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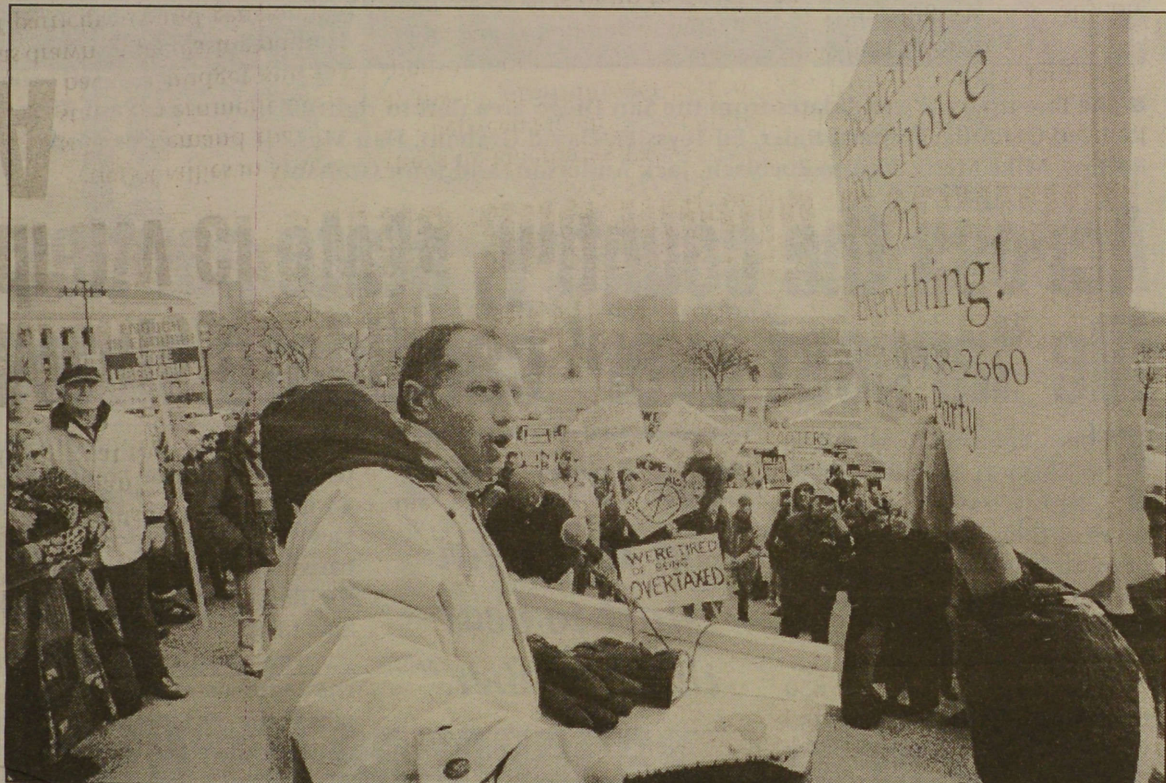


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■ Hundreds of Libertarians — some carrying signs that say “Enough is Enough: Vote Libertarian” — gather to hear a speech from Minnesota House Minority Leader Steve Sviggum (center) at the “Give It All Back” rally on the steps of the Capitol in St. Paul on March 16.

Minnesota LP's anti-tax protests draw crowds and media attention

A series of rallies in Minnesota to demand that the state government “give back” a budget surplus has drawn an increasing number of participants and generated a flurry of media attention for

the state Libertarian Party.

Between March 16 and April 4, the LP of Minnesota helped sponsor four rallies on the steps of the Capitol building in St. Paul — where crowds of up to 6,000 people gathered to wave signs, chant anti-tax slogans, and listen to a line-up of Libertarian, Republican, and Reform Party speakers.

The rallies were designed to put pressure on the state legislature to return a budget surplus — estimated at between \$2 billion and \$4 billion — to the taxpayers, and to demand “permanent income, property, and sales tax reductions,” said Minnesota LP State Chair Charles Test.

“Libertarians are helping Republicans do the right thing” with the rallies, said Test. “It’s not getting lost on the elected officials or the voting public: When you want taxes and spending cut, call the Libertarians.”

The rallies were sponsored and publicized by the Libertarian Party and KSTP radio talk show host Jason Lewis.

Following the first rally on March 16 which drew 500

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LP sets record: 25,000 members

Four-year membership surge results in 165% growth in contributing members

In 1996, the Libertarian Party turned 25.

And in 1998, the party turned 25,000.

On March 25, the Libertarian Party passed the 25,000 membership threshold for the first time in its 27-year history.

“25,000 members! I love those big round numbers,” said Perry Willis, past LP national director and architect of the direct-mail membership recruitment drive which brought in many of those new members.

The new record represents a 165% growth for the Libertarian Party in the past four years. In March 1994, there were 9,512 contributing members of the LP.

Even more remarkable, it represents a 294% growth since late 1988, when party membership stood at only 6,402.

The steady growth — which has continued since the end of the 1996 presidential campaign — “makes it clear that this isn’t a fluke,” said LP National Chairman Dasbach. “We now know that we can sustain strong

growth even without a presidential campaign. Or any campaign, for that matter.”

Dasbach said most of the new members over the past year have come from the party’s ambitious direct-mail recruitment campaign, Project Archimedes.

Relentlessly

“We hit 25,000 because we’ve been *relentlessly* focusing on building membership — mostly through Project Archimedes, but also by reaching out to lapsed members,” he said. “Also, some has come from our media effort — doing increasing numbers of radio and TV interviews, which generate increasing numbers of calls to our 800# and our Web site.”

The new record confirms one of the basic theories behind Project Archimedes, said Dasbach: That millions of Americans hold Libertarian beliefs — and the party can use high-tech demographic profiling and mass mailings to find them and con-

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Convention '98 snares top radio hosts

Gene Burns and “Lionel” added to speakers list

Two of the country’s most popular libertarian radio talk show hosts have agreed to speak at the Libertarian National Convention, to be held in Washington DC, July 2-5, 1998.

Gene Burns of KGO in San Francisco and Lionel of WABC in New York — a pair of radio hosts whose styles and personalities are as different as their widely separated locations — have been

added to the growing list of Convention speakers.

“We’re delighted that two of America’s best libertarian communicators — working in America’s most influential medium, talk radio — have agreed to share their views and wisdom at the convention,” said Kris Williams, the LP Projects Manager who is coordinating the convention.

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■ KGO’s Gene Burns

NEWS BRIEFS

HR2477 picks up second co-sponsor

Congressman Ron Paul's ballot access reform bills have gained a second co-sponsor: Rep. Bill Redmond (R-NM), according to Richard Winger of *Ballot Access News*.

Redmond joins Steven LaTourette (R-OH) as a co-sponsor of HR 2477 and HR 2478, a pair of bills that would make the election system "more democratic and responsive to the American people," according to Paul, who ran as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate in 1998.

HR 2477 would reduce petitioning requirements for candidates for federal offices, and HR 2478 would open up presidential debates to include third-party candidates.

Both bills have been endorsed by the Libertarian Party as "essential in moving this nation toward greater citizen participation in our democracy," and have been the subject of a nationwide lobbying effort by Libertarians.

Nick Dunbar joins national HQ

Former LP National Director Nick Dunbar has been hired as the party's new office manager at its headquarters in Washington, DC.

In his new position, Dunbar is in charge of the party's clerical staff, financial record-keeping, FEC reporting, and the LP database. He replaced Tiffany Rodney on March 9, when she left to pursue a career in the museum field.

Dunbar said he was "delighted" to be working for the party again. "The only thing I've ever wanted is to be a full-time Libertarian," he said. "I like the satisfaction of knowing that I can make a difference."

Dunbar served as National Director from 1989 until 1993; as State Chair of the Florida LP from 1996 to 1998; and the state Ballot Access Coordinator (in Florida and Virginia) for the Ron Paul for President campaign in 1998.

"Individualist" manuscripts wanted

LiamWorks Publishing is looking for books that promote "individualist solutions as a means to the best possible life" — and has set up a web site to attract manuscripts.

The company is "currently seeking manuscripts in the areas of philosophy, psychology, morality, finance/investment, lifestyle, relationships, careers, business, or government interference," said Art Matsko, the head of LiamWorks, a publishing company based in Great Falls, Montana.

For information on submitting a manuscript, see www.LiamWorks.com/wanted.html.

LiamWorks has also set up a web site to promote the 25th Anniversary edition of Harry Browne's *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World: A Handbook for Personal Liberty*.

"This timeless classic is currently showing thousands of new readers how to break free from the constrictions imposed by traditional thought," said Matsko.

Excerpts, quotations and more information about *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World* can be viewed at: www.HowIFoundFreedom.com.

Drew Carey lights one for liberty

TV actor Drew Carey flaunted his "libertarian leanings" in West Hollywood last month, lighting up a cigarette in a restaurant in defiance of a new California law that bans smoking in most public places.

His partner in crime: Jacob Sullum, a senior editor for *Reason* magazine and author of the forthcoming book *For Your Own Good: the Anti-Smoking Crusade and the Tyranny of Public Health*.

"Drew and I got to talking about the smoking ban, and he said he thought it was ridiculous," Sullum said. "It clearly deserves to be flouted."

Carey, the star of high-rated *The Drew Carey Show* on ABC television, conducted his "smoke-in" at Barney's Beanery. *Variety* magazine said that Carey's civil disobedience showed "his libertarian leanings," noting that the actor is "up in arms about constant encroachments on cigarette smokers' rights."



■ The line-up of LP candidates from the San Diego area (left to right): Ernie Lippe, Paul King, Richard Cardulla, Richard Rider, Ed Teyssier, David Graham, Dan Muhe, Lynn Badler, Don Rollins, Mike Metti, Phillip Zoebisch, Jack Anderson, and John Graham.

Across the country, state parties file 'largest ever' candidate slates

From California to Michigan to Missouri, LP state organizations have announced some of their largest-ever slates of candidates for public office — giving the Libertarian Party a chance to hit its goal of 1,000 candidates in 1998.

"In 1996, we ran over 850 candidates," said LP National Director Ron Crickenberger. "For '98, we are off to a great start to beat that number. And with more candidates comes more exposure for Libertarian ideas — and most importantly, more Libertarians in office."

Recent candidate announcements include:

■ **Missouri:** The LP has 47 candidates on the ballot — including a full slate of nine Congressional candidates, for the second election in a row.

In all, the state LP filed 37 candidates for state and federal office and 10 for county offices.

"I am proud of all our candidates," said State Chair Jim Givens. "They are not doing this for personal gain. Their goals are modest: They simply want to change the world."

■ **Michigan:** When the state party emerged from its state annual convention in East Lansing April 5, it had nominated 93 candidates for public office — a 20% increase over the number of candidates the LP ran in 1996.

