

# Libertarian Party

# NEWS

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## Theft!

### LP claims victory stolen in SC race

**D**oug Greene, LP candidate for Aiken (SC) County Council, had an election victory "stolen" from him, according to Aiken County LP (ACLP) chairman Tom King. Local Libertarians have challenged the outcome locally, but they now face a challenge on the state level.

Greene, a local auto parts dealer, had waged an intensive campaign against a powerful two-term incumbent Democrat in a special April 27 election. The incumbent had easily fought off challenges from Democratic and Republican candidates in 1988 and 1990.

Local newspaper headlines told the story: "Libertarian Almost Scores County Upset," and "Five Votes Decide District 3 Winner." One newspaper account noted, "The Bath Democrat survived a down to the wire struggle against Libertarian Doug Greene in what would have been a shocking upset."

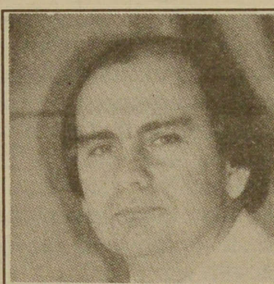
The final "official" vote total was 628 for the incumbent to 623 for Greene.

"Even with problems like three of our voter chal-

lenges being unheeded, we were pleased at the time, as this was the closest a Libertarian candidate in South Carolina has come to victory in recent memory," said King.

The day after the election, however, reports of voters in split precincts who had been denied the right to vote in District 3, the possible miscounting or alteration of write-in votes, and the word of possible intimidation of voters by sheriff's deputies, led LP members to investigate and determine a new state election law had been unjustly used to deny some Greene supporters the right to vote.

King and other exhausted campaign workers tracked down 11 voters who had insisted on voting but were denied the right to vote a challenged ballot. "If any six of those voters had been allowed to vote, the election results would have changed. Plus, evidence showed at least six votes should have been deducted from [Greene's opponent's] total," King explained.



Doug Greene

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## Hatch to address LP

**M**orning Glory Productions (MGP), host of the 1993 Libertarian Party national convention, has announced that Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT) has confirmed that he will speak at the party's gathering in Salt Lake City in early September.

Hatch, who was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1976, will speak to the convention on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and its attempts to restrict the sale of vitamins and nutritional supplements.

"We believe this is the first time that any LP national convention has featured a sitting U.S. senator—and one with some clout—on its speaker list," said Bob Waldrop of MGP.

Hatch is currently the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and he serves on the Senate Finance and Labor and Human Resources Committees as well.

Waldrop also announced that New Hampshire Rep. Don Gorman (L-Deerfield) will be the speaker at the convention banquet.

## Winter arrives

### New director of communications hired

By **RANDY LANGHENRY**

**T**he Libertarian Party has hired a prominent party member to the newly created position of director of communications, a move that party leaders hope will support affiliate parties and give the LP a higher public profile.

Bill Winter, 35, former four-term state chair of the LP of New Hampshire, was hired on June 21 to fill the new role as national director of communications. Winter, who has received much of the credit for the success of the LP in New Hampshire in recent years, has already moved to Washington, DC, with his wife Katherine, and is working out of the LP national headquarters.

"Bill's accomplishments in New Hampshire are legendary," said LP National Chair Mary Gingell. "I welcome Bill on board and look forward to an exciting and productive working relationship with him."

Gingell cited Winter's experience in media relations, networking with sympathetic state and local groups, lobbying the New Hampshire legislature, state and local LP organizing, and writing and graphic design skills.

Winter first joined the LP in 1987 and served as New Hampshire state chair for four years. During that time, he was credited with bringing the NHLP "back from the dead," and making it one of the most successful state parties in the country, in terms of membership growth, activity, and publicity.

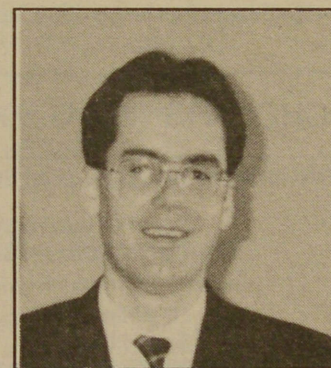
"Our crowning achievement was when we won major party status in 1990, and then when three state representatives defected to the Libertarian Party in 1991 and 1992, and then when we elected four state representatives in 1992," Winter said of his activities in New

Hampshire.

The responsibilities of the director of communications are diverse and will focus on both internal and external communications.

"I'm more excited about the [internal] communications part, and being in touch with the state parties," Winter said. "I have the advantage of having been in the trenches in New Hampshire as a volunteer state party activist. In that time I did everything that a Libertarian activist can do—I staffed information booths, I ran for office, I managed our membership and prospect database, I assembled prospect information packages and mailed them out, I edited the newsletter, and I served as chair. I have a very wide background in the hands-on stuff that state activists have to do. So when I talk to these folks—Libertarian activists in all 50 states—I know what they are going through and I have done what they are doing."

As director of communications Winter is responsible for handling inquiries from state party organizations and forwarding inquiries to relevant individuals in the LP organizational structure; overseeing the production of monthly information packets for state organizations, as well as other regular communications with the states; editing and overseeing production and distribution of the newsletter for affiliate party activists; overseeing the maintenance and publication of the LP activist directory; maintaining lists of LP candidates and elected Libertarians; editing and overseeing production and distribution of Liberty Pledge News; creating and maintaining evaluative tools for the measurement of state organizations, candidates, national projects, and national ser-



Bill Winter

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**NATIONAL DIRECTOR  
APPLICATIONS SOUGHT**

**SEE JOB DESCRIPTION**

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# Moving forward

## Announcement of staffing changes and new program

Regardless of the outcomes, at our upcoming national convention, of the debates over our platform and certification statement, and regardless of who gets elected as national chair and as our officers and National Committee members for the upcoming term, I think it is important that our current management team leave in place a good system so that the new team can be up and running quickly, efficiently, and professionally.

We have taken several steps in recent weeks to do just that. Let me share those steps with you.

One of the goals adopted by the national committee in December 1992 was the "dual management concept"—the notion that our national operations had expanded beyond the point of being managed by a single management employee, the national director. The plan we approved was to bring at least one additional paid manager on board, subject to availability of funding, so that we could professionalize and grow.

To that end, we have now hired New Hampshire activist extraordinaire Bill Winter as director of communications. See the article about Bill on the front page of this issue.

I have watched Bill's successes in New Hampshire for many years, and have encouraged him several times to get involved at the national level of the party. I am thrilled that he finally feels that he has passed on the torch to a new officer team in New Hampshire and that he is willing to come work for us in DC.

The LP Executive Committee reviewed submissions made by 10 qualified, enthusiastic candidates for the position, and we all



### From the Chair

**Mary Gingell**  
National Chair

agreed that Winter was clearly the number-one choice. I welcome Bill on board and look forward to an exciting and productive working relationship with him. I am also convinced that the new Executive Committee that takes over in September, after the convention, will find that Bill is a real asset to the LP.

We have also now begun a nationwide search for a new national director. When he was hired as interim director in January, Stuart Reges indicated the likelihood that he would not remain with the LP beyond the convention. Now, citing concern over his health, Stuart has requested a reduction in his workload during the summer months before the convention, but has agreed to stay on at least 3/4 time for one month after the convention to help facilitate the transition.

Administration Area Manager Joe Dehn worked with Stuart to develop a transitional staffing plan to make sure that office functions are covered throughout the summer and into the fall, while allowing Stuart to cut back his hours.

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee, Joe and I have also prepared a national director position description and begun circulating it around the country. See the posting of this job on page 18.

We will conduct this search and present

the results to the person who is national chair when the dust settles in Salt Lake City, so that that chair can choose from among a pool of highly qualified, interested candidates and the new director can be brought on board during the month of September and receive the benefit of Stuart's continued presence in the office.

Last let me mention another exciting recent development, which comes out of Tamara Clark's marketing area, and has been pursued tirelessly by long-time Libertarian Bill Evers. We are about to announce the appointment of a full-blown, 14-member Shadow Cabinet. The members of this cabinet are real-world businessmen, scholars, and statesmen who hold the libertarian position on issues involved with their area of expertise.

These cabinet members will be commenting to the media in news releases, on radio talk shows, in op-ed pieces, and, we hope, on TV, about current events that fall within the purview of their cabinet depart-

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ment. This program, which was conceptualized by National Committee member Dan Karlan several years ago, was also adopted as a goal at the December National Committee meeting, and is finally coming to fruition. The Shadow Cabinet has the potential, more so than just about any other project, to expand our media credibility and coverage a hundredfold.

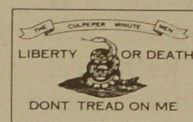
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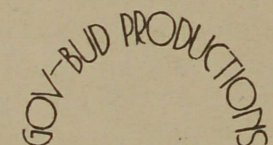
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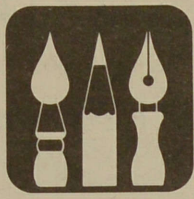
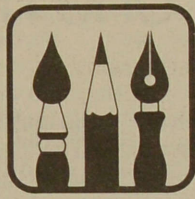
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# MAID

## Drug war fallout stirs anger and action in one mother

By DIANE FALLON

The mugging never should have happened.

She was told repeatedly that whenever she went to Los Angeles she was to make sure she had a full tank of gas, air in the tires, and money. Her father and I hammered over and over, "Don't leave yourself vulnerable."

She had been in LA for less than one day when the phone call came. "I was mugged at the ATM," she told her father.

My daughter and her friend had been singled out by some young thug who threatened to shoot them if they didn't withdraw the money he wanted. Thankfully he just took the money, jumped into a waiting car, and sped off leaving the girls shaken—but perhaps a little wiser.

