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Support HR 304, LP urges Congress

With Washington, DC abuzz over Kenneth Starr's report detailing President Clinton's sexual escapades with a White House intern, the Libertarian Party made an effort to refocus any possible impeachment hearing on the president's violations of the Constitution.

On September 18, the national LP office sent a letter to every U.S. Representative, urging them to support House Resolution 304, which calls for an inquiry by Congress to determine if grounds exist for the impeachment of President Bill Clinton.

"If Congress is to consider impeachment, it should be because President Clinton failed to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution," said the letter, which was signed by then-National Director Ron Crickenberger.

Greatest crime

"Americans may be outraged by Clinton's personal behavior and by evidence that he lied and obstructed justice. But his greatest crime as president is his history of violating the Constitutionally protected civil and economic liberties of American citizens," he wrote.

To differentiate the Libertarian Party's impeachment request from the general impeachment hullabaloo surrounding the Starr Report, Crickenberger noted in the letter: "We are making this request based *solely* on the violations of the Constitution that have been perpetrated by Clinton during his time in office."

The letter to Congress is the latest installment in the LP's

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■ Thirteen of the 853 LP candidates the running for office this November. Shown here is part of the LP of Colorado's slate of candidates, including (l-r) Michael Simpson, Michael Perkins, Geoffrey Lloyd, Jeff McQueen, Wayne White, Jr., Warren Kruse, Kathy Romack, Sandra Johnson, David Bryant, David Aitken, Dan Cochran, W. Earl Allen, and Lloyd Sweeny.

LP sets record with 853 candidates

Libertarian Party members run for office in 44 states, including 153 candidates for U.S. Congress

The Libertarian Party will set a new record in 1998 by running the largest number of verified candidates in its history.

At least 853 LP candidates will be on the ballot this November, according to LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger — which represents a 16% jump over the 800 or so office-seekers the party ran in 1996 and a 31% increase over 1994, the last non-presidential election year.

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"It's great to set a new record for number of candidates run, especially in a non-presidential year," said Crickenberger. "But I won't be satisfied until we are running candidates for all offices at all levels — and winning majorities at all levels as well."

In all, more than 1,000 LP candidates announced for the

fall elections, but after the primaries and some failed ballot attempts, at least 853 will actually be on the ballot in 44 states in November, he said. That number will probably inch up slightly, he added, as the party fills in some gaps in its list.

The candidates span the entire range of electoral politics — from U.S. Senate and governor all the way down to county coroner and school board.

"We'll have about 180 fed-

eral candidates on the ballot, 100 or so statewide candidates, around 375 state legislature candidates, and the rest various local offices," said Crickenberger.

Included in that tally are 153 candidates for the U.S. House — which is more Congressional candidates than the Reform Party, Natural Law Party, Green Party, U.S. Taxpayers Party, and all other "minor" parties are running, combined. In other high-

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LP fights for place on Illinois ballot

It took more than 100 LP volunteers, thousands of hours of work, and tens of thousands of dollars in expenses, but the Libertarian Party appears to have beaten back an attempt by Republicans to throw its candidates off the ballot in Illinois.

After more than a month of work, the odds look "overwhelmingly favorable" that the State Board of Elections will rule that LP gubernatorial candidate Jim Tobin did file the 25,000

valid signatures required to get on the ballot, said Steve Givot, who coordinated the ballot defense campaign.

"We've got the signature count, we've got thousands [of signatures] more to add, and we don't think



Steve Givot: The odds look "favorable."

[Republicans] can sustain their allegations of fraud," he said.

The Libertarian Party has at least 26,000 verified signatures on hand, he said, and is continuing to "rehabilitate" other signatures that were challenged by the GOP — which could add up to 4,000 more valid signatures to the total.

By August 25, the state party expects to receive an official ruling from the state that it quali-

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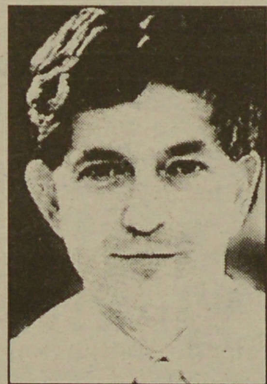
An award-winning writer of mystery novels has joined the LP, saying that "only the Libertarian Party advocates that the government at all levels abide by the Bill of Rights."

After "having voted for Libertarian presidential candidates in the last two elections and having a more than 90% agreement with Libertarian policy and principles," screenwriter and Edgar Allan Poe Award-winning novelist Stuart M. Kaminsky became an LP member in July.

"I thought it was certainly time to put my voice where my vote is," he said. "I could no longer abide the choice of either not voting or of voting for the lesser of two evils. I want a party of real principle. I want a party that puts forth honest, responsible candidates for public office who believe as I do in individual rights."

The author of more than 50 books — including the Porfiry Petrovich Rostnikov series, the Toby Peters series, the Abe Lieberman series, and the "Rockford Files" novels — Kaminsky is currently the president of the Mystery Writers of America. In 1988, he won an Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Mystery Novel. His latest hardcover novel, *The Dog Who Bit A Policeman*, was published in July and a paperback reprint of his Rockford Files novel, *The Green Bottle*, was published in August.

Currently on leave from Florida State University, where he is a full professor, he has also written scripts for the movies *Once Upon a Time in America*, *Enemy Territory*, *A Woman in the Wind*, and *Hidden Fears*.



■ **Novelist Stuart M. Kaminsky: Supports "Libertarian policy and principles."**

"Funny" press release gets Internet exposure

The Libertarian Party won an odd sort of "honor" in early August when one of its press releases was posted to a popular Internet comedy site.

The LP press release — which wryly commented on a decision by the California state government to decriminalize the sale of Caesar salad and other foods that contained raw eggs — was posted to rec.humor.funny.

"For those of you not in the know, RHF is a globally read newsgroup that posts only about 15 jokes a week because it is moderated to allow only the highest quality jokes through," said Michigan LP member Doug Hull. "We got a big honor."

FIJA conference features prominent speakers

The Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) will hold its fourth national conference in Dallas, Texas, November 6-8 — an event that will allow interested people to learn about the "FIJA strategy for liberty and justice from a roster of highly qualified speakers," said the organization's founder Larry Dodge.

Guest speakers include syndicated columnist Alexander Cockburn; jury-rights activist/defendant Laura Kriho; Oklahoma State Representative Charles Key; and former LP Vice Presidential candidate Dr. Nancy Lord.

Founded in 1989, FIJA is a non-profit organization that publicizes jurors' right to rule on the validity of laws as well as the facts of a particular case.

Application of this right — called "jury nullification" — "would return control of the government to the people, because ordinary people, serving as citizen-jurors, [could] utilize what amounts to a final check and balance upon the government — they would have the last say on the law and its application," said Dodge.

FIJA has been written about in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Playboy*, and the *Washington Times*, and is "one of the most exciting and controversial freedom organizations in the country," said Dodge.

For more information, call 1-800-TEL-JURY or visit the FIJA web site at www.FIJA.org.

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profile races, the LP is running 22 candidates for U.S. Senate, and 19 candidates for governor.

Leading the list of the dozen states with the most office-seekers are California (115 candidates), Michigan (108), Indiana (87), Texas (49) Missouri and North Carolina (47), Vermont (44), Illinois (36), Pennsylvania (31), Colorado (26), Nevada (24), and West Virginia (21).

"California, Indiana, and Michigan accounted for more than a third of our candidates this year," noted Crickenberger. "Indiana ran the most candidates per LP member. While ballot status is certainly a factor in how many candidates a state runs, some states with the same easy ballot requirements of Michigan and Indiana ran only a candidate or two."

Supposed to do

"The states that ran a lot of candidates did it because they realized that is what a political party is supposed to do — field and elect candidates," he said.

Running numerous Libertarian candidates is important, said Crickenberger, because more

THREE STATES

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candidates mean more opportunities for success.

"Running lots of candidates creates a synergy that helps all of the candidates do better," he said. "States with a lot of candidates have consistently higher vote totals than those which run only a few. You also get more chances at special opportunities, such as two-way races, and opportunities to win against candidates who become politically damaged during the campaign season."

Indiana LP State Chair Rob Shuford said his state party was running so many candidates to send the message to voters that Libertarians were "the ones to watch" this fall.

"The citizens of Indiana are

tired of the increased spending and broken promises of the other two parties," he said. "We offer a reasonable alternative to the status quo."

Mirrored growth

Crickenberger said he wasn't surprised at the record number of candidates around the country because it mirrored the overall growth in party membership.

"It's a measure of our growth in all areas," he said. "We have more members to be candidates. We have ballot status in more states than we have ever had in a non-presidential election year. We have more funding to run more campaigns. And we have had more of a focus on running candidates — rather than being a philosophical society."

Looking ahead to 2000, Crickenberger said he expects the party to set another new record — and should "certainly exceed 1,000 candidates."

"But if every state were to run candidates at the same rate that Indiana and Michigan did this year, we could run 3,000 candidates or more for the first year of the new millennium," he noted.

Illinois ballot battle looks promising

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fied for the November ballot.

At that point, "there are only two ways [Republicans] can keep us off the ballot. They can appeal the state's ruling, or charge fraud" — a claim that could keep the LP's ballot status in limbo until the election, noted Givot.

The ballot drama started on August 10, when the state Republican Party charged that 80% of the 61,000 signatures Tobin filed to get on the ballot were invalid.

The challenge was apparently made, said Givot, because the GOP was worried that Tobin, a well-known anti-tax activist in Illinois, could cost Republican Governor George Ryan the race.

"Republicans fielded a can-

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didate for governor who is indistinguishable from his Democratic opponent," he noted.

Libertarians were confident that they had more than enough valid petitions, but faced an overwhelming task of verifying the tens of thousands of signatures

challenged by the Republicans, he said. To retain a petition, Libertarians had to prove that it was signed by a registered voter, that the address matched the one in the state's database, and that the signature matched the one on the voter registration card.

And if a Libertarian wasn't present when State Board of Elections bureaucrats examined each signature, it would automatically be thrown out.

Flocked to Illinois

In response, Libertarians from around the country flocked to Illinois to help.

"They came from everywhere; one drove from Alabama, two drove from Tennessee, one drove from Colorado," said Givot. In all, more than 100 LP members helped in the effort, he said, including an estimated 40-50 from other states. At one time, Givot said he had 18 people staying in his house working on the massive project — which involved signatures from 101 different counties in Illinois.

"There is no finer group of people that I've ever known," said Givot of the volunteer signature-saving squad. "There is no question that without them, we would not be on the ballot."

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■ Steve Dasbach: As new LP National Director, his "job is to build a political party that is too big to ignore."

Steve Dasbach takes over as party's National Director

Past national chair takes top job at office in Washington, DC

After five years as National Chair and a six-week transition period, Steve Dasbach has assumed the title of National Director at the LP's Washington, DC headquarters — saying his task over the next two years will be to continue building a "political party that is too big to ignore."

Dasbach, 45, officially became National Director on September 17. He takes over from Ron Crickenberger, who served as National Director since 1997.

"I'm excited by the challenge of being National Director," said Dasbach. "As our new National Chair David Bergland

put it: Our job is to build a political party that is too big to ignore. My job is to direct the national staff and work with our activists and candidates to make it happen."

"Decade of vision"

Crickenberger — who praised Dasbach's "decade of vision" that led to surging growth in LP membership, registration, and Libertarians in office — will resume his previous job as the party's Political Director.

"I will return to the job that I came to Washington to do: Working for our candidates," said Crickenberger.

Dasbach was appointed to the party's top staff job by Bergland following the LP National Convention in July. At its post-convention meeting on July 5, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) approved the appointment.

"I appointed Steve as National Director because I have seen his exemplary work and leadership over many years," said Bergland. "After five years as National Chair, Steve knows every national LP operation, and its personnel, better than anyone and he has the vision and enthusiasm that's necessary for effective leadership."

As National Director, Dasbach will serve as the party's Chief Operating Officer, oversee the implementation of party projects, manage the party's paid staff, and represent the party on radio and television.

He said the new job will be similar — but different — to his previous role as National Chair.

"As National Chair, my primary responsibility was to lead the LNC in developing goals [and] setting budgetary priorities," he said. "As National Director, I will be responsible for developing and executing our strategic plan to accomplish the goals established by the LNC, consistent with their budgetary priorities and policies."

"Sail the ship"

"To use an analogy: The National Chair and the LNC determine the destination — the National Director and staff plot the course and sail the ship," he said.

As National Director, he has some specific plans about where to sail the Libertarian Party "ship," he said.

■ "We will be offering more training for our candidates and activists so that they will be able to build successful state and local organizations, and get elected to public office," he said. "Our ultimate goal is to become first a major party, then the majority party, so that we can implement libertarian policies."

■ "We will continue to focus on building membership, while taking the necessary steps to ensure that we appear on the ballot in every state in 2000," he said. "Our [eventual] goal is to reach a point where every state either has ballot status, or can

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Ohio candidate files suit over ballot label

An LP candidate for Congress has filed a lawsuit against Ohio's Secretary of State to try to get his Libertarian Party affiliation listed by his name on the November ballot.

Jim Schrader, the Libertarian candidate in Ohio's 7th Congressional District, filed suit on August 20 in U.S. District Court. Secretary of State Bob Taft was named as defendant for enforcing the state's policy of not including "minor party" candidates' political party affiliation on the ballot.

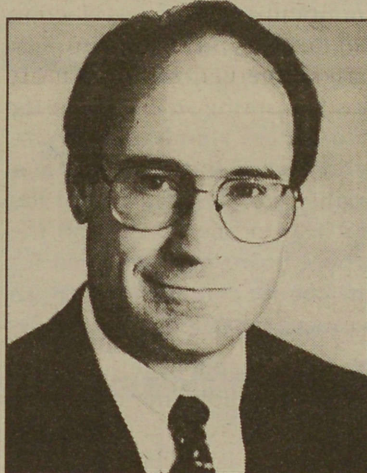
"Ohio voters have the right to know which political party a candidate belongs to," said Schrader. "I don't understand why Bob Taft wants to withhold that information from them."