For the second consecutive election, the party is contesting all 16 U.S. Congressional seats, and is running candidates for 51 Michigan House and Senate seats. The state LP also has 10 candidates for statewide office and 16 running for county posts.

"We are offering voters some terrific candidates," said State

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Chair Tim O'Brien.

■ **California:** The "Golden State" LP is running more candidates this year than the Natural Law Party, the Peace & Freedom Party, the Reform Party, and the Green Party — combined.

The LP has 95 candidates on the ballot this year, compared to 44 candidates for the Natural Law Party; 25 for the California-based Peace & Freedom Party; 14 for Ross Perot's Reform Party; and 11 for the Green Party.

The disparity is widest for the State Assembly (80 seats), where the 39 Libertarian candidates trounce the Natural Law's 11, the Peace & Freedom's five, the Reform party's five, and the Green Party's two candidates.

"The other third parties seem to be giving up the ghost," said Ted Brown, the LP of California's candidate recruiter.

Party reaches 25,000

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vince them to become contributing supporters of the party.

The eventual goal of the project is to recruit as many as 200,000 LP members — which means "we'll have the grassroots and financial strength to duplicate, at the presidential campaign level, what Ross Perot did in 1992," said Dasbach.

The good news — as shown by the record membership — is that the project is off to a very successful start, said Willis.

"Most of this recent growth came from just the testing phase of Project Archimedes," he said. "Imagine what we'll be able to accomplish now that we're ready to make use of what we've learned from our tests!"

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Libertarian students hold DC rally for Microsoft



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■ **Shannon MacDonald:** The Justice Department should end its probe of Microsoft because Bill Gates "is guilty of nothing more than having had success in his business."

Young Libertarians used an old political technique to show their displeasure of the Justice Department's anti-trust investigation of Microsoft Corporation — the protest rally. About two dozen George Washington University students gathered in front of the Department of Justice Building in Washington, DC, on April 7, carrying signs and chanting, "Don't punish success; Leave Gates alone!"

Gone too far

The students, members of the GWU College Libertarians and GWU Objectivists Club, said their protest was designed to send the message that the "government has gone too far" in its prosecution of the giant software company.

"We, as believers in private property and the free market, believe that the government has no place in regulating the business practices of Microsoft," said Ryan Sager, the vice president of the GWU Libertarians. "It is time for the American people to tell the government to back off. De-



PHOTO BY DANIEL SMITH

■ **Students Libertarians Lisa Stronawski (left) and Zaneb Yaseen (right)** from George Washington University rally in support of Bill Gates in front of the Justice Department Building.

cisions about product design and packaging should be left to companies — not the government."

Students at the rally echoed his sentiments, with signs that read, "Freedom Leads to Success" and "Bill Gates is Good For America."

Shannon MacDonald, the co-president of the GWU Objec-

tivist Club, accused the government of punishing Microsoft for "having had success" in the software industry.

"Mr. Gates, according to the Justice Department, is guilty of nothing more than having had success in his business practices; of having possessed the intelligence required to continue sur-

passing, in every aspect imaginable, his competitors," she said.

Gates is the target of a possible anti-trust suit by the Department of Justice, which has charged Microsoft with engaging in "anti-competitive business practices" by bundling Internet Explorer with its Windows 95 operating system.

Cisewski announces bid for National Chair

Gene A. Cisewski, the chair of the Liberty Council political action committee and member of the Libertarian National Committee, has announced that he is a candidate for LP National Chair.

Cisewski, 40, said he is running because the LP needs to "have a better strategy, built around the grassroots, to move forward effectively."

If elected, Cisewski said he would implement a "comprehensive strategic plan" to reverse the "political market share" the Libertarian Party has lost.

"The LP has been around for 27 years," he said. "While we've seen some modest membership gains with various peaks and valleys, we lost political market share in the '90s. Consider that in 1988, LP presidential candidate Ron Paul came in at third place. In 1992, Andre Marrou won fourth place. Harry Browne's campaign only mustered a fifth place showing in 1996."

In addition, he said, "At various times we've elected people to state legislatures, culminating with four members of the New

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Hampshire State House in the early part of this decade. Today we have no elected office holders at the state level."

Cisewski will square off against David Bergland at the LP National Convention in Washington DC, July 2-5, 1998.

This will be Cisewski's second bid for National Chair; he last ran in 1996, losing to incumbent Steve Dasbach.

Cisewski said his campaign isn't about "throwing out rascals."

Bigger team

As Chair, he said, "I will assemble a bigger team of talented people who can add to the things already done well so that our growth and victories can multiply. You see, this is not a campaign to throw rascals out of



■ **Gene Cisewski:** Has a "comprehensive strategic plan" to regain the LP's lost "political market share."

party office. I recognize the important contributions that many good folks make right now. Yet we have to go way beyond that and better develop our grassroots people power if we're to achieve your goals and mine."

More than 100 Libertarians across the USA have endorsed his campaign, said Cisewski, including Don Gorman (New Hampshire); Brian Higgins (Massachusetts); Bonnie Flickinger, Gail Lightfoot, and Richard Boddie (California); State Chair Janice Presser, Mike Buoncristiano, Murray Sabrin, and Ed Wiessman (New Jersey); Blay Tarnoff (New York); Jim Givens and Jackie

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Carl Strang wins 10% in expensive FL race

Despite loss, ex-mayor "makes mark" for Libertarian Party in Florida politics

Outspent more than 15 to one, LP candidate Carl Strang nonetheless won 10% of the vote in a fiercely contested, three-way partisan race for State Senate in Florida.

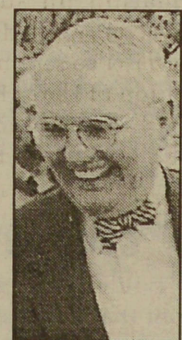
Strang, the former mayor of Winter Haven, saw his \$49,000 campaign budget dwarfed by the \$763,000 spent by his Republican and Democratic opponents in the March 10 special election — but managed to "mobilize volunteers, bring new members to our party, and get thousands of people to vote Libertarian for the first time," said state party secretary Tom Regnier.

A factor in politics

"The Strang campaign clearly established the LP as a factor in state politics," he said.

Strang credited a "grassroots effort" for his strong showing — and said his campaign sent a message to the older parties.

"We started with no party organization to speak of and a



■ **Carl Strang:** The LP is "on the march."

great deal less money than our opponents, but we had a true grassroots effort and a message that spoke to people," he said. "This should be a wake-up call to the powers in Tallahassee that the Libertarian Party is on the march."

During his campaign, Strang stressed the themes of lower taxes, less government, and greater freedom. He promised, if elected, to work to cut the state sales tax.

"We have lost the race, but won the battle," said acting State Chair Brian Collar. "In a district with only a few registered Libertarians, 3,277 [people] voted Libertarian. Today the battle to restore the rights of the people of Florida has advanced."

POLITICAL NEWS

Browne endorses Bergland for Chair

The David Bergland for National Chair campaign has received an endorsement from Harry Browne, the party's 1996 presidential candidate, who called Bergland the "perfect choice" to be the Libertarian Party's chairman.

"David has been a tireless Libertarian activist — chairing the LP during the successful 1977-1981 years, handling numerous committees, and making Libertarians proud as the presidential candidate in 1984," said Browne. "And he has specialized in the communication of libertarian ideas."

Browne said he made the endorsement because he sees "danger ahead. I'm afraid the party could take a step in the wrong direction and undo much of the progress we've made in the past few years." Specifically, Browne said he supported Bergland's promise, if elected, to appoint Steve Dasbach as LP National Director, which would ensure the continuation of the party's current membership growth strategies and the retention of the National office staff.

In other Bergland news, the campaign has launched a World Wide Web site: www.libertarianism.com. The site features information on Bergland's campaign, his vision for the party, his bio, and an interactive endorsers list, said spokesman Jack Dean.

"Anyone who wants to endorse David can do so easily, directly from the site," said Dean. "Endorsers' names are being added to the list daily."

The Bergland campaign can be contacted at (714) 751-8980, or by e-mail at DavidBergland@Libertarianism.com.

Mike Hihn announces bid for LNC

Mike Hihn, the State Director of the Washington state Libertarian Party, has announced that he is running for the At-Large position on the Libertarian National Committee.

If elected, Hihn said he would focus on three goals:

First, "Rapid growth creates challenges for any organization," he said. "We all need to work and plan, just to maintain today's high level of professionalism as we grow."

Second, he would be "a voice" for state and local parties. "In my state, I'm literally the person at the other end of national support. I know how much that support helps, how it can be improved, and where it might be expanded," said Hihn.

Finally, he would take advantage of his experience as an elected school board member. "If Libertarians aren't preparing to govern, then we're waiting for somebody else to create a free society," he said.

Hihn is a small-business consultant specializing in strategic and marketing planning. Besides serving as the paid State Director for the Washington LP, he is also on the National Platform Committee, and the editor of *Liberty Issues*.

For information about the Hihn campaign, contact him via e-mail at director@lpws.org.

Arizona GOP candidate switches to LP

A Republican candidate for governor in Arizona has publicly resigned from that party and re-registered as a Libertarian — after accusing the GOP of no longer standing "for personal freedom."

At a well-attended Phoenix press conference on March 9th, Tom Rawles, a former Maricopa County supervisor, said he was ending his campaign for the GOP nomination for governor because "I don't feel at home in the Republican Party anymore."

LNC member John Buttrick said the press conference "went off without a hitch," and said he was "thrilled" at the response.

"We had about a dozen TV, radio, and press [reporters] in attendance," he said. "Tom made an excellent speech about why he is changing to the Libertarian Party — the phrase 'not a dime's worth of difference' was used several times."

At the press conference, Rawles said about the Republican Party: "I don't think it stands for personal freedom."

Buttrick said he was "ecstatic" about the switch because "while long-term growth of the LP is high on everyone's agenda, it is particularly rewarding when we are able to 'convert' people who have significant visibility in the community."

Richard Rider makes serious bid for San Diego tax collector

Anti-tax crusader plans to run high-profile campaign for "winnable" office

Richard Rider, an LP activist who made his reputation opposing taxes at the local, county, and state level, has announced that he is running for the office of San Diego County Treasurer & Tax Collector.

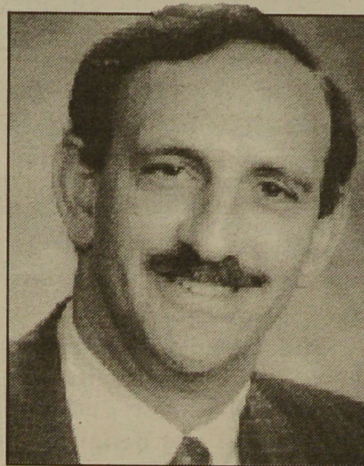
Rider said his campaign — which he admitted is "heavy with irony" — offers him a realistic opportunity to win "what is by far the largest race ever won by a Libertarian."