Whether my daughter was robbed because of drugs is not known, but the statistics on crime in LA would support that assumption. Over 50 percent of all crime in LA is due to drugs; some studies put that figure as high as 70 percent. Last year the number of drug cases doubled, crippling an already overburdened court system.

The tragedy that almost befell my family did not make me a proponent of drug legalization. That, I have always been. Rather, the incident made me stronger and more steadfast in my conviction.

Is my daughter's life worth \$40? Is yours? Is keeping certain substances away from people who want them worth anyone's life? A civilized society would say no.

We can debate the pros and cons of the drug issue until the end of time, but in the meantime thousands die, property is destroyed and/or confiscated, and millions of lives are ruined.

The war on drugs has killed more people than the drugs themselves. Ninety-nine percent of all drug related deaths are due to tobacco and alcohol, yet we spend billions every year to conduct a war on drugs that account for the other 1 percent. This is sheer madness.

In this ridiculous "we must be tough on drugs" posturing, we have declared war on the inner cities and trampled

all over the Constitution.

The main problem, as I see it, is that the people who make the laws and insist on being "tough on drugs" are completely clueless as to the consequences of their actions—misery, devastation, and death.

I suggest that our new president spend a week walking around and sleeping in Central LA, or Washington, DC, without any protection for himself and his family. Does Bill Clinton worry about Chelsea walking to school or playing outside in front of her own house for fear that she will be struck down by bullets fired in retaliation for a busted drug deal? Do he and Hillary crawl around on their bellies at night for fear that they may be hit in a drive-by shooting? Do they have Chelsea study on the floor of her bedroom for that very same reason? Does the president worry that his wife will be pulled from her car and shot during a carjacking? Would he have preferred that his brother go to jail for his drug crimes, rather than receive medical treatment?

I doubt that Bill Clinton or any member of Congress thinks about the consequences of his actions because they all live in lily-white communities and can "afford" to be tough. While drug crime has increased in predominantly white communities, the fact is, drug laws have not created turmoil in the lives of urbanites as they have in the everyday existence of city dwellers, who are predominantly minorities.

The question is: Who benefits from the illegalization of drugs? I can think of only two groups—drug lords and government agencies.

Drug lords earn billions and rule with impunity. Enforcement agencies cash in on confiscated drugs and steal property based on flimsy evidence so they can convert the property into cash to finance their operations. Millions are spent on their toys—mostly helicopters so they can fly over and spy on the private property of their fellow citizens, behaving like high-tech cowboys on round-up.

Is there a single American who believes that inner-city kids, kids from poor neighborhoods or gangs, are ever going to flip burgers at McDonald's for \$4.50 an hour when

they can make \$450 an hour selling illegal drugs?

No matter how much we wish that were true, it just isn't so. The illegality of drugs is keeping these kids from ever learning the skills necessary to enable them to enter the job market and move up the economic ladder.

Drugs are a major problem in this country, a fact that no one will deny, but only time and education will help alleviate the situation. The use of force has never and will never be an effective method in bringing about change.

The wisdom from Washington is that by legalizing drugs, we will send the wrong message that it's okay to take drugs. What nonsense! The fact is we spend billions every year on programs that promote or reward irresponsible behavior. That's the essence of entitlement programs and our entire social welfare system.

People need to think about what they're doing when they support drug laws, and unless they are willing to sacrifice one of their loved ones, they had better rethink their position. The problem is most people don't think it will be their son or daughter, parent or spouse who will be the victim of a drug crime. That always happens to "other" people. Even if that were true, are Americans really so callous and pompous that they are willing to sacrifice other people's family members and friends? Personal sacrifice is fine as long as someone else is doing the sacrificing?

In the final analysis, it doesn't offend me that people take drugs. I think it's stupid and self-destructive, but certainly not criminal. If a person commits a crime or harms another person while under the influence of drugs, then that person should be held accountable and prosecuted, the same as if under the influence of alcohol. To charge someone with a crime or send someone to jail for being in possession of or taking drugs is absurd and a violation of individual rights.

The bottom line is that I am not willing to sacrifice the lives of any of my children so Washington pundits can feel good about themselves. In fact, I'm not even willing to sacrifice the lives of those who would so easily sacrifice the lives of my children.

Too many mothers have buried their children as a result of the war on drugs. The streets of the inner cities are paved with the bodies of their children. It is time for them to unite, to say, "no more." The politicians had better listen to us, because the day of reckoning is at hand.

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# "Hit 'em Where They Ain't, Part IV"

By Jim Burns with Scott Kjar

## I. Hit 'em Where They Ain't

For the past several months, I have been using this space to lay out a plan of attack for the 1996 LP Presidential Campaign. Quite simply, it calls for spending the bulk of our resources in one state — New Hampshire. By focusing our resources, we can maximize our impact, possibly even to the point of winning. If we can win a single state, we automatically gain additional media credibility. If that state becomes crucial in a close election, our impact has global ramifications.

The people in New Hampshire are relatively politically sophisticated, due to their ability to attract all major contenders in the presidential sweepstakes. Also, New Hampshire's voters are fairly easily reached, due to the size of the state and its population. However, the Republicans and Democrats only spend time in New Hampshire BEFORE the primary season. Once the New Hampshire primary comes and goes, the people there never see the two major parties again.

Thus, this proposal calls for us to move into New Hampshire AFTER the major parties have come and gone. This allows us to tap this resource, and since we can attack the two parties without much fear of them coming back to rebut us, we can effectively Hit 'Em Where They Ain't.

If we devise our strategy carefully, and aggressively work at its implementation, we could possibly even win the state. Once we can win a state, we can focus on a second state. From there, we target an entire geographical region. Once we can do that, we can look to mounting serious national campaigns.

Think about the Democrats and Republicans for a second. They target "The South" or "The West." These are entire regions of the country. Some states in each region are more important, but the winning focus always concerns regions. Pick a region, focus on it, and then win it. That's what they do, and it's what we must do, too. By focusing our resources, we can more effectively get the job done.

Of course, that begs a simple question: what exactly do we want to get done?

That's easy enough to answer. We want to increase our national vote totals and step up our national recruitment and retention, thereby raising out total membership, our morale, and our effectiveness at changing public policy. In every way, we want our party to grow.

## II. Ballot Access and Party Growth

Making a political party grow does not just happen; we must make it happen. Nature shows us that things either grow or they die; there is no middle ground. The Libertarian Party has been the third largest party for many years, but we have recently been surpassed. According to *Ballot Access News*, the Green Party now has more registered members than we do, nearly 2,000 more.

It's bad enough being #3, I don't think that I want to be #4 for very much longer. We need to work harder at registering people as Libertarians. Mr. Ed Clark and Project 51-96 are already hard at work on that very question, trying to register more people in our party. In fact, there are states where ballot access is decided by the number of registrants each party has. Right now, 51-96 is working in Arizona to achieve ballot access in that fashion. If Mr. Clark and company

succeed there, we can again reclaim the #3 position, and then target #2.

The LP has shown repeatedly that when we plan ahead, when we lay the groundwork, when we create good strategies, we can succeed. Ballot access and party growth are forever linked, and must go forward every single day. For more information about ballot access, contact Project 51-96, 1600 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112-3247.

## III. The National Focus

The Libertarian Party appears to be reaching a crisis. The internal fights seem worse every day. Soon, we may have no party left. However, a crisis is made up of two parts: danger, and opportunity. We can all see the dangers. There is the danger that we will sell out our idealism. There is the danger that we will be a fringe organization forever, and that many people will always view us as kooks. And there is the danger that we will be relegated to the dust bin of history.

We all know that the big debate in the Libertarian Party right now seems to be about The Pledge and The Platform. One group says that we can't win unless we eliminate them. The other group says that if we eliminate them, we turn into Democrats and Republicans, and so what if we win?

Both sides have missed the point. The Pledge is NOT what is keeping us from winning; we are what's keeping us from winning. We have ineffective strategies and tactics. Likewise, modifying the platform doesn't change what we believe, it just changes how we say it.

What we really need to do is focus on WHOM we are saying it to, and WHEN we are saying it. Whether we want to be philosophers or political animals is NOT the important question. The important question is what do we do to effect changes in public policy.

As Mr. Richard Boddie keeps telling us, "If you always do what you've always done, you're going to always get what you've always got." Current party strategies are getting us growth — very slow growth. New strategies are in order. The Pledge? The Platform? These are not the problems. Campaign tactics is where we find our problems.

We need to work harder, plan better, implement more effectively, and raise more money than ever before. If we do that, we can improve our lot. If we don't do those things, then it doesn't matter whether we keep or reject the pledge or the platform; we will lose anyway.

## IV. What Should Our Focus Be?

There is one thing that the national party does which cannot be undertaken by any other level of the LP: run a presidential ticket. Campaigns for statewide offices belong rightly with the various state parties. Candidates for local offices should be undertaken at the local level. The National Libertarian Party (NLP) should run a national ticket.

Of course, there are those in the movement who say that we should not bother to run a national ticket at all, that we should support Republicans or Democrats who come sorta close to our beliefs. In effect, they are saying that we should simply give up on the National Libertarian Party. The reason they usually cite is that our results to date simply haven't been satisfactory. Give me a break!

The NLP is on the forefront of the battle for the cause. The NLP pub-

lishes this monthly newsletter which helps to keep us informed. It has outreach programs on college campuses, thus assisting in spreading the word and in recruiting the next generation of libertarian thinkers and leaders. The NLP speaks out on the issues of the day, lobbies for better laws, and works on ballot access, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. Each of these things together adds up to the ability to run a more effective presidential ticket.