Ohio designates all candidates — other than Republican, Democrat, and Reform — as "Independent" on the ballot.

By contrast, most other states allow candidates to choose their party labels, or have a petitioning process — either for ballot status or recognized party status — that includes a partisan political label that is automatically included on the ballot.

Negative impact

Ballot access expert Richard Winger filed a supporting affidavit with the suit, arguing that there was clear evidence that the lack of a partisan label under a candidate's name on the ballot has a negative impact on the candidate's vote garnering.



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"This is a clear-cut issue of the public's right to know versus the state's attempts to conceal

information," said Jim Babka, Ohio LP State Chair. "A favorable ruling in this case will benefit all Ohio voters."

Schrader said he thinks the lawsuit has a good chance, based on arguments of fairness.

"I'm confident that the judge will make the correct decision — that all candidates, not just major party ones, have the right to have their party affiliation on the ballot," he said.

The lawsuit — filed in U.S. District Court, Southern District, West Division, in Dayton — seeks an injunction to prevent the state from printing ballots that don't include the "Libertarian" designation for Schrader. The Libertarian Party of Ohio is also a plaintiff in the suit.

Alabama Libertarians beat \$697 million tax proposal

Libertarians in Alabama helped save Jefferson County citizens more than \$697 million in new taxes, thanks to their successful lobbying campaign against a proposed "big-government boondoggle" sales tax hike.

LP member Mark Bodenhause played a key role in beating MAPS, the Metropolitan Area Projects Strategy, which would have raised taxes to pay for so-called community projects, including a domed sports stadium.

County voters defeated the proposal on August 4 by a vote of 57% to 43%.

"Mark, as well as former Libertarian Party of Alabama Chair (and current Birmingham City Councilman) Jimmy Blake were widely associated with bringing about the defeat of the Birmingham big-government boondoggle known as MAPS," said State Chair Stephen Dow.

Very busy

Bodenhause, who is also the LP's Birmingham District Representative, was "very busy" in the anti-tax effort, said Dow.

"Mark helped organize and provide logistics for an anti-MAPS organization known as

**LIBERTARIANS
help turn back
"big-government
boondoggle."**

RAPS [Real Accountability, Progress, and Solutions]," he noted. "He was a featured guest on the Russ and Dee Fine radio program twice [and] spoke before the Jefferson County Commission on the issue."

MAPS would have raised the county sales tax by a penny, with the money slated for 14 government projects, including schools, landmarks, and a new domed stadium "in hopes of attracting a professional sports team," according to the *Birmingham News*.

"However, the RAPS organization was able to expose the special interest behind the measure to the public, showing how contributors to MAPS stood to gain financially," said Dow.

"We salute Mark and everyone else who helped win this victory for Libertarians and taxpayers," he said.

POLITICAL NEWS

New ballot access bill filed in Congress

Another ballot access-related bill has been introduced in Congress — this one to help “minor party” and independent candidates appear in the presidential debates.

HR 4310, sponsored by U.S. Rep. James Traficant (D-OH), would ban tax-exempt contributions from corporations and labor unions to the Commission on Presidential Debates — unless it agrees to invite all presidential candidates who are on the ballot in enough states to win a theoretical majority of electoral votes, and who qualify for primary matching funds.

The bill joins HR 2478 from U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX), which would deny federal campaign funds to candidates who participate in presidential debates that exclude candidates who are on the ballot in at least 40 states.

“It’s a good sign that there are now two bills on the subject of expanding the presidential debates,” said **Richard Winger**, publisher of *Ballot Access News*.

Two LP candidates support impeachment

Two Libertarian Party candidates have earned publicity by coming out in favor of impeaching President Clinton for his violations of the Constitution.

In California, **Gerald Klaas**, LP candidate for State Senate District 6, announced on August 26 his support for Assembly Joint Resolution 78 (AJR-78) in which the California state legislature would ask for the resignation of President Bill Clinton.

“The American people overwhelmingly want to put this whole sordid affair behind us, but that won’t happen until this President is out of office, be it through term limits, impeachment or resignation,” he said. “I fully support the resolution adopted by the Libertarian Party at its national convention in July 1998 calling for the immediate impeachment of the President, based not on his violations of Monica Lewinsky, but rather his violations of the Bill of Rights.”

In Montana, LP Congressional candidate **Mike Fellows** criticized his Democratic opponent for asking for Clinton’s resignation because of the president’s sex scandal. Instead, Fellows said Clinton should be impeached for crimes against the Constitution. “Despite his sex, lies, and videotape, it’s Clinton’s long list of Constitutional violations that should bring his downfall,” he said. “We should not compromise on the Bill of Rights.”

LP candidates gear up for debates

Libertarian Party candidates across the country are taking to the stage to debate their Republican and Democratic rivals in high-profile forums.

■ In Pennsylvania, U.S. Senate candidate **Jack Iannantuono** will take part in two television debates broadcast statewide during October. The debates, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters and the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters, will take place on October 10 and 25.

■ In California, **Erich Miller**, a candidate in the 24th Congressional District, already debated his Democratic opponent on September 3, and is scheduled to debate him again on October 17. Missing from the fray: The Republican candidate, who Miller said “appears unwilling to debate the principles of individual liberty and personal responsibility which his party pretends to uphold, but which only the Libertarian Party can provide to the American people.”

■ In South Carolina, **Richard T. Quillan**, LP candidate for U.S. Senate, has accepted an invitation to participate in the “Great Congressional Debate ‘98,” sponsored by the Black Vote National Committee and National Black Unity Leadership Association. The event, which will take place on October 17, is an opportunity to let “people know that the only wasted vote is the one not cast,” said Quillan.

■ In Pennsylvania, gubernatorial candidate **Ken Krawchuk** will appear in a statewide televised League of Women Voters-sponsored debate on October 21. In the debate, Krawchuk said he will focus on his three main campaign themes: “Crime, cronyism, and the Constitution.”

CAMPAIGN '98 REPORT

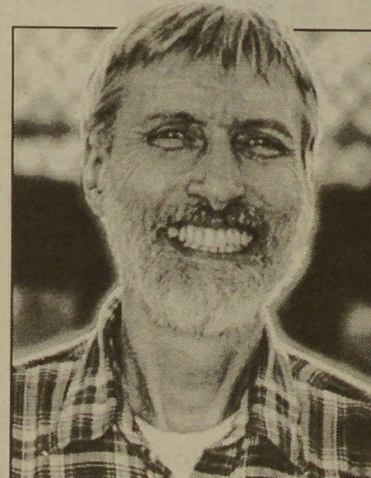
Slate of 22 LP candidates rocks politics in Washington County, IN

By **Ron Crickenberger**
LP Political Director

If every new Libertarian Party member came in with the enthusiasm of Victor Dufour, the party would be a force to be reckoned with overnight. Dufour joined the “Party of Principle” on July 19, and in less than a month had personally recruited 26 new members — and convinced 22 of them to run for local office.

At the county LP’s organizing convention on July 28, Dufour was elected as Washington County Chair. Other party officers and the slate of 22 county and township candidates were also selected. The convention was the headline story in the county newspaper.

Dufour’s first foray into politics, before discovering the LP, was this spring when he ran for two offices simultaneously — school board (non-partisan) and county commission (in the Republican primary). He won the school board race, and tied for the county commission seat. In a caucus to settle the tie, the Re-



■ **Victor Dufour: Recruited 26 new Libertarians in one month after joining the party.**

publicans picked his opponent. Dufour quickly gathered 550 petition signatures to have his name placed on the ballot as an independent. At about the same time, he read *Libertarianism in One Lesson* by David Bergland.

“I didn’t know I was a Libertarian until I read this book,” said Dufour. “It’s dawned on me I am much more of a Libertarian than a Democrat or Republican.”

Although new to the party,

Dufour comes across as well as the most seasoned LP candidate, noting: “The party stands for smaller government, increased personal responsibility, greater civil liberties, economic freedom, and less government interference in citizens’ lives.”

Active campaigns

Dufour’s slate of candidates are all planning active campaigns. They have already run full-page ads in county papers, delivered to every household. They have completed filming for a show to run on the county’s cable access channel, and will be doing active door-to-door work.

“I think we have a very good chance to win some of the township seats, where we need only a few hundred votes,” said Victor.

So far the 22 candidates have been funding their own races — but need help to take advantage of the opportunity, said Dufour.

■ **Contributions can be sent to:** Washington County Libertarian Party, 4370 West Hill Farm Road, Salem, IN 47167.

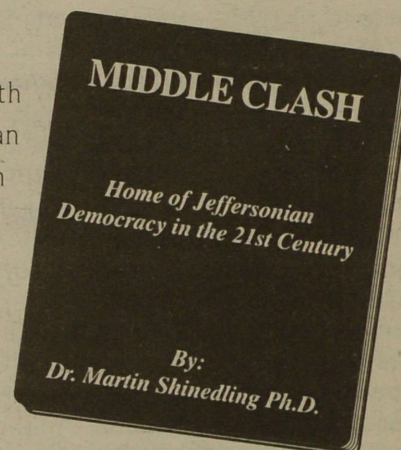
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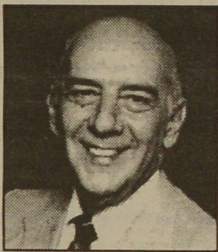
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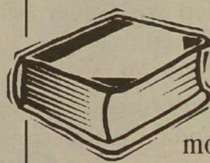
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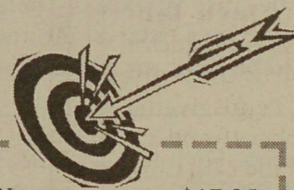
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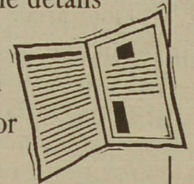
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IRS recruiters, victory #1, and finding racetrack Libertarians

■ Alabama

A year after helping to kill a plan to require fingerprints on Alabama driver's licenses, the state Libertarian Party is expanding the scope of its campaign against government-mandated "identity papers."

In a press release on July 17, State Chair **Stephen Dow** warned Alabama residents about efforts by the Department of Transportation to "force national identity papers on them" by turning drivers licenses into National ID cards via mandated use of Social Security numbers or biometric identifiers.

"It is clear that our victory of a year ago over the state's attempt to implement finger-scanning is threatened," said State Chair Stephen Dow. "Once the federal bureaucracy has the power to mandate standards for state driver's licenses, it will be extremely difficult to limit their plans [to impose a national ID card]."

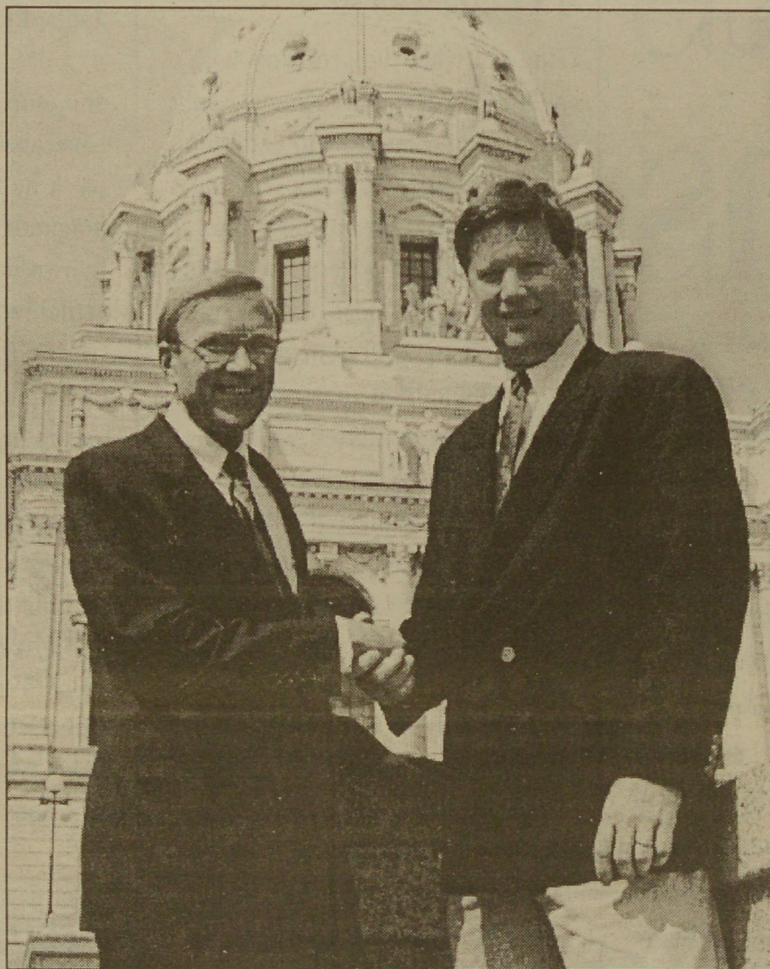
The party's advice to Alabama residents: "Stay informed and make your voice heard!"

■ California

The state Libertarian Party will host a series of fundraising dinners featuring **Shelley Davis**, the author of the IRS expose, *Unbridled Power: Inside the Secret Culture of the IRS*.

"Shelley Davis truly personifies the eternal vigilance which Libertarians understand is the price of liberty," said **Juan Ros**, the Executive Director of the California LP. "Shelley knows things — truly frightening things about our federal government's collection arm — that very few people know, and we believe it is important that she is given an audience for her message."

The three dinners will take place between October 16-18, 1998, in La Jolla, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Tickets cost \$60, with all proceeds going to



A handshake — and an endorsement

Minnesota State Representative Tom Workman (right) accepts congratulations from Libertarian Rich Osnes in front of the State Capitol after Workman became an LP member in late July. Although still retaining his GOP registration, Workman promised to work closely with the state Libertarian Party, and even endorsed Osnes in his campaign for State Representative (House District 27B) over his Republican rival. He won the endorsement because Workman "believes that a committed Libertarian could be a catalyst around which a freedom coalition could be built on individual issues," said Osnes.

the LP of California. For information, call (818) 506-0200.

Davis, an historian for the IRS before resigning in protest, spoke at the Libertarian National Convention this year, where she became an LP member.