The election will be held June 2. If none of the seven candidates in the non-partisan race wins more than 50% of the vote, there will be a run-off election in November.

"I think that with all the notoriety I've received, I am the odds on favorite," said Rider.

If that happens, he said, "The job would be the biggest election victory in the history of the LP. This election is larger than four Congressional districts with over 2.8 million residents."

Rider, 52, is perhaps best known for his successful 1988 lawsuit against San Diego County, which overturned a \$1.5 billion sales tax. He also spearheaded the fight against a proposed \$66 million bond deal to enlarge the local professional



■ **Richard Rider:** "If people want some tightfisted S.O.B. to watch over their tax dollars, then I'm the best choice."

football team's stadium, and against a tax-funded convention

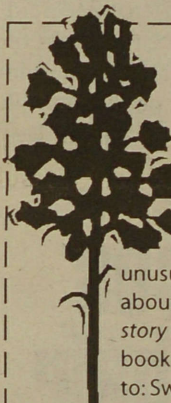
center in San Diego.

"My taxpayer activities have resulted in an incredible amount of publicity," he said. "There is no one in the county with better or more positive name recognition as a taxpayer advocate."

As a result, he said, "According to the media, I am now the front runner."

If elected, Rider said he would serve as a watchdog inside government: "As county treasurer, I can monitor how taxes are collected, invested and spent with the county. I have a proven record as a taxpayer advocate."

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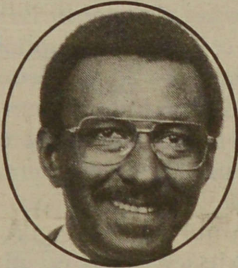
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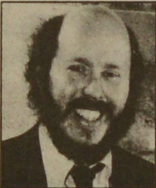
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The People's Republic of Glendale, saluting Rand, & Bill of Rights Day

■ California

Five Libertarian candidates found common ground on the immigration issue — but disagreement on other issues — when they addressed the state's Mexican-American Political Association recently.

Libertarians and other parties were invited to make their case before the group's nominating convention on April 6.

"The biggest applause was for the statist Democratic candidates, especially the Spanish surnamed ones," said **Kit Maira**, LP candidate for State Assembly. "Libertarian **Juan Ros** got a warm reception — until he turned to the failure of Social Security. Then several audience members started yelling 'Time!'"

The three other LP candidates attending were **Bruce McKenzie**, **Erich Miller**, and **Bruce Acker**.

■ Colorado

Libertarians have condemned the Glendale City Council for passing "oppressive" laws aimed at closing adult entertainment businesses.

The new rules and regulations are "a blatant attempt to close these popular establishments through government micro-management," said State Chair **Sandra Johnson**. She noted that the council passed the restrictions at their March meeting, despite expert testimony



Separation of "space and state"

LP of Missouri member Ken Bush (above) explains on KSDK-TV why Libertarians don't want the "final frontier" turned into the "federal frontier." In an interview on the St. Louis station in early March, Bush said, "As much as I love space research, I still can't impose my views and its costs on others through compulsory taxes. I believe in separation of space and state." The interview was conducted as part of a four-part news special on "the benefits of the space station and the local Boeing plant that's helping to build it," said Bush. When the news crew wanted an opposing view, they "turned to Libertarians as the sole opposition," he said.

that the nightclubs do not foster crime or pose other problems.

"Glendale is willing to close several successful businesses and put hundreds of people out of work in the name of controlling the peaceful, voluntary behavior of its citizens," Johnson said. "Is this the city of Glendale, or the People's Republic of Glendale?" she asked.

Area Libertarians are actively fighting the regulations through the "Glendale Tea Party" association, which is leading opposition to the measure.

■ Hawaii

What's new — even though it's 25 years old? The Hawaii Libertarian Party, which has been reinstated as an official party af-

ter a "draining" petition drive.

The party submitted 5,884 petitions to the state government, and was recognized as an "official" political party on March 23.

"Part of the difficulty we encountered in our petition drive was having to stop and explain to people who thought we were already on the ballot why we were being called a 'new' political party," said State Chair **Roger Taylor**.

State law requires parties to petition to get on the ballot if they are in fact new, or if they didn't get 10% of the vote in the last election — which is what happened to the Hawaii LP. So Libertarians had to mount a signature drive, at a cost of \$3,300.

"The Libertarian Party and our insistence on smaller, less wasteful, less intrusive government are here to stay — and we'll be an alternative to the Democrats and Republicans this fall," said Taylor.

■ New Jersey

Power, not money, is the real cause of political corruption, two Libertarians told the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. And taxpayer-provided campaign funding is *not* the solution.

"Until the state confines itself to its legitimate functions — protecting individual rights and keeping the peace — the high cost of political campaigns will persist," said NJLP Secretary **Emerson Ellett**. "As long as the state takes in billions of dollars, special interests will fight to get their hands on them."

Ellett and Treasurer **Lou Stefanelli** also pointed out at the February 18 hearing that the public is strongly against taxpayer-financed campaigns — and the majority "votes" against them by refusing to use the state income-tax checkoff.

Besides, the check-off gives

the mere illusion of democratic participation, said Ellett. "Since Jerseyans have overwhelmingly rejected public financing, why continue it?"

■ Oregon

The "Woman of the Century" — Ayn Rand — was the honoree at a birthday bash thrown by Libertarian feminists at the University of Oregon in Eugene on February 2.

The featured speaker was **Tonie Nathan**, who became the first woman in history to win an electoral vote when she ran as the Libertarian Party's vice presidential nominee in 1972. Nathan founded the Association of Libertarian Feminists 25 years ago on the birthday of the Russian-born writer.

She discussed the philosophy of Objectivism, Rand's contributions to the women's movement and to liberty throughout the world.

The mission of the group is to "provide a libertarian alternative to those aspects of the woman's movement that foster dependence and collectivism," Nathan said.

■ Pennsylvania

"No subsidies for millionaire stadium owners" was the message carried by Libertarians who protested against a new taxpayer-funded baseball stadium on the Philadelphia Phillies' home opener on April 7.

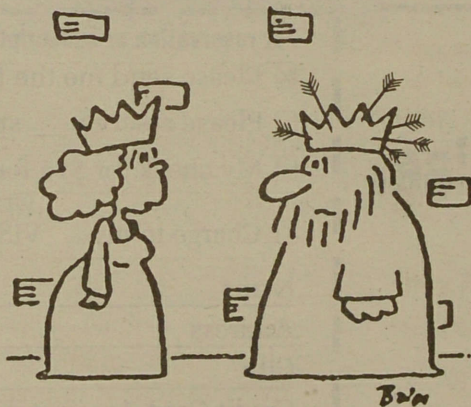
"We were very visible and got a lot of positive feedback from the public," said LP organizer **Richard Schwarz**. The group handed out more than

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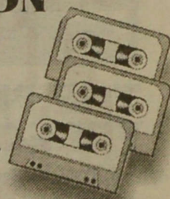
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1,000 flyers at the rally, which featured gubernatorial candidate **Ken Krawchuk**.

Libertarians pointed out that they are the *only* party opposing the plan to replace Veterans Stadium with a new facility — and saddle taxpayers with two-thirds of the cost. "This is a phenomenal issue for Libertarians because the majority of the public — and most of the Phillies' fans — are with us," said Schwarz.

■ Pennsylvania

A Libertarian who testified before the state Board of Education urged the government to refuse to impose academic standards or graduation requirements, as part of "Outcomes Based Education" (OBE).

"Implementing state academic standards to improve student achievement is like treating brain cancer with bad aspirin: It doesn't address the fundamental issue, and it doesn't even make the headache go away," said **S. Douglas Leard** of the Montgomery County LP.

Instead of taking more control over schools, state bureaucrats should be transferring control to local school districts and to individual families, Leard said at the February 11 hearing.

■ South Carolina

Libertarians declaring "I am not a government number" are trying to repeal a new law requiring Social Security numbers on all types of state licenses.

"It matters little whether your state requires the Social Security number to be on the face of the license or is just recorded on the application, the invasion of privacy is the same," said State Chair **Rodney Travis**.

The South Carolina Executive Committee passed a resolution on March 7 demanding the repeal of the law, which was signed by the governor last June. It forces South Carolinians to divulge their SSN in order to receive a drivers, marriage, recreational, or occupational license.

Now, Libertarians are mounting a petition drive to build public support.

■ South Dakota

It's official: South Dakota is now the first state with a Bill of Rights Day, thanks to a lobbying campaign led by LP activist Jim Christen.

"The Bill of Rights is what makes this country unique and a beacon of freedom around the world," Christen said. "It is the cornerstone of our democracy — and it's time we celebrated it."

The bill passed the House in January but later was tabled in the Senate. Christen managed to revive the measure, and it wound up passing the Senate by a vote of 30-0. On March 13, Governor Bill Janklow signed it into law. It will be celebrated as a working holiday on December 15, the anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights in 1791.

■ Virginia

Libertarians are savoring a victory after their "arduous" struggle finally paid off: The Virginia legislature passed bills to dramatically reduce the number of signatures that third parties need to get on the ballot.

The requirement of 17,000 signatures for statewide candidates has been slashed to about 10,000, thanks to lobbying by LP members. Libertarians had waged a nine-month campaign to build support for the bills, writing letters and making phone calls to line up sponsors.

"We were hoping for 5,000, but it's still a major improvement," said LP spokesman Robert Snapp.

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Illinois Libertarians help defeat new tax

Illinois Libertarians played a crucial role in stopping another proposed tax hike — defeating a \$74.5 million school tax question in the ninth largest school district in the state.

"We did it again," said LP member Ken Prazak. "Our opposition spent \$12,000 to our \$1,700, yet we still defeated the school tax referendum in District 300."

The final vote in mid-March election: 54.5% to 45.5%.

LP members, working through the Coalition for Accountability in Public Education (CAPE) — a group of "libertarians, conservative Republicans,

"THE TAXPAYERS knew better. They weren't going to pay for wasteful spending."

and concerned parents" spearheaded by LP member Julie Fox — convinced voters in the Dundee and Algonquin areas to reject the proposed bond issue, which would have been used to

build more schools.

"The arrogant school board went for frills — such as a health club and day care centers — instead of the basics, and because of the flyer we distributed, the taxpayers knew better," said Prazak. "They weren't going to pay for a lack of competitive bidding, wasteful spending on bus barns, bloated teachers salaries, [and] extravagant administration costs."

