

Get out the vote

As election day nears, the final big push is being made by Libertarians to get out the vote for the Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen ticket and the hundreds of other Libertarian Party candidates appearing on ballots across the country.

"Increasing our vote total on election day is what it's all about," said Jack Williams, national volunteer co-coordinator, along with his wife Meg, for the Harry Browne for President Campaign.

Williams suggests there are many ways to help get out the vote for Libertarian candidates. The effort should not end on election day, either. Instead of letting down after

election day, Libertarians need to take advantage of the publicity and enthusiasm generated by the campaign. Efforts need to be made at registering new Libertarians and getting new party members.

Here are a few suggestions:

✓ Go through your card file (or your mental one) or Christmas card address book and list all of your friends, relatives, associates, and acquaintances and divide them into three categories: 1) those you believe will vote LP; 2) those whom you might persuade to vote LP; 3) the rest.

Count groups one and two with your enthusiasm, literature, and video tapes. Keep up your efforts right up to see **Vote** on page 14

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Boston raises \$30,017 for Browne



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FUND-RAISING EVENT - Libertarians gathered at The Parker House in Boston at a fund-raising event for the Harry Browne for President Campaign. Guests included, from left to right, KGO (San Francisco) radio talk show host Gene Burns, LP presidential candidate Harry Browne, Pamela Browne, and WBZ (Boston) radio talk show host David Brudnoy.

More than 200 people attended the event, which proved to be the most successful local fund-raising effort in LP history. Later the same evening, Browne spoke at the historic Faneuil Hall.

In 1959, John F. Kennedy declared for the presidency at The Parker House in Boston.

On Sept. 29, 1996, The Parker House hosted a record-setting local fund-raising event for the Harry Browne for President Campaign.

Two hundred and seven New England Libertarians raised \$30,017 in Boston.

New England Libertarians from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts attended. In a region the size of Arizona, with a third the population of California, Libertarians raised enough money to fund 10 consecutive days of national Harry Browne television ads on CNN, matching Ross Perot's advertising on CNN.

This event was the brainchild of Maine's Mark Cenci.

Cenci recruited three new Libertarians from Boston to organize, promote, and stage the fund-raising event and a rally at historic Faneuil Hall: Muni and Ellen Savyon and Carla Howell.

Cenci invited former Boston-based talk radio legend Gene Burns—who flew in from San Francisco—to lead off for Harry Browne.

Savyon and Howell produced the invitations, made the arrangements, booked the locations—and persuaded Libertarians to attend this special event.

Long-time Boston Libertarian talk show host David Brudnoy had Browne on his show—and urged listeners to attend the event.

Michael Cloud emceed both events and did the fund-raising. Brudnoy warmed up the crowd. Then Burns gave a passionate and principled talk for freedom. Browne spoke on his campaign themes, shared some new "On the Campaign Trail" anecdotes, and shared good news from the freedom front.

Cloud followed Brudnoy, Burns, and Browne with an energetic and persuasive fund-raising appeal.

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Browne shines in third-party debate

A three-way debate in early October among the leading third-party candidates for president left supporters of Libertarian Harry Browne claiming victory—and ready to take on Bill Clinton and Bob Dole.

"No wonder Clinton and Dole refused to invite Mr. Browne to their debate," said Browne's campaign manager Sharon Ayres. "Based on his performance in this debate, he would have stolen the show—no question about it."

The debate at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, featured Browne (on the ballot in all 50 states), John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party (43 states), and Howard Phillips of the U.S.

Taxpayer's Party (39 states). The event was broadcast live by C-SPAN.

Questions covered the political gamut from NAFTA to immigration to racism to third-party politics, and all were answered with greater depth and sophistication than was seen in the Clinton/Dole debate, said Ayres.

"Instead of the sound-bite answers and the carefully practiced zingers you saw from Clinton and Dole, this debate focused on the nature and role of government," she said. "Voters who tuned in were treated to an adult-level discussion about the Constitution, along with practical solutions to the problems of excessive taxes, excessive regulation, and exces-

sive government."

Browne agreed that the third-party debate had greater substance than the more widely publicized debate between Clinton and Dole.

"I think more specific proposals were offered—right or wrong—rather than dancing around trying to score points at someone else's expense," he said. "We were talking about real issues, real proposals, real differences."

But Browne dominated the debate, Ayres said, because he was the only candidate able to present a credible, consistent, persuasive case for smaller government.

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"The other guys were all over the map," she said. "Phillips argued for a smaller government that enforced so-called Biblical rules of personal behavior, and Hagelin advocated a smaller government that spent more money on so-called scientific solutions. Only Harry Browne argued that government doesn't work, and presented a credible plan to dramatically reduce the size and cost of government. The American people are waiting for a candidate and a party with a credible plan to get them from here to smaller government—and this debate made it clear that Harry Browne is that candidate."