■ California

School bureaucrats who illegally used tax money to lobby for a \$6 million bond issue should give the money back and hold a new election, Santa Barbara Libertarians are demanding in a lawsuit.

The target of the suit: The Santa Barbara School District, which spent \$40,000 to hire political consultants to propagandize in favor of the 1995 ballot

measure — thereby violating state law, said **Robert Chatenever**, the LP's attorney.

"It's not fair to force somebody to pay taxes to support a political position that they don't support ideologically," he said.

The suit, filed in August, seeks to have the money spent on lobbying returned to taxpayers and to force the board to hold a new election.

■ Colorado

Libertarians don't often express gratitude towards the IRS — but the party may owe the tax-collecting agency a thank-you for recruiting another LP Congressional candidate.

LP member **Barry Mag-**

gert, a structural engineer from Carbondale, said he decided to enter the race for U.S. Representative in Colorado's 3rd District after receiving a phone call from the IRS notifying him that he would be audited.

The call came right after Maggert volunteered to circulate a National Federation of Independent Businessmen petition to eliminate the IRS.

"A week or two later I had an IRS audit," he said. "That was the last straw" — and led to the decision to run for office.

The centerpiece of Maggert's campaign: A call to abolish the IRS, which he calls an "oppressive and abusive agency."

■ Idaho

A state Libertarian has drafted legislation to outlaw collective bargaining by police and other law enforcement personnel who carry deadly weapons on the job.

LP member **Joe Rohner** and his Committee to Restore Local Control of Police (L-COP) proposed the bill — which already has a sponsor — in an effort to curb the "rash of deadly police shootings and brutality incidents in Boise during the past two years," said State Chair **Chris Struble**. "These shootings are the result of years of the police union pressuring the city and police chiefs to keep bad cops on the force."

Prospects for the bill are good, he said, "because Boise is the only city in Idaho with a police union, and unions are not popular in Idaho generally."

At the state party convention in June, delegates endorsed a platform plank that supports L-COP reforms, said Struble.

"If passed, this bill would be a first step to cleaning up the Boise police and stopping their violations of individual rights," he said.

■ Massachusetts

Libertarian talk show host **Brian Thomas** has landed a full-time slot at Cape Cod's top talk radio station, WXTK — giving him a 50,000 watt forum to discuss the freedom philosophy.

On August 24, Thomas —

who broadcasts under the name "Brian Higgins" — joined the WXTK line-up as the co-host of a four-hour morning show, Monday through Saturday.

"Brian brings to his [radio show] a great depth of knowledge of Massachusetts state politics, which he has followed closely for years," said State Chair **Carla Howell**.

When not on the air, Thomas also serves as a Town Meeting Member in Holbrook, an elected office. He previously hosted radio shows on the Talk America Radio Network.

■ Massachusetts

When Hillary Clinton advised America's homemakers to go on a one-day "domestic work strike" to show the value of their work, State Chair **Carla Howell** made a counter-offer.

"I accept Hillary's challenge for homemakers to go on strike for one day to demonstrate the value of their work — provided the First Lady goes on strike from her big government liberal activism on the same day," said Howell via press release on September 3.

Howell, who is also the LP's candidate for state auditor, couldn't resist taking a shot at the First Philanderer as well. "Mrs. Clinton can't run her family or keep her husband faithful, but she wants to run our homes, cook our meals, and raise our children," she said.

"Let's make a deal, Hillary: We'll stop trying to run our families for one day if you'll stop trying to run America for one day."

■ Michigan

The Libertarian Party's "road to victory" may be a racetrack: An eye-opening 53.8% of those who took the World's Smallest Political Quiz at the Northern Michigan Dragway on August 22 and 23 wound up scoring in the Libertarian quadrant.

The event — the racetrack's annual All American Harley Days — "included men's and women's Harley races, dragsters . . . and an unusually high number of Libertarians," said LP member **John Willis**, who participated in the outreach event.

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"Clearly this is a group of people who should not be ignored if we hope to increase vote totals and membership," said **Brian Kluesner**, chair of the Midwest Michigan LP. "And it's definitely more fun than the livestock exhibits at the county fair."

■ New Hampshire

State Libertarians expect to collect hundreds of pounds of canned goods for the homeless as part of an annual food drive this autumn.

The state LP will collect canned goods, other nonperishable food, and money from September 19 to October 17, and deliver it to a homeless shelter in Manchester.

The food drive demonstrates "in a small way the truth of our contention that society can trust the voluntary action to be sufficient to meet the needs of those who find it hard to live successful lives," said *Libertarian Lines* editor **Brian Christensen**.

The charitable campaign, which the LPNH has been conducting for the past decade, has collected up to half a ton of food each year for the homeless.

■ New Hampshire

Libertarians are speaking out in support of a pastor threatened with a jail sentence for refusing to "register" his small Baptist school with the state.

"The state perceives his school as a threat to its public education monopoly," said State Chair **Danielle Donovan**. "They'll make an example of anyone—including a man of God—to ensure that no one rebels."

The case, which has attracted statewide media attention, involves Reverend Paul Norwalt, who defied a state law requiring him to register his Merrimack Baptist Temple school with the state. He has also refused to pay a \$6,000 fine, and is facing an injunction from the state Attorney General to shut down the school.

However, Norwalt argued that his school "is private, not public. It is not incorporated, nor in any sense a creature of the State"—and the state government has no right to regulate it.

"Because [Norwalt is] seeking an alternative to the government-run schools, Big Brother wants to fine him," noted Donovan. "Can our state government even pretend that these measures are for 'our children?'"

■ South Carolina

U.S. Senate candidate **Richard T. "Doc" Quillan** took a stand against government-mandated morality at a meeting of the Horry County Council on August 18.

Testifying before the council in opposition to Ordinance #83-

RICHARD QUILLAN:

"My friends have sent me to give y'all a message that we will not tolerate a law like [this]."

98, which would impose more government restrictions on topless night clubs, Quillan argued: "I don't know anyone who has been forced to go to those clubs."

Quillan said that, as a Libertarian, he opposed the government trying to legislate morality—and said most people in the county agreed with him.

"My friends have sent me to give y'all a message that we the people will not tolerate a law like [this]," he said. "It is wrong for y'all to try to make a law against this kind of entertainment. If you want to regulate mine and other morals, most of you will be on this side of the microphone come Election Day."

■ Texas

Harris County Libertarians are rallying to save a local daycare center from overzealous

state bureaucrats.

LP members are mounting a letter-writing campaign to save the Playtime Station daycare center, which is under attack by the state's Department of Protective & Regulatory Survives [DPS].

"Playtime Station will be forced to close down if it can't get a waiver to a DPS regulation that it have an outdoor play area—that its customers don't even want," said **Laura Coker-Garcia**, Chair of the Harris County LP. The daycare center, she noted, cannot afford the construction and insurance costs of a playground.

In response, Libertarians are trying to put enough pressure on the DPS to convince bureaucrats to grant the waiver to save the "daycare [center] from government overregulation," she said.

■ Virginia

State Libertarians are ready to start celebrating their first victory in the November 1998 elections... almost.

LP member Jennifer Reams is the only announced candidate for the office of Prince William County Director of Soil & Water—"virtually assuring her of a November victory," said campaign manager **Gary Reams**.

"Although she hasn't uncorked the champagne yet, it's chilling in the refrigerator. Come November, there will be a cel-

ebration," he said.

Jennifer Reams filed for the non-partisan office in May, and "from the beginning of the campaign, she declared her intentions to win and serve," said Gary Reams.

With victory in sight, she "is preparing to assume her position as Director," he said, and is eager to "serve the community and the Libertarian Party of Virginia."

■ Virginia

Libertarians applied a mountain of pressure to a county board in Albemarle County—and forced it to table the so-called Mountain Protection Ordinance, which would have made it exceedingly difficult for residents to build a house on any hilltop property.

"This ordinance pushed by the Board of Supervisors is an example of a regulatory taking which assaults the rights of peaceful property owners," said **Jim Lark**, leader of Jefferson Area Libertarians.

For the last four months, Libertarians campaigned against the proposal and spoke against it at public hearings. On August 5 the board finally relented and put the land grab on hold.

"We are pleased that the ordinance has been tabled; now we urge the board to do the right thing and kill it once and for all," Lark said.

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Bonnie Flickinger puts city council record on the line for third time

Incumbent Libertarian faces well-financed opposition this year

By Ron Crickenberger
LP Political Director

The November election will answer two questions for veteran elected Libertarian Bonnie Flickinger: First, of course, can she win a third election to the office of Moreno Valley (CA) City Council? Second, is she ready to run for a higher office in the next election?

In her six-year tenure on the City Council, Flickinger has quietly achieved many pro-freedom goals:

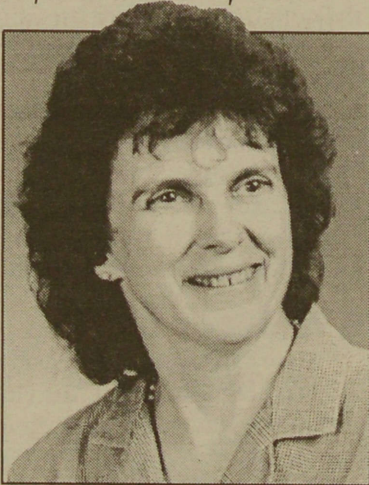
- She was instrumental in turning the operation of the county's library system over to a private company and fell one vote short of doing the same with the city's library.

- She successfully led the charge to repeal the ban on firearms dealers' using their home addresses for merchandise delivery; and to eliminate the city's mandate that new homes have fire sprinklers installed.

- In 1996, she led the battle to allow residents to vote on the city's utility user tax and its business gross receipts tax.

- She persuaded her colleagues to reject a proposed ordinance which would have prohibited minors from possessing a "graffiti implement" — defined as "any device capable of being used to leave a visible mark at least four millimeters wide upon any surface." It would also have prohibited stores from displaying any such implement — lipstick? shoe polish? crayons? — where the public could reach them without store employee assistance.

- She was instrumental in



■ **Bonnie Flickinger:** She has quietly achieved many of her pro-freedom goals in Moreno Valley (California).

the voters' decision to reject a "graffiti tax."

- In addition, she has cleaned up a scandal-ridden city hall, and brought city government decisions under the scrutiny of the public by televising the city council meetings.

The amount of money she has saved taxpayers runs into the

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millions. For example, her proposal to build a joint fire station with neighboring Riverside — instead of separate facilities for each city — saved taxpayers about \$1 million in construction costs and about \$500,000 in annual operating costs. "We now have the only jointly owned and operated municipal fire station in the United States," she noted.

Despite this record of achievement, the power bloc of

land developers who make money off the taxpayers has lined up against her this year. They have hand-picked a puppet candidate who looks good on the ballot (retired firefighter, all-American name), and they are putting lots of money behind him.

"The opponent has publicly announced that he will raise at least \$10,000 to defeat me," she said. "At least four of his main supporters are wealthy enough to write petty-cash checks for that amount."

Flickinger's campaign fund has less than \$6,000 in it, and major expenditures have not yet been paid.

Grassroots voters

The good news is that Flickinger's anti-tax, anti-regulation, pro-government-by-the-people positions have generated support from grassroots voters throughout Moreno Valley. Many of them who live outside of her district have encouraged her to run for a higher office so that they, too, can vote for her.

The results of the November election will determine whether she is ready to run for a higher office. If she can win this election, generate high-visibility support citywide, and raise enough money to show that she could be a viable candidate above the city level, new doors could open for this long-time Libertarian.

■ **To contribute to Flickinger's campaign:** Friends of Bonnie Flickinger, Box 1492, Moreno Valley, CA 92556. Include occupation and employer. There is no contribution limit.

Anti-tax grandstanding?

LP "unwavering" in opposition to taxes

The Libertarian Party's public opposition to a proposed outdoors tax generated calls of complaint from pro-tax groups, which accused the party of using the issue to "grandstand" against taxes.

After the LP issued a press release on August 31 which opposed a 5% federal tax on outdoor-related products, LP press secretary George Getz received two phone calls from groups in favor of the tax — the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the National Wildlife Federation.

According to Getz, Naomi Edelson, the Wildlife Diversity Director for the IAFWA, told him: "You Libertarians know people hate taxes and you're just using this to grandstand!"

Getz responded: "What you call grandstanding, we call protecting people from taxes. The Libertarian Party has an unwavering commitment to oppose taxes, and we're very proud of that."

That same day, the party got a call from Douglas Inkley, spokesman for the National Wildlife Federation.

"People like the Libertarian Party just take the word 'tax' and run with it," he told Getz. "You're taking advantage of it."

Inkley had no response, said Getz, when asked why the tax is so unpopular except to say, "No tax is perfect."

In its press release, the proposed tax was blasted as a "tax that's as big as all outdoors" by LP Chair David Bergland.

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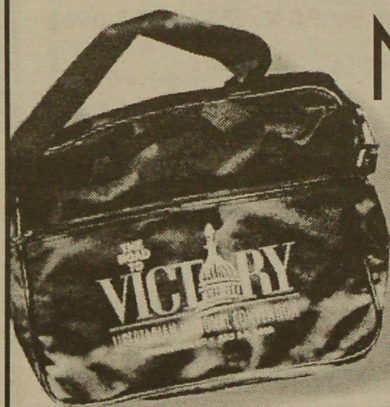
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Dasbach takes job as LP Director

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successfully get their candidates on the ballot without national [party] assistance."

■ "Finally, I expect to see us establish a stronger, more visible presence on the Internet," he said. "The Internet is becoming increasingly important as a source of political information, both for journalists and the general public. It is also being used to recruit activists, volunteers, and contributors, and to mobilize grassroots efforts. The Internet is changing politics, and we need to be in the forefront of that change."

Over the next two years, the biggest challenge he will face as National Director is to integrate the flood of new members expected to come in from the Project Archimedes recruitment campaign, he said.

"Our biggest challenge is to maintain and accelerate our growth, while successfully managing that growth and integrating our new members," he said. "About half of our current membership have joined the LP since the 1996 presidential campaign, and the percentage of new members is going to become even greater by 2000."