As an alternative to the new tax, CAPE suggested "a back-to basics approach that costs less to educate children," said Prazak. "We presented creative solutions to over-crowding that would in-

clude public school choice and non-regulatory charter schools."

With \$74.5 million of taxpayers' money safe, Prazak said Libertarians are savoring their victory.

"It was a satisfying victory for us — and one that has increased our libertarian name recognition in the community, one that has legitimized the libertarian name, one that will expand our libertarian base, one that has established beneficial coalitions, one that has enabled us to get out our ideas on choice and privatization of education, and one that has kept our taxes down," he said.

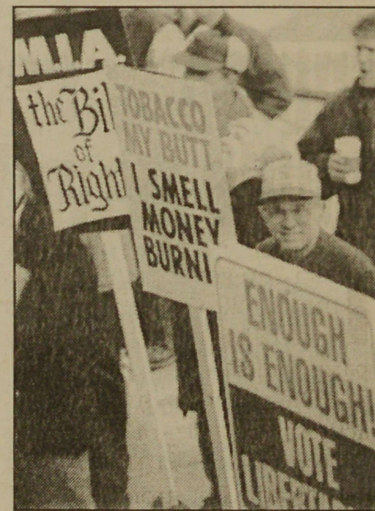


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■ Libertarian signs and messages have been featured prominently at the anti-tax rallies in Minnesota.

Tax rallies grow in MN

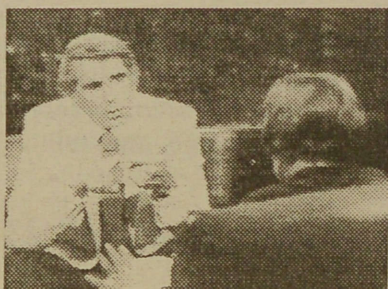
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people, the party immediately scheduled a series of follow-up events: The "We're Still Waiting" rally on March 23; another "Give it ALL Back" rally on March 30, and a "Don't Be Mean, Give Back Our Green" rally on April 6.

If nothing else, Test said he hopes the protests will encourage "Minnesota's legislators, of both old parties, to start their treatment for their addiction to O. P. M. (Other Peoples Money)."

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Cisewski is a past State Chair of the Washington DC Libertarian Party, was the LP vice chair for the Wisconsin LP, and organized the Libertarian Victory 2000 campaign training program in Philadelphia last year. He is also the author of *The Libertarian Party County Organizing Manual* and *How to Have Fun Losing Your Race for Congress*.

Professionally, Cisewski is the CEO of The Monticello Group, a marketing firm.

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Innis passes on NY's governor run; mulls New York mayor race in 2001

It's a "no-go" on a governor's run for Roy Innis — but a "maybe" for NYC mayor, say party leaders.

The well-known civil rights activist decided not to run for governor on the LP ticket — but is indicating a "strong interest" in running for New York City mayor in 2001, said former LP State Chair Lloyd Wright.

Innis, the African-American president of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) joined the Libertarian Party in January, and said he was considering a gubernatorial bid this year.

State party leaders cheered him on, in hopes that an Innis campaign would generate the 50,000 votes needed for "major party" status.

However, citing CORE business, Innis decided in late February that he would not run.

"Mr. Innis and the CORE board stated repeatedly that they agreed with our principles, but just couldn't afford the time [to run for governor] this year," said Wright. "CORE had their most successful fundraising season ever this year and in the process made commitments to donors to expand their operations."



■ Former NY State Chair Lloyd Wright (left) — shown here meeting with Roy Innis — said he understood the civil rights activist's decision not to run for governor: "Only career politicians have the time."

Wright admitted that party leaders were "disappointed" by the decision.

"His reasons, however, make perfect sense. They are indicative

of the reasons most New York LP members have for not running for office: They don't have the time," he said.

But Wright said the party is still "excited about his joining the party and believe he will help us greatly in the future."

A strong interest

That future could be as soon as three years, because Innis "indicated a strong interest in running for NY City mayor in 2001," said Wright. And, in the meantime, "we plan to work with CORE to reach out to the African-American community."

With Innis out of the running, the party nominated Christopher Garvey as its gubernatorial candidate at the state convention in March. Garvey is a patent attorney and a 1994 LP candidate for Congress.

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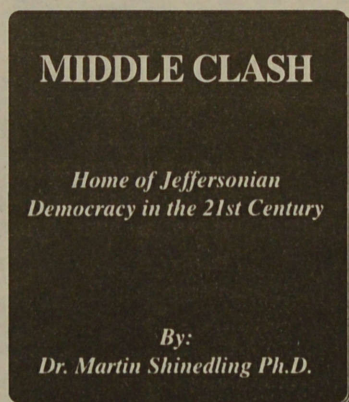
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Why criminals love high cigarette prices

A federal proposal to raise the price of cigarettes by \$1.10 a pack may not reduce teenage smoking — but it will be a financial bonanza for organized crime, the Libertarian Party warned.

"This could be the most deadly tax increase in American history," predicted Steve Dasbach, the party's national chairman. "This tax will boost the price of cigarettes so much that they'll become irresistible to criminal gangs — which is what happened in Europe when similar tax hikes were enacted."

In April, the Senate Commerce Committee endorsed a plan to force tobacco companies to pay "licensing fees" that would boost the cost of cigarettes by \$1.10 a pack. As a result, cigarettes in America could cost more than \$3.56 a pack by the year 2002 — close to the \$3.60-a-pack price in Germany.

Thanks to the high prices, "the smuggling of cigarettes [caused] a surge in gangland-style executions and turf wars [that] made Berlin streets more dangerous than at any time since World War II," reported the Washington Times. "Authorities fear that cigarette trafficking is leading to crime empires dealing in extortion, prostitution, stolen cars, drugs, and weapons."

"Opportunistic politicians may think they are striking a blow against Big Tobacco with this tax hike — but they are actually striking it rich for criminal gangs," said Dasbach.

Highway funding bill is highway robbery

Quiz question: Which of the following projects were included in the new highway funding bill passed by the U.S. House? (a) A botanical garden in Missouri. (b) New exhibits at the Smithsonian museum. (c) A study on sidewalks at the Kennedy Center. (d) A study on spinal cord injuries.

"If you guessed all of the above, you're right," said Dasbach. "Talk about highway robbery: Congress crammed 1,467 pork projects — totaling \$10 billion — into the mammoth \$217 billion highway bill."

Where does the money go? Politicians on the Transportation Committee directed 90% of the money into their own districts, Dasbach noted, then carefully ladled out another \$15 million to 250 other Republicans and Democrats to make sure the bill would pass.

"Predictably, it passed the House by a lopsided 337-80 vote, proving that when it comes to funding a transportation bill, it doesn't matter whether Democrats or Republicans are behind the wheel: Both will gladly steer millions of dollars into the hands of their political allies — while driving the country further into debt," he said.

Gun lawsuit by big-city mayors is "extortion"

A potential plan by big-city mayors to file a lawsuit against gun manufacturers to recover the cost of gun-related violence is not just a bad idea — it's also blatant extortion, the Libertarian Party charged.

"Politicians are conspiring to commit a crime of their own — shaking down gun manufacturers for millions of dollars," said Dasbach. "They want to extort money from honest companies to pay for the crimes of street thugs."

An anti-gun lawsuit — patterned after the lucrative lawsuit against tobacco companies — is now being considered by mayors in Philadelphia, Miami, and Detroit.

Their legal strategy: Blaming gun manufacturers for violent crime, on the grounds that guns are a "public nuisance." The lawsuit, if filed, would force gun makers to pay the costs of prosecuting criminals, paying overtime for police and paramedics — even cleaning up blood from crime scenes.

But Dasbach said such a lawsuit would be a crime: "Forcing gun makers to pay for the actions of trigger-happy criminals makes as little sense as forcing automakers to pay for the crimes of drunken drivers."

CONVENTION NEWS

Two top radio talk show hosts scheduled for Convention '98

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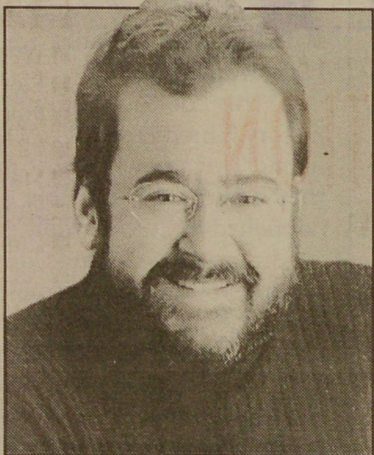
Burns and Lionel share a common belief in liberty and both make their living in radio, but the similarities stop there.

■ **Gene Burns** is an afternoon host on San Francisco's powerhouse KGO, where he is renowned for his mellifluous voice and calm, erudite discussion of the "issues of the day."

A 30-year veteran of radio, Burns has broadcast in Florida, Massachusetts, and had a nationally syndicated show in the early '90s. While working at WRKO in Boston, he was named "Best Radio Talk Show Host In America."

Burns also has a Libertarian resume: He flirted with running for president on the LP ticket in 1984, and has spoken at numerous LP events across the USA.

■ **Lionel:** If Gene Burns is the voice of reason, Lionel is the voice of "systematic chaos" — which is how he describes his daily talk program on WABC in New York City.



■ **WABC's Lionel:** He's "cerebral, ironic, sarcastic, and funny" says the *New York Times*.

Lionel (his radio *nom de plume*) made the leap into talk radio in Florida in 1988, when WFLA radio called him to offer him a job, based solely on Lionel's entertaining phone calls to call-in shows.

It took him just five years to get promoted to the nation's premier media market and land an

afternoon show on WABC, where he is closing in on Howard Stern's ratings.

Lionel boasts that his show is "irreverent, atypical, non-conformist, and questioning" — traits which he promises to have on display at the Convention.

Burns and Lionel are the latest additions to a rapidly growing all-star line-up of Convention '98 speakers, which also includes:

■ **Charles Murray**, author of two of the most influential political books of his generation: *What It Means to Be A Libertarian* and *Losing Ground*.

■ **David Boaz**, Executive Vice President of the influential Cato Institute, and author of *Libertarianism: A Primer*.

■ **Robert Poole**, the man who founded the Reason Foundation and whose book, *Cutting Back City Hall*, made the concept of "privatization" an integral part of the USA's political debate.



Comedian Tim Slagle to perform at 1998 Convention

Tim Slagle — the comedian who's been called "provocative and damn funny" — has been scheduled to provide some of his patented libertarian comic relief at the '98 LP National Convention.

A polished stand-up comedian with a slightly skewed take on politics, Slagle "fights a never-ending battle for truth, Liberty, and the American way" — while sneaking barbed libertarian insights among his comedy gems.

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Slagle has appeared on the MTV Half Hour Comedy Hour and on Showtime's Comedy Club Network.

