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FEC fine paid

Thanks to the "remarkable generosity" of Libertarian Party members, the national headquarters has paid the fine imposed by the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) and is "ready to move forward with new projects," according to National Director Perry Willis.

"Our party members responded quickly and decisively to this crisis," said Willis. "For everyone who helped, you have our most sincere thanks." Willis announced that the party:

- Paid the fine in full on April 12.
- Convinced the FEC to reduce the fine to \$10,500 from the original \$13,700.

"We explained we were late because we were struggling to meet ballot access requirements. They acknowledged that this was a legitimate mitigating circumstance," said Willis.

- Began a process to automate the filing of future FEC reports, using the extra money donated for the fine. "This will guarantee we never file late again," said Willis.

- Met with FEC officials to confirm that the automation plans comply with commission regulations.

- Filed the last two FEC reports early. The Jan. 31 report was filed on Jan. 26; the April 15 report was filed on April 12.

- Is planning future meetings with the FEC to discuss "the unique burdens they place on parties other than Republicans and Democrats," said Willis. "We hope there is a way we can reduce those burdens."

The party had been accused late last year by Scott E. Thomas, chairman of the FEC, of filing late quarterly financial reports in 1992, in violation of 2 U.S.C. ssss 434(a)(4)(A)(i) and (iii), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

In a subsequent letter to party members, LP Treasurer Hugh Butler explained that the tardy reports were caused by the difficult 50-state ballot access effort for the 1992 presidential election.

"Battling 50 sets of unfair laws, we got our presidential candidate on the ballot in every state. We blasted through every barrier the Republicans and Democrats erected to stop us. And then we ran an aggressive national presidential campaign, and supported 700 other

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Healthy Choice

LP project gaining recognition

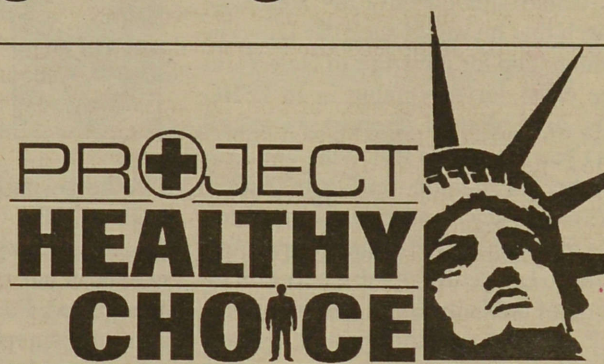
Two important publicity breakthroughs, one public attack, more positive responses from business organizations, and one disappointment—that was the scorecard for Project Healthy Choice over the past month.

The Libertarian Party's free market health care reform plan was featured prominently in Walter Williams' syndicated column, was attacked in print for the first time, and won an endorsement in a major chiropractic magazine.

Meanwhile, several business organizations rejected the Clinton proposal after receiving the LP plan in the mail, Libertarian state organizations remained active in the nationwide lobbying effort, and several Congressmen indicated support for libertarian-style reforms.

In Walter Williams' column on March 10—syndicated in newspapers around the U.S.—the first words were: "The Libertarian Party has adopted the health-care reform plan . . . [endorsing] Medical Savings Accounts."

Williams noted: "The Medical Savings Account idea has several attractive features. If you said MSAs serve you better and Bill and Hillary's plan is better for politicians and bureaucrats, you'll understand why there is political resistance to MSAs. There's nothing in it for politicians—they have no control. You have the control."



The Libertarian Party's Alternative Free Market Health Care Proposal

Williams also endorsed another plank of the LP's proposal—deregulating the health care industry. Williams wrote: "Reforming health care requires that we look at other factors driving costs. [For example], politicians have allowed doctors to use state licensure laws and regulatory laws to limit competition and thus charge higher prices."

Williams' column sparked an attack on the LP in a letter to the *Washington Times*, the second largest newspaper in Washington, DC.

The letter by Roger Ethier, director of Information see **Healthy Choice** on page 13

Stern

Top-rated radio personality seeks governor's nomination from NYLP

BY RANDY LANGHENRY

Howard Stern, radio/television personality and author of the best-selling book "Private Parts," surprised not only the public, but also the national Libertarian Party, by announcing on March 23 his intention to seek the Libertarian Party's nomination for governor of New York.

Stern, who is known for his humor and frank discussion of current affairs, insisted his candidacy was legitimate.

"I'm going to win," Stern told his radio audience. "I'm going to be the next governor of New York."

Stern, however, would have to defeat a number of other Libertarians seeking the nomination. Norma Segal, the LP's 1992 U.S. Senate candidate, Joseph Brennan, the 1993 LP New York City mayoral candidate, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, the LP's 1990 lieutenant governor candidate, and well-known lawyer James Ostrowski had all previously announced their Libertarian candidacies for governor.

For many years Stern had been courted by Libertarian Party members in New York, especially Robert Goodman, editor of the state party newsletter. (An article by Goodman, describing how and why he sought to bring Stern to the LP, appears inside on page 10.)

Stern said he would run on three major platform planks: restoring the death penalty, getting road crews to work only at night, and staggering highway tolls to prevent traffic tie-ups.

Although none of these issues is explicitly Libertarian, neither is it explicitly non-Libertarian.

Stern said that as soon as these three goals were met, he would step aside and let a then-unnamed lieutenant gover-

nor take over the day-to-day operations of the state. The party would select the lieutenant governor candidate at the state convention where they choose their gubernatorial candidate.

On March 28, Stern, along with his co-workers—Robin Quivers, Jackie Martling, Fred Norris, and others—officially joined the Libertarian Party of New York. Stern and the others paid their annual dues and also signed the application that states, "I, the undersigned, am in substantial agreement with the objectives and principles of the Libertarian Party of New York." The objective of the LPNY is "the extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits." The form also delineates the principles of the state party.

Along with Stern and his co-workers, more than 250 people joined the state party after Stern's announcement and prior to the April 8 cut-off date for convention delegate status.

The national party responded to the announcement of Stern's candidacy by saying it had learned a lesson: "We've become big enough to require a sense of humor," stated Bill Winter, the party's director of communications. "Mr. Stern is a professional entertainer, and we're sure his campaign will be entertaining. We just hope that it won't detract from the serious positions the Libertarian Party advocates—reducing the size, cost, and power of government."

The national party has purposely distanced itself from the NY gubernatorial race, at least until after the state convention that was scheduled for April 23-24 (after press deadline for the May issue), not wanting to influence state party members and appear to be endorsing any of the gubernatorial candidates.

The state convention location was moved from a hall in the Ramada Inn in Albany that would hold about 100 see **Stern** on page 10

There are no magic bullets!

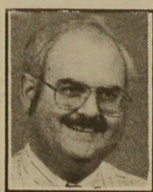
As described elsewhere in this issue, Howard Stern announced on his radio show in March that he would seek the Libertarian nomination for governor of New York.

The calls started coming in to LPHQ almost immediately. Reporters asked "Aren't you afraid this will make you look like a joke?" LP members calling to support Stern's candidacy—and the millions of dollars of free publicity it would bring. And even more LP members were horrified by the kind of publicity (bad) and image for the LP (worse) that they saw in a Stern candidacy.

I must admit that my reaction to Stern's announcement was negative; a feeling that was shared by the LPHQ staff and by most of the Executive Committee. Bill Winter quipped that this has taught us a valuable lesson, that the Libertarian Party has finally "... become big enough to require a sense of humor."

However, our opinions about Stern's candidacy are irrelevant. The Libertarian Party is a real political party—and real political parties have open nominations. Our candidates are selected by Libertarian Party members in conventions or primaries, not by Party leaders in smoke-filled back rooms. As with the Democrats and Republicans, anyone can choose to seek our party's nomination for any office - including Howard Stern.

By the time you read this, the Libertarian Party of New York will have held its convention and nominated a slate of candidates, including a candidate for governor. However, in the long run, no single nomination will change what it will take to develop the LP into a major political party: There are no "magic bullets," no shortcuts to success. Our political success depends on consistently doing the essential work of a political party. And we're doing it!



From the Chair

Steve Dasbach
National Chair

Whether it's Project Healthy Choice, our Million Dollar Outreach Project (for April 15), or our new brochures, the professional quality of our new materials is starting to get noticed. For example, Dr. Walter Williams led off a recent column with favorable comments about our health care plan.

We're also starting to get noticed by the media. Dr. Dean Edell made favorable comments about the LP on his nationally syndicated radio show. And James Pinkerton, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and former official in the Bush administration, wrote a very positive column about the LP for the *Los Angeles Times*.

A record number of Libertarians are serving in public office, whether elected or appointed. And from our state representatives and liquor commissioner in New Hampshire, to our city council members in California, they are being elected and appointed to higher offices than ever before.

Through petitioning, lobbying, and legal action, we're beating back the ballot access barriers. We qualified for every ballot in 1992 and we're ahead of that pace for 1996. We still have a lot of ballot drives to do, and one-by-one we're getting them done.

Most importantly, at the local, state, and national level, we're working to build a major political party. A party that supports "everyone's rights on every issue every day." The Libertarian Party!

The rights of Americans are under attack as never before. Gun owners betrayed by Republican support for the Brady Bill. Innocent citizens caught in the crossfire of

the War on Drugs. People worried about the FDA's plans to add cigarettes and vitamins to the prohibited list. Home-schoolers under attack by local school officials. The litany of government abuse of power expands every day.

As more and more Americans recognize that it's their rights that are under attack, we will have the opportunity to experience unprecedented growth. But only if we remember what it takes to succeed.

We're continuing to professionalize our operations. We're getting more involved in the political process. And we're getting more publicity (good, positive publicity) for our efforts.

We just have to remember that there are no "magic bullets," no shortcuts to success. We can and will achieve victory in our lifetime, if we continue to concentrate on taking small, achievable steps today. Let's make it happen!

LP urges end to Asian alliances

As rhetoric in Washington heats up against the "nuclear threat" of North Korea, LP Shadow Cabinet Secretary of State Leon T. Hadar urged a sharply different tack: "The U.S. should take advantage of the end of the Cold War to reassess its military commitments in Asia, and move toward ending its formal military alliances with South Korea and Japan," he said.

"The notion that in the post-Cold War era it is Washington's role to become a global policeman to prevent countries like North Korea from developing nuclear military capabilities is unrealistic. The U.S. does not have the diplomatic and military power to engage in such an ambitious project, and offer a nuclear umbrella to every country around the globe," he said.

In contrast to Clinton Administration

promises to support South Korea—up to and including a "brutal and bloody" war, in the words of one government official—Hadar recommended, "Instead of reaffirming its security guarantees to South Korea and threatening North Korea with economic sanctions, a move that could trigger a military conflict on the Korean peninsula, an American policy of 'constructive disengagement' should be aimed at gradually reducing U.S. military commitments in the region."

To speed this process, he said, "Washington should not oppose attempts by countries who feel threatened by potential nuclear military players to develop their own nuclear capabilities, or regional military alliances. If Japan, South Korea, or Taiwan consider North Korea to be a

nuclear threat, they should not be prevented from moving to contain that threat with their own independent nuclear power."

What long-term course of action would Hadar urge for the U.S.? "Remain engaged economically in Asia and the Pacific region, with its enormous potential of trade and investment," he said. "Trade relations with countries like North Korea, Vietnam, and China is the most effective and peaceful way to encourage economic and political reform there."