20 years

Dasbach brings almost 20 years of Libertarian Party experience to his new job — highlighted by two terms as National Chair, from 1993 to 1998.

Under Dasbach's leadership as Chair, the Libertarian Party increased its registered voter base by more than 50%, the number of Libertarians serving in public office by 215%, and the number of contributing members by 125%.

Dasbach first joined the Libertarian Party in 1979 and was a member of the Libertarian National Committee from 1985 to 1998. He also served two terms as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Indiana.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, he earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Michigan State University and an M.A. in Chem-

istry from Ball State University. Professionally, he was an instructor of Chemistry and Mathematics at Lutheran College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After accepting the job of National Director, Dasbach moved with his wife Libby and their four school-age children from Fort Wayne, Indiana to the Washington, DC area.

"Washington, DC would be a great place to live if it weren't for all those Democrats and Republicans that keep raising taxes and passing laws restricting our liberty," he said.

LP: Support HR 304

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campaign to remove Clinton from office, following a vote on July 5 by delegates at the National Convention in favor of impeaching the president.

In response, party leaders sent letters to the House Speaker and Minority Leader in late July, requesting that the U.S. House begin Articles of Impeachment.

Party leaders also met with Congressman Barr in August to

discuss his HR 304, which is co-sponsored by 22 U.S. representatives. At that meeting, Crickenberger promised that the LP would help publicize Barr's impeachment inquiry resolution.

"The letter to Congress made it clear that we support impeachment because we're concerned about the Constitution — not because we're concerned about the president's scandal of the day," said Crickenberger.

Support HR 304

If you think Congress should consider an impeachment inquiry of President Clinton, contact your U.S. Representative. Urge him/her to co-sponsor House Resolution 304. Explain that your support for this resolution is based on Clinton's violations of the Constitution. Call the Congressional switchboard at (202) 225-3121; ask for your Congressperson's office.

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4. Before we had public schools, most Americans were illiterate. T/F

1. **False.** People who voted for the founding fathers in the late 1700s were privately educated. "Free, universal, and compulsory public schools" were invented 60-70 years later.

2. **False.** Before "public schools," Alexis de Tocqueville and other visitors to America wrote how the American education system was superior to the rest of the world and widely accessible to the poor.

3. **False.** Immigrant Lutherans, Catholics, and Dutch Reformed set up their own schools and still became Americans.

4. **False.** Literacy in the non-slave states was over 90% prior to the takeover of private schools by the government. (Some argue that it was higher than today in those states.)

— **THE EDUCATION LIBERATOR**, September 1998

Free ice cream

After seeing an ABC poll indicating that 78% of Americans favored legislation forcing employers to pay for employee health care, *Spy* magazine decided to see just how far people were willing to go in taking "free" goodies if offered to them by politicians.

Posing as Congressional staffers, they asked 100 New York-area workers this question: "New York is facing stiff competition in dairy production. Congressman Leach wants to introduce legislation that will stimu-

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late New York dairy production by requiring employers to provide their full-time employees with ice cream. Would you support such a bill?" A whopping 68% said yes.

— **THE LIBERATOR ONLINE**, August 1998

Minority rule by lawyers

How representative is "the people's house," the U.S. House of Representatives? The Center for Voting and Democracy explores that question in a new report, "Electing the People's House: 1998," which contains hundreds of tantalizing facts and figures. With apologies to the incomparable *Harper's Index*, here is a smattering of tidbits from this treasure trove:

■ Ratio of lawyers in the House to lawyers in the voting-age population: 38-to-1.

■ Ratio of college professors in the House to college professors among voters: 9-to-1.

■ Percentage of eligible voters who voted in the 1996 House elections: 46%.

■ Percentage of eligible voters who voted for a winning candidate: 29%.

■ Percentage of voters who voted for a losing candidate: 37%.

■ Number of the 435 House

seats where incumbents have no [major party] opposition in this November's election: 84.

■ Won-lost record in 1996 of incumbents first elected before 1980: 56-2.

■ Won-lost record in 1996 of incumbents first elected in the 1980s: 113-0.

— **TOM BRAZAITIS**
The Cleveland Plain Dealer, August 9, 1998

Hands off my vacation

Ideologues within [the German Green Party] made a series of gaffes that is pushing power beyond the Greens' grasp. The fundamentalist wing of the party scared off new supporters by attacking some of Germany's sacred cows. They called for a 62 mph speed limit on the country's *autobahnen*, tax hikes that would triple gasoline prices to more than \$12 per gallon over 10 years, and a limit on vacations involving air travel to one every five years per person.

"We've made mistakes, of course," admits [Green leader Joschka] Fischer.

— **BUSINESS WEEK**, August 31, 1998

Secondhand lies

In one of the most embarrassing setbacks for the EPA in recent memory, a federal judge has thrown out the agency's landmark 1993 risk assessment linking secondhand smoke to cancer. The ruling, handed down July 17, invalidated EPA research linking exposure to secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), to 3,000 cancer deaths each year.

[Critics had] argued that the EPA cherry-picked data and ignored standard scientific and statistical practices to reach its conclusions, an opinion shared by a large number of independent scientists.

— **ENVIRONMENT NEWS**, September 1998

The war on rights

To understand Clinton's dismal record on civil liberties requires an understanding of his generation. The story begins in the liberal academy. Over the past quarter century an intellectual war has raged on university

campuses between left-wing advocates of women's and minority rights on the one hand, and advocates of civil liberties on the other.

Many cause-oriented feminists and minority activists see freedom of speech, and civil liberties in general, as a barrier to empowerment. They know the truth, and tend to be intolerant of the right of others to express counter truth or politically incorrect views. These impatient left-wing advocates are winning the battle, and their academic victory is being translated into political policy. The translation is not a difficult one because left-wing political causes—abortion rights, gay rights, affirmative action—garner votes.

Civil liberties, however, do not have a significant constituency. On some issues—particularly those affecting freedom of speech—the radical left has joined the religious right in a censorial coalition. As a result, civil liberties has become bad politics, while the anti-civil liberties agenda is a political freebie.

— **ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ**
Penthouse magazine, June 1998

What Prop 215?

California law enforcement arrested more citizens on marijuana charges in 1997 than in any year since 1985, newly released figures from the Bureau of Criminal Statistics revealed. The rising number of arrests one full year after voters legalized the use of marijuana for medical purposes alarmed many activists who question whether police are continuing to punish patients despite the new law. Law enforcement arrested 57,667 Californians on marijuana charges in 1997, the data showed.

— **NORML PRESS RELEASE**, August 7, 1998

Yours or mine?

Private property serves a vital social function often ignored or trivialized. You don't have to be a keen observer to notice that privately owned property tends to receive better care than communally owned property. I've often said that I don't care that much about future generations. What has a kid who's going to be born in 2050 done for me?

My actual conduct belies that sentiment. I own a nice home that is well cared for. Trees have been planted, rooms added, and many other improvements have been made that will outlast me and be available for that kid born in 2050. Part of the reason I made sacrifices in current consumption to improve my house is that the longer it provides housing services, the more I get when the house is sold.

The free market and private property rights do not produce a Utopia; we'll have to wait for heaven for that. But here on Earth, private property rights and free markets beat any other social arrangements in serving mankind's needs.

— **WALTER WILLIAMS**
The Washington Times, August 16, 1998

Corrupting charity

Rather than giving relief, government welfare adds to the misery of the poor. But that is only half the problem with government welfare. Jennifer Roback Morse points out that the system tends to corrupt potential donors to charity as well. It gives those able to finance real solutions to poverty an excuse: "I gave to the tax collector." Knowing that they are already being taxed to support those programs, they choose to give less to private charity.

In the process, they lose the direct contact with the poor and with it the redemptive quality which charity has for the donor.

— **JIM JOHNSON**
Intellectual Ammunition, June/July 1998

Sayonara, Japan, Inc.

Revisionist supporters of the Japan, Inc. economic model who argued in the late 1980s and early 1990s that the United States could not compete with Japan's unique form of state-directed insider capitalism were dead wrong, both in their assessment of the Japanese threat and in their recommendations for U.S. policy.

All their errors trace back to a common source: An inability to understand and appreciate the power of free markets. Suffering from what Nobel Prize-winning economist F.A. Hayek termed "the fatal conceit," they believed that a handful of government planners could out-think millions of private decision makers.

Like so many others before them, they prided themselves as sophisticated realists, yet in fact their faith in bureaucratic miracles was hopelessly naive.

— **BRINK LINDSEY & AARON LUKAS**
Cato Trade Policy Analysis, July 31, 1998

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From the Conservative Book Club:

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"But our government is a democracy. It would never do anything to harm us." Now, the book that explodes this myth, and a good many others as well. In 14 lucid chapters, here's the case for gun sanity, from *The Future of Freedom* Foundation. Major themes:

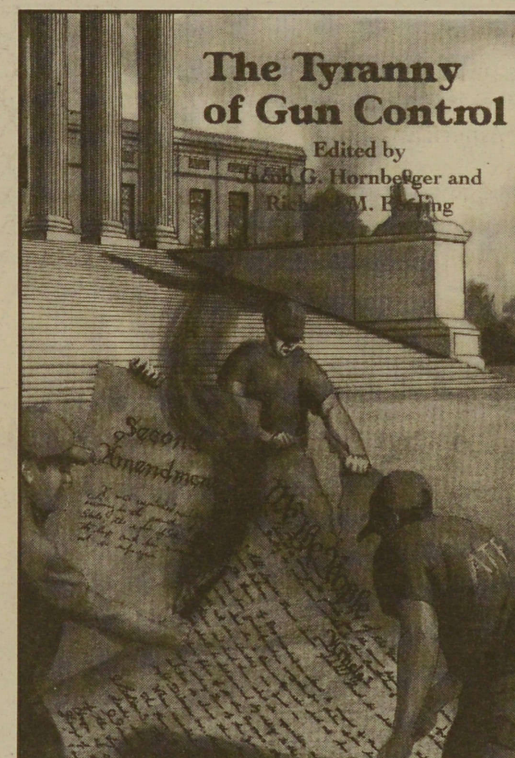
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President Clinton has condemned Americans who criticize their government: "There's nothing patriotic about hating your government or pretending you can hate your government but love your country." Does Clinton occupy the moral high ground? Not after he confronts Jacob Hornberger, president of *The Future of Freedom* Foundation:

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THE ISSUES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, "The Issues" will highlight several Libertarian Party press releases. To get the complete text of all press releases issued by the LP, send a message to "announce-request@lp.org" with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Besides Monica, what else did Clinton lie about?

Here's a question for every American to ponder after watching President Bill Clinton's televised confession of his affair with Monica Lewinsky: If he lied about that, how do you know he wasn't lying about the benefits of *every new government program* he proposed over the last six years?

"If he's not ashamed to lie to his wife and his daughter about presidential fornication, why would he be ashamed to lie to the American public about federal legislation?" asked Ron Crickenberger, past LP national director.

"Now that Clinton has admitted he's a liar, why would anyone believe his breathless promises about health care, cigarette legislation, Internet censorship, the Brady Bill, saving Social Security, global warming, troops in Bosnia — or the hundreds of other policy proposals he's made since becoming president?"

Although the LP had no official reaction to Clinton's televised confession, Crickenberger said the speech did lay bare Clinton's willingness to lie to advance his political goals.

"Remember, Bill Clinton is not a sincere person — he just plays one on TV," he said. "Keep that in mind the next time he tries to sweet-talk us into supporting some government program that decreases our liberty and increases his power."

Politicians plot an "outdoors tax"

You won't believe what politicians are now plotting: They want to put a tax on the *outdoors*. A coalition of politicians is trying to impose a 5% federal tax on almost every outdoor-related product — including cameras, bird seed, hiking boots, mountain bikes, skis, and all-terrain vehicles.

"Watch out: Politicians and environmentalists are trying to hit us with a tax that's as big as all outdoors," warned David Bergland, LP national chairman.

A coalition — dubbed Teaming for Wildlife — is now lobbying Congress to impose a so-called "conservation" tax on ports and nature-related goods, with the money being funneled back to the states to finance wildlife habitat.

Included on their list of taxable items: Every product that has even the remotest connection to the outdoors, including birdbaths, guide books, tents, binoculars, and all-terrain vehicles.

For Americans who are genuinely concerned about protecting wildlife, Bergland said Libertarians have a proposal that is simpler and cheaper than a new tax: "Let those people with a passion for wildlife protection freely contribute to programs and organizations that effectively accomplish that goal. There are a number of private conservation organizations that do excellent work for the environment — without the waste, coercion, and inefficiency of the government."

Who really needs a Constitution museum?

Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell's plan to build a museum dedicated to the Constitution should be approved, the Libertarian Party says — provided that every Congressman and Senator is required to take classes there.

"Educating ordinary Americans about freedom and individual rights is important, but educating politicians is absolutely *essential* — because only they have the power to write laws that threaten your life and liberty," said Ron Crickenberger.

Crickenberger's comments came in response to Rendell's request to the Senate Appropriations Committee in early September for \$65 million to pay half the cost of a museum designed to educate Americans about the Constitution.

Rendell cited a survey of 600 teenagers showing that more of them could name the Three Stooges (59%) than could name the three branches of government (41%). Building the museum, Rendell said, would help reverse "the tide of ignorance."

Crickenberger countered: "First we need to reverse the tide of ignorance in *Congress*. Politicians who habitually violate the Constitution should practice what they preach — and be the first ones in line when the Constitution museum opens."

CAMPAIGN '98 REPORT

Washington city council member aims for state legislature seat

John Gearhart hopes fourth time is charm in State Rep. race

By Ron Crickenberger
LP Political Director

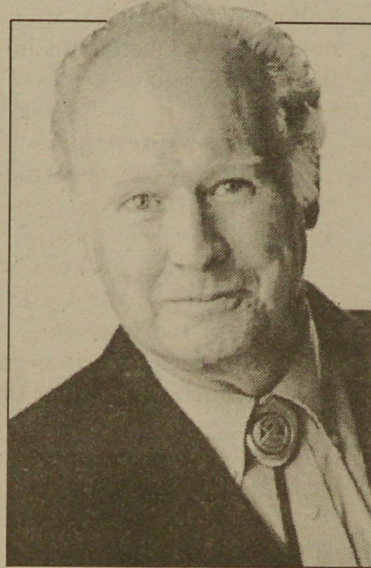
Elected Libertarian John Gearhart hopes to take a step up this November by winning election to the Washington state legislature — and he's already beaten the incumbent in his home area.