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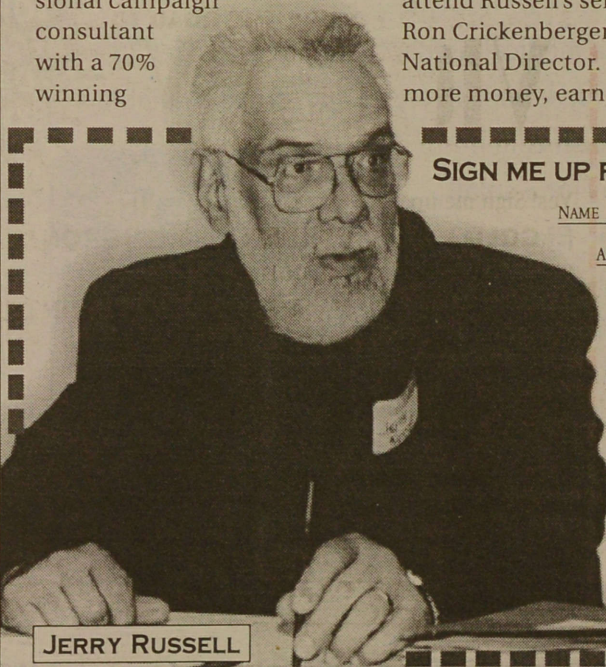
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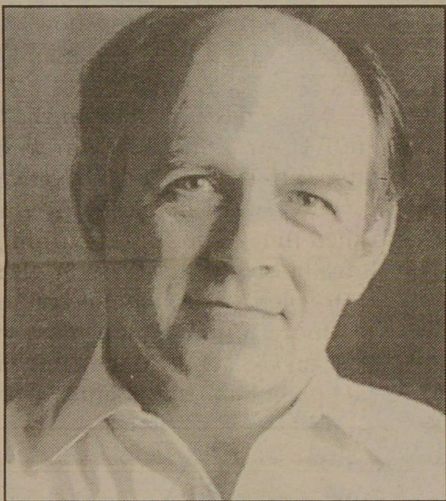
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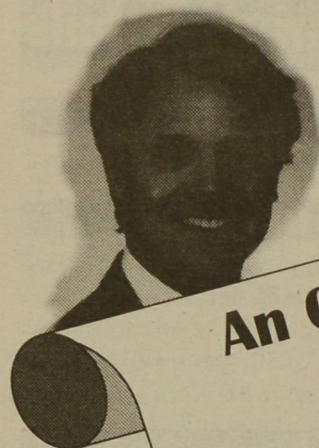
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An Open Letter to the Members of the National Libertarian Party

Dear fellow Libertarian Party members:

I am giving serious consideration to seeking your nomination for president of the United States.

I discovered libertarianism 20 years ago when I was a young lawyer in my hometown of Laredo, Texas. It was a lonely time. I will never forget receiving a telephone call from Honey Lanham of the Texas Libertarian Party thanking me for having joined the Libertarian Party. I recently asked Honey if she remembered calling me. She responded, "How could I forget? You were the only libertarian in a city of 100,000 people!"

We have come a long way since then. Today, the libertarian movement is vibrant, dynamic, and alive and is capturing the imagination and excitement of people from all walks of life.

Libertarianism is a message of hope — a message of opportunity — a message of self-esteem — a message of confidence in ourselves and in others. We believe in freedom and free markets. We believe that individuals have the right to live their lives any way they choose, so long as their conduct is peaceful. And we know that a free society is one that nurtures the values that all of us consider important, such as responsibility, compassion, and thrift.

The Democrats and Republicans, on the other hand, have taken our nation down the road to moral and economic debauchery. Their beloved socialistic welfare state and regulated society have destroyed hopes, dreams, and aspirations, especially for those in the inner cities of America.

When you — the members of the Libertarian Party — asked me to deliver your keynote speech at the 1996 national Libertarian Party convention, it was the biggest honor of my life. And the Thomas Paine award that you gave me at that convention is prominently displayed in the living room of my home. It would be another great honor to be accorded the opportunity to seek your nomination for president of the United States. Over the next 18 months, I shall make my final decision whether to seek it.

In the meantime, I need your help. The party hierarchy has asked me to deliver a speech at the 1998 Libertarian Party national convention in July. I am very much looking forward to doing so. However, I would like to speak via C-Span to those of you who will not be able to travel to Washington for the convention. If you would like to hear my speech on C-Span, I would greatly appreciate your requesting Ron Crickenberger, the LP's national director, to give me a C-Span speaking slot at the convention. (Ron Crickenberger, LP, 2600 Virginia Ave. N.W., Suite 100, Washington, DC 22037; Tel: [202] 333-0008; Fax: [202] 333-0072; E-mail: 74203.2314@compuserve.com)

As the libertarian Nobel Laureate Friedrich Hayek pointed out, competition is a discovery process. And competition in politics is the best way to determine who is the best candidate to lead our party into the next presidential campaign. I am very excited about the possibility of entering the competition to be your nominee for president. And I am looking forward to exploring this possibility with you in the months ahead.

Thank you for your consideration and especially for your strong dedication to freedom.

Yours for liberty,

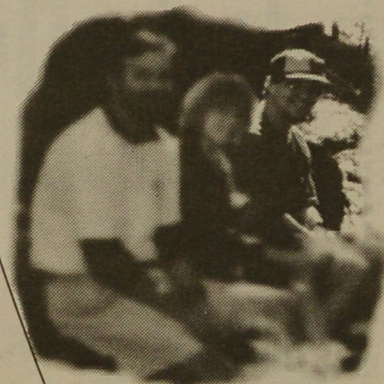
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- Born and raised in Laredo, Texas
- 1972 B.A. in economics, Virginia Military Institute
- 1972–1980 Infantry officer, United States Army Reserves
- 1975 Law degree, University of Texas
- 1975–1987 Trial attorney in Texas
- 1985–1986 Adjunct professor of law and economics, University of Dallas
- 1987–1989 Program director, The Foundation for Economic Education
- 1989–present Founder and President, The Future of Freedom Foundation

Libertarian Party Activities

- Platform committee, 3 terms
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- 1993 national LP convention speaker
- 1996 national LP convention keynote speaker
- 1996 Thomas Paine award for LP member who has most effectively communicated libertarian ideas



He has hiked in British Columbia and in Alaska, the Grand Canyon, and other parts of the United States.



Finishing the Seagull Century 100-mile bike ride. An avid cyclist, Jacob cycled over 2,500 miles in 1997.

An Open Letter to Harry Browne

1998 National LP Convention
Washington, D.C.

Dear Harry,

How about a C-Span debate between you and me at the 1998 national Libertarian Party convention?

Sincerely,

Jacob G. Hornberger
Jacob G. Hornberger

Dear Jacob,

- ☐ I have asked Ron Crickenberger to give you a C-Span speaking slot at the 1998 national LP convention.
- ☐ I have asked Ron Crickenberger to schedule a C-Span debate between you and Harry Browne.
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Advocates start program to reward activists

The Advocates for Self-Government has launched a new program that can turn libertarian activism into recognition, money-off coupons, and a grand prize at the end of the year.

The Cartersville, Georgia-based non-partisan group has announced a new "Lights of Liberty" program — "designed to recognize and reward outstanding libertarian activism," said Advocates president Sharon Harris.

The new program will reward activism in the areas of letters to the editor, public speaking, and Operation Politically Homeless outreach booths.

"Libertarians who write letters, do public speaking, spend time with an OPH booth, and do similar activities really are Lights of Liberty," said Harris. "They are the backbone of our movement, and they deserve our thanks and our recognition."

The program will offer awards and gifts to libertarians who accomplish any one of the following three libertarian outreach goals in 1998:

Two businessmen say in magazine: 'I'm a libertarian'

Two more prominent business executives have announced that they are libertarians — one the union-fighting CEO of a supermarket chain, the other the head of a money management fund.

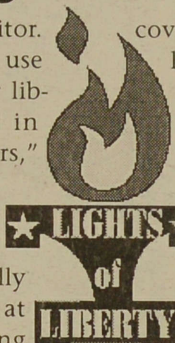
In two separate articles in the April 6, 1998, issue of *Forbes* magazine, Whole Foods CEO John Mackey and investment guru Marty Zweig both identified themselves as libertarians.

■ **Mackey:** He's the "bushy-haired" head of the \$1.4 billion Whole Foods organic grocery chain, and joked that "of Whole Foods' 10,000 employees, in the last election 9,998 voted for Bill Clinton, and two — including him — voted Libertarian."

■ **Zweig:** He controls \$4.5 billion in mutual funds, and was asked by *Forbes* if he was a Democrat. Zweig said, "No! No! I'm a Libertarian. I'm a conservative in the Milton Friedman sense, [but] on social issues I think the conservatives are nuts."

1. Letters to the editor. "Have three letters that use the words libertarian or libertarianism published in magazines or newspapers," said Harris. "Each letter published is like a free ad for libertarian ideas."

2. Operation Politically Homeless (OPH). "Work at three OPH booths during 1998, or be the leading organizer of three booths," said Harris. "OPH is a fantastic way to dis-



cover dozens or hundreds of libertarian-leaning folks in a community."

3. Public speaking. "Deliver three speeches to non-libertarian groups such as service clubs, colleges, political rallies, Toastmasters, and so on," said Harris.

Any Libertarians who accomplish any of those three outreach goals should contact the Advocates, said Harris.

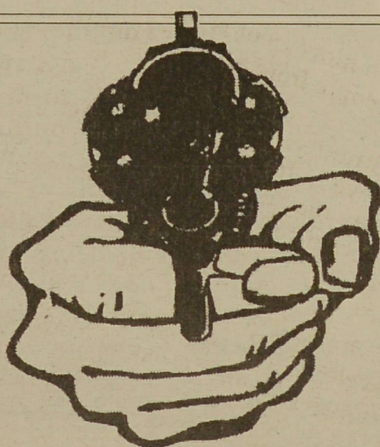
In recognition, the Advocates will mail all "Lights of Liberty" winners a certificate, print their names in *The Liberator* magazine, furnish a 20% money-off coupon for orders of Advocates' books and tapes, and enter all names in a year-end "Lights of Liberty Lottery."

For more information on the Lights of Liberty program, call the Advocates at (770) 386-8372, or visit the Advocates Web page at www.self-gov.org.

LP News Corrections

■ In the February issue, Indiana State Chair Rob Shuford was incorrectly listed as opposing matching funds for LP candidates. In fact, "I did not ever say this nor is it my opinion," said Shuford.

■ In the April issue, Dave Dawson was incorrectly listed as a California resident. He lives in Wyoming.