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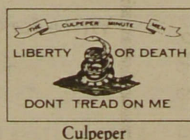
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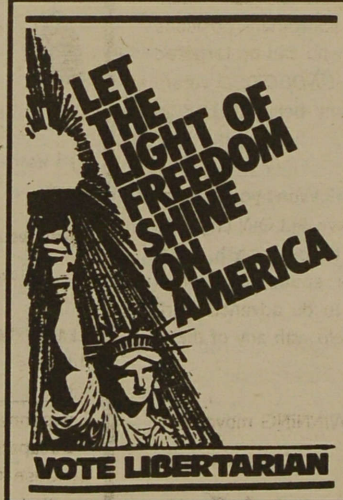
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Libertarian Party

from

Joseph E. Knight



Dear Fellow Libertarians:

For the last 3 years I have been serving as the Libertarian Party Field Organizer (and was New Mexico State Coordinator a few years before that). During this time, I have traveled coast to coast several times, spoken to audiences large and small, and discussed tactics and strategy with all types of libertarians and professionals. I have learned much. And I think libertarians can win elections and change society.

We each have our own vision of what needs to be done. MY vision includes: 1. Helping local libertarian candidates (especially LP candidates) win elections to public office; 2. Training libertarian and allied activists in the art and science of advocacy politics; 3. Helping local groups (LP affiliates, affinity groups, etc.) organize and set realistic agendas; 4. Ambitious student outreach and training (future building); and 5. Building coalitions.

The Libertarian National Committee does not share my view of how to proceed. Resources are being shifted from the field to the office. I recognize that the LNC, by its very nature, changes in composition and direction from one convention to another. (example: the previous LNC used the term World Class to describe its goal for the campus program - many members of the current LNC are questioning whether we should be involved on campus at all).

While I personally believe that the change in direction is short-sighted, I don't fault the LNC. I understand that the members of the LNC have a tough job to do. We elected them to do it, they did it, and I respect it.

However, in my view, the activities I've indicated should not only be pursued but should be priorities. Because of the importance I attach to them, I have initiated a project to organize a PAC (Political Action Committee) - ALLOW (American Liberty Leadership & Organizing Workgroup) - to work around these objectives.

Initially, (with your help) I hope to build enough of a base: to keep an organizer in the field; to maintain an office; to start offering the professional Political Action Seminars (in June); to start training and placing student interns; to start special funds for 1 or more telemarketing machines (used for research polling) and for 1 or more notebook computers (to be loaded with campaign management and survey analysis software and loaned to viable candidates); and to start publication of 2 newsletters (see ALLOW Program).

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Your friend in freedom,

Joseph E. Knight

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Bowen wins two-year term as alderman

Missouri Libertarian Party member Rob Bowen was elected to the Lee's Summit Board of Aldermen in early April. Bowen received 62 percent of the vote in a two-way race. Lee's Summit is a large suburb of Kansas City with a population of about 54,000.

Although the election was non-partisan,

Bowen's Libertarian Party affiliation was mentioned in local coverage of the candidates. For the past year, Bowen has served as chair of the Metro KC Libertarians.

Bowen ran on a platform of greater citizen participation in local government and support for the statewide Hancock II tax limitation amendment.

Bowen will serve for two years and will be one of eight aldermen, along with the

mayor, who serve on the board.

Bowen is the first Libertarian to be elected to public office in Missouri since the state party was officially established in 1992.

Other Libertarians in the greater Kansas City area hope to duplicate Bowen's success by aiming at local offices. A number of additional candidates have already announced.

Candidates: Campaign '94 info needed

The NEWS wants to hear from candidates, campaign managers, state chairs, etc. about 1994 Libertarian Party candidates. Send candidate lists, campaign information, photos, and news releases to the NEWS. We hope to run a complete list of 1994 LP candidates this summer. Send to: NEWS, P.O. Box 3391, Gainesville, GA 30503.

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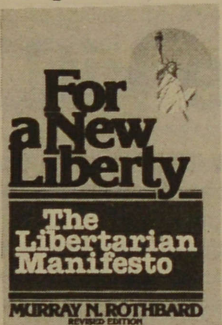
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Campaign 1994 heating up, candidates active

Arizona

John Buttrick, a prominent Phoenix attorney, announced his Libertarian candidacy for governor. State chair **Rick Tompkins** will serve as campaign manager. "I believe 1994 affords an excellent opportunity for Libertarian candidates statewide to raise public consciousness on issues related to political principles and the existence of party alternatives other than Republicans and Democrats," Buttrick said.

Other announced candidates include: **Ernest Hancock**, secretary of state; **Gary Fallon**, state house; and **Rick Tompkins**, state senate.

California

A pro-immigration rally at the San Francisco Civic Center produced some strange bedfellows and the "Maoist and Marxist sponsors" of the event were caught off guard when they were joined by Libertarians **George O'Brien**, **Jerry Pico**, and **Mark Valverde**, according to the "Golden Gate Libertarian" newsletter. The Libertarians passed out literature and joined in opposing political scapegoating of immigrants.

In La Mirada, LP member **Matt Piazza** is publishing his own newsletter, "The La Mirada Watchdog." In it, Piazza comments on local city council races and other local items. "There are many ways to serve your



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city other than running for office," Piazza writes. "Educating the public is one way. In that light, this voter guide is presented to the residents as a supplement" to the coverage of the local newspapers.

Colorado

State Libertarians held the second annual Right to Bear Arms rally at the state capitol in mid-April. The event was organized by **David Segal** of the Denver LP. **David Kopel**, of the Independence Institute, was the featured speaker.

Delaware

John Reda is actively campaigning for state representative in District 13. His campaign has already held a fund-raising dinner and plans are under way for a door-to-door delivery of flyers to each house in the district. Reda has been described as the "Copper Top Candidate," because he "has been going and going and going from door to door speaking to his future constituency since last fall and getting lots of positive response, such as 500 signatures on his supporters list," said **Greg Callaway** of the

Reda campaign.

Florida

Mike Kerner, longtime LP member and secretary of the Broward LP, has announced he is running for state house in District 98. Kerner will probably be in a two-way race against an incumbent, liberal Democrat. The only Libertarian to run for political office in Broward was **Harry Robinson** in 1992. Robinson received 26 percent of the vote against an incumbent Democrat.

Georgia

Larry Bolin, chair of the Gwinnett County LP, led a successful fight against the county public education establishment recently.

Late in October 1993, before a school-bond referendum was to be voted on at the November election, Bolin discovered that public schools in the county were in violation of state law by allowing "Vote Yes!" banners to be hung on public school grounds. Pro-school-bond signs were also being left on school grounds for parents, students, and staff.

Bolin also discovered that the local school system provided a list of registered voters with school-age children to a pro-bond campaign committee, as well as providing a telephone script for education bureaucrats for distribution to pro-bond vol-

unteers. These partisan activities were made on employee time and were copied and distributed at public expense.

Bolin filed a complaint with the State Ethics Commission, alleging that the assistant superintendent for information systems for the school system had acted in an unethical manner in his role in the partisan pro-bond activities.

In March, school system attorneys submitted a consent order conceding Bolin's charges. The assistant superintendent received a \$750 civil penalty to be paid with his own, and not public, money and was ordered to pay the school system \$28.50 for photocopying partisan campaign materials. In addition, the assistant superintendent and the county school system agreed "to cease and desist from any present or future violation of the Ethics in Government Act."

Bolin is looking into additional charges, but he has made his point: Don't campaign on taxpayers' time, or with materials bought by taxpayers for educational purposes only.

Iowa

State chair **Marcia Roewe** has been encouraging party members to get more involved. "Apathy is one of our biggest road blocks within the Libertarian movement. Those who believe in libertarianism seem

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C.N., San Antonio, TX

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Sentencing in the Tucker case in Georgia took place in late March [see Feb. 1994 NEWS]. The Tuckers, who operated an agricultural supply store, Southern Lights and Hydroponics, were found guilty of conspiracy to manufacture marijuana.

Gary Tucker received a sentence of 16 1/2 years' confinement and five years' supervised release. Joanne Tucker and Steve Tucker were each sentenced to 10 years'

confinement and five years' supervised release. These are all federal mandatory sentences, and do not allow parole. All were found guilty even though they had never seen nor grown the marijuana plants.

The sentencing of the business owners for their customers' illegal use of equipment "is pushing the constitutional boundaries in the Drug Enforcement Administration's efforts in the war on

drugs," said Nancy Lord, the Tuckers' attorney and the LP's 1992 vice presidential candidate.

"The DEA's tactics in grasping at straws is case in point that the war on drugs is fast becoming the Vietnam of domestic policy," said Lord. "Instead of inflated body counts, it is charging people with drugs never seen, never confiscated."

At issue is whether a private business is

guilty of its customers' illegal use of agricultural supplies that could be construed as beneficial to marijuana growth inside people's homes. The Tuckers were convicted for selling supplies common to Home Depot and Wal-Mart stores.

The arrests took place after an extensive two-year undercover investigation, costing an estimated \$1 million, that netted only one major arrest.

"Chasing down customers over the years of day-to-day surveillance through their car tag numbers as they picked up agricultural supplies led the DEA to little more than nickel and dime arrests," explained Lord. "Hoping to salvage the operation, the DEA charged the store owners with the amount of marijuana estimated the few suspects who testified at the trial *could* have grown with the supplies, in exchange for lighter sentences."

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Libertarian candidates for public office," he wrote. "But something was bound to slip. We fell behind on filing our reports, and that gave the FEC bureaucrats the opening they craved."

Because of the fine, the party's 50-state ballot drive for 1996, its campaign to expand media visibility, continued work on Project Healthy Choice, and its drive to professionalize operations had been in danger of being delayed.

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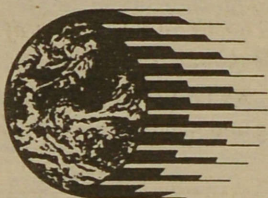
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In human affairs, right now, there is also a gap between what is and what could be. We suffer from "human failure programs" (like government!) that keep us as a society stuck at a low level. The gap between what is and what could or should be represents potential. **This potential is vastly greater than the potential that enabled Bill Gates to become the richest man in America.**

TERRA LIBRA

Terra Libra is a phenomenal societal breakthrough for taking advantage of the gap between what is and what could or should be. Terra Libra is a worldwide free country that extends across national borders. It's an information-based rather than a territorial country. Its inhabitants are Free Sovereign Citizens.

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The bogus power of illegitimate freedom-violators depends on the support of their victims. Terra Librans find practical ways to legally, elegantly, and safely withdraw their support. The power of illegitimate freedom-violators is tenuous — flimsy, fragile, and of little substance. Understanding the dynamics of human power enabled Mohandas Gandhi to defeat the armed might of the British Empire without firing a shot. The armed might of the East German freedom-violators, backed by 300,000 Russian troops could not keep the Berlin wall standing. When the victims of the soviet free-

dom-violators withdrew their support, the Soviet Empire collapsed overnight.

Because of growing social problems, huge budget deficits, property seizures, Nazi-like terrorism, and other criminal violations, many freedom-violators are destroying their own coercive power systems. They are rapidly losing control.

We distinguish three sectors: the **public** sector, the **private** sector, and the **free-enterprise** sector. The **public** sector operates on the principle of coercion: the force of the gun. The **private** sector mixes coercion and freedom — politics and business. People in the private sector enjoy a modicum of freedom. However, they obey, bribe, and finance the freedom-violators of the public sector. They often obtain special privileges such as monopoly licenses, subsidies, and welfare from the freedom-violators.

People in the **free-enterprise** sector practice real or true, free enterprise. In Terra Libra slavery has been abolished. Free Sovereign Citizens own their lives, minds, bodies, and the fruit of their labor, and practice voluntary exchange. They can do anything which doesn't harm others or their property. These principles are formulated in the Code of Terra Libra.

