to see Social Security go away, but we would be more foolish to believe that private investing will give us huge returns over the long term. The usual fallacy comes from thinking that invested money somehow grows by itself.

In fact, all investments fall on the backs of our children eventually. Once we retire who will buy our stocks, bonds, mortgages, and car loans? Our children! And once the majority of the Baby Boomers retire, there will be fewer children to buy these investments from each retiree. A buyer's market: What will that do to the price of our valuable stocks?

When we put money into Social Security it becomes a 2% bond that our children must repay. Even if the stock market only continued to grow at an annual rate of 10% (modest in recent years), the cost of those stocks would be exorbitant by the time we retire. Our children could not and would not buy them.

This brings me to the real goal of retirement savings: Keeping up with inflation. If I save \$100 today it should be worth \$100 when I retire. That's not too much to ask.

— GLENN BECKER
Alexandria, Virginia

The name game

I agree with Scott Jones and Mirna A. Lowenstein [MailBox, May 2000] that we should not change our name.

If this was still 1980, and we thought that, in the aftermath of losing the monetary sources for that presidential election, a name change would help us, then perhaps we should've done so.

But by all indications, this will be the year we finally break through. Indeed, with the Census issue, we have partially done so. Changing our name now will do more harm than good.

— JAY MCINTYRE
Colmar, Pennsylvania

Marketing education

In Peter Orvetti's April article, "Taking the first step towards educational freedom in America" [Libertarian Solutions], he quotes David Boaz of the Cato Institute as saying: "The simplest way would be to treat education the way we treat other essential services."

Precisely! And that means the free market.

Most people do not want to homeschool their children, and thus send them, regardless of conditions, to mainly public schools. (90% of K-12 students attend public schools.) But are private schools the rational libertarian alternative, as Orvetti suggests? Private schools which beg for contributions to finance their operation are definitely not examples of free enterprise. (Businesses don't beg customers and others for money in order to provide goods or services.)

In the National Platform of the Libertarian Party it states: "We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives," and that property rights "are based on self-ownership."

Well, if we own our bodies we certainly own our own minds, and should be fully free to determine what happens to our minds. And how would this be accomplished? By providing education just as goods and services are provided in a free society. By private, profit-making, openly competing education businesses that only offer courses of instruction to willing, paying customers. And the customers should be judging the business and the teaching, not the reverse as now exists!

Libertarians should be promoting free enterprise for education, not tax credits (legalized discrimination) or vouchers (which just further expand the combining of church and state).

— THOMAS L. JOHNSON
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Private parties

I have been reading about the Supreme Court case where the Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, Democratic and Republican parties are arguing that states should not have blanket primaries other than registered party enrollees [LP News, April 2000].

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I agree that a party must choose its own leaders based upon their registered enrollees.

However, I also believe that the parties having primaries should pay for their own primaries instead of using public funds in a primary some of the public does not participate in.

If the general public is not included in the picking of candidates, then the general public should not have to pay for anything except the general election in November. Granted, the First Amendment allows a private organization to choose its own message. However, the private organization should pay for their own message. I did not see this argument advanced, and it looks like the Supreme Court may rule this way if it is considered a First Amendment right.

I am a registered Libertarian in New York State running for the Assembly. I believe in the Libertarian Party platform, but I always believe in the Constitution first.

— **BILL BOMBARD**
Glens Falls, New York

Brute force busts in

The Elian Gonzalez events illustrate a symptom: "We are fast approaching the state of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the state of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force." — Ayn Rand

— **JACK GARDNER**
Austin, Texas

Persuading the poor

My guess is that upper- and middle-class registered Libertarians significantly outnumber those just above or below the poverty line. If this is true, we have a tremendous opportunity to change this situation during this election year.

How? By sending out our best speakers to address the disadvantaged on subjects that not only are important to us as Libertarians, but important to them because of the great influence these issues have on the standard of living of the poor.