Again, the key to winning elections is to run better campaigns than your opponents. Given that the LP does not have the resources of its opponents, the amazing thing is not how poorly we've done but how well! Most people have no idea of how large the task is that we're trying to accomplish or how limited the resources really are. In fact, it is largely because the NLP has been running national candidates that we have the number of grass-roots supporters that we do.

We are reaching an important stage in our development. It is time to succeed. We have limited resources, and must carefully plan our attack if we really aim to succeed.

## V. The Integrity Factor

Integrity will win out. It can take a while, but in the end, integrity wins.

The Libertarian Party has always strived to maintain its integrity, an especially difficult task in the midst of the sewage that routinely comes from the Republicans and Democrats. This is a key point which we must stress again and again to the public.

Granted, image isn't everything, but it is crucial. Some months ago, there was a story in the media about a family that had come on hard times. The husband had lost his job, and the family had been kicked out of their home. They were living in their car, and it was about to be repossessed. One day, while the wife was in a store, she saw a wallet on the floor. It contained \$2,000 in cash.

She promptly turned it in.

We all know that she could have used the money herself, paid off the car, and tried to put the family back on its feet. Instead, she did the honest thing, the right thing. She promptly turned it in.

The event quickly became a national media story. The woman's honesty and integrity were covered on TV and in the papers. With a reputation for that kind of honesty, it was not long before the husband got a job, the family got a home, and they got back on their feet. Integrity will win out.

Our candidate for president in 1996 will likely face a similar situation. Because of recent LP changes in our nominating procedure, we will probably qualify for federal matching funds. We are, of course, under no obligation to do anything about these funds. We can simply ignore them, just as the woman could have ignored the wallet on the floor. We can take the money and spend it, just as the woman could have done. Or we can accept the money, and then return it.

We all know that the federal matching funds really belong to the taxpayers. The question becomes this: to which taxpayers do we return the money?

There are those who will say that the LP should keep the money, as representatives of the taxpayers. Indeed, there is an appealing irony to taking money from the government in order to fight the good fight. Some will argue that the money was really

voluntarily given by taxpayers, because of the check-off on the 1040 forms. However, because the check-off simply earmarks money that you have to pay anyway, the fact that you have a minor amount of choice in its spending does not change the fact that it was not voluntary in the first place. The IRS check-off is a Hobson's Choice, and does not make these funds anything other than taxpayer money taken by force.

Some say that since the government steals from us, anything we can steal back is justified. I would point to *Healing Our World* (SunStar Press, PO Box 342, Kalamazoo MI 49005-0342, \$16.45) by Dr. Mary Ruwart. Dr. Ruwart argues that aggression does not bring a better world; rather it brings more calls for aggression. Each action in turn brings another action, leading to a permanent state of feud.

The problem is that we are not getting money from the people in the government who actually stole it; we are getting money from innocent victims, the taxpayers. In order to stop the cycle of aggression, someone must be the first to say no. It will not be the Republicans. It will not be the Democrats. It will not be the socialists. It will not be any bureaucrat of any party. It should be the Libertarians.

Jimmy Clinton, I mean, Hillary Carter, you know, the current president, has an office somewhere that will accept money to help pay off the national debt. We all recently saw the teenager who donated \$1000 to that fund, and then got himself on national TV for 2 days. We could do that.

We receive our check for matching funds. Then we'll turn all of the money into \$1 bills. We hire an armored truck company to escort us there, notify all of the national news media, and then turn over all those bills to the bureaucrat in charge of the office. (We could even invite Billary to be there!)

Maybe, just maybe, we'll get the kind of coverage that the woman and her family got. Perhaps we'll get coverage like the teenager got. If we get any press at all for it, our image would be improved, and our integrity highlighted. After that, when people think of us, they'll think of the party that is really trying to pay off the national debt, while the other parties continue to tax and spend (and spend and spend).

Even if the media do not give us the attention we will have earned, we will still have followed our own core beliefs. After all, as the LP Platform states, we are the people who "...call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates..."

Integrity is important. We should return the money because it is the honest thing, the right thing.

Integrity. It will win in the end.

## VI. Feedback and Comments

Feedback and comments, pro and con, are greatly appreciated. If you think that the Hit 'Em Where They Ain't proposal is a good one, send me your pledge (no money, please) along with your name, address, 9-digit zip code, and phone number. If you think that the idea is flawed, tell me what's wrong with it, and I'll try to correct it. If you think that the idea is totally nuts, try to convince me. If I decide you're correct, I stop writing, and quit spending my hard-earned money on it.

In any event, let me know what you think. Write to Jim Burns, PO Box 3752, N. Las Vegas, NV 89036-3752.



# Winter

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vices; communicating with membership chairs and media chairs of affiliate party organizations regarding services, projects, and news releases; maintaining LP information on electronic online services, such as CompuServe and America Online; and maintaining a future LP electronic bulletin board system through which members can access LP news releases, services, and materials.

If that's not enough to keep Winter busy, he will also be involved with external communications matters such as preparing and

processing all LP news releases from the national chair, shadow cabinet [see related story], and others; responding to all general questions about the LP and its policies and activities by media representatives; maintaining a national LP media list; creating and maintaining a media "friendly file"; contacting and communicating with DC-area "allied" groups and organizations, as well as political publications and national media outlets; attending conferences, workshops, lectures, and media events held by "allied groups" and relevant political bodies; giving public testimony at hearings;

creating and implementing evaluative tools for the measurement of media activities, including analysis of the clipping service and 800-number telephone calls; and promoting and overseeing bulk LP NEWS subscription programs for media and state party outreach, and promoting library subscriptions [see related story on page 15].

Winter said, "In New Hampshire we found that success fuels media exposure. If you have some real success stories to point to, you will get media coverage. In the long term, the way the party will succeed and get national media coverage is by becoming

more successful, and that starts at the grassroots level. We have to build up the party and build up membership.

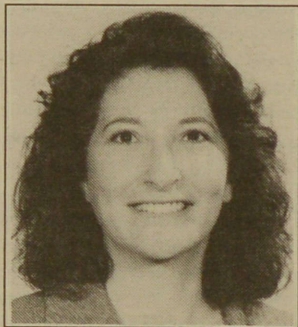
"The first thing I am going to do [in the new job] is to start asking questions, which I have found is the best way to discover priorities, what's been tried before, what's worked, what hasn't worked, what people think is important," he said.

"I don't come into this job with a bunch of theories about what might work. We've tried and tested things, and I know what can work to build membership and get publicity."

Although Libertarians in New Hampshire will miss Winter, they do recognize his value to the national party as well.

"New Hampshire's loss is the national party's gain," said Douglas Horrigan, current NHLP chair. He said Winter "brings a wealth of practical party building experience with him, and I hope that the folks that he's working with will recognize the value of that experience, and that they will give him the opportunity to apply his talents. If they do, I am sure they will be happy with the results."

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The ACLP decided to protest the election to the county board of elections. At a hearing in early May, the ACLP presented affidavits and witnesses with no objection, according to King, but all material was ignored and the board ruled to "uphold the election." The board "seemed to care less voters' were denied rights," King said.

The ACLP then appealed the decision to the state board of elections. "The hearing, held May 12, was similar to the county hearing . . . a kangaroo court," King said. During the state hearing, the county election department director testified that "challenged ballots are only issued as a last resort, if a voter insists, and only if the voter specifically says, 'I want to vote a challenged ballot,'" King explained.

Although the state board agreed that at least six or more voters who insisted on voting were denied a challenged ballot, even though they lived in the district and should have been allowed to vote, the board still upheld the election, according to King. No written decision, however, has yet to be filed.

King said the next appeal is to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The national LP has agreed to back the appeal, and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has agreed to write an amicus brief.

"Any voter or groups of voters finding themselves off the poll list by accident or design, may find the new law can be used against them by officials as the ultimate 'literacy test' and alter an election outcome as was done to us," said Mary Lou Seymour, long-time LP activist and King's wife. "Unless a voter at the poll now knows to 'insist' on voting, plus the magic words ('I want to vote a challenged ballot'), he may be arbitrarily not allowed to vote, and have abso-

lutely no recourse!"

"If we can't expose and stop this illegal practice on the part of election officials," said South Carolina LP Chair Steve Vandervelde, "there is no sense Libertarians or anyone else not 'in the power structure' running for public office in South Carolina. Even if we win, as we did in Aiken County, it will be stolen from us."

Aiken County Libertarians are no strang-

ers to fighting the odds. For eight years, the semi-rural South Carolina county chapter has fought zoning, taxes, government sewer, water, and annexation with "Action Alerts" and protests at council meetings, often turning out crowds of 300-400 supporters and petitions having over 5,000 signatures. Since 1988, the ACLP has fielded county council candidates, with vote percentages continually rising. In 1992, the

county council election was postponed until April this year because of reapportionment. The ACLP decided to concentrate on winning one district, Greene's.

Vandervelde noted that LP members who would like to support the election challenge can write ACLP, Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816. The ACLP is also advertising LP T-shirts and caps in the NEWS, with profits going toward the legal case fund.

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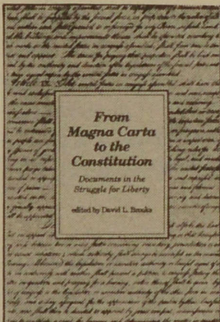
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Karl Hess Institute (9 a.m.)

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Freedom Rock '93 (7:30 p.m.)

### Sept. 4

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Karl Hess Institute (9 a.m.)

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### Sept. 5

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Convention Business Sessions, (9 a.m.)

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And speaking of space aliens, yes, the rumor we've all been hearing is true. Extra-terrestrials will speak at the convention on "Planetary Liberty in this Galactic Epoch."