Terra Libra is the free-enterprise sector of the world.

Terra Librans create voluntary institutions in areas such as education, currencies and banking, justice, communications, etc. As the coercive institutions of the freedom-violators worsen and collapse, people naturally shift their economic activities into Terra Libra — the "Terra Libra Shift."

Freedom Technology enables you to legally, elegantly, and safely shift some of your economic activities into the free-enterprise sector. The Terra Libran entrepreneurs who facilitate this shift will become the millionaires and billionaires of the next century. To get an idea of the potential, consider the size of the public and private sectors. These two sectors will collapse and be replaced by the free-enterprise sector.

Over the years there has been a shift in the nature of power. At one time power was almost totally based on **violence** (coercion). Then power came to be based more on **money** than on violence. In today's world power is based primarily on **information**. This shift in the nature of power is described in the book *Powershift* by Alvin Toffler. Territorial countries are based on violence, money, and brainwashing (the perversion of information). Terra Libra is primarily an information-based country.

I believe that we maximize our prospects for freedom by applying a wide range of strategies — circumvent, ignore, criticize, ridicule, weaken, reform, and replace the enemy on many fronts. Terra Libra should be viewed as an **adjunct** to other strategies. Our strategy is outlined in much more detail in the Terra Libra reports.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR

Much more has been achieved than space allows me to mention. A few highlights:

- There are now thirty-two Patrons and forty-five Professional Liberators in: Arizona, Australia, Bulgaria, California, Canada, Colorado, Delaware, England, Florida, France, Hawaii, Illinois, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Sark (Channel Islands), Texas, Turkey. (Patrons and Professional Liberators are basically people who provide services related to Freedom Technology, for example, privacy & asset protection, alternative currencies & banking, tax abatement, education, secure communication, etc.)
- A Terra Libra Supper Club has been established in Orange County, California. In November 1993, the *Orange County Liberty Bell* included a full-page feature on Terra Libra.
- The Terra Libra "country" concept has been expanded to include "Terra Libra Territories" of which there are already several, including a major company in Pennsylvania.
- An organization has been established to create a worldwide economic system with a 100%-gold-based currency. The system will interface with current banking systems. It's organized so each aspect of it is perfectly legal in the country where that aspect operates. Users of the gold-based system will be able to enjoy most of the services they now receive from their local bank. They will be able to deposit local currency checks and bank notes. The system will write checks in local currency. Secure electronic transfer will be possible for transactions between users of the system. Users will be able to withdraw funds from local ATMs (automatic teller machines). The gold will be maintained by a solid financial institution with an impeccable reputation of at least 100 years — in a safe country. The gold will be insured and subject to regular independent audit. We expect the system to be operational around June 1994.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

"The American people possess that loathsome and deplorable custom of blind obedience and servility to those in power or stationed in high office. History demonstrates that we should distrust politicians, not worship them. I have received and briefly reviewed your manuscripts, and find them well written and full of information. I congratulate you on your work. I hope that your works get wide circulation because they look excellent."

Lowell H. Becraft, Jr. - Attorney - Huntsville, Alabama

"Whenever I read any of your Terra Libra publications, my heart starts pounding with excitement. I've been studying freedom for a few years, but I often thought living my life as a truly free person was a pipe dream. It was something to think about and discuss with a few freedom loving friends, but nothing that I can do much about. Your publication really changed my mind. "Wake Up America" was truly my personal wake up call. I don't recall buying a book with higher useful information content per page or per dollar. Your breadth and depth of useful knowledge is incredible.

I think Terra Libra will be a success. It has a far broader appeal than anarchism or Neo-Tech. I would definitely like to be part of it. I'm originally from Japan and was disappointed in America because many of the bad habits of old Japan are also prevalent here. My father is a translator in Japan and also is discovering freedom. I would like to discuss with you the possibility of publishing Terra Libra products in Japan."

Isao Hanashi - Computer Consultant - Mesa, Arizona

"**WOW!** Your Terra Libra concept is a mind-blower... and a winner whose time is **NOW!** The info you sent brought the greatest excitement about the possibility of freedom in my lifetime I've ever known. Thru Terra Libra you're providing an exciting possibility: Be free now, working within and around our present oppressive government, leaving it to collapse of its own weight while we simultaneously create alternative systems that'll be in place to replace those of the tyrannical government when it withers and dies as in the USSR. Fascinating stuff!"

Dr. Howard Long - Dentist - Carnelian Bay, California

"For the last 25 years I've been reading about "what's wrong!" I've been a member of "The John Birch Society" and "Neo-Tech" and I've never found anything as well written as your Terra Libra Manuals."

Duane F. Campbell - Developer - Kent, Washington

"Your philosophy and writings are exactly on target, this is the stuff I grew up on. I detest coercion and all the official and unofficial bodies that use it to further their parasitic existence. Invisibility seems to be the first line of defense, as in *The Art of War* Sun Tzu writes, "only the formless cannot be affected" and "To win without fighting is best." He also wrote, "Strength is not just a matter of extensive territory and a large population, victory is not just a matter of efficient armaments, security is not just a matter of high walls and deep moats... Those who establish a viable organization will survive..."

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people to another hall nearby that would hold about 600 people. State party officials said only legitimate delegates and media would be allowed into the convention.

The New York state party has already been contacted by all of the major media, including the BBC, with requests for credentials to the state party convention.

Stern's announcement was met with mixed reactions from Libertarians across the country.

Some were concerned with the LP's loss of credibility from a Stern candidacy. Jeff Emery, state chair of the New Hampshire LP, told the press that Stern "probably wouldn't make it past the primary if he was running in New Hampshire." Emery explained that "Stern makes a very good living off of very bad manners, and we support his First Amendment rights to the hilt. But our membership has come to expect a serious and responsible image in its candidates, which I think would allow very few votes for someone with Stern's taste for the outlandish."

Others, however, such as LP national committee member Tamara Clark, who is also the national LP's marketing manager, were thrilled with the announcement.

"As a marketing director I can't think of a better way to reach out to an audience that likes the way he sells his message," Clark said. "Libertarians, let's take the challenge and grow from this!"

Clark traveled to New York from her home in Las Vegas, NV, to help the New York LP meet the demands of increased public and media attention.

The New York LP is similarly split over the Stern announcement. A contingent of LP members is shying away from a Stern candidacy. Many had already been hard at work on the campaigns of the other announced candidates. At press time, it was far from clear as to whom the convention delegates would support for the gubernatorial nomination.

But Vicki Kirkland, longtime New York Libertarian Party activist and the person who handles many of the phone calls from the public seeking information about the LP, said the Stern announcement had "been a wonderful outreach tool." Kirkland said most of the calls she had



AP/Wide World Photos by Chrystyna Czajkowsky

RUNNING - Radio personality Howard Stern, left, gestures as he is applauded by New York Libertarian Party Chairman Ludwig Vogel, right, and state party Vice Chair Joseph Brennan at a New York news conference March 23. Stern was seeking the state party's nomination for governor.

received had been from just the people the state party had been trying to reach for years. "The publicity has been great," she said.

Good or bad, the Stern candidacy was getting a lot of media attention. Newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations across the country are actively following the nomination process.

One major problem that might face a Stern candidacy is the so-called "equal-time rules" of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Stern has had numerous run-ins with the FCC for broadcasting "indecent" remarks, and

the company he works for currently faces more than \$1 million in fines. Now the FCC says that if Stern becomes a legally qualified candidate, all other legally qualified candidates for NY governor would have to be offered equal time—currently about four to five hours each day—on the four New York radio stations that carry his program. Gov. Mario Cuomo, who will be the Democratic candidate, however, has already said he would not likely seek the equal time.

Watch for more coverage of the New York Libertarian Party gubernatorial nomination in next month's NEWS.

Who is this guy Howard Stern?

Howard Stern is the host of a nationally-syndicated radio show that is rated number one in major markets across the country. According to press reports, Stern's daily syndicated radio show is heard by roughly three million listeners nationwide. He is also the author of the number-one best-selling book, "Private Parts," and the host of an interview show on E! Entertainment Television.

Stern graduated magna cum laude from Boston University in 1976 with a major in broadcasting and film. He has worked in radio in New York, Washington, DC, and Detroit, among other places, as a production director, program director, and on-air personality. He is currently employed by Infinity Broadcasting in New York City, headquartered out of radio station WXRK.

Stern's radio show consists of interviews with celebrity guests, everyone from Bob Hope to Andrew Dice Clay, comments on current events and people in the news, from the Clinton Administration to Woody Allen's family problems, and regular comedic bits, such as Lesbian Dial-A-Date. He has challenged the FCC's parameters of "decent" broadcasting standards his entire career.

He has been married for 15 years, and he and his wife, Allison, have three children.



Stern and LP: How and Why

BY ROBERT GOODMAN

I'd already figured Howard Stern to be a libertarian when, in the fall of 1984, I heard him repeatedly lament on his WNBC radio show the supposed absence of an alternative to Reagan and Mondale for president of the U.S. He disliked the Republicans on matters of personal liberty, and he feared the Democrats regarding business liberty. As he later put it, "I'm for personal freedom. I'm for freedom of the marketplace." So I started sending him libertarian, and specifically Libertarian Party, literature.

Stern's performances—he calls himself a d.j., even though he doesn't jockey disks anymore—are cynical social satire. When he expresses anti-liberty sentiments, they're always in the context of irony, shock, coyness, or sheer comedy of the absurd. So when he adopted a serious tone of voice a few times to acknowledge overtures from me and other libertarians, we knew he was very serious.

Stern can be insincere when business requires it. For instance, when Snapple, Best Health, and Old Tyme sodas were all sponsors at the same time, somehow each managed to win the taste test against competing brands. But when sponsorship was not at issue, what else but belief could have motivated him to say on the air that all government services should be privatized, as he did a few years ago? ("And if Donald Trump delivered the mail, you could send letters for 12 cents, and also gamble with the stamps.") I could go on and on about his pronouncements, but trust me: The man is a radical libertarian.

Therefore, I've been seeking to get Howard Stern involved in Libertarian Party and possibly other libertarian activities for some time. In the late 1980s he said

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on the air, in an uncharacteristically serious tone of voice, that he was flattered by my suggestion to run for high public office, and that he believed in what we stood for, but he just wasn't ready for such a move. However, he did briefly plug Ron Paul for president in 1988.

In 1991, an on-air phone caller from the Philadelphia radio affiliate suggested Stern pay more attention to the Libertarian Party. He answered, "I guess I really am a libertarian, but you people [the LP] don't seem to be happening." [Stern had endorsed New York LP gubernatorial candidate Gary Johnson in 1990, and he was disappointed in the vote total, although those totals were quite good by then-LP standards.] But around that time, Stern started saying he'd like to run for high office (probably U.S. Senate) someday.

In 1992, Stern said he'd be ready to run for statewide office in two years. (And you thought this was spur-of-the-moment, didn't you?)

March 1994: The two years are up, and Stern announces he'll run this year for governor, as a complete independent. As editor of "Free New York," the state LP newsletter, I wrote asking whether he'd seek the LP nomination. (I also informed him that he couldn't appear on the ballot as a complete independent; he must have a lieutenant governor on the ticket.) He read my letter on the air, and said yes.

Robert Goodman is the editor of "Free New York," the newsletter of the LP of New York.

U.S. Senate - Michigan

Coon setting standard for 1994 LP campaigns

The Jon Coon for U.S. Senate campaign in Michigan is setting a standard for other Libertarian campaigns across the country this year.