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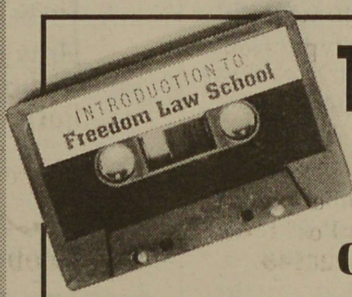
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SUV hypocrisy, child care plots, & the war against achievement

The War on Gum

U.S. marketers selling to Asia should pay special attention to customs rules and regulations which often differ sharply from those in the United States. Don Snyder, a customs trade expert, told a marketing conference last month that Singapore, for example, banned the import of chewing gum. "The country's Prime Minister stepped onto a piece of gum once," Snyder said. "[He] thought chewing was a disgusting habit and banned it."

— **DM NEWS INTERNATIONAL**
March 16, 1998

I want my SUV

For a country so concerned about the well-being of soccer moms, it is hard to understand the recent verbal assault on their transportation of choice: Minivans and sport utility vehicles. They make up an estimated 40% of new purchases of the entire American vehicle fleet. Soccer moms and others aren't buying them because they don't care about the environment; they are doing so because they provide what passenger cars no longer do (thanks to CAFE, the federal government's Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards): Extra safety and extra space. It's no wonder that the President's motorcade includes several SUVs, and even Vice President Gore relies on a couple.

— **JULIE DEFALCO**

Competitive Enterprise Institute Update, February 1998

He's no hypocrite

The fact that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has trained its sights on SUVs hasn't kept its administrator, Ricardo Martinez, out of one. He puts his family in a Ford Explorer, though he declares that

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EDITOR



"BILL GATES
*is just too big
for Washington.
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for a leash."*

he bought it for safety, to distinguish himself from "some teenager" trying "to be cool." Too bad his regulatory approach doesn't do much for other people's safety.

— **SAM KAZMAN**

The Wall Street Journal,
March 12, 1998

Second Chance Brigade

Another international crisis, another call for U.S. intervention. The latest conflict is occurring in Kosovo. Perhaps the answer is the Second Chance Brigade, a military unit made up of war enthusiasts who never served in combat. It could include all the armchair warriors — politicians, journalists, and policy wonks — who want the U.S. military to right international wrongs and enforce American hegemony, benevolent or not. Madeleine Albright could command the Brigade as it wandered the world, doing good.

— **DOUG BADOW**

The Washington Times,
March 16, 1998

My Mom, the State

"It may sound too good to be true, but it's not," wrote Hillary Rodham Clinton in her 1996 book, *It Takes a Village*. "It

is a country where virtually all children spend virtually all day in government day care centers — even those children whose mothers stay home. The country is France. But if Mrs. Clinton has her way, it may soon be America. She was the driving force behind the \$22 billion plan to expand institutional day care that President Clinton announced in January. She wrote: "In France nearly all children (more than 90%) attend pre-school in sparkling classrooms and even before they reach the age of three, many are in full-day programs." What's so wonderful about this?

— **MATT KAUFMAN**

The Citizen, March 1998

Maximum politics

The study of history helps us understand the motives behind minimum wage laws. Sixty years ago we instituted the minimum wage. The most vocal defenders of minimum wage were primarily from Massachusetts: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and House leader Joe Martin, both Republicans. They were not trying to help poor people. They wanted to protect their New England textile industry from Southerners. Southern textile companies had cheaper labor. They made cheaper textiles, and their success hurt Massachusetts textile companies. A minimum wage would force the Southerners to pay more in labor costs. That would make Massachusetts more competitive. Over 80% of Southern Democrats, but supporters of FDR, were against the minimum wage, while Northern Democrats and Northern Republicans tended to favor it. The debate had almost nothing to do with providing workers with a "living wage."

— **BURT FOLSOM**

The Restoration, March 1998

Newt's corporate welfare

You know that the 2000 Presidential race is on in earnest when you see normally serious politicians tripping over themselves to embrace ethanol subsidies in Iowa. Newt Gingrich says he wants not only to preserve but "expand" the existing 10-cent-a-gallon tax deduction for the corn-derived product. A General

Accounting Office study found that Archer-Daniels-Midland owns 50% of ethanol capacity, making the program a pure form of targeted corporate welfare.

— **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**
February 3, 1998

Regulating Microsoft

Every consumer and business that desires can regulate Microsoft without government's help — by not buying from it. You can still buy a Macintosh, like I did.

— **CLYDE WAYNE CREWS, JR.**

The Washington Times,
March 2, 1998

Looming too large

Americans used to revere accomplished inventors and tycoons like the Wright Brothers and Howard Hughes. Now success breeds contempt. Today, Thomas Edison would be in jail for being too inventive. Bill Gates is just too big for Washington. He's got \$48 billion. His company is worth \$213 billion, roughly 2.6% of U.S. GDP. He's

being fitted for a leash so he doesn't give Americans the idea they can win really big without the adult supervision of federal bureaucrats and contribution-hungry members of Congress.

— **DEROY BURDOCK**

The Washington Times
March 20, 1998

Protection money

The average taxpayer, we're told, works for the government until late May or early June. But how much of the year does the government work for the taxpayer? We never hear this question. Unless you get checks from the government, you're paying it, on balance, not to hurt you. Taxes are money you pay so you won't go to jail.

— **JOSEPH SOBRAN**

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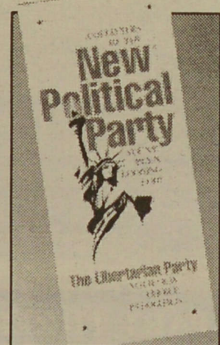
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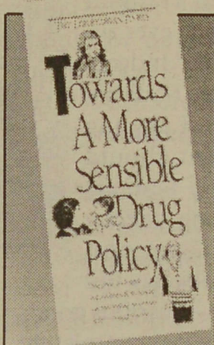
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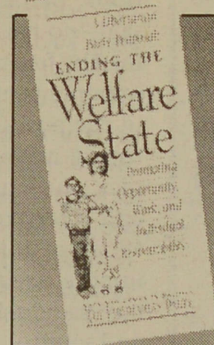
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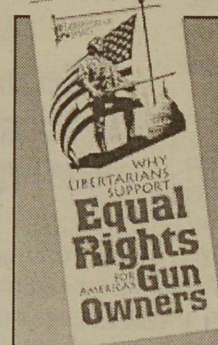
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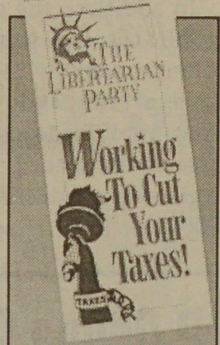
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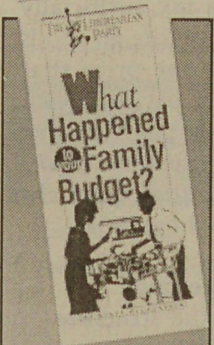
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Why America needs a 3rd political choice

I think I was *always* a libertarian and just didn't know it, because like most Americans, I believe in libertarian principles. Those principles are the teachings of John Locke, Adam Smith, and Thomas Jefferson; they are the founding principles of our country, and the basis for the U.S. Constitution. They are the principles of individual liberty, free-market economics, and limited government. They made America strong and allowed us to prosper and become a great nation.

The freedom to live our lives as we see fit is what attracted immigrants to this country. It was the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and by the sweat of our brow, make ourselves better off. It was the freedom to keep what we earn, to acquire wealth and property and to pass it on to our loved ones. It's the "American Dream" — and it has provided more freedom and more prosperity for more people than any other system of government ever devised.

I got a renewed interest in politics as a result of the 1992 presidential campaign. I credit Bill Clinton for whetting my appetite; what he was promising didn't add up. Then, in 1994, I joined the Republican Revolution, until I realized that it *wasn't* one. During the last three years, the Republican-controlled Congress *outspent* the Democratic-controlled Congress that preceded it.

Now the Republicans and Clinton are lauding a balanced budget which counts borrowed money (mostly from the Social Security trust fund) as revenue, while the national debt grows ever larger. A \$1.73 trillion balanced budget? It's grand larceny committed on Americans by their leaders.

Everywhere we turn now, our liberties are being eroded. The Constitution is under assault by special interest groups, and by legislators, bureaucrats, and activist judges. Many working-class Americans are now paying over half their income in taxes.

The cost of government is built into everything we earn or inherit; the cost of government regulation is built into everything we buy and consume. Public schools are propagating "political correctness" at the expense of true learning. Government takeover of industries such as health care have costs skyrocketing as free-market incentives disappear. If you want a glimpse of what public health will look like, look at public housing; that's not what we want.

It became obvious to me that we have a one-party system of government in this country. The rhetoric of the Republicans and Democrats is different, but their agenda is the same. That agenda yields more government, more dependency, less liberty — and, in case you haven't noticed, a declining economic growth rate. Don't be fooled by the numbers they publish: The economy isn't up for the majority of Americans, it's *down*. They've just changed the way the statistics are generated. We are on a fast track to becoming a statist society under both the Democrats and the Republicans.

During the last decade, we've gotten a real look at where statism ultimately leads. When they opened the Iron Curtain — and we got a good look inside — we saw a system that didn't work for anyone, not for society, not for the economy, not for the environment. Marxism is a failed system; yet we are moving closer to it every day.

With the Democrats and Republicans both driving us in the same direction, we need a third choice. We need to get back to Libertarian principles. We need to get back to the principles of our Founders and of the U.S. Constitution. That is why I joined the Libertarian Party.

■ **Editor's note:** Pete Dygert is a Libertarian Party member in Healdsburg, California. He joined the party in 1996.

Why I Became A Libertarian, by Pete Dygert

A Libertarian-style foreign policy: Why free trade equals prosperity

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 Michael Tanner

Introduction

As America searches for a new role in the changing post-Cold War world, what we need is a Libertarian foreign policy — that realizes we must participate in the world economy, but not be the world's policeman; that knows that free markets (not foreign aid) are the best route to global prosperity; that understands that a free flow of goods and people across our borders should be encouraged.

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Part III: Free Trade

Free trade is firmly rooted in the American tradition of free enterprise and limited government. The Founding Fathers understood the danger of trade restrictions. Benjamin Franklin said "no nation is ever ruined by free trade." Indeed, opponents of free trade are in the position of arguing that government should pick and choose winners and losers among various types of businesses and impose itself between the buyer and seller of various goods and services, an idea completely contrary to the American ideal of individual liberty and free enterprise. The right to engage in voluntary exchange transcends national boundaries.

Trade restrictions on foreign products lower the standard of living for American consumers. Tariffs, quotas, and other trade barriers are the functional equivalent of a tax, artificially raising the cost of foreign goods and increasing the price that consumers must pay. It is estimated that these practices cost American consumers at least \$70 billion per year, the equivalent of \$752 per U.S. household.