I speak, for example, of requiring licenses for daycare centers, instead of allowing neighborhood mothers to form cooperative arrangements. I speak of requiring licenses for taxi drivers, instead of allowing individuals to

offer transportation at whatever price their neighborhoods can afford. I speak of minimum wage laws that kill on-the-job training opportunities for high school dropouts.

I can hear the conclusions of such talks right now: "What political party will deal with these issues head-on? Seeking no favors and granting no consideration to

special interest groups? Why, the Libertarian Party, of course! If you are not a registered voter, take the time to register — now! And vote Libertarian on Election Day! Make us strong, and we shall make you strong!"

— **DAVID GREEN**
Sahuarita, Arizona

Born criminals?

Apparently inspired by a report that recently made headlines, Duane Grindstaff wrote in The MailBox [April 2000] that "the drop in crime is due to fewer people growing up as unwanted

children. Unwanted children are much more likely to grow up to be criminals!"

The report attributes much of this reduction in crime to *Roe v. Wade*. But given that abortion is homicide, a charge the Supreme Court admitted in *Roe* it could not disprove, and given the millions of fetal homicides since *Roe*, crime didn't decrease because of *Roe* — it skyrocketed.

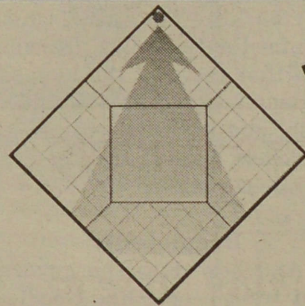
Regardless of one's views on that, however, notice the sort of ideas that fit with abortion as "crime control," ideas that are not necessarily new. Many criminals

were wanted children — so why not label all children as possible criminals, keep permanent track of their behavior, and use drugs to control those who don't toe the line?

Many LP members say the LP platform's support for legal abortion is without foundation and should go. Grindstaff used "crime reduction" to argue for retaining it. I hope he will reconsider.

Regardless of our disagreements over whether abortion is homicide, we should not embrace

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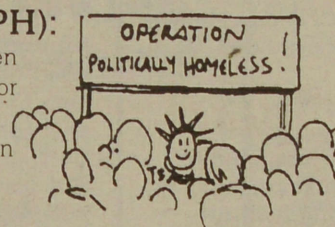
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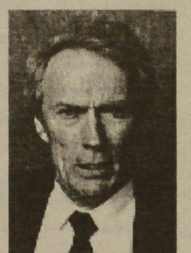
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arguments that would have us ignore unalienable rights because of what some people might do in the future.

— **DORIS GORDON**
Silver Spring, Maryland

■ Roe and the Constitution

The right of women to get an abortion will certainly become a major campaign issue this summer as the presidential race heats up. Liberals and conservatives will both point to the Constitution in defense of their position.

But the *Roe v. Wade* decision was a reach. The Founders intended to have a limited government with all powers not expressly given to the federal government to remain the responsibility of the several states. The Constitution did not expressly mention abortion as a right of the people, and therefore a Constitutional amendment is required in order for the federal government to assert its authority over the states on this issue.

Nor does the federal government have the right to make abortion illegal. The Constitution provides for federal prosecution of only three crimes: treason, counterfeiting, and piracy. States, on the other hand, do have the right

to outlaw abortions, and yes, prosecute women and their doctors for first-degree murder.

— **JACK MCMILLAN**
Columbia, Tennessee

■ Body rights

In response to the letters of Jason Willency and Robert Maynard in The MailBox, March 2000, neither gentleman has a clue.

Each woman has control over her own body. Whether she chooses to allow a growth, which may or may not become an independent human being, to deplete her natural resources while she carries it to term is her own decision. Whether she allows the other provider of the DNA of the potential human to take part in the decision, or her parents, or her doctor, or her religious advisor, or the government, or anyone else is up to her.