Coon is a 34-year-old Michigan native whose professional career includes 10 years in the lumber business. He was the owner and sole proprietor of Henderson Land and Timber. Coon decided to run for office last year. He is seeking the Senate seat being vacated by Don Riegle, so there is no incumbent in the race.

"If this country was being run responsibly, I would have been happy to stay put, do my job, and take care of my family," Coon said. "Our country, however, is not being run responsibly... and I've watched as long as I can."

The Coon campaign has put together an impressive campaign staff, and the cam-

paign is going far beyond the usual news releases and candidate flyers.

A monthly newsletter is keeping his supporters up to date on all the campaign activities, and a monthly pledge program—with a 95 percent fulfillment rate—is keeping the fund-raising effort on track. As of mid-April, the campaign had raised more than three times the amount of money ever spent by a Libertarian candidate in Michigan.

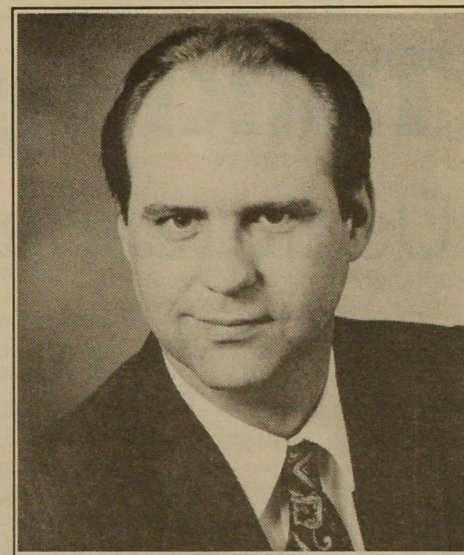
Coon has targeted a number of groups for potential supporters and is seeing significant results. One of the issues Coon feels strongly about is the right to keep and bear arms, and with 2.5 million gun owning voters in Michigan, he plans to hit the issue hard.

Coon recently met with Detroit's rock music star Ted Nugent, an outspoken proponent of the Second Amendment, to discuss the campaign and secure his support. After what was described as "three hours

of intense conversation and information sharing," Nugent agreed to co-sponsor the Coon campaign's Second Amendment Rally scheduled for Sept. 25 on the steps of the state capitol in Lansing. Nugent agreed to help in the promotion of the event and agreed to appear in person if he is not on tour. Coon also secured an invitation to be a featured speaker at the "Ted Nugent World Bowhunters Bash" in Jackson County in early July.

Coon has also been actively informing the state's United We Stand America groups of his candidacy. He is already scheduled to speak to all 16 district groups in the state, and they have agreed to include Coon in all their candidate nights and debates.

Along with bumper stickers, an 800 telephone number (1-800-JON-COON), almost daily personal appearances, and direct mail, the campaign has already been running television and radio ads across the state. The ads focus on excessive taxes, govern-



JON COON - Candidate for U.S. Senate in MI

ment waste, and the Second Amendment issue.

Coon joined the Libertarian Party in 1992 and currently serves as the vice chair of the state party. He and his wife, Lori, have three children. He is an avid outdoorsman, a Little League baseball coach, and a member of the National Rifle Association.

For more information, write the Committee to Elect Jon Coon, 24705 John R. St., Hazel Park, MI 48030.

U.S. Senate - Missouri

Two-way race leads to LP primary

In Missouri, for the first time ever, two Libertarians will meet in a contested primary for the LP nomination for U.S. Senate.

Rickey Jamerson, of St. Louis, and Bill Johnson, of Norwood, are both actively campaigning for the LP's nomination.

Jamerson is a longtime community activist and chairman of the St. Louis-based Good Government Committee. He has been a tireless crusader against corrupt and inefficient government. In 1986, Jamerson led a petition drive to collect 10,000 signatures—he personally collected more than 5,000—to bring the state auditor to town to audit city government.

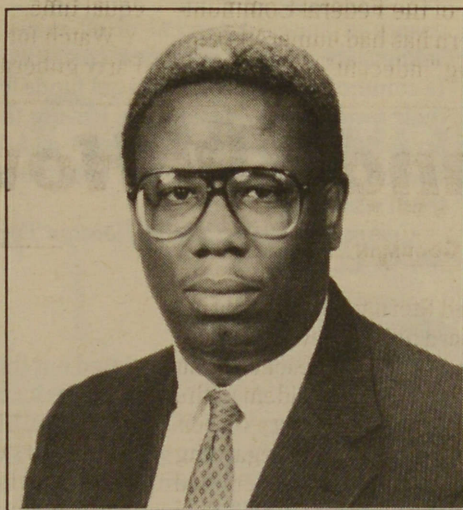
As a result of that audit, a license collector was removed from office, the board of aldermen was exposed for abusing the "emergency clause" to circumvent the people's right to challenge board actions, irregularities in the bidding process were uncovered, and an estimated \$20 million was saved through the implementation of more effective procedures.

Jamerson has also been an active crusader against taxes and has worked to clean up election fraud in St. Louis. In 1991, he provided a statistical voting analysis of the city that pointed out voting irregularities. His research led to the indictment of two notary publics. "I only scratched the surface," Jamerson noted.

Jamerson plans to focus his campaign on the issues of economic revival, Second Amendment rights, crime and punishment, and responsible government.

"The heavy burden of bloated government is smothering the vitality of the free enterprise system," Jamerson said. "It's time to give the small business owner a break from federal mandates!"

Jamerson is a strong believer in the economic power of small business. "Private



RICKEY JAMERSON

investment in urban centers is critical," he explained.

Jamerson said he has a special perspective on Second Amendment rights. "As an African American I know the importance of the basic right of gun ownership. The right to own firearms was one of the first rights denied to African Americans," he said.

Jamerson is also blunt in his comments on crime and punishment. He rejects the "three strikes and you're out" mentality. "Violent crime is not a ball game! We can't afford to give murderers, rapists, and thugs a second and third chance. I believe in holding criminals responsible for their crimes," he stated.

Jamerson also is calling for the decriminalization of drugs. "Why are we filling our prisons with pot smokers, coke snorters, and pill poppers and letting murderers go free?" he asked. "Drug abuse is a health care issue not a law enforcement issue."

Jamerson, who has an economics de-

gree from Dartmouth, said he plans to "walk and talk" his way across Missouri.

"America needs a hero, a black, brown-eyed hero. Someone who can tear down racial and social walls. With the help of average working people, I plan to win," he emphatically stated.

Bill Johnson, an independent contractor in the building trades, has traveled extensively, including volunteer work as a medic with the Nicaraguan Contras. He believes his real world experience and common sense solutions represent an alternative to politics—and politicians—as usual.

"Our government is out of control," said Johnson. "It's become a monster, spewing out regulations and red tape while devouring tax dollars faster than they pour into Washington."

Johnson's campaign will be focusing on the issues of crime, fiscal responsibility, affirmative action, and welfare.

On crime, Johnson says he thinks enough tax dollars are already allocated for fighting crime, and he advocates taking the neighborhood watch program to its logical end—training citizens as volunteer police. He also would shift law enforcement resources away from rural traffic enforcement to inner-city patrols. "If we're fighting a war on crime, I want all the troops on the front line," he explained.

Johnson supports the balanced budget amendment, and said he would not support any new taxes or tax increases.

Johnson also plans to campaign on changing affirmative action laws so that companies are required to hire only the most qualified person.

Johnson also will be discussing major reforms to the welfare system. As a first step, he said he would require people who accept aid from the state to give up certain

rights. He is also emphasizing turning public assistance over to private charities.

"The flood relief drives initiated by our churches and civic groups show what can be achieved when citizens work together in crises," he said. "The federal flood insurance program is a case study in why government should get out of the charity business."

For more information on the Jamerson campaign, write Working People for Jamerson, 3859 Sullivan, St. Louis, MO 63107, or call 314-534-3934.

For more information on the Johnson campaign, call 417-838-4149 or 800-838-1776, or send e-mail to 72074.2330@compuserve.com.

Ballot access

Two states, Washington and Virginia, recently changed their procedures to allow third parties to get on the ballot before they have chosen their presidential and vice presidential candidates. Both states approved use of a stand-in presidential candidate, who can later resign when the identity of the actual candidates becomes known.

The Libertarian Party was especially gratified by these changes since the party won't choose its 1996 presidential candidate until July 6-7, 1996, and desires to qualify for ballots before that date. The party recently asked the secretary of state of Kentucky and of West Virginia, and the Oklahoma State Election Board, to make similar rulings, since attempts to change the laws in those states this year did not succeed.

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Talking points

Useful expert comments

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

Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

Libertarian talking points

Dave Walter
Editor

through high savings rates. They fill vital niches at the ends of the skill spectrum, doing low-skilled jobs that native Americans rebuff (at prevailing wages), as well as sophisticated high-skill jobs. Indeed, the willingness of immigrants to work hard probably explains why per capita income of the foreign-born population in the 1990 census actually slightly exceeded that of the native-born."

Richard Vedder, column in the Wall Street Journal, Feb. 28, 1994.

Issue: Immigration

The desirability of allowing immigration to continue at current levels—or at higher or lower levels—continues to stir political debate. Libertarians generally favor open immigration as long as the immigrants are self-supporting. Many analysts and observers have made a strong case for immigration, in that immigrants contribute to social and economic progress of the nation that admits them.

Here are some recent examples:

A new study by Ruben G. Rumbaut, a sociology professor at Michigan State University, showed "that foreign-born children who have lived in the United States for five to 10 years had a grade-point average of 2.58, higher than that of U.S.-born children of immigrants." It is only after they learn bad study habits from American children that their grades begin to go down.

From Associated Press, reported in the Houston Chronicle, Feb. 23, 1994.

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A study conducted by "immigration expert Jeffrey Passel of the Urban Institute in Washington" looked at whether or not immigrants are a net gain or loss to the U.S. economy. "Passel estimates immigrants actually generate substantial revenues, amounting to about a \$30 billion-plus contribution."

Columnist Juan R. Palomo in the Houston Post, Feb. 28, 1994.

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Don't immigrants contribute to higher unemployment? Dr. Richard Vedder, an economics professor at Ohio University, along with Lowell Gallaway and Stephen Moore, looked at historical and contemporary evidence in a study for the Alexis de Tocqueville Institution. "Using several different periods and approaches, we consistently found no statistically meaningful relationship between immigration and unemployment. However, if there is any correlation, it would appear to be negative: Higher immigration is associated with lower unemployment."

"Why doesn't immigration cause unemployment? Immigrants expand total output and the demand for labor, offsetting the negative effects that a greater labor supply might have. Immigrants tend to be highly productive and promote capital formation

Issue: Decriminalization

Ever since Surgeon General Elders suggested that a study be done on the possibility of decriminalizing drugs, more and more pro-legalization comment has been seen from new—and unexpected—sources.

"Prohibition has failed before in America, and many believe that the war on drugs is failing now. Champions of legalization, including this newspaper, argue that if it is done properly governments could take the world's largest untaxed industry out of the hands of criminals and start to exercise workable controls."

The Economist (UK), Jan. 29, 1994.

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"Legalizing drugs, another move in the direction of individual liberty and responsibility, would reduce crime more effectively (than gun control and stiffer mandatory sentences.)"

The Economist, Jan. 29, 1994.

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"Yes, legal drugs, even if heavily taxed and extensively regulated, would no doubt be cheaper than illegal ones, which could mean more people sampling them out of curiosity. But this danger has to be weighed against the insidious marketing dynamic of illegal drugs, whose wildly inflated prices compel the low-income user to become a pusher and recruiter of new users."