Browne said he thought the debate starkly illustrated the differences between his proposals and the positions of the other, smaller third parties.

"What sets me apart from those other

candidates—as well as Clinton and Dole—is the fact that I apply the principles of individual liberty, individual responsibility, and freedom from government on all issues, all the time," said Browne. "They apply those principles only when it's convenient, or when it's consistent with some point of view they want to advance."

"That's why the main point I tried to make in this debate was that government is not the answer. All those proposals that all those other candidates make to solve the problems of today won't work because they rely on government," he said.

The debate was sponsored by George Mason University School of Law and the International Center for Economic Justice. Asking questions was a panel of journalists from Congressional Quarterly, the National Journal, the ICEJ, George Mason University, and Government Executive magazine.

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Immediately after the reception and fundraising at The Parker House, Gene Burns and Harry Browne spoke to more than 580 people at historic Faneuil Hall. While Libertarians traveled from all over New England, more than half of the people attending the event said they had never before attended a Libertarian event.

Cloud emceed the evening. Libertarian National Committee Regional Rep. Mark Tuniewicz introduced New England Libertarian candidates to the audience. Burns gave a moving speech, for which the audience cheered, stood, and applauded. Browne followed with an evocative and inspiring case for individual liberty and self-responsibility. Then Browne took ques-

tions from the audience. At the request of Cloud, the first six questions were reserved for those who had never attended a Libertarian event before. Libertarians and non-Libertarians were pleased with Browne's candor and thoughtful answers.

September 29 was a great day for Libertarians.

PBS videotaped the events and interviewed Harry Browne and New England Libertarians for an upcoming story on the Harry Browne campaign.

Other Libertarians who helped with the event included Cris Crawford, Ken Peterson, Jeff Weinstein, Irwin Jungreis, John Madfis, David Atkinson, Jim Robinson, and Jeff Chase.

Supreme Court to hear GA LP case

The U.S. Supreme Court has finally agreed to hear a case brought by the LP.

The Georgia case (*Chandler et al vs. Miller et al*), brought by LP candidates Walker Chandler, Sharon Harris, and James D. Walker, questions a state law passed in 1990 that requires all candidates for state office to pass a urine test for drugs.

The LP members filed suit in U.S. District Court in 1994. The district judge refused to grant an injunction against the law, and a panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the decision 2-1. Chandler, Harris, and Walker then asked the Supreme Court for review.

The LP candidates claim the drug testing violates the Fourth Amendment by allowing "suspicionless searches of candidates for political office," and the First Amendment through a "content-based restriction on free expression" of those who refuse the test.

The LP members also feel the law puts "an unconstitutional restriction on the rights of voters to choose their elected officials."

In upholding the law, a lower court ruled that the state was entitled to set qualifications for its elected officials.

"If qualification was the issue," Chandler said, "they would do intelligence tests or maybe ethics tests."

The LP suit already has had some effect—candidates now are allowed to take the test whenever they want and in either an approved laboratory or their own doctor's office.

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Affiliates

More elected officials switching to Libertarian Party

California

Region 61 of the state party hosted a 25th birthday party bash for the Libertarian Party at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. Hundreds of freedom lovers attended, including LP founder **David Nolan** and activist **Richard Boddie**. Live reggae, blues, rock, and jazz music entertained the crowd. The event culminated with the cutting of a large blue and white cake topped with the Lady Liberty logo and the words "Happy Birthday Libertarian Party." **Erich Miller**, LP candidate for U.S. House in District 24, coordinated the event and called the day "a great success."

Source: affiliate news release

Thousands of cable television subscribers in Tuolumne County have the opportunity to watch five hours of information about our free market economy thanks to the local Libertarian Party. The "Free to Choose" five-part series features **Milton Friedman**, Nobel Laureate economist, explaining how free markets work and their role in preserving political and personal freedom. Gold Country Libertarians Chair **Al Segalla** said, "This information is very powerful and appeals to business people concerned about their property rights."

This appeal to the business community was the basis for selling co-sponsorship of 10 display ads in the local newspaper to boost audience size. The businesses also advertise themselves in the lower portion of the ads that feature a photograph of Friedman as well as information about the current episode. The cost to Libertarians was less than \$300.

The "Free to Choose" videos were provided by the Palmer R. Chitester Fund (1-800-388-0662). Additionally, 500 copies of a brochure describing the series also were provided.

"This [project] can be repeated nationwide very quickly," Segalla said. For more



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information, contact Segalla at 209-586-4396.

Source: affiliate news release

Colorado

• PARTY SWITCH •

David Bishop, an elected member of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors, switched party affiliation and joined the Libertarian Party. At an LP fund-raising dinner in Boulder in mid-September, Bishop used the pen of LP presidential candidate **Harry Browne** to sign a mail-in voter registration application form.