Currently, Gearhart serves on the Palouse City Council, a position he won in 1997 in an uncontested race.

That office gives him a springboard to move up to State Rep. — and, based on his previous campaigns, he thinks he has a good idea what it takes to win.

In the 1992 and 1994 elections, he ran for state legislature, capturing about 6% in a three-way race.

But in 1994, in a two-way race against the incumbent, Gearhart won 20% of the vote district-wide. More importantly, he beat the incumbent in several precincts, which gives him hope this time around.



■ John Gearhart: "Freedom is our birthright, the American way, and worth fighting for."

"I got as much as 57% in the Pullman area, around Washington State University," he said. "The Libertarian message seemed to really resonate with college students. I'll be working to capture that base of support again with heavy door-to-door distri-

bution of literature in the areas I won before. And the campaign will expand outside of that area as resources allow."

Our birthright

His campaign, he said, will focus on a simple theme: "I believe a free people are intelligent enough to decide matters relating to their lives, families, and personal affairs without government interference. Freedom is our birthright, the American way, and worth fighting for."

Having run for election four times in recent years, Gearhart said he had planned to sit out this election cycle.

"But then I got talked into being Campaign Chair for the state," he said. "I figured if I was going to ask others to run, I had to set a good example and run again myself."

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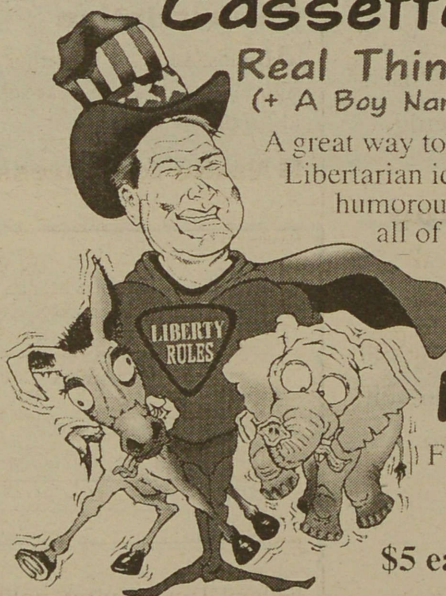
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This issue of *LP News* has been sent to people who had recently requested information about the party, he said, "to give them a sense of the scope of political activities that the Libertarian Party is engaged in."

For example, he said, "As you read through this issue, you will see that LP members are working to expand your liberty on a whole host of issues: Stopping tax increases, providing an alternative to tax-and-spend Republican and Democratic candidates, educating voters about the dangers of the insane War on

Drugs, fighting for the rights of small businesses, protecting private property rights, and organizing against a national ID card.

"Whatever the issue, if it involves your personal or economic liberty, Libertarians are on the job," he said.

A few questions

For anyone considering joining the party, Dasbach suggested: Ask yourself a few questions.

"Ask yourself: Is government too big or too small? Are taxes too high or too low? Does the government regulate your business too much or too little? Does the government control your personal life too much or not enough?

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Iowa

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Kansas

Tom Oyler (U.S. Senator), **Steve Rosile** (Secretary of State), **Phil Mielke** (State Representative, District 14), **Michael Kerner** (State Representative, District 30), **John Boger** (State Representative, District 51), **Carl Kramer** (State Representative, District 64), **Jack Warner** (State Representative, District 1115).

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Mark Gailey (Clerk, Madison County), **Ronnie Lee Smith** (Sheriff, Gallatin).

Maine

Jeff Weinstein (State Senator), **Benjamin Barth** (State Representative), **Mark Cenci** (State Representative, District 3), **Shawn Lavasseur** (State Representative, District 62).

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Michigan

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Representative, District 16), **Constance Catalfio** (State Senator, District 1), **Michael Donahue** (State Senator, District 5), **Erich Frederick Trager** (State Senator, District 6), **Kristin Stoner** (State Senator, District 7), **Douglas MacDonald** (State Senator, District 9), **David Nagy** (State Senator, District 9), **Donald McCluskey** (State Senator, District 10), **Scott Allen** (State Senator, District 11), **Paul M. Soyk** (State Senator, District 12), **Gary Atkinson** (State Senator, District 13), **Brian Ludwig** (State Senator, District 15), **Thomas A. Baker** (State Senator, District 20), **Richard Whitelock** (State Senator, District 23), **Mark Owen** (State Senator, District 25), **Richard Samul** (State Senator, District 26), **Ben Steele III** (State Senator, District 26), **David C. Jackson** (State Senator, District 28), **Michael Oleniczak** (State Senator, District 36), **Charles Gershfield** (State Senator, District 38), **Joann M. Karpinski** (State Representative, District 3), **Greg Stempfle** (State Representative, District 15), **Kerry Smith** (State Representative, District 16), **Robert Irwin** (State Representative, District 17), **Michael Corliss** (State Representative, District 18), **John Tatar** (State Representative, District 19), **Jim Sager** (State Representative, District 22), **Gary Lloyd** (State Representative, District 23), **Kathie Orvis** (State Representative, District 24), **Nicholas S. Stoner** (State Representative, District 25), **Keith P. Edwards** (State Representative, District 26), **Thomas R. Sydlow** (State Representative, District 27), **Ronald L. Burcham** (State Representative, District 28), **James Pietrangelo** (State Representative, District 29), **Gerald McKeon** (State Representative, District 30), **John Fagan** (State Representative, District 31), **Robert VanOast** (State Representative, District 32), **Russell Kohler** (State Representative, District 33), **Joseph Zemens** (State Representative, District 33), **Terrence Adams** (State Representative, District 34), **Pamela Collins** (State Representative, District 35), **Mark Carney** (State Representative, District 46), **Daniel LaFavers** (State Representative, District 54), **Teresa Pollok** (State Representative, District 66), **George Sise** (State Representative, District 67), **Mike Brinkman** (State Representative, District 70), **Glenn A. Barr** (State Representative, District 77), **Jay L. Sauve** (State Representative, District 78), **Scott Beavers** (State Representative, District 79), **William H. Bradley** (State Representative, District 80), **Peter Porcaro** (State Representative, District 81), **Max Eugene Dollarhite** (State Representative, District 85), **William White** (State Representative, District 86), **Allen A. Bauer** (State Representative, District 97), **Brian A. Kluesner** (State Representative, District 101), **Richard Ask** (State Representative, District 104), **Robert Black** (State Representative, District 110), **Douglas Hull** (County Clerk, Houghton), **James Anderson** (County Commissioner, Leelanau), **James Hudler** (County Commissioner, Washtenaw), **Christine James** (County Commissioner, Iron), **Mike Johnson Jr.** (County Commissioner, Wayne), **Paul Soyk** (County Commissioner, Macomb), **John Willis**

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Minnesota

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Representative, B 27), **Mitch Berg** (Treasurer), **Rob Babione** (City Council, New Prague).

Mississippi

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Missouri

Tamara Millay (U.S. Senator), **Gerald Geier** (State Auditor), **Dick Illyes** (U.S. Representative, District 1), **Jim Higgins** (U.S. Representative, District 2), **Brian Lundy** (U.S. Representative, District 2), **Mike Crist** (U.S. Representative, District 3), **Ed Hoag** (U.S. Representative, District 4), **Grant Stauffer** (U.S. Representative, District 5), **Karl Wetzel** (U.S. Representative, District 6), **Doug Burlison** (U.S. Representative, District 7), **Mark Harman** (U.S. Representative, District 7), **John Hendricks** (U.S. Representative, District 8), **David Westphal** (State Senator, District 4), **Chris Caviness** (State Senator, District 8), **Arnold Trembley** (State Senator, District 24), **Phil Horras** (State Senator, District 30), **Charles Kerner** (State Representative, District 1), **Jimmy Dykes** (State Representative, District 6), **Tom Wahl** (State Representative, District 13), **Dean Hodge** (State Representative, District 16), **Lisa Hoffman** (State Representative, District 19), **Mitch Moore** (State Representative, District 23), **Brad Spangler** (State Representative, District 31), **Jeanne Bojarski** (State Representative, District 38), **Greg Terry** (State Representative, District 51), **Kathy Gordey** (State Representative, District 52), **Kevin Babcock** (State Representative, District 59), **Mark Kauffman** (State Representative, District 82), **Matt Peters** (State Representative, District 87), **Kevin Dougherty** (State Representative, District 92), **Gary**

Gerstenecker (State Representative, District 94), **Terry Joseph Meyer** (State Representative, District 101), **Steve Helms** (State Representative, District 135), **Randall Smith** (State Representative, District 135), **Dennis Bentley** (State Representative, District 139), **Jeff Kenkel** (State Representative, District 142), **Connie Holder** (State Representative, District 145), **Dave Rosener** (State Representative, District 158), **Greg Tlappek** (State Representative, District 158), **Lee Martin** (Circuit Clerk, Howell County), **Greg Bozarth** (County Collector, Buchanan), **Mike Bozarth** (County Commissioner, Buchanan), **Karen Charleville** (County Commissioner, Jefferson), **Richard Ford** (County Commissioner, Jefferson), **Bill Wayne** (County Commissioner, Johnson), **Doug Bozarth** (County Recorder, Buchanan), **Mike Bellman** (School Board, Columbia).

Montana

Don Huizenga (State Representative, District 44), **Sylvia Zitek** (District Commissioner, District 3).

Nebraska

Jerry Hickman (U.S. Representative), **Shannon Miller** (Secretary of State), **Andrew Sullivan** (Attorney General).

New Hampshire

Brian Christeson (U.S. Senator), **Ken Blevens** (Governor), **Paula Werme** (U.S. Representative, District 2), **Christopher Agan** (State Representative), **Brad Dorsey** (State Representative, District 6), **John Babiarz** (State Representative, District 11), **Leonard Epstein** (State Representative, District 13), **William DiScipio, Sr.** (State Representative, District 15), **Doug Currie** (State Representative, District 29).

New Jersey

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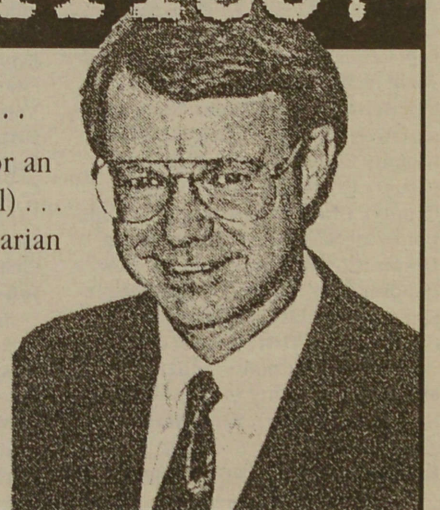
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■ New Mexico

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■ Nevada

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■ New York

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■ North Carolina

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sioner, New Hanover County), **David Speight** (County Commissioner, District 2), **Yvette Jones** (County Commissioner, Craven District 3), **Donald Smith** (County Commissioner, District 3), **Christopher Sean Delaney M.D.** (County Commissioner, Craven District 4), **Brian Doran** (County Commissioner, District 4), **Heidi Doran** (County Commissioner, District 4), **Les Smith** (Register of Deeds, Henderson County), **Ed Ericson** (School Board, At Large), **Nicole Rocket** (School Board), **James Sechler** (School Board, South Rowan District), **Henry Weyerhaeuser** (School Board, At Large), **Matthew Tillman** (Sheriff, Onslow County), **Richard T. George** (Tax Collector, Henderson County).

■ Ohio

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■ Oregon

Jim Brewster (U.S. Senator), **Richard Burke** (Governor), **Lindsey Bradshaw** (U.S. Representative, District 2), **Bruce Knight** (U.S. Representative, District 3), **Blaine Thallheimer** (U.S. Representative, District 5), **Marshall Montchalín** (State Senator, District 14), **Jon Zimmer** (State Representative, District 10), **Joshua Poulson** (State Representative, District 11), **H. Joe Tabor** (State Representative, District 12), **Gary Dye** (State Representative, District 14), **Christiana Mayer** (State Representative, District 1), **Herb Booth** (State Representative, District 18), **David L. Vessell** (State Representative, District 24), **Tuzeday Wray** (State Representative, District 51), **Curt Wagoner** (State Representative, District 54), **Tonie Nathan** (Electric and Water Board, Wards 4 & 5).

■ Pennsylvania

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■ Rhode Island

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■ South Carolina

Timothy Moultrie (Governor).

■ South Dakota

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■ Tennessee

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■ Texas

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Colorado LP conducts "pick-in" to protest restrictive INS policy

Colorado Libertarians took to the trees to conduct a "pick-in" to protest restrictive INS policies that have kept immigrant farm workers out of the fruit orchards in that state and threatened to leave apples, pears, and peaches rotting on the trees.

On August 29, two dozen LP members spent the day picking peaches in the orchards of Talbott Farms, in Palisade, CO.

Their goal, said state newsletter editor W. Earl Allen, was to "protest stepped-up INS border patrols — actions that have reduced the supply of immigrant farm workers and that threaten to leave a significant portion of this year's crop unpicked."

Included in the Libertarian "pick-in" crew were Sandra Johnson, the party's candidate for governor; Dan Cochran, candidate for lieutenant governor; and Barry Maggert, candidate for U.S. Congress (District 3).

During the day, Libertarians picked an estimated \$5,600 worth of fruit, and donated the proceeds of their labor to migrant farm workers.

They conducted the "pick-in" after stepped-up vigilance from the Immigration & Naturalization Service dried up the usual supply of Mexican farm workers who orchard owners on Colorado's Western Slope hire to pick their crops.

A travesty

Libertarians called the INS action a travesty — and an example of damaging anti-immigration laws.