"Drugs can kill, of course. But drug prohibition kills too. In Washington, an estimated 80 percent of homicides are drug related, meaning drug-prohibition related. It's gunshot wounds that fill our urban emergency rooms, not ODs and bad trips."

Barbara Ehrenreich, "Essay" in Time magazine, Feb. 28, 1994.

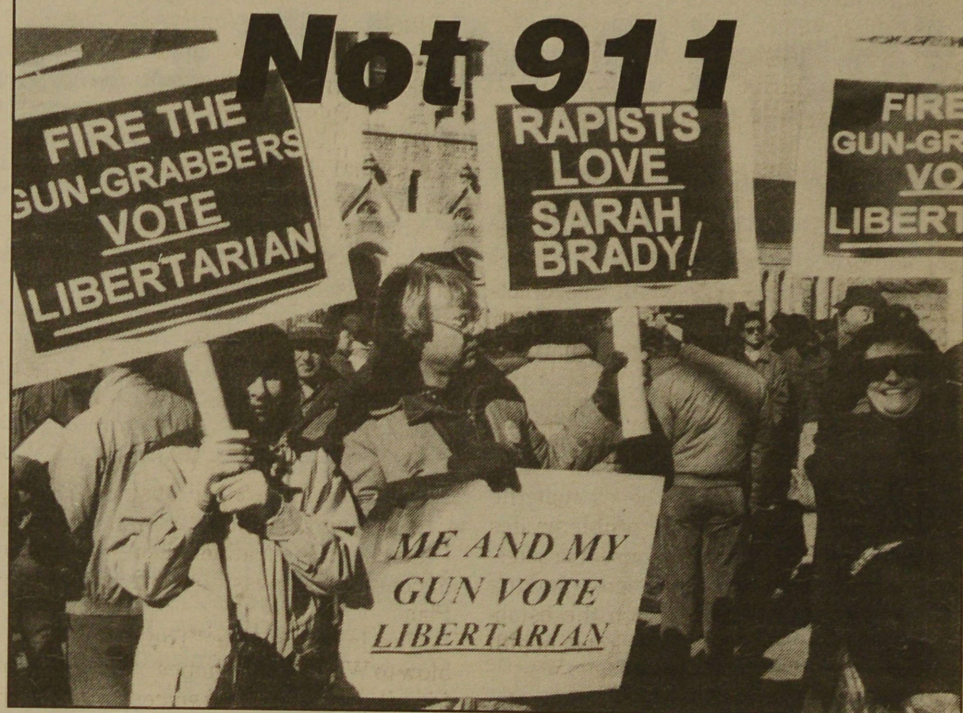
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Before gaining a seat on the Federal District Court bench in San Francisco, Judge Vaughn R. Walker had been a long-time Republican fund raiser and partner with a prominent law firm. "I make no bones about my personal view that the best course of action for us to take is exactly the same course of action we took after Prohibition, and that is decriminalization," said Judge Walker in an interview with The Recorder, a legal affairs newspaper.

New York Times, March 4, 1994.

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ATLANTA - Libertarian Party members and more than 250 other Georgians gathered at the state Capitol in mid-February to send a message to legislators: Hands off our guns. Nancy Lord, the LP's 1992 vice presidential candidate, was one of the speakers at the rally.

"In December 1992, '60 Minutes' interviewed people associated with drug clinics in Liverpool (England) (where addicts receive free heroin and cocaine via prescriptions from regular pharmacies) and heard, 'the police here reported a significant drop in drug-related crime'—in the U.S. that covers at least 70 percent of all crime), 'addicts are not recruiting new customers' (a common way for addicts to get funds for their own drugs), 'dealers are leaving the area, the scene is disappearing,' and 'it doesn't get them off drugs. . . but it stops them offending.'"

Column by Jerry Epstein, Houston Post, March 13, 1994.

Issue: Taxation

Libertarians have often pointed out that without payroll tax withholding, Americans would revolt on April 15 when they truly realized how much the government was demanding. How did withholding come about and why didn't it ever end?

"Under pressure of war, the withholding tax was born. It is doubtful that without war Congress would have ever have voted for a tax so intrusive and troublesome. Because of the withholding tax, the term 'take-home pay' entered the language. Had people been forced to count out their taxes in hard cash for some government collector, taxes in such stratospheric amounts almost certainly could not have been collected."

"Members of Congress were so happy to find they now had a Niagara of money flooding into Washington, all ready for them to spend. Even when the war was long over, there was never any thought of ending the withholding tax."

David Brinkley of "ABC News Newsweek," Jan. 3, 1994.

Issue: Government subsidy

Recently, Congress rushed through a "supplemental appropriation" measure designed to provide assistance to the victims of the Los Angeles earthquake. Now, a

group of congressmen, led by Rep. Harris Fawell (D-IL), is trying to rescind some of the appropriations, the inclusion of which only serves to prove the old saw about no one's wallet being safe when Congress is in session.

"Specifically, the proposed rescission would take back the funding for the following programs: \$500 million for addition FBI personnel located in West Virginia; \$1.5 million to place the Savannah in drydock in South Carolina; \$10 million to convert a New York City post office into a community center; and \$1.3 million directed at a sugar cane mill community in Hawaii."

Taxation, Budget and Accounting newsletter of the Bureau of National Affairs, March 10, 1994.

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The current techno-buzzword is "information highway," for which the Clinton Administration's budget is prepared to spend \$126 million to help launch. Not everyone is thrilled.

"My objection is simple enough. Why should the taxpayers foot any of the expense? The second-richest man in America is in the computer software business. Should this information superhighway become accessible to everybody, one thing is certain: It will be a toll road. You will spend money for the computer needed to use it, you will pay to get on it, and you'll pay for all of that information you gorge on. So I don't understand why the federal government should be spending even one nickel of our tax dollars to increase the profit potential of an industry that can afford to do it themselves."

Columnist Mike Royko, Peoria Journal Star, Feb. 13, 1994.

Thanks to the following for submissions this month: Charles Poe, Houston, TX; Mark Messics, Orefield, PA; Cimperlee Mothersbaugh, Windsor, MO; Melissa Ryan, Chicago, IL; Victoria Linne, Alexandria, VA; and Celeste Neumann, Morton, IL.

Healthy Choice

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America, said: "Walter Williams' March 10 column describes the Libertarian Party approach to health care." Ethier went on to argue that MSAs would not contain health care costs and concluded, "...his solutions appear to be no better than the mess we have today."

Efforts to uncover the political agenda of Information America have been unsuccessful. "They don't even seem to be listed in the phone book," said Bill Winter, LP director of communications, who is coordinating the Project Healthy Choice effort from the party's Washington, DC, headquarters.

A letter of rebuttal was sent to the *Washington Times* the next day by LP National Chair Steve Dasbach. After explaining the Project Healthy Choice proposal, he wrote: "The Libertarian Party believes that the solution to our health care problems lies not with huge government bureaucracies, price controls, massive new taxes, and the rationing of care, but through the establishment of a thriving free market in health care services."

The LP's plan also won praise in the March-April issue of *Today's Chiropractic*. Author Todd Koren, DC, wrote: "Some of the most common-sense solutions to our present health-care 'crisis' have been coming from two organizations: the Cato Institute and the Libertarian Party."

"...the Libertarian Party advocates free-market, not government, solutions and has come up with [several] free-market ways the health-care system can be helped that will not increase our taxes, burden businesses with more regulations, nor increase

government control of our lives."

Koren also quoted Dr. Henry Butler, LP Shadow Cabinet Secretary of Health and Human Services: "Americans spend 14 percent of the gross domestic product on health care. By comparison, the government consumes more than 40 percent of the GDP. So which one is really out of control and in desperate need of control—health care or government?"

Koren urged chiropractors to write the LP for more information. Today's Chiropractic has a circulation of 38,000.

Meanwhile, numerous small business organizations—groups that President Clinton had aggressively courted—are rejecting any government-run health care reform.

According to an article in the *Wall Street Journal*, the Small Business Legislative Council, National Small Business United, and the National Federation of Independent Business all rejected the Clinton Plan.

The *Journal* wrote: "The defection is a blow to White House hopes of having some friendly small-business voices for its health-care plan."

The Libertarian Party had mailed information about Project Healthy Choice to those three groups several months ago.

"We can't take complete credit for their decisions to oppose the Clinton Plan," said Winter. "But I don't think it's unreasonable to suggest we had some small role in reminding them about free-market alternatives."

The national LP headquarters continues to send out Project Healthy Choice infor-

mation packages to important journalists, medical groups, business associations, and sympathetic groups. In all, more than 120 organizations have been contacted.

In one disappointing development, LP headquarters has still not received a reply from Rep. Don Wyden (D-OR) to an invitation to discuss health care reform.

Following a health care debate in Oregon on Feb. 17 with former Oregon LP State Chair Paul Smith, Wyden had expressed interest in meeting with LP representatives to discuss Medical Savings Accounts. Winter wrote to Rep. Wyden's office, offering the services of several LP health care experts.

After a month passed with no response, Winter wrote to Wyden again: "Given the urgent nature of the current debate about health care reform, I am disappointed that we haven't heard from you yet. As I mentioned, we are eager to do whatever we can to help you craft a responsive and effective legislative solution."

At press time, there was no response from Wyden's office.

In Florida, the state LP launched a major effort to publicize Project Healthy Choice, and mailed information to more than 150 media outlets. A cover letter from the Executive Committee noted: "In Project Healthy Choice we add another option to the debate on health care. We believe you will find it the most enlightened, positive option yet available."

"We feel confident that we will get some media attention from this mailing," said Ed Reasor, at-large director of the LPF.

Reasor mentioned one unexpected bo-

nus from their effort: "When the printer finished the run of Project Healthy Choice, he even knocked an additional \$30 off the cost of the printing because he agreed with the Libertarian proposals!"

In New Hampshire, Libertarians won some attention when they publicly invited President Clinton to meet with a delegation of LP state representatives during his March 14-15 visit to that state, to "raise objections and offer an alternative" to his health care plan.

"If he wishes to give the impression of listening to all sides, then meeting with a delegation of Libertarians might strike him as a good public relations move," said State Chair Jeff Emery. The invitation—faxed to the White House—was reported on by the Associated Press.

On the lobbying front, several LP members received encouraging letters from their congressmen.

Some highlights:

- Rep. Jay Kim (R-CA) wrote to Edward Moss: "I share your opposition to President Clinton's health care reform proposal. What we don't want from reform is massive, socialized care that renders poor service and shoddy medicine."

- Rep. Philip Crane (R-IL) wrote to Robert Franke: "If we put the federal government in charge of health care, each of us will pay a heavy price. The lives of our loved ones should not be entrusted to federal bureaucrats."

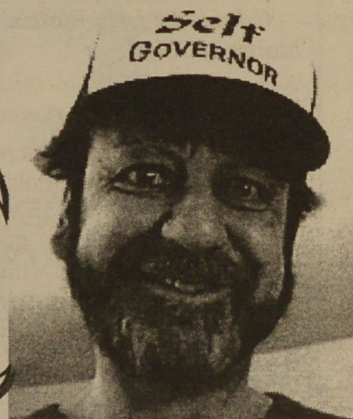
- Rep. Bill Richardson (D-NM) wrote to Wayne Oelerich: "I believe that government involvement should be kept to a minimum."

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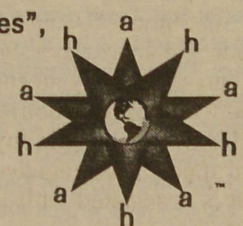
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A call to pens (and phones, faxes, etc.)