Tax the poor

Moreover, the structure of trade restrictions imposes a disproportionate burden on those least able to pay. The trade restriction "tax" is a regressive one. For example, a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York showed that import restraints were equivalent to a 66% increase in income taxes for the

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poorest households, but equivalent to only a 5% tax increase for upper income households. In his book, *The Fair Trade Fraud*, James Bovard documents numerous examples of how import restrictions, as actually practiced, discriminate against the poor. Mink coats are duty free, while polyester baby sweaters are taxed at 34.6%; orange juice carries a 40% tariff, while Perrier water carries only a 0.8% duty.

Opponents of free trade often claim that foreign competition harms American workers. However, the evidence contradicts this claim. For example, if imports harmed domestic employment, we would expect to see unemployment rise when-

protection cost U.S. consumers \$185.8 million per year in the form of higher prices and reduced access to glassware. That means that every job saved cost U.S. consumers \$74,320 per year. Similar calculations indicate that the 400 ceramic tile jobs saved through protectionism cost consumers \$225,000 per year per job, while the 2,400 jobs saved in the rubber footwear industry cost \$113,000 per year. At the very least, trade protection represents an extremely expensive form of job protection!

Domestic jobs

However, trade protection actively harms workers because it can cost jobs. First, raising the cost of imports costs jobs in domestic industries that consume foreign goods. For example, protecting domestic sugar producers hampers the export of American candy bars. Denying American auto manufacturers access to low-cost imported steel drives up the cost of American made cars and makes them less competitive on the world market.

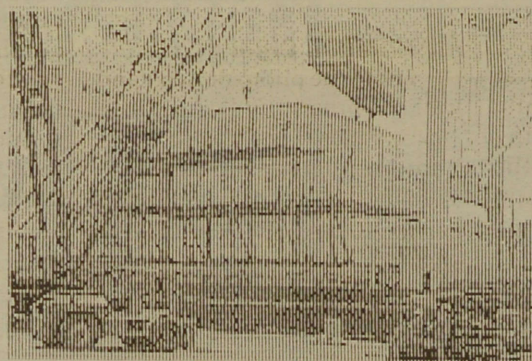
U.S. protectionism also encourages other countries to raise barriers against U.S. goods. Nearly 20% of the U.S. economy is now related to foreign trade. Moreover, export-related jobs are *high-paying* jobs. Indeed, *The Economist* recently reported that "export-related jobs earn 17% more than average workers."

That a policy of unilateral free trade can lead to prosperity can be clearly seen from the example of Hong Kong. While its products are restricted by most nations (including the U.S.), Hong Kong levies no import tariffs and has few import barriers of any kind. Indeed, Hong Kong has one of the most accessible markets in the world.

As a result of this libertarian policy, the city enjoys one of the highest standards of living in Asia, rising wages, a buoyant capital market, and a rapidly growing economy.

Free trade is good for consumers, business and American workers. And far better than any "managed trade" agreements negotiated by the government — such as NAFTA and GATT — would be unilateral action by the United States to reduce or eliminate tariffs, quotas, and other non-tariff barriers against foreign goods.

■ **Next month:** Immigration



PART THREE OF A FOUR-PART SERIES Free Trade

ever the trade deficit expands. However, an analysis of trade data for the past decade reveals that exactly the opposite appears to be true. Unemployment appears to fall even as trade deficits increase.

In addition, the cost of saving jobs through protectionism is often extremely high. For example, a 1989 study by the International Trade commission indicated that trade protection in the glassware industry preserved 2,500 U.S. jobs. However, that

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THE MAILBOX

Don't bash breastfeeding

[National LP Chair] Steve Dasbach may be right in bashing the breastfeeding bill ("The Issues," February 1998 *LP News*), but he should not knock the idea of promoting breastfeeding. Providing infants with human milk gives them the most complete nutrition possible. Human milk provides the optimal mix of nutrients and antibodies necessary for each baby to thrive.

Scientific studies have shown that breastfed children have fewer and less serious illnesses than those who never receive breastmilk, including reduced risks of SIDS and less childhood cancer and diabetes. Research also shows that breastfed babies have higher IQs as well as better brain and nervous system development. When babies are breastfed, both mother and baby are healthier throughout their lives.

— **REBECCA B. COOK**
Carmel, Indiana

EDITOR'S NOTE: The party's comments were aimed solely at whether the government should mandate a new breastfeeding "civil right" — and not at the obvious medical, economic, and social benefits of breastfeeding.

Extend the franchise

The history of voting rights in the U.S. is a sad history. Groups denied the franchise (the poor, racial minorities, women, youth) have all had to fight for the most basic right in the electoral process; their right to submit a ballot. Unfortunately, the Party of Principle does not specifically address the franchise in the National Platform. I suggest the following text to be added to the plank on election laws:

"We support the right to vote for all individuals aged 16 years and older. Similarly, we

oppose all laws that deny the franchise to any individual who meets this minimum age requirement."

Do we accept the principle that the state does not have the right to deny the individual the vote? I'd be particularly interested to see the party address the right to vote for individuals aged 16-18, and for individuals who for other reasons (criminal convictions, noncitizenship, etc.) are denied the franchise.

— **CHIP MARCE**
Naples, Italy

**"THE PEOPLE
will continue
down the road
to simpleminded
ignorance."**

Airbrushed cigarette?

I note the photo of Ayn Rand in the February 1998 issue of *LP News*. I have seen that same photo before and am ashamed, as a Libertarian, of your newspaper for having brushed out the cigarette Ms. Rand held in her left hand. That was just as bad an act as those who took President Franklin D. Roosevelt's cigarette away from him in a statue of him.

Something has to happen to

break the mood of and conformance to political correctness in our country. Someone has to step up to leadership to take our country back to normalcy or surely our country will continue on its way to deterioration; and the people will continue down the road to simpleminded ignorance.

— **JO ANN HARTMANGRUBER**
Merced, California

EDITOR'S NOTE: No cigarette was airbrushed out of the photo of Ayn Rand. The Libertarian Party supports the right of individuals to smoke, and would not modify a photograph to suggest otherwise.

The messianic theory

In the April, 1998 issue of *LP News* ("The Mailbox"), Jacob Hornberger claimed that we don't need more members in order to succeed, we just need better campaigns. But where do campaigns come from? Aren't candidates recruited from among our members?

To be credible, it would seem to me that Mr. Hornberger should be able to tell us how many members we must have or not have in order to mount the quality campaigns he desires. Is the answer "no members, fewer members than we have now, as many members as we have now, or more members than we have now?" It seems to me that he hasn't thought this through.

At the Virginia Success '97 event, Mr. Hornberger made the surprising claim that you don't need money in order to run effective campaigns. He seems to have a messianic belief in the power of the spoken word to vanquish all obstacles. But what evidence can he provide for this "messianic theory?" All successful movements at all times have

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THE PULSE

The non-omnipotent Statement

Libertarians may be eager to challenge the "cult of the omnipotent state" — but they're even *more* eager to challenge the unpopular first line of the LP's Statement of Principles. In response to this month's Pulse question, 70.5% of the respondents said the party should change that sentence to something more "mainstream" and "positive" — and less "awkward" and "aggressive."

On the other hand, 21.5% said the party should proudly stick with the current language, arguing that it "sets us apart from the Republicrats" and that party members should not bow to "political correctness" by changing it. Another 8% gave ambiguous or "it depends" answers.

Here is a representative cross-section of responses:

■ **CHANGE IT:** Thanks to decades of public schooling, not many are familiar with the word "omnipotent." Some may think it relates to a male sex problem. Substitute the following: "We, the members of the Libertarian Party, consistently challenge big government because of our belief in the rights of the individual."

— **AL SEGALLA**, Murphys, California

■ **CHANGE IT:** To say we "challenge the cult of the omnipotent state" differentiates us merely from totalitarians. We need an opening that differentiates us from big — but non-totalitarian — Democrats and Republicans.

— **CLIFFORD THEIS**, Winchester, Virginia

■ **KEEP IT:** I feel very strongly about keeping the existing language of our Statement of Principles. We will render ourselves irrelevant if we begin concerning ourselves with political correctness.

— **STEVE RICHARDSON**, Casper, Wyoming

■ **KEEP IT:** I vote for sticking proudly with the original language of the Statement of Principles. Government is running amuck, and it will require strong medicine, strong language, and strong action to change that.

— **DON HOLLAND**, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

■ **CHANGE IT:** The statement is too adversarial ("challenge"), too negative ("cult"?), and too ambiguous (two statements in the same sentence). The LP *does* have a single priority: "We, the members of the Libertarian Party, believe above all (else) that the individual is sovereign."

— **MONTE GUSTAFSON**, Ellicott City, Maryland

■ **CHANGE IT:** If the Libertarian Party wishes to be more successful it needs to appear to be more mainstream. The proposal at the last convention to change from "the cult of the omnipotent state" to "the myth of benevolent government" was a good compromise.

— **RICHARD L. CLARK**, Ypsilanti, Michigan

■ **CHANGE IT:** "The Cult of the Omnipotent State" sounds like the title of an episode of *Tales From The Crypt*.

— **JOE BUCCIANO**, East Quogue, New York

■ **CHANGE IT:** The wording is reactionary rather than visionary. It is time we started defining ourselves based on what we are *for* rather than what we are *against*.

— **ROBERT MAYNARD**, Williston, Vermont

■ **KEEP IT:** Our Founding Fathers didn't wimp out and put together a "mainstream" Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, but called it like they saw it. Conformity for its own sake is the beginning of slavery.

— **DAVE ARONSON**, Vienna, Virginia

■ **CHANGE IT:** It should be more positive and encompass our basic principal. Here is my proposal: "Each individual has the rights to himself and his property. The only legitimate role of government is to protect these rights."

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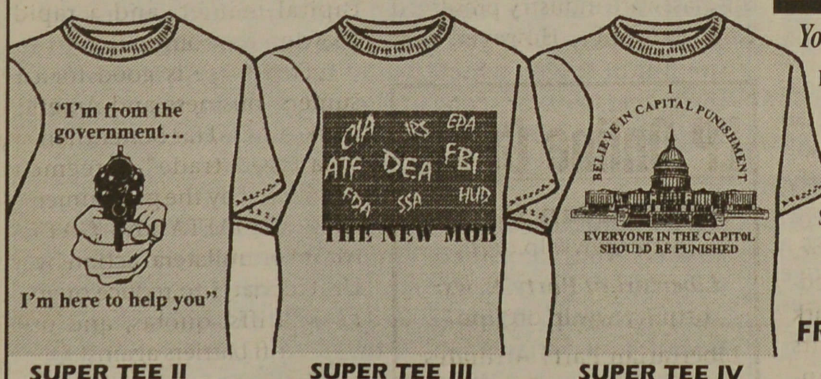
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had large numbers of supporters and tremendous financial resources, whether or not they had charismatic leaders. And take note, those movements that have had charismatic leaders first had to *recruit* those leaders.