"I've been a Republican for as long as I've been old enough to vote. Well, I've had it," Bishop said. "The Republican Party continues to compromise itself instead of standing on the principles that once united them. That's why I'm proud to join the Party of Principle—the Libertarian Party."

Bishop becomes the second Libertarian on the RTD board, joining **Dan Gallegos**. Bishop also is the second sitting public official to switch to the Libertarian Party in the state in recent months.

"If compromise is a virtue," Bishop quipped, "Bob Dole ranks right up there with Mother Teresa. I believe Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party offer the last best hope to salvage the shreds of our Constitution and trim the federal government back to the functions that the citizens have authorized it to perform."

Source: state party

Georgia

A new citizen coalition was formed in Atlanta recently to act as a watchdog against



NEWS photo by Dena Bruedigam

CANDIDATES MEET - Lauren Dowling, left, LP candidate for Ohio State School Board, recently met with LP presidential candidate Harry Browne. Dowling said that at \$22 per hour, state school board members are grossly overpaid. In fact, Dowling believes ideally there is no need for the board. "It's a textbook example of government waste and bureaucracy," Dowling said. "What service are these people providing to the taxpayers that is worth that amount?"

Dowling wants to see school administration and control returned to the community level. She lives on a small farm in New Albany with her husband, a small business owner, and their two children.

government intrusion into personal privacy. The Georgia Privacy Coalition was organized in response to police raids on Atlanta stores that sell sexually related materials.

"The government should keep its bureaucratic molesting hands off the private parts of our lives," stated **Dr. Roger Libby**, a radio talk show host, LP member, and spokesperson for the group. "The city's harassment of adults-only stores is a ridiculous misuse of taxpayers' dollars. While

robbers and rapists go free, [Atlanta] Mayor [Bill] Campbell is wasting precious police resources arresting small business owners that sell vibrators and condoms."

Founding members of the group include **Ron Crickenberger** of the LP, Teresa Nelson of the ACLU, and prominent Atlanta attorneys Cory and Alan Begner.

For more information on the coalition,

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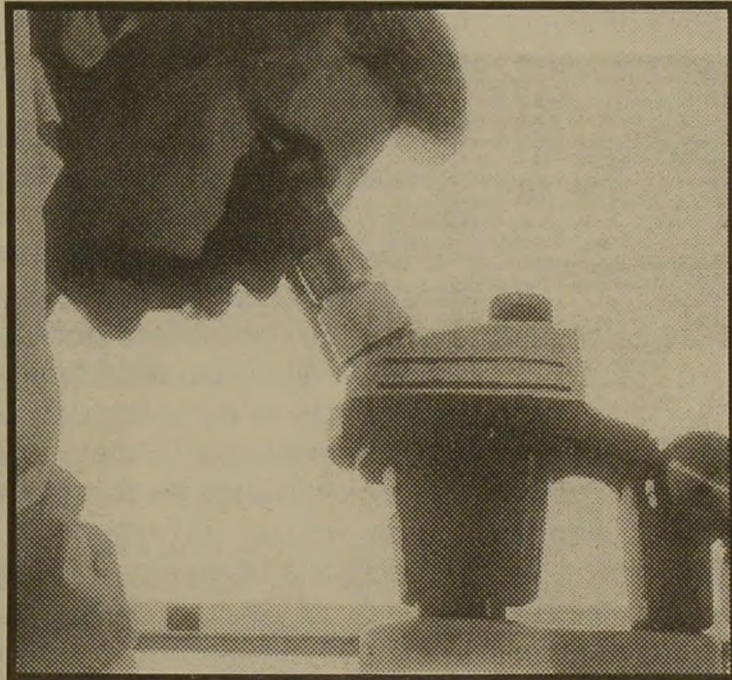


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LP member and WSB radio talk show host **Neal Boortz** was named "best male talk show host in America" by Talkers Magazine.

Idaho

While the Democrats and Republicans were spending millions of your tax dollars to finance their balloon drops (and other hot air) on national television, Idaho volunteers were working hard to get the word out for the LP and **Harry Browne** at the Western Idaho Fair.

Fifteen people helped staff the booth for at least several hours. As usual, super-volunteer **Dale Green** carried the brunt of the load, working the booth for at least six hours every night. Others who helped were **Chris Struble**, **Garrett Hall**, **Ron Wittig**, **David Knight**, **Jim Rolig**, **Nathan Bussey**, **Rex** and **Candy Kerr**, **Barbara Sall**, **Eric Pokorney**, **Gary Carlson**, **David Slack**, and **Joe Rohner**. Some of these folks brought family or friends along as well.

Rex Kerr provided use of his copier during the fair.

David Slack printed some awesome color banners with Harry Browne's picture for the fair booth, along with quiz cards, Browne campaign platforms, and other literature.