BY DIEDRE DENNIS

Today you will read about a bill that 45 environmental groups oppose and that Al Gore feels "strongly" should not be adopted. Does it reduce penalties for pollution? Does it disband the EPA? Does it cut spending for wetlands preservation?

Nay! None of these. It simply requires federal agencies to assess whether a proposed regulation may result in the "taking" of property. A taking occurs when the government takes property or places restrictions on the rights of owners to use and enjoy their property without just compensation. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution explicitly states "... nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." As you may imagine, this is a big stumbling block for many preservationist regulations.

Currently, federal agencies impose regulations without any consideration of their potential to result in unconstitutional takings. As you might expect in a situation like this, takings judgments are getting larger, and takings cases brought by individuals against the government are much more likely to be successful than other sorts of cases. According to a recently released report by the Congressional Research Service, property owners won regulatory takings cases more often than not in 1990. As

a report from Rep. Gary Condit states, "This is astonishing when you consider the federal government wins nine out of 10 times in other areas of law."

Sen. Bob Dole and Rep. Condit have introduced the Private Property Protection Act in the Senate and House. The bill's sponsors seek to formally recognize those property rights we still have and to "prevent costly litigation by evaluating regulations prior to their implementation." Specifically, the bill declares that the attorney general must certify that a federal agency has assessed whether a regulation may result in the taking of property.

The Private Property Protection Act simply recognizes an already diminished constitutional right, yet has stirred powerful opposition in the capital. Attorney General Janet Reno fears it will lead to more lawsuits against the government. Al Gore and environmentalists fear it will hinder the attainment of their regulatory dreams. But the Private Property Protection Act is not without friends. In the House, Condit's HR 561 has more than 110 co-sponsors and has been discharged to the full Committee on Agriculture. This is a positive and rare movement toward ultimate passage. Please write your congresspeople, asking them to co-sponsor the Private Property Protection Act soon. Brown (CA), de la Garza (TX), and Roberts (KA) are ranking members of

the House Agriculture Committee and have a great deal of power in bringing the bill to a vote, so if you live in their districts, your letter can make a big difference.

Let us now turn to another attack against our rights: the FDA's lust for smoking regulation. Columnist William Murchison summed up opposition to this power grab nicely: "Would someone please identify the constitutional provision giving Congress power to prescribe the personal habits that are appropriate in a private building?"

As this column goes to press, it is difficult to pinpoint legislation or likely sources of legislation regarding the FDA's desire to regulate tobacco, but for those of you who want to write a general letter opposing any such regulation, following is the membership of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health and the environment, the committee before which FDA Commissioner David Kessler testified. In your letter, you may also want to state your opposition to proposed tax increases on cigarettes.

Waxman (CA), chair; Bilirakis, Bliley, Brown, Bryant, Cooper, Franks, Greenwood, Hall, Hastert, Klug, Kreidler, McMillan, Pallone, Paxon, Richardson, Rowland, Slattery, Studds, Synar, Towns, Upton, Washington, Wyden.

You know that I can't let the month go by without a congressional reform bill! I hope you've all written your House representatives on the National Voice on Term Limits Act. If not, please do. And then, write your

senator on a new bill, the Senate Office Savings Act. Although we cannot rid ourselves of the deficit solely by cutting what Congress spends on itself, some belt-tightening at the nation's capital is in order, given rulers' eagerness to see everyone "sacrifice" for the good of the nation.

Currently, senators have zero incentive to reduce their own spending for office budgets, because such reductions have no effect on the deficit and will only end up being spent somewhere else. The Senate Office Savings Act, introduced earlier this year by Sen. Kempthorne, changes the law to allow senators to dedicate any savings on their office budgets to deficit reduction. Any savings paid into debt reduction will be accompanied by an identical reduction in the public debt ceiling.

Not surprisingly, this is not the most popular bill I've ever seen. It will pass only if senators are subjected to considerable public scrutiny. You can turn the first few watts of the light of public opinion onto your senator with a brief phone call or letter.

When calling, tell the person who answers that you are calling to ask your senator's position on the Senate Office Savings Act (S1812). Make your point briefly and then ask that the senator notify you in writing of his position. Give your name and address for that purpose. When writing, conclude your letter with a firm request for a response. Your letter or call will command more attention and you will find out where your senator stands on the issue.

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I just wanted to add a few words from a disgruntled subscriber how disgusted I was to see your magazine come out for most of Clinton's Health Care Program. Especially sickening was your proposal for mandatory health program for employees and their Dependents, which is seldom mentioned. This program is another scheme by big business, such as yours, to thin out the competition along with the insurance companies that want to be subsidized by what remains of the private sector. The insurance companies know full well the Public Sector would cry out against the outrageous cost and they would eventually be out of business.

I bet none of you people want a single payer system, and I'm not advocating one, but it would certainly be better than Clinton's as long as it had no mandates on employers. Why not a value added tax for everyone, if that is what people want? At least people will speak out when they see the cost, and the politicians will have to face the music. It has never been explained to me why anyone outside of insurance companies would want to mandate Health Insurance on the job creators. Why should an employer have to pay for someone's dependents? How long do you think the employer contribution will remain in the 7.9% of Payroll range? Why not mandate the employers buy food, make auto payments for employees, or better yet, why not raise the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour?

Just because big business has put themselves in the cesspool, you should not force what is left of the private sector into the same mess. All you have to do is look at countries that rely on, for the most part, employer mandates, and compare their unemployment and economy with ours. Even with some of their strong cultures, look at Germany's unemployment 9.0%, Sweden 8.0%, France 12%, Canada 11.2%, Australia 10.7%, Denmark 12.4%, Belgium 9.7%, Italy 11.7%, Britain 9.8%, Spain 23.1%. Japan does have less unemployment, but they also have a 50 hour work week.

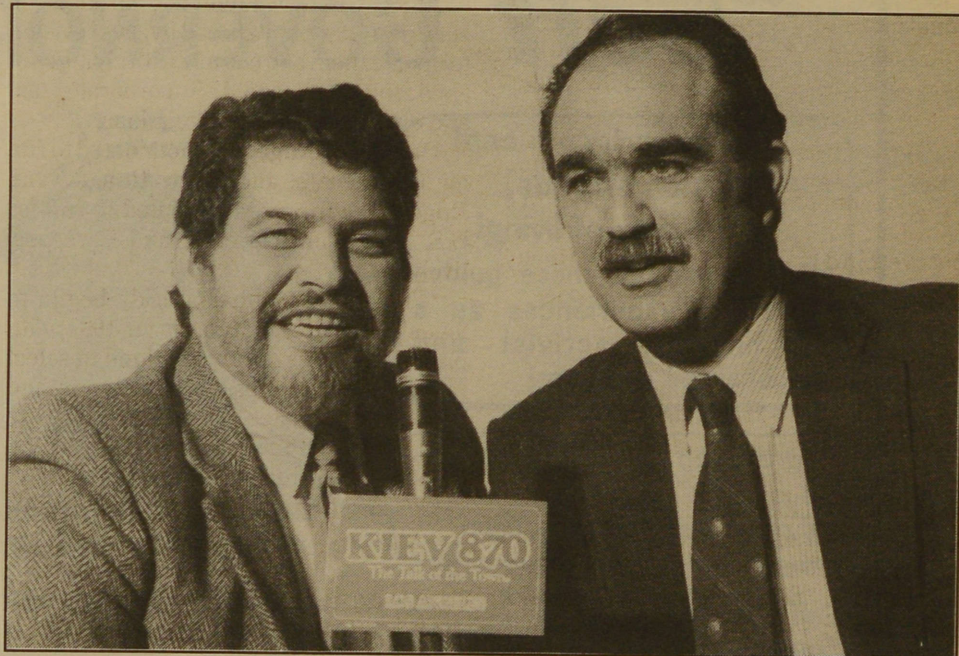
As far as that goes, look at the City of Berkeley and Santa Cruz California. Look at the Decay that has set in. A lot of us remember these cities 40 years ago, and we remember how nice they were. The people running these cities have the same political philosophy as Clinton's health reformers. They have all the answers but are a little short on facts.

Hopefully, Susan, you are not taken in by these people that have never written a pay check of their own, for anyone.

I do not know if you or Zuckerman ever read The Economist, but they know economics, and they have written articles against employer mandates on Health Insurance. Sincerely,

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ON THE AIR - David Nolan, right, founder of the Libertarian Party, and Alan W. Bock, left, senior columnist for the Orange County Register, are co-hosting an hour-long weekly radio program called "The Fourth American Revolution" on radio station KIEV, 870-AM in Los Angeles. The program will cover issues relating to freedom in America, including censorship, health care, drug legalization, gun ownership, taxation, and the state of the Bill of Rights as the U.S. approaches the 21st century. Each program will have a featured guest. Currently scheduled are: Virginia Postrel, editor of Reason magazine; Nancy Lord, the LP's 1992 vice presidential candidate; and J. Neil Schulman, science fiction author and firearms rights expert who will discuss the massacre and coverup at Waco.

Affiliates

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to get caught up in philosophical discussions and forget that it takes real activism to gain momentum in the world of political education."

Massachusetts

Campaigns are under way in a number of races. **Lauraleigh Dozier** has announced her candidacy for U.S. Senate. Dozier, 30, is a registered nurse and resident of Sharon. According to a news release, "the three themes topping her campaign are: 1) Stopping the federal government's war on self-medicine and private health care; 2) Ending the federal government's war on drugs; and 3) Enacting legal reforms to restore the practice of informing jurors of their duty to judge the justice of the law as well as the facts of the case at hand."

Cristina Crawford, the LP candidate for governor and a resident of Hanover, recently spoke out on a botched drug raid that killed an innocent man when government agents raided the wrong house. "This tragedy is a direct consequence of our government's war on drugs, a war that should never have been started. The really sad thing is that this could happen again and again, and probably will," she said. "We don't need to turn Massachusetts into Russia to solve the 'drug problem.'"

Minnesota

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* ran a large photo on page one of a rally for term limits. The person in the front and center of the photo held a sign that read, "Libertarians for Term Limits." **Bob Kuhn**, a former LP state chair and current board member of Minnesotans for Term Limits, spoke at the rally and state senate hearings. A crowd of more than 200 people attended the rally.

The state party has kicked off a new monthly pledge program, according to state chair **Caryn Cohen**. "With the new pledge program, members can support the LPM's efforts in the 1994 campaign season, and not overburden their budgets," said **Becky Kurk**, state party finance chair.

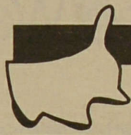
Missouri

For the first time in history, Libertarians will run candidates in more districts than Republicans for the Jackson County legislature. Three Libertarians will face Democratic opponents in two-way races in the fall, since no Republicans filed for the slots. LP candidates include: **Jeanne F. Bojarski**, **Jacques Tucker**, **Corky Lewis**, **Rodric McBride**, **Mike Hellstrom**, **Tim PETERMAN**, and **Robert Moore**.

In St. Louis, four LP members filed for citywide offices: **Bob Cook**, **Neal Frederiksen**, **Jim Morrison**, and **Nancy Webb**.

"Libertarians intend to challenge the one-party system in St. Louis," said Morrison, chair of the Libertarian Central Committee. "For the first time in many years the voters of St. Louis will have a full set of ballot choices in the general elections."

In addition to many other campaigns in the state, the nomination of a U.S. Senate candidate will be contested in a Libertarian primary for the first time in history. Announced candidates are **Bill Johnson** and **Ricky Jamerson**.