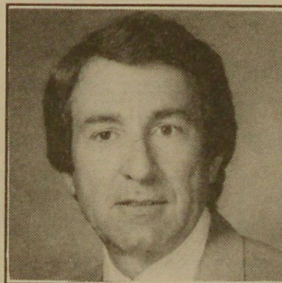
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## Convention speakers

### Dr. Richard L. Stroup

Dr. Stroup is professor of economics at Montana State University and a senior associate of the Political Economy Research Center. A graduate of the University of Washington, he was director of the Office of Policy Analysis at the U.S. Department of the Interior from 1982-84.

Widely published in the areas of natural resources and environmental economics, he has been a major force in the development of an approach to resource problems known as free market environmentalism. His recent research has focused on alternative institutional arrangements for dealing with environmental risks. Stroup is co-author of "Economics: Private and Public Choice," a leading economics text. He will participate in the environmental track, discussing the problems of government policy on hazardous waste and other chemical dangers.



### Dr. Mary J. Ruwart

Dr. Ruwart holds a Ph.D. in Biophysics from Michigan State University and works for the Upjohn Company. She is a senior research scientist involved in developing new therapies for AIDS.

Dr. Ruwart has been active in the LP since 1982 and has previously run for the LP nomination for president and vice president (1984 and 1992). She has run for office four times. She has worked extensively with the poor through her decade-long efforts to rehabilitate low-income housing in the Kalamazoo area. Her book, "Healing our World," a presentation of Libertarian ideas, is rapidly becoming popular with Libertarians and has been translated into Russian.

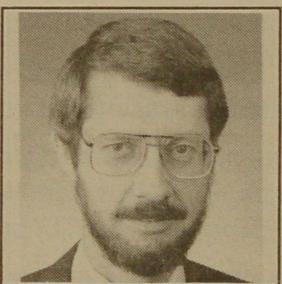
Her presentation at Celebrate Liberty! is entitled "Unity," and is in the Values for the 90s track of presentations.



### Bob Poole

One of the major "movers and shakers" of the libertarian movement, Bob Poole, president of the Reason Foundation, was one of the originators of the concept of "privatization," and the author of the world's first book on the subject. He was a White House consultant on privatization in 1981, 1985, and 1986, and advised the President's Commission on Privatization in 1987-88. His 1987 study on private toll roads inspired California's landmark private tollway law, AB 680.

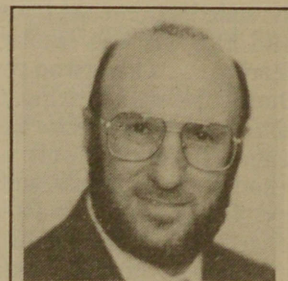
He is the author of "Cutting Back City Hall," and editor of "Instead of Regulation," "Defending a Free Society," and "Unnatural Monopolies." He is publisher of Reason magazine and writes often for media such as the *Wall Street Journal*, and has appeared on such television programs as Good Morning America and Crossfire. He holds two engineering degrees from MIT and pursued additional graduate management studies at NYU. He will give two presentations at the convention: "The Privatization Revolution: Around the World and Coming to Your Neighborhood"; and "Urban Transit: Separating Sense from Nonsense."



### Dr. Walter Block

A member of the faculty of the Economics Department of the College of the Holy Cross, Dr. Block is adjunct scholar at the Fraser, Cato, and Mises Institutes. He has previously taught at SUNY, CUNY, and Rutgers universities, and has worked in various research capacities for the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Tax Foundation, Financial Post, Western Report, and Business Week.

Dr. Block has published numerous popular and scholarly articles on economics and writes a syndicated column for Sterling newspapers. He lectures widely on public policy issues to university students, service, professional, and religious organizations. Dr. Block will participate in the Earth-Wind-Fire-Water environmental track of activities at Celebrate Liberty!

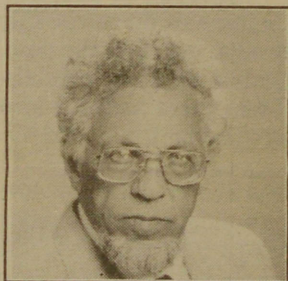


### Dr. Yuri Tuvim

Dr. Tuvim, now a research engineer at a Fortune 500 corporation, spent 45 years as a Soviet citizen under Stalin, Krushchev, and Brezhnev before coming to the U.S. A friend of the late Nobel Peace Prize winner Andre Sakharov, Dr. Tuvim advocates strong citizen participation in the formation of government policy.

"Keep your eyes open; get involved in the details," he warns.

His commentaries have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, the *Boston Globe*, and many others. "Bureaucracy is waste. When people are closer to the decision making process, they can control it better, get involved more deeply . . . bureaucrats [are] easy to install—much harder to get rid of . . . No country is immune to collapse through a sneaking socialism." His presentation is entitled "America at Risk: Evolution from Democracy to Bureaucracy."



### Jane S. Shaw (no photo available)

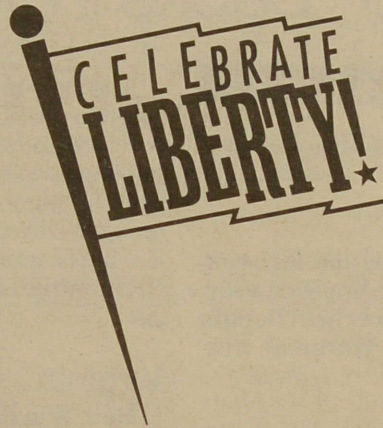
Jane Shaw is a senior associate of the Political Economy Research Center. She directs an editorial outreach program that prepares and distributes articles on economics and the environment for the popular and non-academic press. Articles she has written or edited have appeared in newspapers and magazines throughout the U.S., including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *USA Today*. She is senior editor of Liberty and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Regulation. She is a graduate of Wellesley College. She will participate in the environmental track of activities at Celebrate Liberty, discussing how many of our environmental problems have stemmed from government activity.

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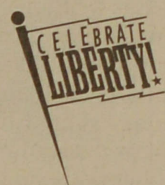
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At the same time, students were holding elections for president of the student body. Erica Boddie was elected and served as the student government leader for the school year that recently ended.

Boddie will be remembered by many LP members as one of the three "Boddie girls" who charmed the delegates at the 1991 LP national convention in Chicago while supporting her father, Richard Boddie, in his bid for the LP presidential nomination.

"Chapman University has made great strides as a leading freedom institution by allowing libertarians to lead both the student body and the administration," Richard Boddie said.

Chapman stands as "a real example for hundreds of colleges and universities that may seek to break the yoke of PC in the future and allow the college environment to once again be a free market of ideas and ideals," said Boddie.



### National pulse

#### News from the states

### Kentucky

The state party elected the following new officers in early May: **Jim Ridenour**, chair; **John Kilpatrick**, vice chair; **Dennis Lacy**, secretary; and **Joe Wartman**, treasurer.

### New Jersey

Libertarian **Sam Edelston** has been appointed to the Metuchen (NJ) Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

How did he get appointed? Easy... he asked. When the current mayor was running for office in the fall of 1991, she floated the idea of forming such a committee. So immediately after her election, Edelston sent a letter expressing an interest and outlining his qualifications. The appointment runs through Dec. 31, 1993.

### North Carolina

The state party elected the following new officers in May: **Scott McLaughlin**, chair; **Jeffrey Brown**, vice chair; **V. Dwight House**, treasurer; **Barbara Howe**, recording secretary; and **Chris Spruyt**, membership secretary.

The party also adopted a new party constitution providing for organization of local precincts and to form county parties. These measures were needed to organize the growing number of voters who are registering as Libertarians across the state. "This is a significant step for us," said McLaughlin. "It shows the Libertarian Party has come of age."

### Virginia

**Ben Winslow**, an independent candidate for the Arlington County Board who was endorsed by the Arlington Libertarian Committee, won a special April election. The final vote total showed Winslow winning by just 206 votes out of approximately 19,000 cast.

Winslow sought both the Libertarian and Republican Party endorsements, and he was also endorsed by former Perot supporters and the Volunteers for an Independent Arlington Coalition, a non-partisan civic activist group.

Winslow became the first non-Democrat to be elected to office in Arlington County since 1983. Several high-level local Republican Party officials told state LP Vice Chair **Rick Sincere**, "We couldn't have done it without you. The Libertarians made the difference."

As a result of Winslow's accession to the

county board, **Michael Ward**, who ran for the county board in 1991 as a Libertarian, was appointed to take Winslow's place on the county's Fiscal Affairs Advisory Board, which reviews the county's annual budget and makes recommendations to the full county board on tax and budget issues. Further appointments of Libertarians to county commissions and advisory boards are expected in the next few months.

LP State Chair **John S. Buckley**, a former Republican member of the state House of Delegates, recently announced his candidacy as a Libertarian for the House of Delegates in the 35th legislative district. The 35th district comprises Vienna, Oakton, and part of Fairfax.

With eight LP candidates for the House of Delegates across the state, Buckley describes the fall elections as "the beginning of the three-party system in Virginia." The Libertarians are also running candidates in Fairfax County, Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun, Hanover, Henrico, and Chesterfield.

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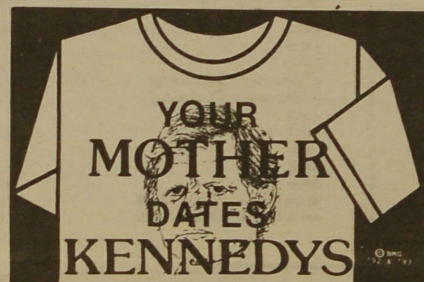
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Why does PLEDGE defend the pledge and the platform?