Now for the numbers:

- About 10,000 people stopped and looked at the booth during the nine days of the fair.

- 5,000 World's Smallest Political Quiz cards were handed out to fairgoers. About 2,000 people stopped to take the quiz, with about 500 scoring libertarian. About 1,000 pieces of LP literature were handed out.

- 220 people requested to be placed on our mailing list. Their names have been shared with the national LP, and with Advocates for Self-Government, a libertarian educational organization.

Source: state chair

Massachusetts

Another Libertarian Party member has become a radio talk show host. **David Atkinson** hosts "The Other Side," a 30-minute talk radio program every Wednesday on WOMR in Provincetown. The program takes a "free market approach," Atkinson said, and reaches all of Cape Cod.

Source: affiliate member

Michigan

Two LP candidates in Macomb County—**Jim McAbee**, candidate for county commission, and **Tom Sydlow**, candidate for state house—were endorsed by the highly respected Macomb County Taxpayers Association (MCTA). MCTA board member Gail Hicks nominated both candidates for endorsement by reminding other members that, "There is no such thing as a Libertarian that likes taxes."

The Michigan State University Libertarians held elections for officers recently. New officers include: **Ben Crawford**, presi-

dent; **Jeff Hyslop**, vice president; **Greg Stempfle**, secretary; and **George Chapp**, treasurer.

"We need to get the word out to MSU students that there exists a worthwhile alternative. . . Harry Browne and the Libertarians," Crawford said. "The time is right for enormous change in our government. . . we're the only party dedicated to making these necessary changes."

Source: affiliate newsletter

Minnesota

• PARTY SWITCH •

The state party now has another public officeholder. In July, Madison City Council member **Maynard Meyer** joined the Libertarian Party. Meyer has been involved in local politics for many years, including involvement in the school district prior to his election to the city council.

The state party had outreach booths at the Minnesota State Fair, and the Ramsey, Anoka, Washington, Hennepin, and Dakota county fairs. Activists **Colin Wilkinson**, **Chuck Rustad**, and **Nick Nelson** helped in the outreach efforts.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Missouri

Participation in this year's Libertarian Party primary was up 10 percent from the 1994 election. The increase in Libertarian voter participation occurred despite a lower-than-expected voter turnout overall.

Source: affiliate newsletter

The St. Louis Area Libertarians hosted a forum for St. Louis area candidates in mid-October. Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian candidates were invited to attend and answer questions on several local issues ranging from education to tax relief.

Source: affiliate news release

Montana

Missoula LP members **Ford Johnson**, **Jess Gross**, **Scott Butler**, **Allen Salvesson**, **Michael Fellows**, and others conducted outreach events at the Western Montana Fair. The volunteers collected signatures for the Stop the Browne Out campaign and helped fairgoers take the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

A new public access television show, "Other People's Pockets," airs twice a month on Missoula Community Access Television.

Walter Deets was elected chair of the Flathead County LP.

Source: affiliate officer

New Hampshire

• NEW PARTY MEMBER •

State Rep. Sharleene Hurst of Hampton recently joined the Libertarian Party by sending in a paid state/local party membership form—pledge and all. Although still a registered Republican, Hurst planned also to seek the Libertarian nomination for state senate. Hurst met with LP state party board members and was given a copy of **Harry Browne's** book, "Why Government Doesn't Work." State representatives who join the LP receive a free membership to the Cato Institute.

Source: affiliate newsletter

New Jersey

• ENDORSEMENT •

Mike Buoncristiano, the LP candidate for U.S. House in District 13, has been officially endorsed by the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs (ANJRPC)—the state's NRA affiliate. He is the first third-party candidate to receive the group's endorsement.

"The ANJRPC will also do a mailing to the members in the district and have told me that their people will work for my campaign," Buoncristiano said. "This adds some real muscle to our campaign and should bring us votes, new LP members, workers, and money, which we so sorely need."

For more information on the Buoncristiano campaign, call 201-217-1060.

Source: candidate release

LP members **John Paff** and **Tim Konek** were cleared of trespassing charges stemming from an April 15 tax protest at the East Brunswick post office. The charges were dropped after the prosecutor determined the protest did not violate state law against trespassing.

"I'm just angry," Konek said. "It took them six months to tell us they had no case." Konek estimated his expenses in the matter at approximately \$10,000, as well as three separate appearances in court due to postponements and spending six hours in jail while raising the \$5,000 bail.

"Damages are called for here," Paff said.

Source: newspaper article

North Carolina

State party members are working to defeat two bond measures appearing on the ballot this month. One is a \$950 million highway bond and one a \$1.8 billion school bond. Neither bond is for a new initiative—they are both intended to expand and continue programs that already have been funded. And, as one state LP official said, "Friends, \$2.7 billion is a whole lot of money."