National pulse

News from the states

Nevada

The following new officers were elected at the recent state convention: **Jim Burns**, chair; **Ernest Walker**, vice chair; **Scott A. Kjar**, secretary; and **Ray Derryberry**, treasurer.

The convention also adopted a resolution opposing the anti-homosexual initiative sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which is also being circulated in Nevada.

New Hampshire

State party members face at least a three-way race for the LP gubernatorial nomination in this fall's LP primary. Announced candidates include **Rep. Calvin Warburton**, **Steve Winter**, and **Clarence Blevens**.

The state party's annual charity food drive for the New Horizons Homeless Shelter and Kitchen in Manchester netted a record 1,052 pounds of food. This year's goal was 500 pounds of food. "It was a pretty good feeling, seeing our food being unloaded where we knew it would be used to provide a hot meal for people trying to get back on their feet," said state party vice chair **Danielle Donovan**. The privately funded shelter offers job counseling to temporary residents.

New Jersey

At its state convention in February, the state party adopted a broad bylaws revision to update them and comply with changes in applicable state and U.S. corporate, tax, and election laws and regulations.

Ben Grindlinger was nominated to run for U.S. Senate, and **Herb Roselle** and **Roger Bacon** were nominated to run for U.S. House in districts 2 and 5, respectively.

"The state party has already begun to focus on local election races for 1995, with preliminary research being done to select races and initial steps taken to identify and develop candidates," according to state chair **Spencer Layman**. "We also intend to extend the broadcast of our Libertarian cable TV program to additional stations this year."

New Mexico

Charles "Cinco" Mandeville received 13 percent of the vote in a non-partisan four-way race for a seat on the Socorro City Council. This was his first campaign.

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than 1,400 signatures already gathered. The state party is shooting for about 4,000 signatures to comfortably meet the needed 2,849 valid signatures required.

New York

Brian Taylor is the editor of the *Guillotine*, "a national college libertarian/classical liberal publication of the Student Individualist Network (SIN) [that] has a current circulation of 5,000 copies distributed on six major universities: Cornell, Binghamton, UNLV, UC-Berkeley, Kansas, and Yale."

Guillotine is free to everyone and may be requested by sending a 52-cent self-addressed envelope to the editorial offices at EMO, Binghamton University, P.O. Box 6000, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000.

Taylor notes that they are "also seeking writers, advertisers, and students interested in joining SIN and distributing Guillotine on their campuses."

Actor **Michael Moriarty**, star of the NBC television show "Law and Order," was to have been one of the speakers at the state convention in April. Moriarty was recently in the news when he met with U.S. Attorney General Jane Reno to discuss violence in television and publicly questioned the government's interference with the television industry. Moriarty had to cancel his appearance at the convention, however, when he was hired for a Broadway play and schedules conflicted.

Pennsylvania

Alexis D'Avanzo was recently chosen

the new chair of the Montgomery County Libertarian Committee. A longtime resident of Elkins Park, she is retired from a successful office furniture business she started. In the 1993 primary election, D'Avanzo campaigned for a seat on the Cheltenham School Board, and she was recently appointed to the citizens' advisory board in her township.

South Dakota

In early April, **Nathan Barton**, LP gubernatorial candidate, turned in the required number of signatures to qualify for the November election.

Utah

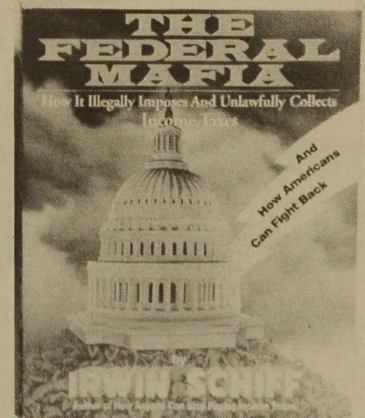
In **Davis County**, the Libertarian Party is fielding more candidates in the upcoming local election than the Democrats. Twelve Libertarians are running—the most ever—while only 10 Democrats are seeking seats.

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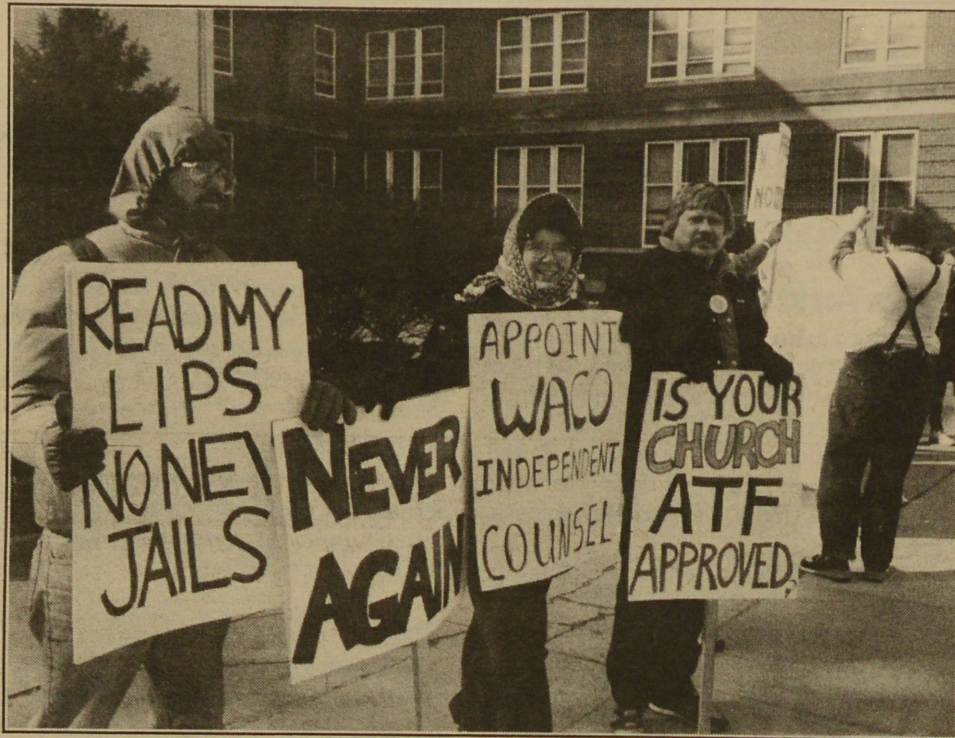
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REMEMBER WACO - Members of the Committee for Waco Justice continue to demonstrate their concerns over the BATF raid on the Branch Davidians.

Waco

Group continues pressure

By CAROL MOORE

The Committee for Waco Justice is a group of a dozen libertarians and others in the Washington, DC, area committed to ensuring the public learns the truth about government crimes against the Branch Davidian religious group in Waco, TX. We have issued a 136-page report, "The Massacre of the Branch Davidians" describing these crimes.

We also have organized two demonstrations. On Feb. 26, just an hour after the reading of the verdict in the Branch Davidian trial, 10 members of the Committee greeted the attorney general as she left the dedication of a new jail in Arlington, VA. We chanted "Hey, Ho, Janet Reno has to go!" and "Waco Massacre, Never Again."

Two days later, on Feb. 28, almost 50 people attended the Committee for Waco Justice's White House vigil in memory of the six Branch Davidians and four ATF

Report

agents who died in the Feb. 28, 1993, raid on Mount Carmel Center. We expected an even larger turnout for our White House vigil planned for April 19, 1994, where we commemorated the first anniversary of the deaths of 81 or more people after the FBI's tank attack on Mount Carmel Center.

We encourage those who want to see justice done and to discourage the government from carrying out future massacres of recalcitrant civilians to write their congressional representatives and demand further, in-depth congressional hearings and the appointment of an independent counsel. Most importantly, send carbon copies to the chairs of the House Judiciary and Senate Committees, Rep. Jack Brooks and Sen. Joseph Biden, and to Rep. Don Edwards, chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

For more information about the Committee for Waco Justice call Carol Moore 202-986-1847, Alan Forschler 202-797-9877 or write Box 33037, Washington, DC 20033.

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Letters

Comments on Waco, Stern, Security

Officeholders

The list of Libertarians elected across the nation you published in the February issue (and updated in the March issue) was very helpful in demonstrating to local prospects that we're not just an ineffectual party that sits around discussing neat ideas. Could this list be an annual feature?

John C. Sproul
Rochester, NY

Terminology

The media has muddled the images of Democrats and Republicans by confusing everyone with such terminology as "liberal," "moderate," and "conservative." Even then, when faced with special interest groups and PAC monies, there is no guarantee as to what position a politician will take on any given issue.

We need a simple form of identification for the purpose of clarifying the Libertarian perspective to those who have only a vague idea of what we're all about.

I propose we call ourselves the "WYSIWYGs" (pronounced WIZZY-WIGS). You know: What You See Is What You Get.

Marcy L. Pormann
Auburn, PA

Stern

While my initial outrage over the Stern debacle has become tempered with time, I write nonetheless to register my concern over the direction our party has taken during the past weeks.

The greatest damage to our image and integrity stems from the rapidity with which our [NYLP] party leaders have capitulated to Mr. Stern, whose platform and public comments hardly exude libertarianism. By stating that he's running the show—from the selection of his lieutenant governor, who is certain not to be libertarian, to packing the convention, Mr. Stern mocks our principles. And by standing by him at press conferences and encouraging his candidacy, members of the state committee imply our imprimatur, which is hardly warranted.

Is Howard Stern the proper standard-bearer for the LP? I think not.

Accordingly, I cannot and will not work for a Stern candidacy regardless of the results at the Albany convention. I thought we were a party of principle, not a bunch of political whores. I will not sell my soul for 50,000 votes.

Mark N. Axinn
Brooklyn, NY

Waco

Vin Suprynowicz' article on the Branch Davidians trial (March 1994 NEWS) gives another glaring example of why we have problems with credibility.

He states the ATF/FBI used "CS nerve gas (not tear gas)" in the assault on the compound. Utter nonsense.

I have some background in chemical weapons and can assure you CS is a tear agent. If the FBI used a nerve agent, which is deadly in even very small doses, the Branch Davidians would have been killed instantly. Nerve agents kill very quickly.

I don't know whether Mr. Suprynowicz is deliberately trying to mislead people or is just ignorant.

My main point is: Had I been someone other than the strong Libertarian I am and



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

read the article, I'd wonder. If he makes such an obvious misstatement I know to be untrue, how can I trust whatever else he writes.

Let's make sure NEWS articles are checked for accuracy in the future.

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I was shocked, disappointed, and disgusted at the attitude of Mr. Vin Suprynowicz in the article about the Branch Davidian trials. I think his comment about the "deaths of the four agents who met their well-deserved ends" is not compatible with the libertarian spirit. The Libertarian Party and Libertarians in general should not be wringing their hands in glee at the death of anyone, not even our enemies or tormentors. The actions of the Davidians were justifiable self defense, but we should not be celebrating the deaths of the attackers. This comment was truly in poor taste and poor judgment. On the next page of the March issue was a column by Steve Dasbach on building credibility. I wonder how many converts to the Libertarian Party this article won?

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There is a serious error in Vin Suprynowicz' interesting article in the NEWS.

The (sad) fact is the federal executive branch carefully checks the "track record" of every prospective federal judge primarily for one thing, how well (will) that politician protect the executive branch politicians if appointed. (Naturally, the "most qualified" politician gets the job.)

Exactly what the politicians who wrote the U.S. Constitution "intended."

(All the numerous politicians that want one of these cushy, high paying, no pay cut, lifetime positions knows this fact and conducts themselves accordingly all through the years while hoping to be chosen.)

John Patterson
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What Trust?