No one can force her to carry that growth to term. No one can force her to have an abortion. If it is determined that the growth is a child, and she kills it, she faces legal penalties.

It should be legal for growths to be transplanted into women willing to carry them to term. It should be legal to transplant them into artificial wombs. It should be

legal for people to adopt a potential human being by paying for the care of the woman through birth. The risk would belong to those who sincerely believe that a fertilized egg is a child. The child would then belong to the people whose resources enabled it to come into the world.

— **LORINDA KASTEN-LOWERRE**
Garden Grove, California

■ The value of life

I have to take exception to Dean Wahls's letter in the February MailBox. I don't believe in abortion. How dare I call myself a Libertarian? I call myself a Libertarian because a Libertarian believes in personal responsibility. What can be more irresponsible than having unprotected sex if you don't want to deal with the consequences?

I call myself a Libertarian because I signed an oath against the initiation of force. What is more forceful or violent than an abortion? Pro-abortionists use terms like "embryo," "fetus," or "organism" to dehumanize what is in my opinion a human being.

I am not a very religious person so my belief does not stem from a religious view, but rather from a personal conviction that life begins at conception.

Maybe the one thing that makes me even more Libertarian is that I don't believe the federal government should have any say in the abortion matter.

— **LINDA SOUBA**
Ortonville, Minnesota

■ Defend the environment

Libertarianism and environmentalism are not incompatible. I believe one appropriate function of government is to provide true "public" goods, like national defense. A clean environment falls into this category. It meets the economic definition of a public good: non-rival and non-excludable (the use of it by one person does not decrease the amount available for another, and providing it to one implies providing it for all).

Perhaps in a world of perfect information there would be no need for environmental regulation. Consumers would know how every good is produced and make purchasing decisions accordingly. But how would consumers know whether, for example, a firm is disposing of waste responsibly or dumping it into the water supply, if the firm is concealing it? At very least, government needs to make this information available to all.

Property rights only work if there is an agency granting them. Each party must know the value of a clean vs. dirty environment both to him or her and the other party. Even in a free society, individuals are not free to take actions that directly harm another. Government would protect its citizens from a foreign power trying to poison its water supply; why should it allow domestic ones to do so with impunity?

— **DAVID CONNER**
Ithaca, New York

Protecting the wilderness: Only a job for government?

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of dead brush that encouraged the flames to climb high into the upper canopy of the trees. The habitat, along with much of the surrounding National Forest property, was destroyed," wrote Ridgeway.

"In the end, it was Goodloe's management practices that allowed the fire to be contained. The firefighters used as the edge of their backfire his ranch, which sustained only a mild cleansing burn that recycled the biomass nutrients; rid the area of underbrush; and left the larger trees, with their natural resistance to low-intensity fires."

Regulations

And how does the government treat people like Goodloe, who resurrect dead land? Another rancher, Dayton Hyde, knows all too well. He turned one-quarter of his ranchland into marshes for wildlife, began research on the sandhill crane, and constructed a lake with three and a half miles of shoreline for wildlife. Instead of congratulations, he was hit with regulations.

"I am being regulated for wetlands that weren't there before I created them," Hyde said. He saved his wetlands because of his own ecological concerns, but then had to pour more funds into keeping his wetlands up to the state's regulatory code. Ironically, he would have saved money if he hadn't helped the environment.

(States, by the way, are no better than Washington, DC at managing land. Some federal legislators have proposed "devolution" of land ownership to the states, but Randal O'Toole of the Thoreau Institute wrote that states "are just as economically inefficient, ecologically shortsighted, and politically driven as

their federal counterparts . . . State governments have been rapidly expanding — not divesting — their land estates.")

Private interests would certainly like to be more involved in land maintenance, but "with over 30% of the land owned by the federal government and the vast majority of this providing recreational opportunities, the private sector has found it difficult to compete," Leal and Anderson wrote.

But the potential remains.