Source: affiliate newsletter

Ohio

Tommy Broderick organized a table at the Washington County Fair in Marietta. The four-day Labor Day weekend event gathered names and distributed **Harry Browne** literature. Volunteers included **Randy Carey**, **Brandon Brown**, **Dennis Bond**, and **Linda Comstock**.

In early September, a volunteer wore a Statue of Liberty costume and a sign: "Don't silence Ms. Liberty" at a street festival in Columbus, and volunteers gathered signatures for the Stop the Browne Out campaign. The event was organized by **Jules Maul** and **Donald Gallick**. Volunteers included **Linda Comstock**, **Tom Brown**, **Jeff Zweber**, and **William Kammerer**.

The College Libertarians of Ohio University in Athens recruited incoming freshmen to join the LP and establish a third-party presence on campus. The event was staffed by **Bill Korner**, **Jonathon Bebb**, and **Donald Gallick**.

Source: state party officer

Oklahoma

The state party and its candidates, **Agnes Regier** for U.S. Senate, **Robert Murphy** for U.S. House in the 4th District, and **Randy Boyd** for state house in District 45

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will benefit from a recent state Supreme Court decision that removed the Democrat Party from always having the top ballot position. The state election board then declared that the four qualified parties would draw for the 1996 ballot positions. The results of the draw were, in order, Reform, Republican, Libertarian, and Democrat. Other than Ross Perot on the presidential ballot, the Reform Party has no other candidates. So the order on congressional and state legislative ballots will be Republican, Libertarian, and Democrat.

Source: candidate campaign

Oregon

Tonie Nathan, the 1996 LP candidate for U.S. House in District 4 and former LP vice presidential candidate, is running an active campaign with the slogan, "As independent as Oregon." Nathan and the state LP are sponsoring a debate for all five candidates in her race, after the League of Women Voters declined her request to sponsor such a debate. The LP already has lined up a moderator and media panelists, but it has not yet received commitments from the other candidates.

Incumbent Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) "has not debated his opponents since he took office five terms ago," Nathan said. "He is one of the biggest spenders in Congress and must give his district a chance to question him on his record. A debate is the best way to get an answer to all our questions from the congressman and to hear all other points of view."

Source: candidate news release

Pennsylvania

Although Libertarian Party member **Ken Krawchuk** didn't win his bid for Abington Township Commissioner last year—he did receive 25 percent of the vote—he is still influencing township politics.

The township wanted to use taxpayer monies to buy 84 acres of land. Krawchuk urged the commission to raise private funds instead.

Township officials now plan to use \$2.4 million in open space funds that have been allotted, but will raise the \$240,000 in matching funds from private sources so they won't have to raise taxes.

Krawchuk helped the commission get in touch with a private foundation that might supply some of the monies.

"I think it's good because every dollar that [the commission] raises will be one less dollar stolen from the taxpayers of Abington," Krawchuk said. He plans to run for the township commission again next year.

Source: state party officer

Rhode Island

It is often difficult for Libertarian candidates to get invited to participate in debates, but how many would believe that a Kennedy would flex his political muscle for their inclusion? It happened in the state's 1st Congressional District.

Incumbent Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI) announced that he would not participate in any debates unless all independent and third-party candidates were invited.

The fact that all of the candidates had to meet the same requirements to run is enough to justify their inclusion, explained

Chris Vitale, Kennedy's campaign manager. Vitale called LP candidate **Michael Rollins** with the surprising news.

The extremely popular Kennedy realized that his participation is necessary to attract an audience. Some media and debate sponsors reacted negatively.

With a 50-point lead in the polls and \$800,000 in the bank, Kennedy can afford to be magnanimous. Rollins, also in a position to be magnanimous, thanked the incumbent publicly.

Source: state party affiliate

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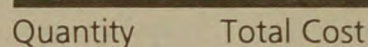
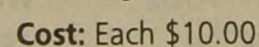
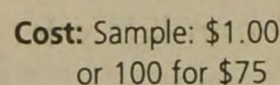
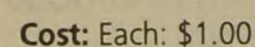
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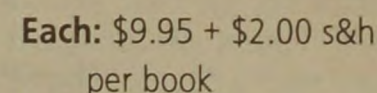
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Harry Browne is a financial advisor, the author of 10 books, a newsletter writer, and a public speaker.

He was born in New York City in 1933 and grew up in Los Angeles. He graduated from high school, but attended college for only two weeks. Thereafter, he educated himself in economics, finance, music, and political science. He has lived in Vancouver, Canada, Zurich, Switzerland, and Northern California. He now resides in Tennessee.

Since 1985 he has been married to the former Pamela Lanier Wolfe. He has a grown daughter, Autumn Browne Wilson. His main non-professional interests are classical music, opera, good food and wine, sports, drama, old movies, and fiction.