"The INS crackdown on migrant farm labor is outrageous," said Johnson. "What we have here is peaceful people trying to trade with each other and make a living. What right does anyone have to interfere?"

Johnson urged voters to look at "who is hurt and who is helped" by INS actions.

"Fruit growers are hurt. Fruit pickers are hurt. People who depend on the business of the growers and pickers are hurt — including farm-equipment manufacturers and sellers, local groceries, and other businesses. Consumers and taxpay-

ers are hurt," she said.

"The INS is displacing needed labor and hurting people who are trying to feed their families — something we as Americans should never oppose," agreed Maggert. "This is not the American way."

Cochran said the "pick-in"

illustrated another Libertarian principle, as well.

"As Libertarians, we believe in voluntarism," he said. "We believe that, in the absence of government interference, neighbors would help a neighbor in distress. Today we are putting that principle into action."



■ LP gubernatorial candidate Sandra Johnson at the pick-in: "The INS crackdown on migrant farm labor is outrageous."

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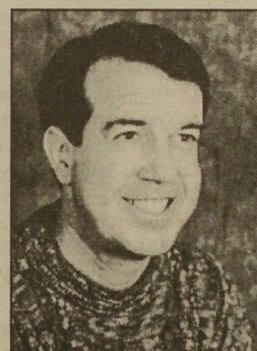
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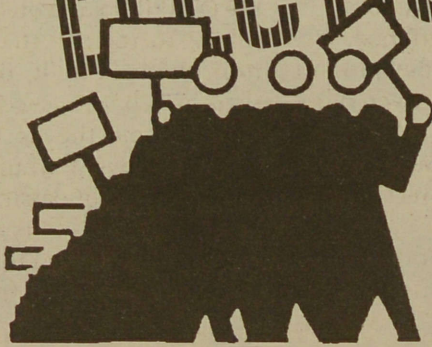
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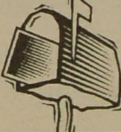
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Harry Browne offers help for LP candidates

The Libertarian Party's 1996 presidential candidate, Harry Browne, has made a public offer to provide assistance to LP candidates running in the 1998 election.

In an e-mail announcement in early September, Browne said he is willing to help any campaign — local, state, or federal — that supports the party's "long-term drive to build the LP and to build name recognition for Libertarians."

"I would like to offer my help to those candidates who are using their campaign to advance the libertarian cause and the party," he said. "As there are so many LP candidates this year, my help must necessarily be confined to the kinds of tasks that allow me to assist as many

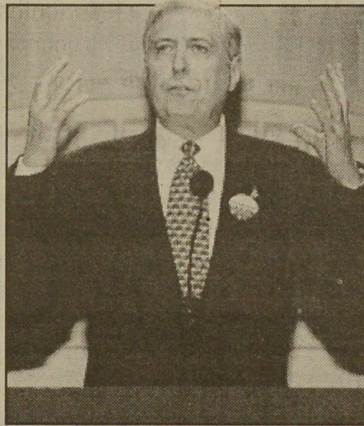
candidates as possible."

Browne, who has announced that he is considering seeking the party's presidential nomination again in 2000, said there were a few specific actions he could take to help Libertarian candidates.

Fundraising

"For example, I might be able to sign an endorsement you can include as an insert with a fundraising letter," he said. "I also can provide Q&A material and other resources developed during my 1996 campaign."

Included, he said, are his file of over 700 one-paragraph soundbites about a variety of political issues, a draft copy of his *The Most Powerful Political Message* booklet, and a file of over



■ Harry Browne—shown here at the 1998 National Convention — said he will assist "candidates who are using their campaigns to advance the Libertarian Party."

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However, he cautioned, "Because my time is limited, I want to concentrate my help on those campaigns that are helping our long-term drive to build the LP and to build name-recognition for Libertarians."

As part of his efforts to help LP candidates, Browne also said he had several specific suggestions about strategy and tactics, based on lessons learned during his 1996 presidential campaign:

■ "I don't see any reason to be a candidate unless you're going to run on a distinctively libertarian platform."

■ "Your campaign literature should identify you as a Libertarian. You should use the word Libertarian prominently in every piece of campaign literature — even if you're running for a non-partisan office."

■ "As a candidate, find the libertarian issues you're most comfortable with, and that apply to the office for which you're running. Refer to them as Libertarian solutions to pressing problems. Hammer them home, over and over and over."

Want help?

For candidates who want his help, Browne requested:

First, "Mail me a set of all the campaign literature you've produced," he said. Second, "Include a brief summary of what you hope to achieve in the campaign, what you've done so far, how much money you've raised, and how much money you need to achieve your objectives."

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LP opposition scuttles agency funding vote

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"There has been an interesting turn of events," said Gene Trosper, the Vice-Chair of the California LP's Region 33, after the OTRPD board voted on August 12 to remove the measure from the ballot. "It looks [like] there will be no election. They want to hold the election next year in hopes it would have a better chance of passing."

Riverside County residents had been scheduled to vote this November on a ballot measure to

provide continued tax funding for OTRPD, or abolish the board if the proposal failed.

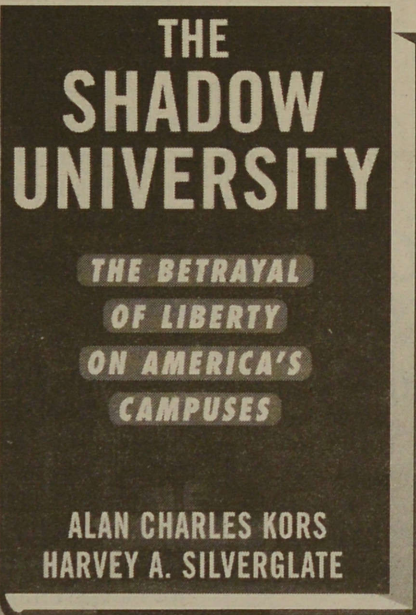
"This [was] no ordinary vote. If defeated, the OTRPD [would have been] forced to disband completely," explained Trosper.

But in the face of opposition spearheaded by Trosper — who had vowed to launch a "serious and dedicated" campaign against the tax — the OTRPD board delayed the vote, and will instead subsist on temporary funding from the county government.

In June, Trosper had announced his plan to oppose the OTRPD tax measure, noting at the time, "This is an election that can get a Libertarian really jazzed. The thought of actually [abolishing] an agency like this is overwhelming."

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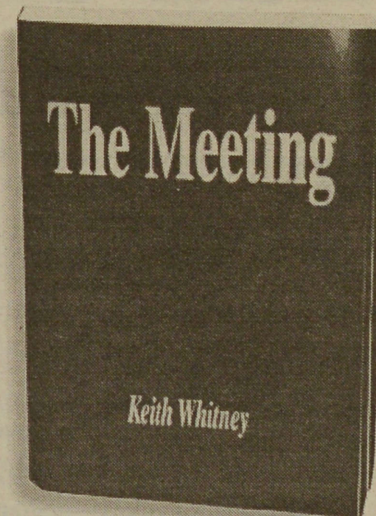
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McWilliams released from jail

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"My first priority now is my health," said McWilliams, who suffers from AIDS and non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

While in jail, McWilliams was denied his prescription anti-nausea medication, Marinol, and

"spent the month in continual nausea," according to *Medical Marijuana Magazine*. He was also denied proper AIDS medication for nine days.

McWilliams was arrested on July 23 and charged with a conspiracy to grow marijuana plants, which he said he planned to distribute to sick people under that state's medical marijuana law.

He pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges.

"I am a vocal proponent of medical marijuana, and that is why I am in jail," McWilliams said before he was released on \$250,000 bail. "I have never sold a drug in my life. I have never asked or authorized anyone to sell a drug. I have never profited from any drug deal, ever."

McWilliams' mother, Mary McWilliams, and brother, Michael McWilliams, put up their homes as collateral.

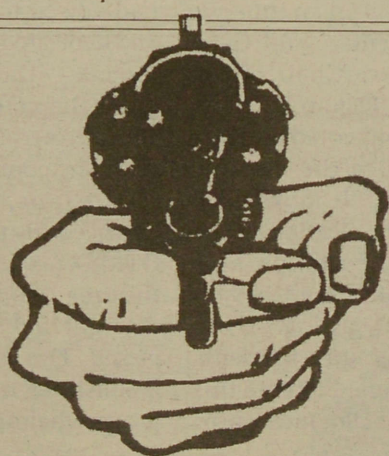
While out on bond, McWilliams has been denied any use of medical marijuana, although such usage is permitted under California's Proposition 215 — now called the "Compassionate Use" law — and is recommended by his physicians.

While in jail, McWilliams earned a sympathetic column from William F. Buckley Jr., the arch-conservative writer and critic of the War on Drugs.

Noting the inevitable conflict that arose between California's lenient medical marijuana law and the federal

government's determination to continue to arrest marijuana users — even if the drug is needed to save their lives — Buckley wrote: "The general mess created by our drug laws has reached a tropical low in Los Angeles, where the storm center gathers over the head of Peter McWilliams."

At the time of McWilliams' arrest, the LP spoke out in his defense, charging that he had been "singled out for prosecution" by a "cruel government that arrests him for trying to save the lives of other sick people."



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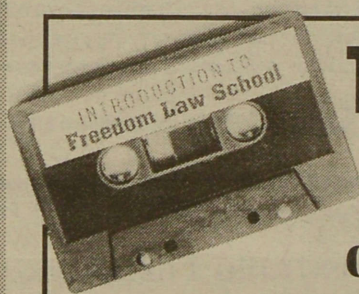
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Democrats back down on Garcia ballot fight in Texas

The Texas Democratic Party has backed off from its demand that Anthony Garcia, the LP candidate for Lt. Governor, be removed from the ballot.

After several days of legal threats — and accusations that Garcia was too young to run — Democrats announced on September 1 that they would not try to force him off the ballot.

"I was somewhat relieved at their dropping their threat, but we were actually looking forward to getting more press out of the issue," said Geoffrey Neale, State Chair of the Texas LP, who cited major stories about the controversy in Houston and Dallas newspapers.

Although only 29, Garcia will be the constitutionally mandated age of 30 by the time he would be sworn into office.

Because of his Hispanic surname, Democrats considered Garcia a threat to their candidate for Lt. Governor. Running at 7% in statewide polls, Garcia was picking up support from 20% of the state's Hispanic voters.

For his part, Garcia seemed bemused by the controversy.

"Frankly, I'm happy that the Democrats consider [me] enough of a threat to their candidate that they would make a move like this," he said.

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2000 Convention set for Anaheim, California

Presidential nominating extravaganza scheduled for June 30-July 3, 2000

Watch out, Mickey Mouse: The Libertarians are coming to town.

The Libertarian Party's 2000 presidential nominating convention will be held in Anaheim, California — just two blocks from the Disneyland theme park — the Libertarian National Committee confirmed in August.

The convention will take place from June 30 to July 3 at the Anaheim Marriott, with upwards of 1,500 delegates expected to attend. The highlight of the convention: The nomination of the LP presidential ticket for the 2000 election.

"We are thrilled to be hosting our party's national convention at the dawn of the new millennium," said Mark Hinkle, chairman of the California LP. "California is home to more Libertarians than any other state, and we plan to put on quite a show."

Local Libertarians also said they were eager to host the 2000 Convention.

"We're honored to host our fellow Libertarians from across the nation in 2000. We look forward to showing them a good time," said Orange County LP Chair Brian Lee Cross.

Change in plans

The Anaheim decision represents a minor change in plans for the party, since the 2000 convention had originally been scheduled for Los Angeles.

But better prices, a more accessible location, and the presence of more entertainment alternatives convinced the Convention Organizing Committee to make the switch, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach, who helped select the site.

"Overall, the convention hotel in Anaheim was far better suited to host our convention than either of the Los Angeles hotels under consideration," he said. "The area is served by five major airports. In addition, the hotel offers an outstanding level of service, and the area offers more dining and entertainment options for attendees."

Dasbach said delegates can expect an exciting convention,

fueled by the record-breaking growth in party membership and the possibility of an actively contested race for the LP presidential nomination.

"[The convention will be] similar to 1998 in quality and professionalism, but significantly larger," said Dasbach.

"Plus, there will be the added excitement of the contest for our presidential nomination. It's an event that no LP member will want to miss."

More details

More details about the convention — including prices, speakers, and events — will be announced starting in mid-1999.

The LP's decision was made at the same time that Los Ange-

les was spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to attract the 2000 Democratic National Convention and the \$12.36 million in federal funding that comes with it — an irony that was not lost on Libertarians.

"There is a huge difference," said Hinkle. "The taxpayer pays for the Democratic and Republican Conventions, but only Libertarians pay for the Libertarian National Convention."

Corrections

In the September issue:

■ An incorrect e-mail address was given for "Liber-Teen" project founder Cameron DeJong. His correct address is: camerond@skantech.com.

■ An incorrect web site address was given for the Talk America Radio Network, which broadcasts Harry Browne's new radio show. The correct address is: www.TalkAmerica.com.

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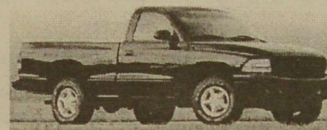
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From THE EDITOR

What the future of the LP looks like

I have seen the future of the Libertarian Party, and it fills me with hope—because my glimpse of the future shatters every misconception that folks have about Libertarians.

You know the stereotype of LP members: First, they're all middle-aged white guys. Second, they joined the party after reading Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*. And third, they all work as computer programmers. (If you cut them, the rumor goes, they bleed in binary code.)

Sure, there's some truth to all that. We tend to attract logical thinkers, and more men than women. And many of us were influenced by Rand.

But every stereotype eventually becomes obsolete — and the expiration date is already past for those clichés about the Libertarian Party. It's time to put them to rest.

This fact was brought home to me several times over the last few months. I didn't realize it at the time, but, in retrospect, I was looking at the Libertarian Party of tomorrow.

■ I saw the party's future in the face of Gregg Cunningham. He's a relatively new Libertarian from Virginia, and he stopped by for lunch recently with his friend, LNC member Jim Lark.