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The pledge and the platform are also our bulwarks against ideological drift. Ideological drift is the process by which an organization loses its original principles and goals, sometimes so much as to reach the opposite principles. The Democrats drifted from Thomas Jefferson to William Jefferson (Clinton). The Liberal movement once stood for liberty and now stands for the welfare state.

There are no masses of libertarians who would flock to the party if we had a "Reader's Digest" throw-away platform and no membership standards. If there were, we would know about them.

The Libertarian Party paid membership is growing 24% per year. Our finances and management are strong. The 1992 election got us more media coverage and respect than we had in 1988.

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# Notebook

## Focusing on the realities of the health care crisis and more

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty). Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

### Issue: Health Care Crisis

Never think that the maternal instincts of the federal government have been satisfied. It is, after all, the "mother" of all governments, and as long as someone somewhere is doing something that may be dangerous, there are maternalcrats who wish to ban the practice. The safety police haven't yet gotten down to the "drink all your milk and eat your carrots, or else" stage, but that time can't be far off.

Federal health officials "recommend making helmets mandatory for all bicyclists," according to a recent newspaper report. "The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says bicycle accidents kill 950 of the nation's 96 million cyclists..." Fewer than 10 percent of cyclists wear helmets, says the report. Enforcing these laws may save some of the cyclists killed (but wouldn't requiring full sets of armor save even more?), but one has to believe the police have better things to do with their time.

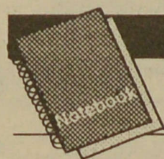
Given the feds' predilection to prevent every accident, no matter what the cost or whose rights are violated, it is amazing that they haven't suggested (yet) that a new squad of "drug police" be formed. These cops would ensure that you DID take drugs. The same newspaper reports, from the journal Drug Topics, that "more than 125,000 Americans die and 20 million workdays are lost every year because people don't follow directions when taking medications for treatable diseases." Sounds a whole lot more serious than illegal drug overdoses, or unhelmeted bike rider deaths, or AIDS, or lawn dart injuries, or even—horrors—people fooling around with guns. Bring on the Hollywood celebs!

Daily Local News, March 19 & 29, 1993.

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The new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator, Carol Browner, has apparently backed off her call to junk the 1958 Delaney Clause, which prohibits the presence of any dose of synthetic chemicals, that cause cancer in laboratory animals, in the food supply. According to Elizabeth Whelan, president of the American Council on Science and Health, "If we continue to ban pesticides under the 1958 science of the Delaney Clause, the current abundance of our food supply will be in jeopardy."

Whelan guesses that the heat Browner took from environmentalists caused her to recant this "refreshing, common sense approach." Whelan's argument for having



### Activist Notebook

Dave Walter  
Editor

Congress repeal the Delaney Clause is based on scientific advances. "The National Cancer Institute confirms that pesticide residues play no known role in causing human cancer. The scientific community agrees that animal experiments, while useful in research, do not automatically predict cancer risk in humans; that risk is related to dose—only the dose makes the poison—and thus huge, almost lethal doses of chemicals which cause cancer in animals abound in nature," claims Whelan. Nevertheless, environmentalists have sued to make the EPA follow the letter of the law instead of the common sense "negligible risk" policy they have been following. The outcome is important, says Whelan. "As we watch the final face-off between Browner, Congress, and the environmentalists, keep in mind that what is being decided is whether we will continue to have the safest, least expensive, most plentiful and enviable food supply in the world—or whether we will abandon the tools of modern agricultural technology and watch produce prices soar and food availability and quality diminish."

Whelan article in *Insight*, March 8, 1993.

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By the time you read this, the eagerly-awaited (Hillary Rodham) Clinton health care reform program will be out. If one can believe Robert Rubin, a White House economic policy adviser, "There obviously has to be government revenue to deal with the health care issue," according to an Associated Press report on March 29, 1993.

This means more taxes, but it certainly doesn't mean "better" health care. The Feb. 16, 1993, issue of the *Wall Street Journal* carried some "Voices in the Health Care Debate." These thoughts may be of value to those working against the Clinton plan:

"Much health-care inflation is actually regulatory inflation. One regulation that costs society dearly is the FDA efficacy standard to approval of drugs for life-threatening diseases. By demanding rigorous proof of efficacy before approval, the FDA drives up drug prices, impedes development of new treatments, and condemns people with AIDS and cancer to die waiting for the FDA."

James P. Driscoll, *Direct Action for Treatment Access*, San Francisco

"Health care reform must re-establish and preserve competitive markets. If, instead, reform is viewed as an opportunity to shift more costs to employers, the cost of labor will increase, jobs will be lost, businesses will close, and this country will become less competitive—not more competitive—in world markets."

Anthony J. Gajda, William M. Mercer, Inc., New York City

"The federal government's current approach to medical cost containment succeeds only in limiting health-care professionals and driving up medical costs. Medicare is a prime example. The solution? Let's streamline and minimize government

involvement. Let the government and physicians work as allies, not enemies. Provide incentives, not threats. Emphasize prevention, not crisis medicine. Reward primary care, where prevention begins, over expensive procedures. Decentralize. Grant more autonomy to the states. Stop legislating medical judgement."

Martha G. Stearn, M.D., Jackson, Wyoming, *Community Hospital*

"From the runways of health-care fashion, managed competition is emerging as the star of the show. Proponents say the potential to save money is tremendous. But that notion has arisen out of ideology and political expediency. While paying lip service to market economics, managed competition creates a bureaucratic quagmire to constrain health care costs... Prior to the initiation of managed care I spent 40 percent of my gross income on overhead. Today 64 percent of my gross income goes for administration. Since 1985—the advent of managed care here at Sequoia Hospital—the institution has added 35 employees to 'manage care.' They provide not one iota of care to patients. President Clinton, if you are going to plunge this nation into a system of managed competition be prepared to open the government's purse."

Sidney Marchasin, M.D., board member, Sequoia Hospital, Redwood City, CA

"One reason health-care costs are out of control is that when we enter the medical marketplace as patients, we are usually spending someone else's money. Economic studies—and common sense—confirm that we are less likely to be prudent shoppers if someone else is paying the bill.

"Over the past 30 years the share of our income spent out-of-pocket on health care has actually declined—falling from 4 percent of total consumption expenditures in 1960 to 3.6 percent in 1990. Over the same period, the amount spent from all sources has more than tripled—rising from 4.2 percent of consumption in 1960 to 13.3 percent in 1990.

"To control costs, more than 200 members of Congress last year supported Medical Savings Accounts. Tax-free deposits could be made to these accounts, which would be the property of the employee. Money could be withdrawn without penalty to pay for medical expenses or to pay insurance premiums, even during periods of unemployment.

"With Medical Savings Accounts, people would have the money to purchase preventive care and to pay other small medical bills, using health insurance to pay for catastrophic expenses. As a result, patients would acquire greater control over how their health-care dollars are spent, and they would have a strong incentive to be prudent consumers because they would get to keep the money they did not spend."

John C. Goodman, *National Center for Policy Analysis*, Dallas

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If the Clinton plan has embraced price controls on health-care spending, it's probably touting alleged successes of the Canadian plan as one reason for such controls. It is well known to economists that price controls lead directly to lower supplies of the controlled good. And that's what has

happened in Canada, according to a *Wall Street Journal* editorial of March, 23, 1993: "In a population of 26 million, about 300,000 Canadians are cooling their heels in... medical queues at any moment." If a proportionate number have to wait in line in the U.S., you are talking about 3,000,000 people!

A Canadian entrepreneur from Winnipeg, David Miller, has teamed up with a U.S. insurer, American Medical Systems of Wisconsin, to offer an "escape hatch." Miller, told he would have to wait six months for a hernia operation, is selling a \$450 annual "policy that will ship them south (to the U.S.) whenever the waiting list is 45 days or longer. The policy even covers food and lodging for a loved one, plus airfare back to Canada." According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "The first 200 customers will be doctors." The editorial also noted that, "More than one-sixth of British households have opted-out of the squalid National Health Service and now buy private medical insurance." They opine that the Clintonites really do want rationing, in order to save health-care expenses, with the sickest getting care first, as it is in Canada, "but everyone knows that Canadians all along have had the U.S. as a safety valve for serious problems. Where's our safety valve? Cuba?"

*Wall Street Journal* editorial, March 23, 1993.

### Issue: Capitalism

"The future of private enterprise capitalism is also the future of a free society. There is no possibility of having a politically free society unless the major part of its economic resources are operated under a capitalistic private enterprise system."

Dr. Milton Friedman, winner of the 1976 Nobel Prize in Economics, from his essay in *Free Minds and Free Markets: Twenty Five Years of Reason*.

### Issue: Drug Legalization

"Perhaps the most important lesson [Dr. Ethan Nadelmann, of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School] has learned from the alcohol prohibition of the 1920s is that the research of scholars and others who analyzed the costs of and the benefits of alternatives to prohibition was an indispensable intellectual foundation for the movement to repeal it.

"To that end, Nadelmann has founded a working group that studies drug use and alternatives to drug prohibition. The group is made up of 18 scholars from such fields as law, epidemiology, medicine, sociology, and public policy. Nadelmann has written that its report, due out later this year, aims to assess 'radical alternatives to current drug prohibition policies,' to find evidence that 'even a radical decriminalization of drug prohibition will not result in the sorts of dramatic increases in substance abuse that self-identified critics of drug legalization fear,' and to propose a model for the regulation of drugs that 'eliminates the worst consequences of drug prohibition without reproducing the unfortunate consequences of our alcohol and tobacco policies.'"

*Princeton Alumni Weekly*, Feb. 10, 1993. Submitted by Peter Cappello.