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Jo Jorgensen is president and owner of Hypertech, Inc., a successful software duplication company.

She holds an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University. She graduated cum laude with a degree in psychology from Baylor University. After earning her M.B.A., she worked as a marketing representative for IBM. She left IBM to found her own company, Professional Software, Inc., a firm that provided computer accounting systems to accountants.

In 1992, she was an LP candidate for U.S. Congress in South Carolina.

She lives in Greenville, South Carolina. When not campaigning, she enjoys playing ice hockey and flying her private plane.

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South Carolina

Members of the Anderson County LP sponsored an outreach booth at the Anderson County Fair in September. The fair attracts more than 150,000 visitors each year. Coordinators for the event included **Douglas Taylor** and **Marlon Slater**.

Source: affiliate news release

Utah

Jim Lorenz resigned recently as state party chair. Lorenz is moving from the state and returning to California. **Gerald Arthus**, state party secretary, also resigned. **Jim Dexter**, former vice chair, is the new state chair. The new state party vice chair is **Kaylin Robinson**. **Doug Jones** was named state secretary.

Source: affiliate officer

West Virginia

Dr. Wallace Johnson, the LP's candidate for governor, had a 1.4 percent showing in a recent poll conducted by the *Charleston Gazette* newspaper. If Johnson gets one percent or more in the election, the LP will receive major party status and ballot access in a state that has very tough ballot access laws.

Johnson also participated in a two-way debate that was broadcast on state public television and radio. Johnson debated his Democratic opponent. The Republican candidate declined the invitation to participate.

Source: affiliate news release

Wyoming

The Wyoming secretary of state's office refused to give at least some people the names of the Libertarian candidates for Congress. Politics Now, an internet service of ABC News, National Journal, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and Newsweek, maintains information about the 1996 election, including candidates names.

Politics Now originally had been told erroneously by the secretary of state's office that **Al Hamburg** (a perennial Green/Labor/Democrat candidate who has never been a Libertarian) was the Libertarian candidate for U.S. House. **Kevin Burt**, the chair of the Laramie County Libertarian Party, noticed this incorrect listing while surfing the net. Burt was finally able to get Politics Now to remove the incorrect listing, but as he kept an eye on the web page, he noticed that the correct listings of **Dave Dawson** for U.S. House and **Dave Herbert** for U.S. Senate weren't being posted.

Burt notified State Chair **Dave Dawson** of this discrepancy and Dawson sent an e-mail message to the site administrator. The site administrator said he had again checked with the Wyoming secretary of state's office, and that it wouldn't release the names of the Libertarian candidates for Congress.

Dawson then called the secretary of state's office to find out why it wasn't letting people know who the Libertarian candidates were. A person in the office told Dawson that the list of candidates had not yet been certified for the November ballot. When Dawson asked her if there was any

question as to whether **Dave Herbert** and **Dave Dawson** would be on the November ballot as the Libertarian candidates for Congress, she assured him there was no question, that in fact **Dave Herbert** would be on the ballot as the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, and **Dave Dawson** would be on the ballot as the Libertarian candidate for U.S. House.

"During this period of time lots of groups are making plans for candidate forums and sending out questionnaires to candidates. They are calling the secretary of state's office to see who the candidates are," Dawson said. "Somehow I suspect that our Republican secretary of state understands that the Libertarians will miss out on several opportunities to have their ideas heard because of her office's actions."

"I have been fighting these battles for

several years now," Dawson said, "and **Kathy Karpan**, a Democrat, was a pleasure to deal with compared to the current Republican administration." Dawson also recalled that the Libertarian Party had to sue the state to even have a way of getting on the ballot when another Republican was secretary of state.

Source: state party officer

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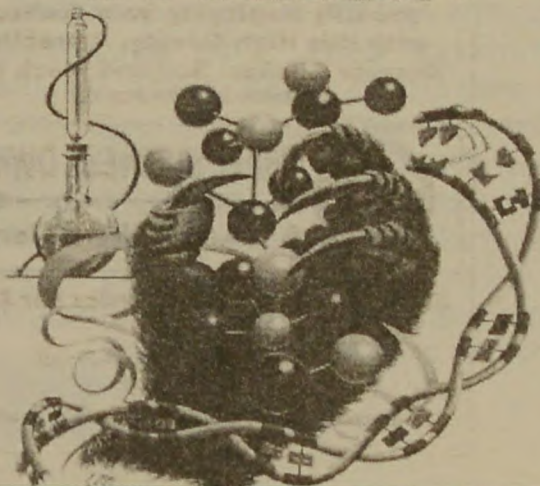
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Letters

Comments on campaign support, school outreach

Campaign support

Members of the national Libertarian Party have proved I was wrong, and I'd like to admit it publicly.

For some time now, I have been under the impression that the Libertarian Party doesn't support its local candidates, even when they win elections and become Libertarian officeholders.