Mr. Hornberger has never been a candidate or a party leader. Thus, he has not been able to learn from experience what the rest of us know all too well — quality campaigns require quality candidates, large numbers of volunteers, and lots of money. And members are the *only* source for all of these things.

— PERRY WILLIS

Arlington, Virginia

Both are needed

In April's *LP News*, Jacob Hornberger says that Harry Browne is wrong when he claims that LP success depends on build-

**"WE DO NEED
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And we also need
more members."**

ing party membership. Hornberger says that party success depends on better campaigns, not more members. I disagree.

I know several people who tell me that they agree with us in principle, but that there simply aren't enough of us to succeed. When we have more members and garner more votes at the polls, then they will be willing to join with us. Until then they have to continue voting Republican. None of my friends have

ever mentioned the quality of the campaign.

Both are needed. More members will result in more money contributed to candidates and more and better volunteers working for them. This will result in still more money and better, more professional campaigns and still more votes and more Libertarian Party members . . . and so the circle goes.

We *do* need better campaigns. And we also need more members. Each augments the other.

— DOUG HOILES

Acampo, California

Members = effectiveness

Although I agree with Jacob Hornberger's position that "People will support and vote for libertarian candidates even if they don't join the party," I firmly believe and agree with Harry Browne's conviction that LP success depends on building the membership of the party.

Without a strong membership, the party will lack candidates; without successful candidates, change cannot occur from within the "system."

Without strong membership the party lacks the ability to effectively express its principles and positions to policy makers, nor a significant number of voters.

— RICHARD PRAWDZIENSKI

Edmond, Oklahoma

Defense flaws

As a 22-year defense system engineering analyst and designer, I read Michael Tanner's article on national defense ("Libertarian Solutions," March 1998 *LP News*) with great interest. Although I agree with his main conclusions, I wish to remark on several flaws in his analysis.

1) While it is true that the Russian armed forces are currently vitiated by lack of resources and disorganization, it is also true that they are progressing to upgrade their strategic weapons and are selling their conventional military technology widely throughout the developing world.

2) The burden of military taxation vis-a-vis other nations is exaggerated. The figures obtainable from any almanac show that the U.S. burden is \$860 per capita, with \$500 and \$400 per capita for Germany and Japan, respectively.

3) I would be eager for the U.S. to withdraw from its ill-advised alliances, but doing so would not automatically result in economies as claimed, for the reason that (a) these deployments also partially support a legitimate national defense policy, and (b) our military forces are currently in a state of decline.

— MICHAEL J. DUNN

Auburn, Washington

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Kentucky LP Convention, Executive Inn, Louisville. Speakers include National LP Chairman Steve Dasbach, author Dr. Mary Ruwart, and Dr. Eric Schansberg ("How Government Hurts the Poor"). For more information, call Donna Mancini (502) 254-3975. E-mail: flagmax@aol.com.

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July Question: Abortion

There are only a handful of public policy questions where equally strong Libertarian arguments can be made on *both* sides. Abortion is one of those issues: Both "pro-choice" and "pro-life" can make a strong case based on the non-aggression principle, restricting the power of government, and individual choice. That's why abortion has been a perennial topic of debate at LP conventions — and will probably be raised again at the 1998 convention.

■ **QUESTION:** Should the Libertarian Party be officially "pro-choice," or "pro-life" . . . or something else? And why? (Limit your answer to 100 words, please.)

■ **DEADLINE:** June 5, 1998

June Question: Bill of Rights

One government "document" that Libertarians applaud is the Bill of Rights — because it restricts the power of *government*, not individuals. But the Bill of Rights has been sadly battered by the rampant growth of big government. Is it time to strengthen that venerated document?

■ **QUESTION:** If you could add one new Amendment to the Bill of Rights which would in some *specific* way limit the power, cost, or scope of the government, what would it be? And why? (Please limit your response to 100 words.)

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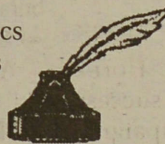
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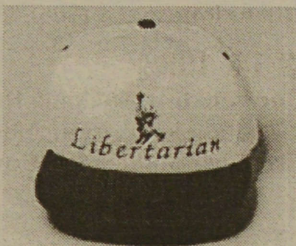
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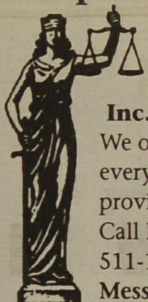
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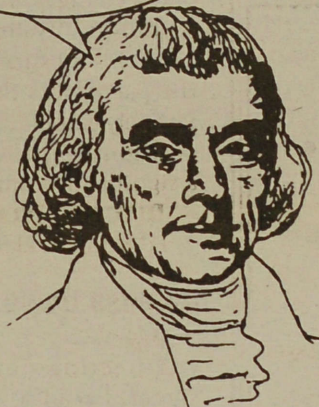
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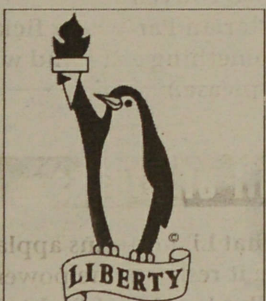
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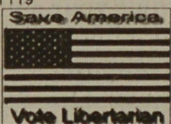
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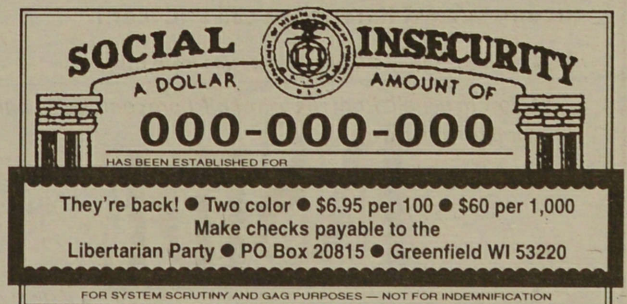
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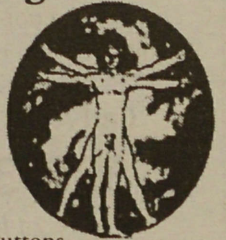
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UPCOMING EVENTS

■ May 2, 1998

Virginia LP Convention, Dulles Airport Marriott, Chantilly. Speakers include Jim Bovard (author of *Lost Rights*), Michael Lynch (Washington editor, *Reason* magazine), and Perry Willis (past LP National Director). For information, call (800) 619-1776.

■ May 2-3, 1998

North Carolina LP Convention, Ramada Inn Market Street, Wilmington. Speakers include LP National Chairman Steve Dasbach, Paul Valone, and Sean Haugh. For information call: (704) 664-5681 or (910) 251-8671.

■ May 2-3, 1998

Washington state LP Convention, Doubletree Inn, Bellevue. Speakers include Harry Browne (LP 1996 Presidential candidate), David Bergland (LP 1984 Presidential Candidate), and Ron Crickenberger (LP National Director). For information, call Mike Hihn at (800) 353-1776 or (206) 329-5669.

■ May 3, 1998

Oregon LP Convention, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas. For information, call (503) 775-3299. World Wide Web: www.teleport.com/~lpo/events.html.

■ May 3, 1998

Delaware LP Convention, Air Transport Command Restaurant, New Castle. Speakers include Jack Dalton, Bill Winter, Gene Cisewski, and David Kamioner (political consultant). For more information, contact Mike Smith at (302) 994-0633.

■ May 4, 1998

Rhode Island LP Convention, Bickford's Restaurant, Warwick. Activities include candidate nominations and election of party officers. For more information, call (401) 848-9733.

■ May 8-10, 1998

LP of South Carolina Convention, Springmaid Beach Hotel & Convention Center, Myrtle Beach. Speaker: Dr. Richard Ebeling (Ludwig Von Mises Professor of Economics at Hillsdale College). For more information, call: (803) 254-3204. Or contact Richard T. Quillian via e-mail at quillian@scoast.net.

■ May 9, 1998

West Virginia LP Convention, Holiday Inn Charleston House, Charleston. Speakers include National LP Chairman Steve Dasbach, Jacob Hornberger, and author Dr. Mary Ruwart. For information call John Brown at (800) 950-3421.

■ July 2-5, 1998

Libertarian Party National Convention, Washington, DC. Speakers include 1996 LP presidential candidate Harry Browne, Jacob Hornberger (Future of Freedom Foundation), Michael Tanner (Cato Institute), Sharon Harris (Advocates for Self-Government), and IRS whistle-blower Shelley Davis. Also: Roy Innis (C.O.R.E.), Tanya Metaksa (NRA), Gene Burns (KGO talk show host), and author Charles Murray. Performers include "The Capitol Steps" and Tim Slagle. For information call (202) 234-3880.

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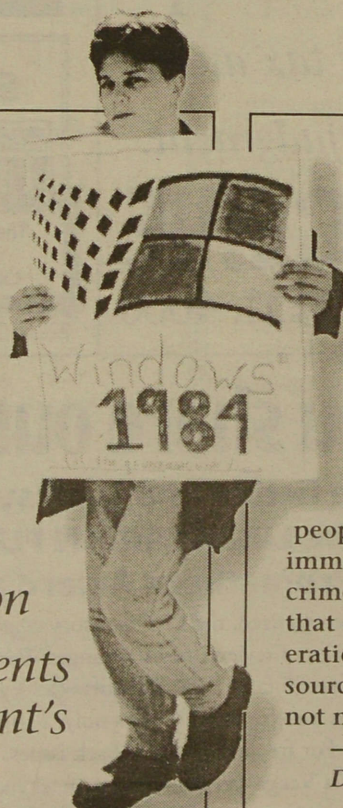
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FIRSTWORD

As a former drugs squad chief, I've seen too many youngsters die. I'm determined my children don't get hooked — which is why I want all drugs legalized. Seven years of my life was spent in Scotland Yard's anti-drugs squad, four as its head. I saw the misery that drug abuse can cause. I saw first-hand the squalor, the wrecked lives, the deaths. And I saw, and arrested when I could, the people who do so well out of drugs; the dealers, the importers, the organizers. I saw the immense profits they were making out of human misery, the money laundering, the crime syndicates they financed. We have attempted prohibition. All that happened was that courts became clogged with thousands of cases of small, individual users, and a generation of young people came to think of the police as their enemies. There were no resources left to fight other crime. I say legalize drugs because I want to see less drug abuse, not more. And I say legalize drugs because I want to see the criminals put out of business.

— EDWARD ELLISON, Former Head of Scotland Yard's Anti-Drugs Squad
Daily Mail, London, England, March 10, 1998