# NEWS

## NatCom expands bulk subscription program for affiliates

One of the actions taken at the recent Libertarian National Committee meeting was to expand the "LP NEWS Bulk Subscriptions for Media" program. This program allows state parties to buy NEWS subscriptions in bulk for news media people and others who play a role in providing political information to the public, but who would otherwise not likely subscribe to the NEWS.

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Examples of what you can do with this program:

- Go to a local library and get a listing of newspapers in your state. Call each one and ask which reporter or editor covers political stories. Use this list of names as the start of a media list for your state party and send them notices and news releases

about your local activities; send them the NEWS too as an inexpensive, convenient, and automatic reminder that we are a nationwide movement.

- Call the state office of the LWV and ask for a list of all their local (county/city) chapter presidents. Send each one the NEWS and they will never again have an excuse for "forgetting" to invite LP candidates to their debates.

- Send the NEWS to every member of your state legislature. Who knows, maybe some of the ideas will rub off and find their way into legislation. Or maybe one of them will be inspired by the example of our New Hampshire legislators and decide to make the switch!

To participate in this program, put to-

gether your list of at least 25 names and addresses (where possible, please include both the name of the organization *and* the name of a specific individual). Please indicate for each one which category applies, and in the case of office holders, what office. We may, from time to time, be sending other material using these addresses (an extra, no-cost bonus to you), and it will help to know who we are writing to!

Send your list, with a check for \$4 times the number of entries, to the LPHQ, 1528 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003.

States that have participated in this program in the past will soon be receiving a list of their "subscribers" and an invitation to renew (you will be able to update your list at that time).



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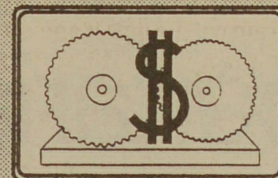
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# Letters

## Comments on Smith article, speed limits, elections, and more

### What if?

The article by L. Neil Smith (May 1993 NEWS) is yet another statement of high principle wrapped around the stinking fish of unreality. He compares the current registration and restriction of ownership of guns to the "what if" scenario of registration and restriction of books.

Yes, books contain dangerous ideas. After all, Ayn Rand's books prompted thousands of us to become Libertarians!

Guns contain dangerous projectiles, bullets. Bullets have prompted nothing but death and destruction.

A book called "Mein Kampf" may have convinced many Germans to agree with Hitler. But guns have been the instrument of death for hundreds of millions of victims.

In a one-month informal study of local newspapers, I collected dozens of stories of people who were killed by guns, including an obscene number of children. In my life I have heard of only one death attributed directly to books—an elderly man who died when an earthquake toppled several stacks of books which crushed him.

Books open the eyes of children. Guns close them, permanently.

I have friends who go to sleep each night listening to the sound of gunfire in their neighborhood. I worry their young son will not survive to reach high school. As long as children are dying, I will never accept the concept of unrestricted gun ownership.

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#### Letters to the editor

have died when someone pointed a gun and pulled the trigger.

I have never heard of anyone who died when someone pointed a book at them.

**Ruth L. Binder**  
San Diego, CA

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Thank you for printing L. Neil Smith's brilliant piece using books as an allegory for guns. As we can expect of Smith, he is rich in wit and insight.

Unfortunately, Neil takes what may be an unwarranted dig at Rev. Donald Wildmon, president of the American Family Association (AFA), with the sentence, "But just try justifying your own love of books to a Rev. Donald Wildmon or an Ayatollah Khomeini."

While Rev. Wildmon is certainly noted for his battle against pornography, I believe his methods may be completely libertarian. That is, he encourages boycotting and letter writing. Over the years I've read a number of his monthly newsletters to the flock, and I cannot recall him ever supporting governmental censorship.

To confirm my suspicion that he is quite libertarian in his methods, I call Allen Wildmon, his brother and public relations director for AFA. He said: "We have never

asked for a government ban on any book or magazine, whether stocked on a convenience store shelf, in a public library or school. No one has the right to tell anyone how to spend their money, and no one has the right to force us to trade with stores that sell pornographic magazines."

I call upon my friend Neil to provide evidence of Rev. Wildmon's support of government censorship, or to retract the aspersion associating him with Khomeini. Should Neil find evidence of censorship, I will write Rev. Wildmon notifying him of my withdrawal of financial support of AFA.

**Marshall Fritz**  
Fresno, CA



### No Limit

I suggest an addition to the Libertarian platform calling for the total elimination of all speed limits. A few years ago, the platform advocated the elimination of the federally-mandated 55 mph speed limit. This section of the platform was dropped after Congress modified the law over Reagan's veto. Forty-three states have now raised the speed limit on rural sections of interstate highways to 60 or 65 mph for most vehicles. Some of these states are maintaining lower limits for trucks and buses.

Speed limits are absurd because there

is such a wide range of speeds applicable to reasonably safe travel, depending on conditions. Remember that prior to Nixon's federally-mandated 55 mph limit, Nevada's highways had no speed limits, and Montana's had no limits during daylight hours.

For each combination of driver, vehicle, and road conditions there is a comfortable pace, not too fast yet not too slow. Only the driver can decide what this pace is, and it is the driver's right and responsibility to do so. Our government has no right forcing drivers to travel at centrally and arbitrarily set speed limits. We must end this needless harassment of drivers by our government. Let's adopt an addition to our platform calling for the total elimination of all speed limits.

**Mike Stone**  
Danbury, CT

### New Election Day?

November 3, Election Day, is six and one-half months after April 15, the filing deadline for income tax forms. Even if the tax-and-spenders had tried, they couldn't have better timed elections and the income tax filing deadline. Because of this quirk of fate, politicians are elected when we hold them the least fiscally accountable.

To remedy this, we need to hold elections on the same day as the deadline for filing income taxes. We need to hold elections on April 15.

I realize that such a bill has about as much chance of passing in Congress as one for term limits. So, just like term limits, change will have to come on the state level in states that allow citizens to put such an initiative on their election ballot.

If you would like to discuss this further or start up a group call The April 15th Electioneers, write Scott Jensen, 943 Golfview Dr., Platteville, WI 53818. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply.

It is time we made our politicians accountable for the taxes and budgets they pass. It is time we had them dread April 15 as much as we do. It is time for an April 15 Election Day.

**Scott Jensen**  
Platteville, WI

### Spending

I have obtained a copy of the Clerk of the House report, document #103-53. I think that we should call it "spendanetics"—the way to bankrupt the country.

See page 33 on how the House spends \$10,000 a month on the House Chaplain. See page 1,450 and read how you paid \$98,000 for salaries to the House day care center workers for only three months.

Copies of this report are obtained by calling the Office of Records and Regulations at 202-225-1300.

**George Vickery**  
Davidson, NC

### NRA

"As a member of the LP and the NRA, I am writing in response to the letter titled NRA (June 1993 NEWS). Bill Arnold stated that the NRA supported the Gun Control Act of 1968. There was a time when the NRA was run by duck hunters like Slick

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## An elected Libertarian writes

I read with interest the letter from Bob Patchin, city councilman in Villa Park, CA. I agree with and applaud his comments.

I am constantly amazed by the pious pronouncements of those who consider themselves "true" Libertarians, and would indignantly refuse membership to those who might have some reservations about some parts of our platform.

How many Republicans or Democrats do you know who agree with all the Democratic or Republican platforms? The Democratic Party brought together white Southerners and big city blacks in the same party. Do you think it is a coincidence that a party that can do that will win elections?

Sometimes I think our slogan should be "the party of the small tent," or possibly, "no loaf is better than half a loaf."

A common misconception I hear and read from Libertarians over and over again is that if people knew about us and what we stood for, we would be one of the majority parties in no time. I also hear them brag about our continuing growth. Well folks, as someone who actually ran a real campaign on two occasions and was successful in getting elected on the last occasion, I can tell you that people do know about us. Unfortunately, they know about us and, for the most part, reject us.

Our intransigent stance in insisting that LP programs should take place overnight wins us no friends among the solid, conscientious, and believe it or not, thoughtful voters in this country. They consider the

thought that all drugs could be decriminalized tomorrow to be a scary thought. A common worry that they bring up is that a 7-year-old child could buy or receive heroin and inject herself. I must say in all honesty that I guess, based on our platform, it is a possibility. You and I know that a parent who does not keep an eye on a child is not a great parent, but when someone comes up with a claim like that, it is difficult to defend. I truly feel that if we were more realistic and stated some of our policies as goals, rather than something that could be achieved overnight, we would be seen as a more responsible party, rather than a bunch of kooks.

Another area in which we gain little support is a call to completely abolish taxes overnight. None of us likes taxes, but few responsible members of the community believe that taxes could be abolished overnight. I am sure that all of us can think of numerous horror stories of problems that could occur if someone actually tried to do such a thing. One only has to consider the plight of U.S. servicemen and their families stranded overseas, penniless and bereft of support, to realize some of the problems.

The other item I think worthwhile for bubble bursting is our growth. It is true that we continue to grow, but almost all of our growth comes from areas that have not been organized. There are a number of areas in the country that have been organized and have been organized for some time, and in those areas, we are not grow-

ing—we are static. The reason we are static is because people in those areas are familiar with our programs and reject them in the present form.

I am a Libertarian, and I intend to be a Libertarian all my life. It irritates me that because I am responsible enough to realize that a platform cannot be put into practice overnight and to realize that we need to attract people who support some of our programs, even though they may not support all of them, that I am accused of being a "traitor to the cause" by the ivory tower Libertarians who have no appreciation of how to actually succeed in moving our country toward a Libertarian society. I think that the Committee for a Libertarian Majority has the right idea, and I think it would be helpful for all of us to support their overall program.