Recently the Liberty Council PAC and 15 individual LP members showed me otherwise.

Since my successful effort to give Moreno Valley voters a chance to say "no" to two taxes (which they did), I have been struggling to pay off my 1994 campaign debt and to build up enough funds to fight off a recall. I didn't send a fund-raising letter to the members of the LP, because I was sure they wouldn't bother to help anyway.

I was wrong. The Liberty Council surprised me with the second-largest contribution my campaign received, and that contribution arrived early in the anti-recall campaign, so we had some of that "Early Money is Like Yeast" to finance the rest of the campaign.

In addition, 15 LP members from New Mexico to Pennsylvania dug in their own pockets to help, in response to the article about our tax battle that appeared in the July 1996 NEWS.

So I want to publicly thank the Liberty Council and the 15 LP members who proved that the LP does care about its local elected officials. I can't remember when I was happier to find out that I was wrong.

Incidentally, the tax battle isn't over. The rest of the MoVal Council put both of the defeated taxes back on the ballot for November, and three of them are leaving the council this year, so I will be working with a rookie majority on the city council starting in December. Hopefully, they'll be rookies who are as anti-tax and pro-small



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

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Bonnie Flickinger
Mayor pro tem
Moreno Valley, CA

School visit

There is a great opportunity for the Libertarian viewpoint in our schools. I have been very successful in giving lectures on the Libertarian Party in New Jersey. All I did was call the high schools and ask to speak to the chairman of the history or social studies departments. The teachers are not libertarian oriented, but they love the idea because they don't have to work—and it gets students to think. The students love it because they have someone new in class, and Libertarian ideas are appealing to them. After the 15-minute lecture, I open it up to questions, which easily goes the rest of the time. The students are hungry for more information, and I invite them to come up and take Libertarian pamphlets and magazines.

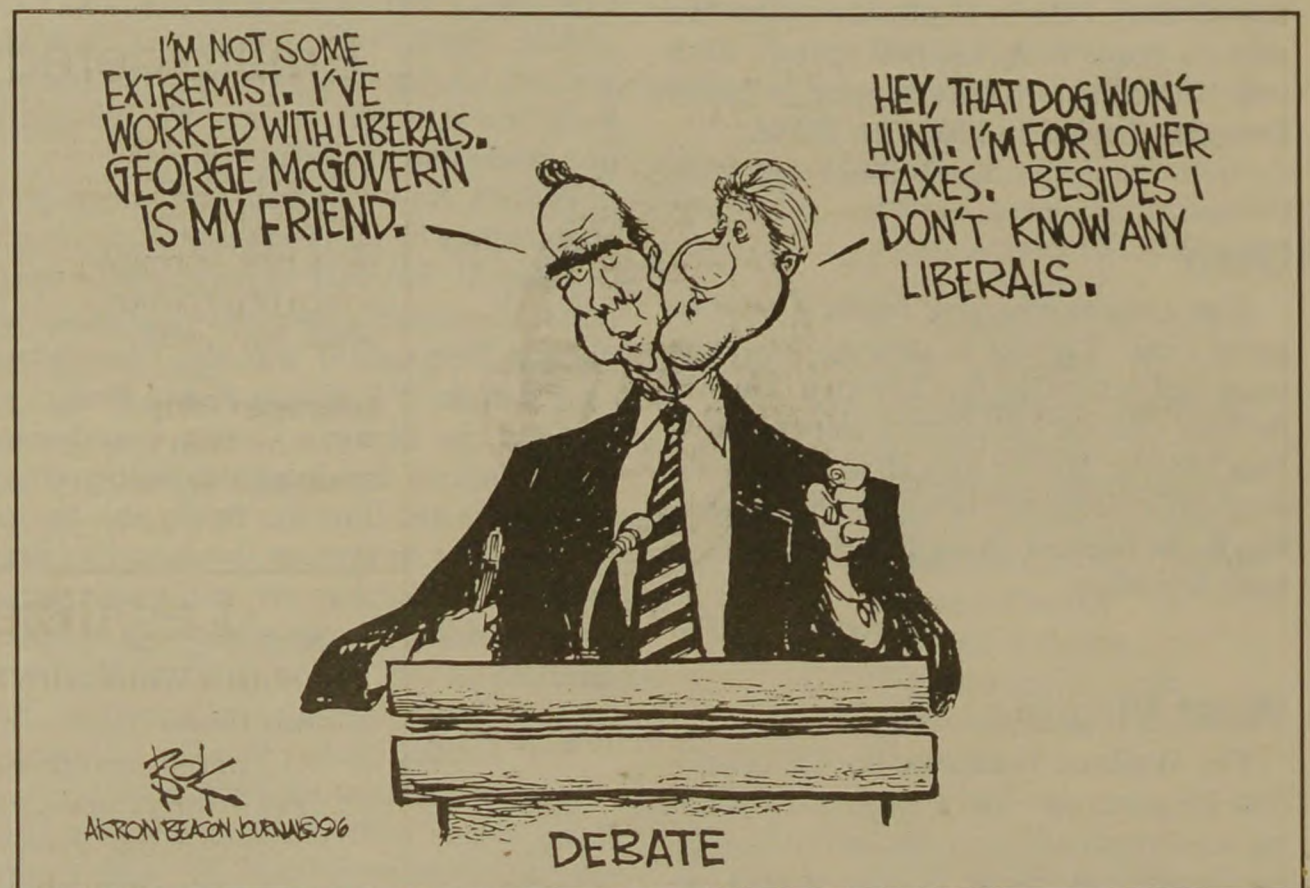
Fred Stein
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Militia and the 2nd