Computer programmers? Not Gregg. He's a personal trainer, and works one-on-one with clients to get them into shape. Gregg looks the part: He's in tremendous physical condition, and moves with an easy grace.

He uses his job as an outreach opportunity, he explains: "When you're working out with someone, you've got to talk about something" — so he talks about politics and libertarianism, mixing current events with humor and insight.

■ I saw the party's future in the face of Crystal Naomi Sharp. She's a razor-sharp, Asian-American 17-year-old from Virginia — and a new Libertarian Party member. She volunteered to help in the Media Room at the 1998 National Convention and impressed everyone with her hard work, eagerness, and engaging smile.

Atlas Shrugged? Not Crystal. She joined the party after reading *What it Means to Be A Libertarian* by Charles Murray. That book, a tribute to libertarianism as the recipe for a "civil society," appealed to Crystal, who has put her libertarian principles into action (even before she knew they were libertarian principles!) with "nearly a lifetime of volunteer work."

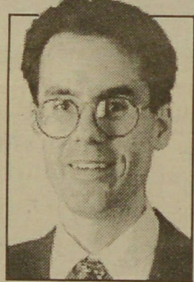
■ I saw the party's future in the face of Juan Ros. A film school graduate, he lists his proudest career accomplishment — before becoming the Executive Director of the California LP, that is — as the time he worked on a film with director Francis Ford Coppola. He's got an encyclopedic knowledge of film, and delivers a funny speech about how the lessons he learned in the film industry can be applied to politics.

Middle-aged white guys? Not Juan. Still in his 20's, he's of Hispanic descent and speaks Spanish flawlessly. As the Libertarian Party seeks to appeal to the nation's growing Hispanic population, people like Juan will lead the way.

I hate to borrow a phrase from Bill Clinton, but I have to: The LP is starting to, more and more, "look like America."

Thanks to Libertarians like Gregg, Crystal, Juan, and thousands of others like them, the face of the LP is more diverse and more appealing than ever. Thanks to Libertarians like Gregg, Crystal, Juan, the old stereotypes about the LP can finally be laid to rest.

As I said, I have seen the future of the Libertarian Party — and our future seems to be in good hands.



By Bill Winter, Editor

Learning from the miraculous achievements of St. Adalbert

Why can't government schools match private schools' results?

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, LP News will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Charles A. Byrne

St. Adalbert School, in the heart of inner-city Cleveland, is a very unusual school. The school was founded by The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Negroes and Indians and, while the order no longer runs the school, this school survives as a lasting testament to their work.

Lydia Harris is the amazing woman who, for the last 12 years, has worked as principal of St. Adalbert and, for the 26 years prior to that, worked as a teacher there.

Lydia is a black woman, born and raised in New Orleans, where she later graduated from Loyola University. She is determined and devoted to her work. While she tried to retire last summer, she came back to the school when her replacement did not work out.

What makes St. Adalbert's so unusual? For one thing, this school of 400 kindergarten through eighth-grade students operates on a budget of \$565,000 as compared to the \$3,000,000 budget of a comparably sized publicly funded school.

But the most impressive numbers coming out of St. Adalbert's are the zeros: ZERO drugs, ZERO pregnancies, ZERO gangs, ZERO violence, ZERO guards, and ZERO metal detectors. There is also ZERO toleration for truancy.

Minimal bureaucracy

Lydia Harris believes in a solid core curriculum, minimal bureaucracy, and a disciplined and structured environment for the children.

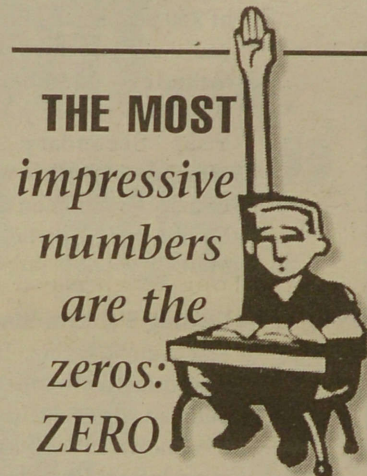
For example, the full-time kindergarten (in place since 1922) instructs students in a comprehensive phonics program, and they are reading by year's end — and our President hopes against hope to have all children reading by the third grade!

Further, all parents or guardians are given a personal "walk-through" from Lydia of the guidelines in the school handbook. They know, in advance, what is expected of them and

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their children. Uniforms are in place, of course. It almost goes without saying that most parents do attend the monthly PTO meetings. Lydia runs a tight ship, and it works!

Detractors of alternative schools allege that schools like St. Adalbert can produce such impressive results because, as a private school, they are already



starting out with the "cream of the crop."

This charge rings hollow at St. Adalbert. Lydia Harris takes in the crack babies, kids with D's and F's at other schools, students with known behavioral problems, and other students the publicly funded school system has failed. She accomplishes all of that with a near ZERO percent (0.4%) expulsion rate!

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But there is more — 72% of the students come from families below the poverty line, but 92% go on to post-secondary education. The rest are employed.

This incredible accomplishment is not reached without much trouble. Tuition at St. Adalbert is \$975 per year, but the actual costs per student are more than double the tuition. The Diocese and private individuals subsidize the school.

Subsidies

There are also hidden costs; for example, the 70 students who participate in the city's voucher program often require even more subsidies. Vouchers will cover 90% of the costs for tuition up to \$2,250, but parents still must pay 10%. Many of these parents cannot afford even that amount. Since schools cannot charge more than the cost of tuition to the voucher program, St. Adalbert gets an average of \$875 from the kids on vouchers.

Still, against all these odds, Lydia Harris has managed to produce these remarkable results.

Lydia Harris has done what every successful military man or organization does: She has built a community. She has done this by insisting on the highest standards and never wavering. It's called leadership, and Lydia Harris has it in abundance.

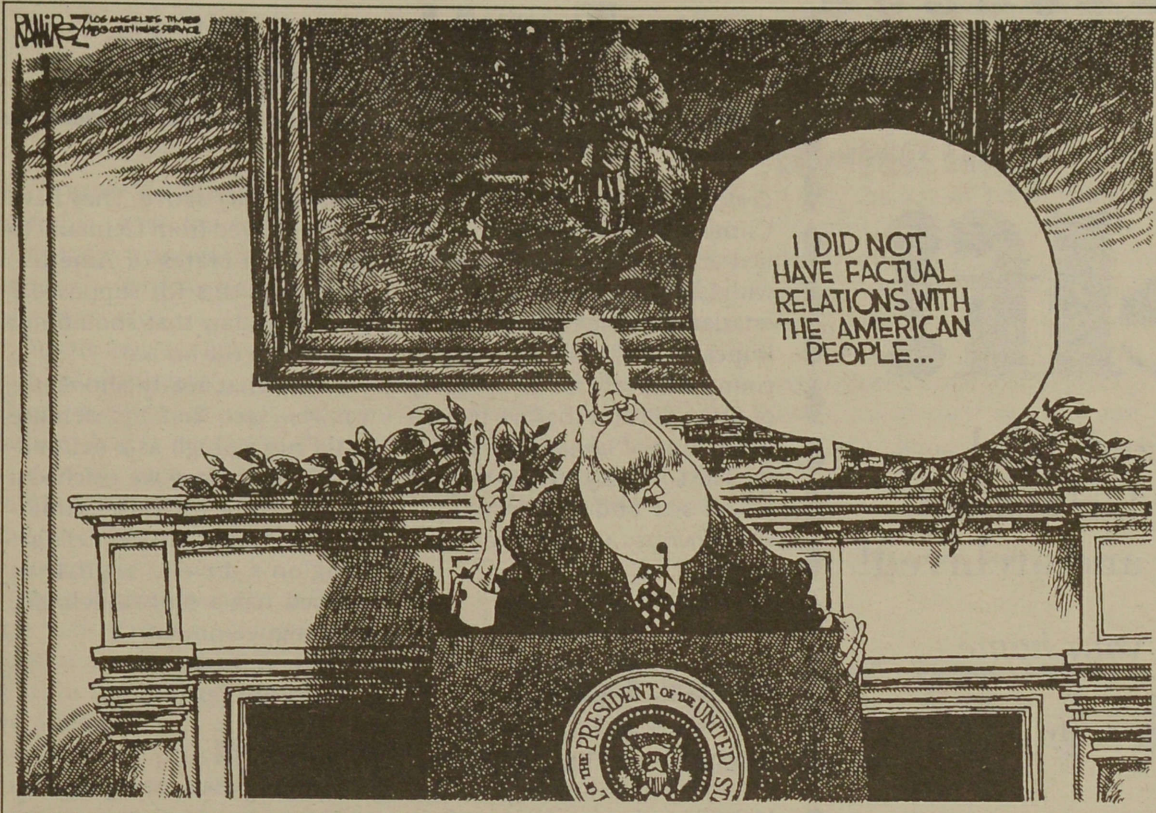
Common Goal

At St. Adalbert, faculty, students, parents and alumni gather in support of a common goal: Excellence and devotion. This Catholic school, where the motto is "Christ is the Center," has an enrollment that is 80% non-Catholic. Still, all students participate in the liturgy services and all students study religion.

Clearly, St. Adalbert is a place where a community has devoted significant energies to see it succeed and those energies have been rewarded.

If this school, in the midst of every obstacle, can overcome all and produce these results, how can we — in good conscience — expect or produce less in ours?

■ Charles Byrne is an elected Libertarian, serving on the Ohio State School Board of Education, representing the 11th District. This essay was reprinted from the July/August 1998 issue of the Ohio Libertarian.



THE MAILBOX

Two-candidate family

Bob and Lisa Hoffman are doing a great job — but they are not the only two-candidate family this year, nor the only one in Missouri [*LP News*, September 1998]. My husband Grant Stouffer is running for 5th District Congress this year, while I am running for State Representative (3rd District). We have run as a team pretty much since 1992, picking our races on the basis of need and opportunity.

Dual campaigns combined with jobs and children can be stressful, but also very rewarding. Our nine-year-old daughter Alexandria Bojarski-Stouffer has attended numerous campaign forums and events, and was even in one of my campaign TV commercials, along with our dog Lassie.

My daughter is pleased to reveal to her friends that her parents are in "the History Book," as she refers to the Missouri State manual which publishes election results.

You are right that the family that campaigns together — for freedom — stays together in a very special way.

— **JEANNE BOJARSKI**
Kansas City, Missouri

Pro-impeachment

I am in full support of our party's resolution calling for the impeachment of President Clinton [*LP News*, September 1998].

On top of the many Constitutional violations listed, he should be removed from office

for treason, as well. Because of giving the Long Beach Naval Shipyard to the Chinese Communists isn't treason, I don't know what is.

Also, I'm pleased to hear of the meeting with Congressman Bob Barr to discuss his bill, H.R. 304, that would begin the impeachment process. I wrote him months ago in support, and will again.

— **LANCE WEBER**
Desert Hot Springs, California

Anti-impeachment

I am writing to express my disagreement with the decision, at the Libertarian National Convention, to ask for the impeachment of President Clinton.

Writer Jim Cheaney [*LP News*, September 1998] has it right when he said that most people would not read past the first line of the impeachment statement. Too many people already view Libertarians as nothing but a bunch of malcontents and rabble-rousers who want to do away with the government. This would simply confirm, in their mind, this misconception. Even if the President were

impeached and thrown out of office, we all know from history that you would just have another power-hungry rogue come in to take his place. So impeachment is not only futile but it is counterproductive, and I believe it was a serious mistake on the part of the delegates to even consider it. I feel that this was an impulsive action taken during the heat of a convention that was made on emotion and that it should never be pursued.

— **DENNIS KURK**
Roseville, Minnesota

Pro-impeachment (II)

I am glad the LP is focusing on all the things the Clinton administration has done to usurp the Constitution. I am outraged about Filegate, the sale of high-tech materials to Red China, illegal campaign contributions, and Clinton's perjury about his sexual affair with Lewinsky.

As a libertarian, I don't want government to probe into the private lives of any citizen willy-nilly, but I think the courts and a grand jury have the right to do so when someone is accused of a crime, where the nature of the crime is related to the evidence sought. To maintain the right to sexual privacy for someone accused of rape would be a joke. To maintain the right to privacy for a president who is being sued for sexual harassment and lying under oath is a travesty of justice.

Clinton has now stated in
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THE PULSE

What makes Libertarians proud

With an annual price tag of \$17 billion, the federal government's War on Drugs represents only 1% of the federal budget. But ending the War on Drugs is the issue that 19.5% of *LP News* readers cite as the Libertarian position "most appealing" to them.

According to this month's unscientific Pulse survey, the LP's call to end Drug Prohibition is the issue — by a narrow plurality — of which Libertarians are most proud.

However, right on the heels of that civil liberties issue was an economic issue: With 14.5% of the vote, the LP's call for an end to the federal income tax (or the general Libertarian anti-tax position) came in a close second.

Tied for third place in the pride parade, with 10% of the vote, was the Libertarian Party's "non-initiation of force"/non-coercion principle; and the party's call for an end of all "consensual" crimes.

In fourth place among *LP News* readers (at 7.3%) was the LP's support for the Constitution. And, in a three-way tie for fifth place (5%) were the party's overall principles/political consistency; support for the First Amendment; and the party's pro-religious freedom position.

Here's a representative sample of responses:

■ The thing that makes me proudest to be a Libertarian is that we reject the use of government force to accomplish social goals.

— **KEN BRYANT**, Nashville, Tennessee

■ Opposition to the War On Some Drugs. It's certainly our most principled position. Considering the political cost, which is undoubtedly substantial, it is our primary identifier as the Party of Principle.

— **CHARLES NOVINS**, Newark, New Jersey

■ The LP's commitment to the First Amendment, such as its efforts to keep the Internet censorship-free, and to keep political activism free. In the future, we will see even more assaults on our personal freedoms, including the freedom to worship. The LP will have to become ever more vigilant to make sure our rights are not trampled by the misguided loyalties of the media-guided public.

— **JIM CHEANEY**, Colo, Iowa

■ Taxes, taxes, taxes. Is there anyone — Libertarian or not — who isn't fed up with paying 50% of their income to the government? The issue: Less taxation!