If we want to live in a Libertarian society, we have to work with others and we have to build bridges. No one is going to come aboard if we insist on litmus tests for membership or maintain ourselves as a group apart from other groups in the country.

Many other groups feel themselves to be honest, thoughtful, and responsible citizens, and for us to pretend that they are somehow inferior if they do not embrace all of our program is a certain recipe for disaster for our party.

**David M. McCann, M.D.**  
Director, Orangevale Recreation and  
Parks Board  
Orangevale, CA



# Letters

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Willie. As Slick Willie's recent complaints prove, that time has passed.

The NRA is currently fighting existing and proposed gun control laws at the federal, state, and local levels around the country. It's true that the NRA trains "law enforcement" personnel, but they also train civilians. I do not agree with every stand taken by the NRA, but on balance I think they are a positive group fighting against the gun control fanatics. I think that every gun owner should be a member of what NRA CEO Wayne Lapierre calls "The New NRA."

Seth Allen  
Alexandria, VA

## Hit 'em again

Regarding the paid advertisement, "Hit 'em Where They Ain't, Part 2": Excellent! Burns and Kjar have a tremendous plan laid out. Limiting the TV time and concentrating on one state primary should wake up the media. If we are to win electoral votes, something drastic must be done and this plan should be earnestly considered. If passed by the party, it should be followed as closely as possible.

This proposal deserves immediate attention by the party and its leadership. I urge its implementation.

Matt Koontz  
Camp Casey, Korea

## Fuzzy thinking?

City Councilman Bob Patchin (May 1993 NEWS) was able to obscure the meaning of "the pledge" and demonstrate his own fuzzy thinking. Patchin has not made a distinction between the initiation of force, and the use of force in self defense. He is correct that "all government is force," but that is precisely why libertarians want to limit it. Limited government is government that uses force only in defense. Thus, the police protect the citizen from initiated force by criminals, the army protects the country from initiated foreign aggression, and so on. It is the initiation of force that the pledge specifically prohibits.

Libertarians oppose taxation because it is robbery by the government. It is an initiation of force against individuals and their private property, and backed up by the threat of government guns and jails.

Patchin wants to protect taxpayers and skateboarders, but he is not clear what he is protecting them from. Patchin doesn't understand the difference between verbal persuasion and holding a gun to someone's head. He thinks that "singlehandedly

convinc[ing] the council to veto a proposal" is an example of "force" in "the real world."

The real division in the party rests on one problem: Moral Camp vs. Economic Camp. People come to libertarianism through all sorts of doors, but most members have an intellectual grounding in one or both of these camps. The Moral Camp is libertarians who believe that individual freedom and capitalism are morally good. For these members, every approach to law, politics, whatever comes down to a fundamental collection of moral principles. To compromise one of these principles, even for long-term gain, is a

moral evil. The Economic Camp sees the free market and libertarian solutions as the most efficient and the most consistent with individual liberty. This camp is willing to go through some pain, and make difficult compromises, so that the goal of a free market society can be attained.

The pledge is a statement of the Moral Camp. It is a remnant of the early party and its idealistic beginnings. The same goes for the Statement of Principles. We say we want liberty. Why? We say man needs liberty to be happy. Why should man be happy? If the freedom of an entire country could be achieved through the

oppression of one individual, is it worth it? Mr. Patchin, do these questions mean something? I would rather be a principled, moral soul in chains than free and opportunistic.

Bob Patchin sounds like he has done one helluva job, and I hope he has a long, illustrious career. He is a good example of libertarianism in action. However, those actions of the Economic Camp must rest on the principles of the Moral Camp to prevent degeneration into pragmatism and make us forget why we're fighting.

Daniel R. Sherman  
Berkeley, CA

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### Censorship at the 1992 NJ Libertarian Party Convention

John Morgan M.D., Nancy Lord (the Party's vice-presidential candidate) and Irwin Schiff, the tax protester, were scheduled to appear. Thirty-five dollars wasn't too bad including a dinner, and I'd see some acquaintances and meet some new ones, so I went. As always, the business part was boring for some of us, so we chatted outside.

John didn't show up, which disappointed me because there were a number of matters I wanted to discuss with him. Oh, well, crisis and opportunity are the same symbol in Chinese. "I'd enjoy speaking on the subject [drugs]" I announced. "I know more about it than any of you, probably more than all of you put together." [That includes Nancy Lord, M.D. who wasn't in the room. Read her error-filled "A Practical Model for Drug Regulation" published by the Drug Policy Foundation and my unpublished comments] There was some consternation. "John and I are collaborating on a number of projects" [at least one; I should be able to think of more] I went on. "I'm sure if he'd had a chance to call he would have said 'Maybe Ed will be willing to speak in my place.'" More consternation. Dr. Len Flynn said "Let him speak. Ed's always interesting." (Thanks, Len.) Helen Radder echoed him, tho I thought I detected a tone of resignation (He's going to anyway). "But what if John arrives late?" What indeed? Dan Karlan had already used up all but about fifteen minutes of John's time.

They'd rather have nobody speak more than Ed. **Nobody at all.** They extended the break another fifteen minutes. Later as I fumed and snarled, the (unofficial) Party Wimp told me he was sorry I felt the way I did. Was I supposed to consider that an apology? He kept repeating it until I told him if he didn't stop bothering me, I would physically attack him. Later a regular candidate asked me to sign his petition. "Where were you?" I snarled. "In back," he shrugged. I glowered. What was the problem? Would I have bored people? My ego wouldn't permit it. And considering all the soporifics who had spoken at previous NJLP conventions, what would one more be? It must have been the subject: that four-letter word - DRUG. I wanted to speak about **Newspeak vs Freespeak in Big Brother's War Against People** (and if there was time, **The Past, Present, and Future of so-called Designer Drugs**). Why do we use The Enemy's words, like parrots which mindlessly repeat what they hear? Words which cause the brain-polluted sheeple to foam at the mouth, the way Pavlov's dogs salivated?

The **War Against People** is a **War on human nature**. Humans, and every other species studied, have basic drives which include hunger, thirst, sex and **The Urge to Change Their Mind**. To change their consciousness, by botanical or synthetic or whatever means. Elephants seek fermented fruit; birds seek certain seeds and berries; cats enjoy catnip; children spin around until they get dizzy. **Every species studied changes its mind.** We have the **RIGHT** to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness. We have the **RIGHT** to enjoy "candy for adults." A German judge just ruled that "intoxication, like eating, is one of the fundamental needs of mankind." Drugs are a means "of escape from restraints created by society."

What if something influences you **favorably, beneficially**? What if it **improves, enhances**, whatever you are doing? Don't you have the **RIGHT** and the **duty** to use it? Amphetamine was issued to pilots in Operation Desert Storm. *They fought the war on drugs - literally!* Hemp flowers can improve a driver's performance when used in moderation (**Car & Driver** June 1980).

HERESY! Even Nancy Lord wimped on the subject: "I'm not going to use the word 'RElegalize.'" Why not? *Ask her!*

Later I recalled once speaking with Frances Kendall. "What will South Africa do if sanctions are increased?" I asked. With a tone of total determination, she replied "We will go it alone." So will I. Thanks, I needed that. *What does not destroy me, makes me stronger.* Nietzsche

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# Position available: national director

The Libertarian Party is seeking an individual to serve as its national director. This individual will work in the LP's Washington, DC, national headquarters and will be responsible for the administrative management of that office, which includes handling or supervising most or all of the tasks listed below, and possibly other administrative tasks, under the overall supervision of the national chair.

The national director must be comfortable working with volunteer managers who will set the policies and priorities within their areas, and under the overall policy direction of the Libertarian National Committee.

## Job Responsibilities:

- Communicating with and reporting to LP officers, Executive Committee, National Committee, area managers, and other project managers;
- Maintaining mailing list database and generating reports and labels;
- Managing inventory and fulfilling orders and premiums;
- Preparing and sending bulk mailings;
- Processing accounts receivable and accounts payable, general ledger accounting, and generating financial and regulatory reports;
- Processing incoming mail;
- Supervising other special one-time and on-going projects as directed by the national chair;
- Coordinating the use of staff and other office resources by the director of communications;

- Hiring and managing administrative staff to work on the above tasks;
- Recruiting and supervising office volunteers to supplement the efforts of the paid staff;
- Managing physical plant and equipment required for the tasks listed above.

The ideal candidate will possess excellent managerial skills, including the ability to inspire and motivate employees, a high comfort level working in a computer-intense environment, the ability to juggle many projects simultaneously, good time management practices, the ability to delegate, concern for and attention to detail, and the desire to operate as professionally and efficiently as possible. He or she also will have experience working in a non-profit setting with an active team of board members who are each more or less involved in the operations of the organization on a day-to-day basis.

Anticipated starting date for this position is Sept. 7, 1993, or as soon as possible thereafter.

If you are interested, please send a cover letter outlining your interest in the job, your resume, three references that we can call, and your salary requirements to Administration Area Manager Joe Dehn, P.O. Box 621015, Littleton, CO 80162, 303-972-8094; Internet: Joe Dehn@dehnbased.fido-net.org; CompuServe: 70305,241.

If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please let them know about it immediately! Thank you.

## Gorman makes it fun to be Libertarian

Is it true Libertarians have more fun? "Yes" is the answer New Hampshire House Libertarian Leader Don Gorman of Deerfield is trying to promote in the state House.

"You've got Republicans and Democrats under all kinds of pressure—their arms being twisted behind their backs. They look over at us Libertarians having 'fun in the sun,' and they've got to be envious," Gorman said.

As a former two-term Republican state representative in the 1970s, Gorman said he found a sense of humor is helpful in gaining the respect and cooperation of most House members.