"Since World War II, the demand for outdoor recreation has increased tremendously," the same authors wrote. "An increase in demand for outdoor recreation means that its value has risen; that is, people are willing to pay more for recreation. Private spending for the protection of wildlife habitat and environmentally fragile areas is also dramatically up."

Divesting government control of untouched parkland offers opportunities to, in the words of the pro-government Sierra Club, protect parks "for our families and for our future."

Can be trusted

Once again, the market has spoken. The rise of private land protection over the past few decades — and the superiority of many private "parks" to government parks — shows that private interests can be trusted to maintain parkland. Moreover, as Americans' craving for nature excursions continues to grow, and the market value of campgrounds and nature reserves increases, more private interests can be expected to oblige.

In a Libertarian America, the "spacious skies" and "purple mountains" will remain protected, and provide wilderness refuge for the citizens of a freer nation.

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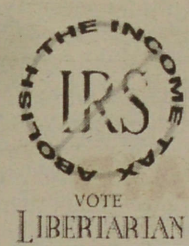
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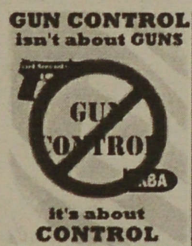
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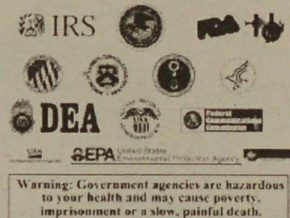
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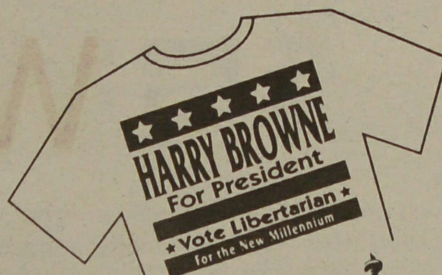
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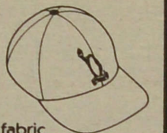
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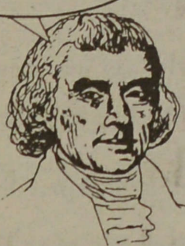
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New Mexico LP Convention, Cree Meadows County Club, Ruidoso. Speakers include Bill Masters (San Miguel County Sheriff, Colorado), Ron Crickenberger (LP Political Director), J. Zane Walley (Paragon Foundation), and Steve Bunch (New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation). For information, call Joseph Knight: (505) 330-7713.

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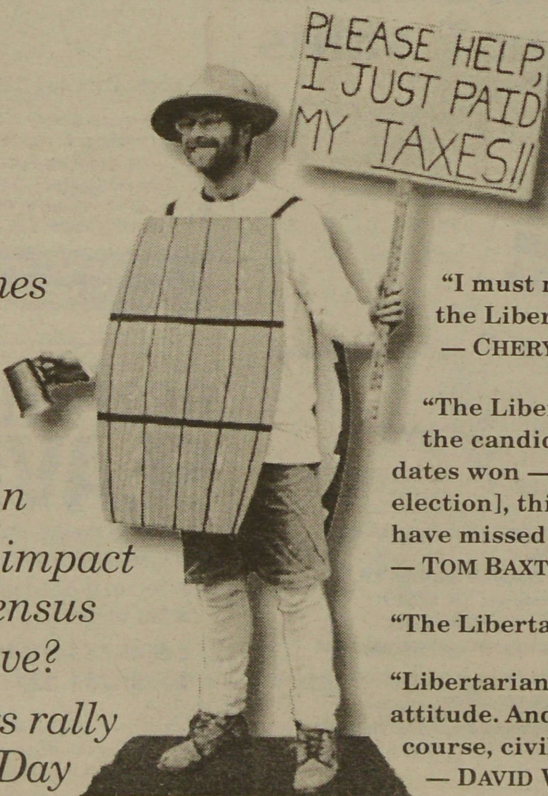
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