The March 1994 NEWS contained a quote from Carolyn L. Weaver, director of the Social Security and Pension Project at the American Enterprise Institute that, while perfectly accurate in itself, may help perpetuate the incomplete understanding most citizens have of the nature of the Social Security "Trust Fund." Ms. Weaver is quoted as saying that "the surpluses we hear so much about today give way to deficits in 2016, just after the baby-boom generation begins retiring." That statement implies acceptance of the characterization of the excess in government FICA receipts over outlays as a "surplus" somehow being invested by a government-managed Trust Fund and available to finance future benefits payouts.

In fact no such fund exists in any meaningful economic sense. Surplus FICA receipts are indeed accumulated in a

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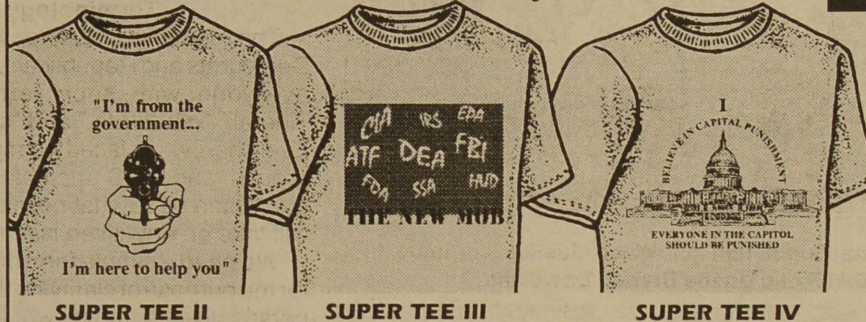


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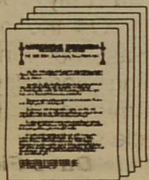
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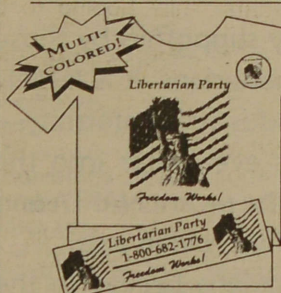
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Coming up short

Dave names the surprise tax tip winner: the IRS

Today I am pleased to present the results of the Amateur Tax Tips contest, in which I asked readers to submit their tax-preparation tips on postal cards and send them in for a chance to win a valuable used pair of men's briefs signed by humor writer Roy Blount Jr. Needless to say, this prize stirred up plenty of excitement. Many of the entries mentioned it by name ("DO NOT SEND ME THE UNDERWEAR").

I pored over the postcards for hours, and I have concluded, via a complex and sophisticated statistical analysis, that a lot of them feature photographs of semi-naked women. These are postcards from seaside resort areas. Most of them show women standing on a beach, wearing swimsuits no larger than Sweet 'n Low packets and smiling brightly to express the theme: "Greetings From Ocean Squid Isle! Here Are Our Bosoms!" Of course if you actually GO to a beach resort, this is not what you will generally see. What you will generally see is hairy-backed men the size of Madison, WI. I think this represents postcard fraud, and I think the authorities should look into it.

But getting back to the contest: In poring over the postcards, I also briefly glanced at the sides that had writing on them, and I found some excellent tax tips that you will definitely want to try out this year if you



On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

have not already done your taxes and have no more sense than a musk melon. So get a pencil and paper ready, because here come the:

RUNNER-UP AMATEUR TAX TIPS

"The IRS encourages taxpayers to round off numbers. For example, my income is \$34,500, so I round this off to \$30,000." (John Soennichsen-Cheney)

"Don't report any income from Jeff Gillyooly." (Steve Peters)

"You will never get audited if you write possibly insane statements all over the margins of your tax return like, 'The CIA is monitoring my shoes and YOU KNOW IT!!'" (John Averill)

"I list a different occupation each year that accurately reflects the theme in my life for the year. Real occupations that I've listed include 'wage slave,' 'alchemist,' and 'saboteur.'" (M. Dennis Moore)

"If you are dead as of midnight, April 15, you may request an extension to file." (George Ellerman Jr.)

invest in private sector financial assets (equity and debt instruments which provide a claim against real assets capable of producing wealth themselves). In fact, it is a virtual impossibility for the government to maintain any true permanent trust fund. Even were we to allow the government to invest in private securities, the result would be the politicizing of the capital allocation process and a "creeping socialism" as the growing trust fund assumed an ever-larger ownership of the private sector.

The only real answer to the social security dilemma facing the nation is the complete privatization of the entire system. Dr. Milton Friedman, among others, has suggested practical means by which such privatization could be effected: the government should immediately issue to all current workers government securities representing the present value of the unfunded pension liabilities the Social Security system has promised (effectively distributing the financial assets of the Trust Fund to the public). These securities will trade in the secondary market and provide the means by which individuals may take control of their own pension retirement planning. Pre-tax dollars in similar measure to current FICA employer and employee taxes should then be allocable to tax-deferred retirement accounts within which individuals may manage their own assets, and government would get out of the pension business. If the government then insists on maintaining a welfare system for individuals who fail to provide for their retirement years, let it do so with direct taxation for the specified purpose.

Dr. Karl Borden
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"Use that standard \$20,000 deduction for church donations. WHAT TO SAY IF AUDITED: 'Look, did you see that Popemobile? Well I PAID FOR IT.'" (Darrell VanDyke)

"When you file electronically, you can send in your payment by repeatedly running a dollar bill through your fax machine." (Harold Tapper)

"DO NOT CHEAT ON YOUR TAX RETURNS. I cheated last year and was immediately given a high-ranking congressional office. It really scared me." (Phil Harvey)

"MARRY YOUR CAR. Assuming your car produces no income and you file jointly, you can save up to 50 percent of your tax bill. The tricky part is finding the right minister. Before he would perform the ceremony, my minister asked me, 'Son, did you get your car in trouble? Because I won't do weddings like that.'" (Jon Kelly)

"Being poor has always worked for me." (S. Dailey)

I think we can agree that these are all excellent tax tips, and in an ordinary year, any one of them would be good enough to win used underwear signed by Roy Blount Jr. But this is not an ordinary year. This is a year when a truly wondrous Amateur Tax Tip has been suggested BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ITSELF.

Here's what happened: In 1992, the IRS got audited, for the first time ever, by the General Accounting Office. The results were just released, and guess what, taxpayers? It turns out that the IRS has been doing a TERRIBLE job of record-keeping. The

Associated Press states: "The IRS system for administering its own money was so bad that auditors were unable even to review 64 percent of the IRS's \$6.7 billion budget in 1992." In auditing the IRS's cash accounts, the GAO also found "unresolved differences of \$63 million."

Now get this. In response, IRS Chief Financial Officer Morgan Kinghorn explained that—I am not making these quotes up—the IRS had been using an "old system" of accounting that "just was simply not auditable and not designed to be auditable." But now, he said, the IRS has a new system.

"My guess," Kinghorn said, "is we'll have a clean opinion next year."

Isn't that MARVELOUS, taxpayers? Doesn't that just make you want to hurl your tax forms and your cardboard box full of 12,837 unintelligible tax-related pieces of paper into the air with joy? Finally, we have an Official IRS Excuse! From now on, if you have ANY problem with the IRS, and the amount in question is \$63 million or less, simply state that your accounting system was "not designed to be auditable," but that you have a new accounting system, and that your "guess" is that everything will be OK next year. I'm sure this will be FINE with the IRS.

So that is our winning tax tip, and I am going to launder the grand prize and mail it to Mr. Kinghorn. I'm sure he'll accept it with grace and good humor. Please bring me food in prison. Also bring some for Roy Blount Jr.

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government "fund" in the sense that a positive account balance is maintained for the Trust in the government's bookkeeping system. But the Trust must by law invest its funds in a single category of asset: a special class of U.S. Treasury Securities. These securities, of course, in turn serve to finance the government's deficit spending and are securitized, like all U.S. government instruments, only by the government's power to tax future wealth generated by the private economy.

The social security trust fund is thus distinguished from and fundamentally different than private pension plans, which

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Quote of the Month

The following quote is from Rich Karlgaard, editor of *Forbes* ASAP, an occasional publication sent to subscribers of *Forbes* magazine. It appeared as the "Editor's Letter" in the Feb. 28, 1994, issue.

"The embrace of a global economy is largely supported by those who like free-flowing capitalism—call them libertarians. It is largely opposed by those who prefer cultural, state or industrial conformity—call them authoritarians. As the world speeds ever faster into the Information Age, look for more skirmishes (like the recent NAFTA and GATT debates) fought along the authoritarian/libertarian axis.

"The source of the conflict is this: Authoritarians believe in the goodness of command and control. Politicians of this stripe—left and right—trust the state and its apparatus to mold human beings into better human beings. Enforcement, through confiscatory tax rates, high tariffs or guns, inevitably is necessary. Libertarians, by contrast, trust the individual to cut her own deals and make his own best destiny.

"Why bring up politics in this column? Simply this: The microprocessor, software and communications technologies—building blocks of the Information Age—are tools that empower libertarians and wreak havoc with authoritarians."

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Upcoming Events

May 7, 1994:

Alabama LP Convention, Montgomery; for more information call 205-265-1770 or 800-207-1770 or write P.O. Box 210939, Montgomery, AL 36121. Speakers include Dr. Nancy Lord, Jacob Hornberger, and Birmingham City Councilman Jimmy Blake.

May 14, 1994:

Hawaii LP Convention, Ala Wai Golf Course Club House, Honolulu; for more information call 808-626-1260. Speakers include Mary Ruwart, Jarrett Wollstein, Martina Mercova (Slovakia), Virgis Daukas (Lithuania).

May 14, 1994:

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Northeast Liberty Explosion - Meet the Candidates, Woodhaven Sports Centre, Philadelphia, PA; for information call 215-637-6900 or 215-322-6781. Hosted by Jay Russell, LP's 8th Congressional District candidate. Special guest talk-show host Irv Homer.

May 20-22, 1994:

Missouri LP Convention, Drury Inn, 201 S. 20th St., St. Louis; for information call 314-997-8585. Speakers include U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock.

May 20-22, 1994:

Ohio LP Convention, Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd. (at I-77), Independence; for information write LPO Convention, c/o Mr. Kanter, P.O. Box 221440, Beachwood, OH 44122. Speakers include Father Robert Sirico, Jacob Hornberger, and Irwin Schiff.

May 20-21, 1994:

Arizona LP Convention, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Phoenix; for information call 602-930-1268. Speakers include L. Neil Smith, Tim Slagle.

June 3-5, 1994:

Florida LP Convention, Sheraton Tallahassee Hotel; for information call 904-731-5656 or write LP of Florida, 4550 St. Augustine Rd., Suite 2, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Speakers include David Bergland, Dr. John Cooper, and Marion Hammer, NRA vice president.

June 4, 1994:

Maine LP Convention, Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland; for more information call 207-743-0770 or write Richard Eaton, Box 2037, Norway, ME 04268. Speakers include Michael Tanner, Gene Burns, Don Gorman.

More upcoming events

June 10, 1994:

Chester County (PA) LP dinner featuring speaker Walter Williams, General Washington Caterers, Audubon, PA. For more information call 251-469-0320.

June 11, 1994:

Kentucky LP Convention, Lexington; for more information call John Kilpatrick at 502-635-6326. Speakers include Bill Winter.

June 11-12, 1994:

Texas LP Convention, San Antonio; for more information write Roger Gary, 723 Aganier, San Antonio, TX 78212.

July 9, 1994:

South Dakota LP Convention, Rapid City Civic Center, Rapid City; for information call 605-342-4242. Speakers include Carole Ann Rand.

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