"If you can make them laugh you've gained their appreciation, and that's an important first step," Gorman said.

Gorman has mixed humor into the serious work of legislating on many occasions. April Fool's Day was a good example of a Gorman caper:

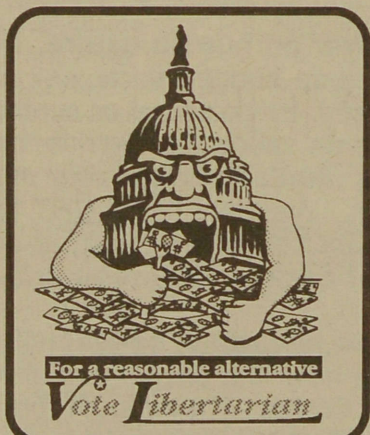
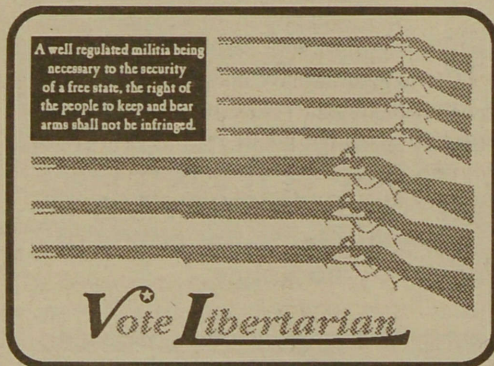
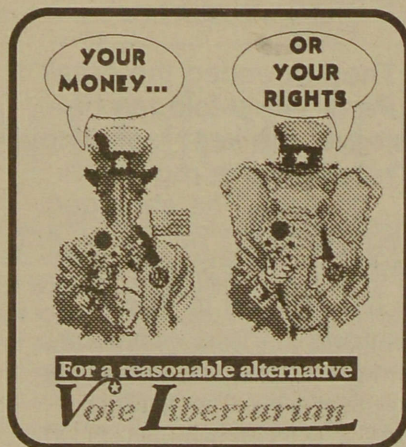
As an April Fool's gag, Gorman gave "Libertarian Volunteer" badges to House Democratic Leader Rick Trombly, Republican Leader Caroline Gross, and Deputy Speaker Mike Hill. All three willingly wore the badges for the rest of the day, and as the final action on the floor, Gorman named each for a special "Libertarian Volunteer of the Year" award.

"I made up a little story on the accomplishments of each one, and they stood and waved and smiled," Gorman said. "The whole House was in stitches. It was a welcome tension reliever for an exceptionally fast-paced, hectic day in the House."

"Of course you can't try to be funny all the time or you'll lose respect. There's a balance," Gorman said. "The humor sets you up for the heavy message, and vice-versa. You can't be effective sounding just one note all the time."

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**Dave Barry returns next month.**



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## Quote of the Month

Commenting on the early problems of the Clinton administration filling positions, the *Wall Street Journal* mused recently:

"We guess we need a government, but it's intriguing to contemplate official Washington wasting energy, tending to disorder and perhaps winding down and even out."

Submitted by Gwyneth H. Bear, New York, NY



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## Call The Liberty Hotline! 1-900-4-LIBERTY

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# Celebrate Liberty!

## Convention business

### Standing Order of Business for a Libertarian National Convention (non-presidential cycle)

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
6. Platform Committee report (only deletions may be considered)
7. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee
8. Election of Judicial Committee
9. Resolutions
10. Other business

**Note:** Delegates will also caucus by region to elect regional National Committee members and alternates.

### Committee contacts

Members who wish to contact convention committees prior to the national convention can write to the committee chairs at the following addresses:

#### Platform Committee

Dean Ahmad, chair  
4323 Rosedale Ave.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

#### Bylaws and Rules Committee

David Bergland, chair  
1773 Bahama Place  
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#### Credentials Committee

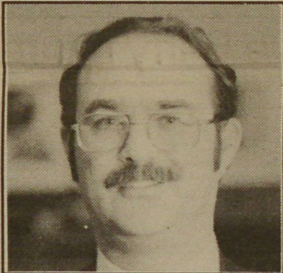
Joe Dehn, chair  
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## Speakers

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### David F. Nolan

Dave Nolan was the prime mover behind the formation of the LP in 1971. He holds a degree in political science from MIT and his career has included work in publishing, advertising, and marketing. He is the originator of the Nolan Chart, a two-dimensional map that shows how different political systems relate to one another. He was the first national chair of the LP and has served at times as editor of LP NEWS, chairman of the Platform, Bylaws, and Judicial committees. He is currently an aspiring radio talk-show host in Southern California. He will participate in a panel discussion on party strategy.



### Vince Miller (no photo available)

A past president of the LP of Canada, founding member of the Ontario LP, founder of the Libertarian International and current president of International Society for Individual Liberty, Vince Miller is truly a renaissance man of the movement. He has traveled extensively in Europe and the former Eastern Bloc—promoting libertarianism—and operates Free Forum Books in San Francisco. His presentation is entitled "Yugoslavia, Canada, and Now the U.S.A.: A world perspective on separatist and devolution movements."

### Jeffrey Rogers Hummel (no photo available)

Mr. Hummel is an adjunct faculty member with the Economics Department at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He is also publications director for the Independent Institute in Oakland. He wrote the scripts for audio tapes produced by Knowledge Products on the Constitution (narrated by Walter Cronkite) and on American Wars (narrated by George C. Scott). He has published in Liberty, Reason, Inquiry, Libertarian Review, Review of Austrian Economics, Journal of Libertarian Studies, Texas Law Review, and the International Philosophical Quarterly. His book on the Civil War, entitled "Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men," is forthcoming from Open Court Publishers.

He did his graduate studies in U.S. economic history at the University of Texas at Austin, and was a tank platoon leader in the U.S. Army. His presentation is entitled "The National Debt: Good, Bad, or Just Plain Ugly—a sober reflection on current deficit hysteria."

## Support material available from MGP

### Democracy Project Kit

Describes the strategy and background of the Ballot Access Hearings and international correspondence activities of Celebrate Liberty! Includes addresses of important U.S. congressmen and senators, Washington embassies, and international human rights contacts. (Free. Available via email.)

### Maximizing Media

Includes ideas on convention media opportunities, including sample press releases and national media addresses. (Free. Available via email.)

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## Convention notes

### Caucus Room Available

Libertarians for Life, Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns and Jim Burns' "Hit 'em where they ain't" project have scheduled caucus meetings. If you would like to schedule a time and place for a caucus (space is free), contact MGP. If you want it listed in the program, you must schedule it by July 15.

### Students

College and High School students: Network with other Libertarian students at Celebrate Liberty! Join the growing number of students who are making plans to attend this event—the first national meeting of Libertarian students in several years. Contact MGP—crash space is available for students and young people.

### Travel

A 5% discount is available to LP convention travelers from Morris Air (primarily serving western airports). If you don't have a travel agent, and would like to work with someone familiar with the Salt Lake air travel situation, contact Lynn at Spartan World Travel, 801-484-3500.

### Hotel

Make your reservations by Aug. 14 to ensure that you get the special, low Celebrate Liberty! rate. After that date, we cannot guarantee either availability or price on rooms—so make your reservations today by calling 1-800-345-ISKI or 801-531-0800.

### Hospitality Suites

Contact Bob at 801-582-3318 for information on hospitality suites.

## Maximizing media coverage

The 1993 National Convention offers Libertarians throughout the U.S. opportunities for local media outreach.

Possibilities include:

- Every delegate is a potential story: When elected, when he or she leaves for the convention, during the convention, and after returning home. Press releases can be sent as a delegation—highlight the local interest to each delegate's hometown newspaper(s). One good reason to contact the political editors of your local media is to set up times for calls or faxes directly from the convention. At past conventions, the Utah delegation has been successful in creating local news opportunities by calling reporters on the phone from the convention.

- Most of the Celebrate Liberty! speakers have indicated their availability to do talk radio programs. If you would like to arrange such an event with your favorite local talk-show host, contact MGP and we'll move on it.

- The Ballot Access Hearings provide us with opportunities for media outreach on that crucial issue. Libertarian Parties in the "problem states," who will be presenting testimony and evidence at the convention regarding their ballot access situations, can send press releases concerning such participation. As of the deadline for this issue of LP NEWS, one embassy has requested a copy of the written transcript of the hearings. We expect that others will make similar requests in the near future.

- Persons running for national office in the LP can send local press releases about their candidacies.

- Volunteers who are not going to the convention can arrange to receive daily "news reports" from their convention delegations. Such reports can then be the subject of local fax press releases.

- Write to the major networks and your favorite national magazines (especially the ones you subscribe to). Ask them to cover the convention.

To receive a free media guide for the National Convention, which includes sample press releases and national media addresses, contact MGP.

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## Upcoming Events

**July 4, 1993:**

### Independence Day!

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore." — John Adams

**July 16-17, 1993:**

Alabama LP Convention, Statehouse Inn, Montgomery; for information call 205-270-8643. Speakers include Michael Tanner, Tibor Machan, Andy Borsa, Lyle Shook, and David Sollars.

**Aug. 10, 1993:**

Deadline for LP art and essay contest for children. See story on page 5 of this issue of the NEWS!

**Sept. 2-5, 1993:**

Libertarian Party National Convention, Salt Lake City, UT; for more information write: MGP, P.O. Box 526175, Salt Lake City, UT 84152, or call 801-582-3318.

To get your upcoming event listed, notify the NEWS early.



NEWS photo by Joe Dehn

**COLORADO OUTREACH** - Libertarians in Denver took part in the annual Capitol Hill People's Fair in early June. The event, which was held in the city's Civic Center Park, drew a crowd of about 250,000.

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