— **JEFFREY KRADIN**, Delray Beach, Florida

■ I'm especially proud that the LP has taken a stand against this insane and obscene War on Drugs. Like alcohol prohibition, the War on Drugs has led to outrageous invasions of privacy as well as violations of most of the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights.

— **SUSAN W. WELLS**, Chicago, Illinois

■ I am proud to call myself a Libertarian because my party believes in the philosophy of the Constitution, i.e. supports the individual's rights and responsibilities with limited government!

— **ANN LOUDERMILK**, Weymouth, Massachusetts

■ The key to being a Libertarian is the desire to end all consensual crimes. Everything else is secondary.

— **J.P. MAY**, Salt Lake City, Utah

■ My favorite LP position is expressed by the statement, "The Libertarian Party, the Party of Principle." As a Bible-believing Christian, that drew me like a magnet.

— **DWIGHT STURROCK**, Earl Park, Indiana

■ The Libertarian position I favor the most has to be the stand for our right to keep and bear arms. To plagiarize Mr. Heston, our Second Amendment is indeed our first freedom!

— **JEFF H. KLEB, JR.**, Midlothian, Virginia

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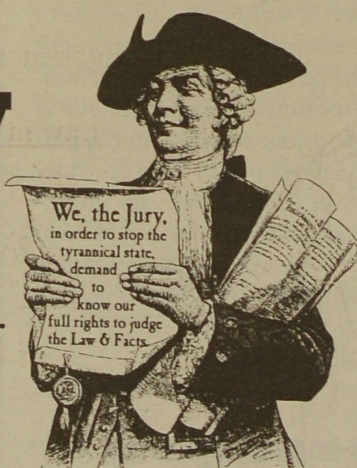
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Clinton Double-Speak that he lied about not having an affair with Lewinsky. I applaud the Libertarian Party for asking for his impeachment. Let's show the country that the LP is the party of principle and that we believe in the rule of law and in morality. The Lewinsky affair is not just about sex and adultery, it is about perjury and obstruction of justice.

— **MICHAEL BORLAND**
Colora, Maryland

Appalled, angered

I was appalled, angered, and disgusted — though not surprised — at the news of Peter McWilliams' arrest [LP News, September 1998]. Adolf Hitler is dead, but the Gestapo is alive,

well, and very active. They have simply moved from Germany to the United States of America. And all of this for supposedly violating a law that should not even be on the books!

But what really shook me was the fact that his defense could run as high as a half-million dollars! Have we reached a point where only the super-wealthy can get justice? Let's get going on a drive to see that an accused has a halfway chance against government.

— **BILL WILLIFORD**
Houston, Texas

No cigar, Al

Having recently given up smoking after 57 years — that's right, I started in 1941 — I must take issue with Al Hunt, who in

THE PULSE

December Question: Most likely prospects?

According to the Gallup Poll organization, about 20% of Americans are broadly Libertarian. But *which* 20%? That's the dilemma Libertarians grapple with as they try to expand the party: Who to reach out to first? What group is *most* likely to join the LP with the least amount of persuasion: Gun-owners, betrayed by the GOP? Small business-owners, clobbered by taxes and regulations? Victims of Drug Prohibition? Democrats who like the LP's stalwart defense of civil liberties? Republicans who like Libertarian economic policies? Blacks and Hispanics, who face police and INS abuse? Independents? Non-voters? Generation X? Some other group? Who?

■ **QUESTION:** What *specific* demographic group is the most naturally libertarian — and most likely to become LP members? Why? (Limit answers to 100 words, please.)

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November Question: Favorite LP Position?

"I'd rather go naked than wear fur." Billboards and advertisements with that slogan — showing languid models in advanced states of undress — have become more common over the past several years. Meanwhile, groups like the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), vegetarians, animal-testing opponents, and anti-hunting activists call for more laws to protect our furry friends from human "aggression." It's all part of the animal rights movement, which argues that animals have "natural rights" that people should not violate.

■ **QUESTION:** Does the Libertarian philosophy have an opinion about animal rights? If so, what? And should the LP take an official position on the issue of animal rights? If so, what? (Limit answers to 100 words, please.)

■ **DEADLINE:** October 5, 1998

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last month's Mailbox [LP News, September 1998] contended government has a legitimate role in coercively banning nicotine from all tobacco.

To wit: Nice try but no cigar, Al. If we Libertarians once hide behind government as to the lifestyle choices we make, then the sky's the limit as far as governmental meddling into the subjective world of "addictions" is concerned.

As just one example of the mess your stance would create, think of a new federal Department for the Control of Addictive Substances — a nice new bureaucracy equipped with an umpteen billion-dollar budget and housed in the 40-story new Al Gore building. The mind boggles!

So back to the drawing board for you, Al. If I can give up a two-pack-a-day habit, then you probably can, too — if you want to badly enough.

After all, it's axiomatic in the Libertarian ethos that personal responsibility is the equal of personal freedom; which in this instance translates into adults like you and I fighting our own battles with our own weaknesses.

— **JOHN M. SIMONS**
Sheffield, Vermont

Odoriferous & enjoyable

Re: The letter by Grant Kuhns [LP News, August, 1998].

I can state the following as facts, or as close as anyone can get: I smoke. I enjoy it. It's odoriferous. It might get me killed.

It either is or should be irrelevant to claim safety in numbers, but substitute another activity for "smoking" and the same could be said of many people.

Regarding possible non-contracted harms caused, I won't bother to repeat various market schemes which would satisfy any concerns, but the point becomes moot. The courts have recently found the EPA study of the dangers of second-hand smoke to be non-science (and nonsense). My goodness, no kidding.

Mr. Kuhns, you are in the position of disliking the smell of something that I do and enjoy, and calling in the government to redress your dislike.

— **RON LADOW**
San Francisco, California

Quite a dilemma

This is in regard to Mr. Grant Kuhn's letter in the August 1998 issue. He states, quite correctly, that choosing to smoke is the smoker's choice — "right up to the point where he exhales."

However, when this principle is applied on a much larger scale, it poses quite a dilemma.

For example, I don't think anyone would dispute that car exhaust fumes certainly have contributed to air pollution. So what would the libertarian say to the confirmed pedestrian with emphysema who asks that his fellow citizens forego all unne-

cessary travel by automobile in the interests of his own health?

— **BRIAN HATTERY**
Alexandria, Virginia

Libertarian solution

In the August 1998 LP News, Patrick Groff worries that legalization of narcotics will never sell until a way is found to keep children away from drugs.

Libertarian Solution: Parents tell children not to put anything but food in their mouths and children listen.

Big Brother Solution: Move all habit-forming substances (in-

cluding tobacco) into dedicated, low-profile retail outlets like the Iowa liquor stores of old. Confine product advertising to within these facilities. Adapt drug rehab curriculum to grades 1-12: The time to learn self management skills is before a person gets hooked.

— **BOB DOSTAL**
Iowa City, Iowa

Drug tests for Congress

Re: "Why won't Congressmen take drug tests?" ["The Issues," LP News, September 1998].

The party's leadership

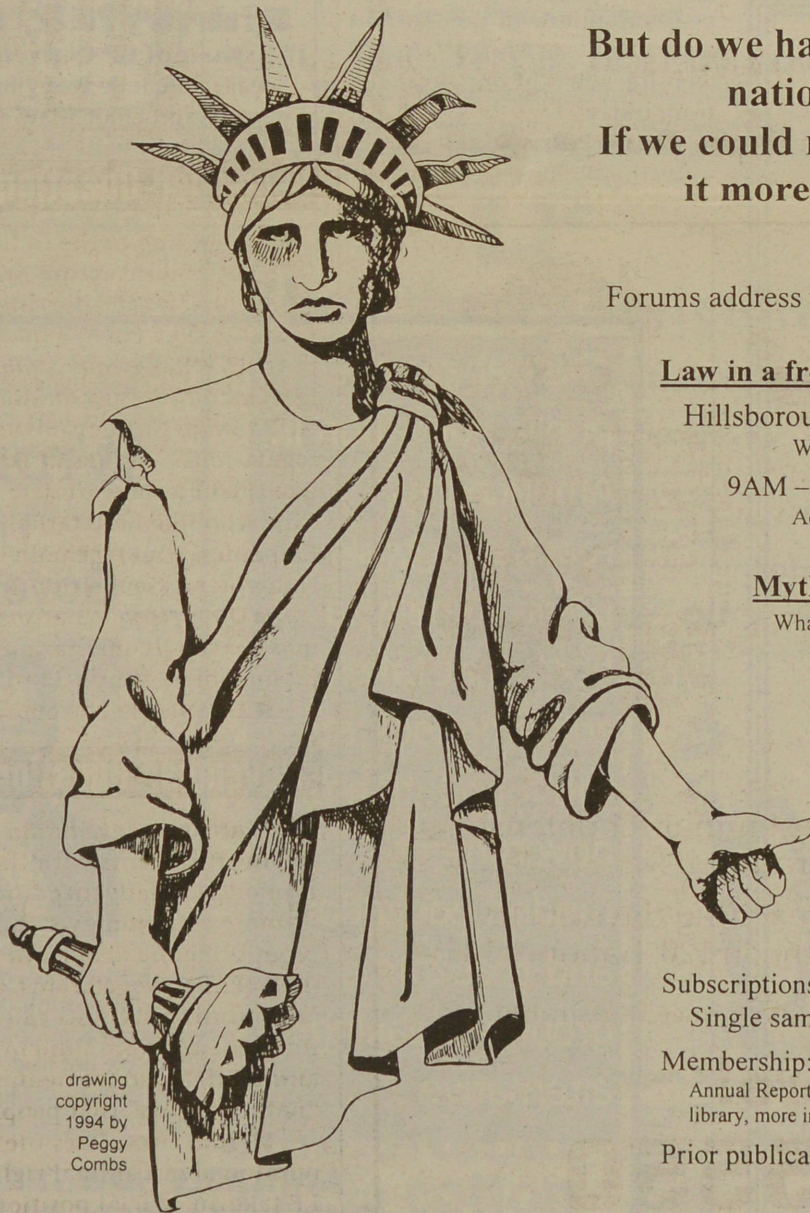
should be very careful about taking Congressional leaders to task for failing to proceed on legislation to impose drug testing on themselves, as they did in a press release this summer. While it is perfectly appropriate to point out the hypocrisy of Congresspersons imposing drug tests on millions of ordinary Americans but exempting themselves, there is another issue to consider.

If we expect to effect any change through the election of Libertarians to Congress any time soon, we should realize that

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our Congresspersons would be subject to any such regulations passed now. This would certainly stop me from showing up for work as a newly-elected Libertarian Representative or Senator.

In terms of practical politics, I doubt that we will succeed in ending drug testing by demonstrating the hypocrisy of the Congress. We can only end it by replacing the current Congresspersons with individuals who will stand up for freedom and repeal the enabling legislation.

— **PATRICK L. LILLY**

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Editor's note: While the press release in question did blast Republicans and Democrats for their hypocrisy, it never suggested that they should have mandated drug testing for Con-

I DOUBT WE WILL end drug testing by demonstrating the hypocrisy of Congress.

gress. As the unedited version of the press release [available at www.lp.org] noted: "The House set a good example by rejecting this plan. Now maybe it will set an even better example by protecting every other American . . . After all, Congressmen finally summoned the courage to stand up for their own Constitutional rights. When will they start standing up for ours?"

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— **BRIAN THOMSON**

Warner Robins, Georgia

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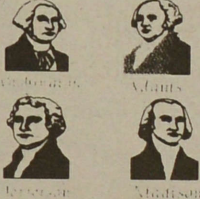
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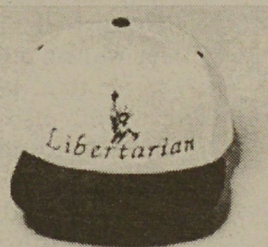


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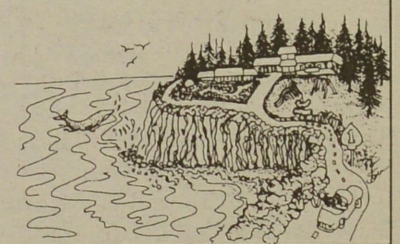
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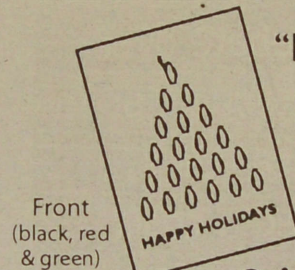
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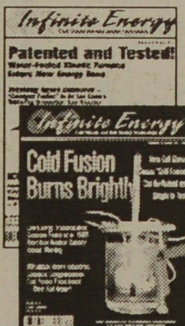
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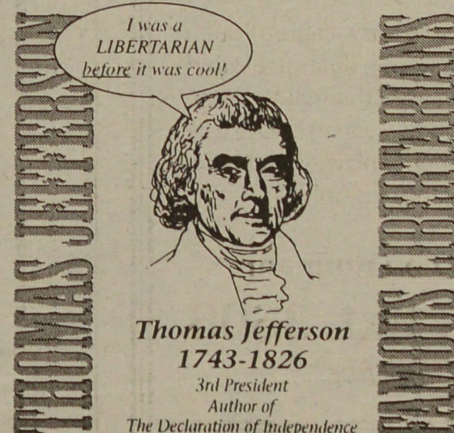
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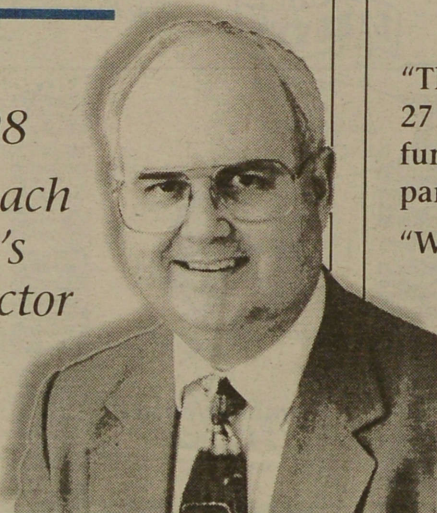
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