One of the more popular subjects in the NEWS concerns the Second Amendment. However, many of the comments make me wonder how many writers have actually read the amendment. For those who have not, here it is in its 27-word entirety:

"Article Two: A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

While everyone mentions the last 14 words, I have never seen anyone mention



the first 13. The right to keep arms is for the purpose of maintaining "A well-regulated militia." No mention made of personal self-defense, guerrilla warfare, killing deer and bunnies, or target practice. I am not advocating gun control, heaven forbid, but I would like to see a little more honesty in the debate.

If Libertarians are supporting the right to own guns because of a personal belief in freedom and personal responsibility, then say so. If there is some legitimate tie between Saturday night specials and a well-regulated militia, then let the point be made. However, claiming that the Second Amendment guarantees an absolute right to bear arms for any purpose whatsoever is not only dishonest, but it contributes to the view the general population has that Libertarians are wild-eyed nuts.

Don H. Wacker
Issaquah, WA

Children's rights

Libertarianism is predicated on the principle that all individuals have equal rights. The corollary of this principle is that the denial of rights to one group of persons sets the precedent for the government to violate the rights of everyone. The equal rights doctrine is also enshrined in the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, arguably a libertarian document. Unfortunately, the LP itself set an anti-libertarian precedent when the LP national convention delegates voted to delete the children's rights plank from the platform.

There is nothing unclear, ambiguous, or confusing about the children's rights plank. It unequivocally stated that children have all the same rights that adults have. This does not mean, however, that most children are likely to exercise their rights. The fear of children's rights opponents that hordes of young people would own a gun or drive a car is a straw man and a non-issue. For instance, 6-year-olds can legally fly a plane when accompanied by an adult pilot, but, I am confident that the number of children in this country who actually do fly planes is infinitesimal.

Presumably, the reason for denying equal rights to children is the alleged mental incompetence of children. However, I will remind children's rights

opponents that this alleged incompetence is the same justification given for denying rights to the "mentally ill," to women prior to the 20th century, and to blacks in the name of slavery. If children have no rights, then they also have no responsibilities, and, therefore, can't truly understand the meaning of rights, responsibilities, and freedom.

As I was thinking about writing this letter, I recalled a passage from the book, "Animal Farm," in which the seven commandments of the farm were posted for all the animals to see. The seventh commandment was, "All animals are equal." Later on in the book, of course, the words, "but some animals are more equal than others," were added under the seventh commandment. The libertarian version of the seventh commandment is, "All individuals have equal rights." However, the elimination of the children's rights plank from the platform adds the following words to the libertarian seventh commandment—"but some individuals have more rights than others."

Dave Varney
Washington, DC

Political Party Membership Dues

In the Sept. 1996 NEWS, Rhode Island LP State Chair Bob Rilee asserts that "successful political parties in this country" do not ask for membership dues. This assertion is intended to support Kevin Arvin's suggestion that if the Libertarian Party eliminates its dues requirement, membership will increase to the point where people "take us seriously."

If you consider the Republican and Democrat parties successful, the assertion that they don't ask for membership dues is false. A contributing membership base is a necessity for any successful political party. That's why both Republican and Democratic parties offer memberships—at roughly the same price, with roughly the same benefits as the Libertarian Party. I have their membership forms on file if anyone would like to see them. You can register to vote as a Libertarian (in the 28 states where that option is allowed) just as you can register as a Republican or Democrat. In fact, we already have almost 130,000 registered Libertarians in those 28 states.

As far as whether dropping the dues requirement will cause a corresponding increase in membership, this has not been the case for states that have already tried this. The idea was that by dropping the dues requirement, more people would join the party and they would get more revenue from other forms of fund raising. Every state party that tried this (that I know of) had to re-implement a dues payment to carry on the necessary functions of a political party.

The national Libertarian Party, which charges membership dues, has doubled membership in the last 20 months and the numbers continue to increase daily. This expanding membership base gives us the resources we need to continue to recruit new members, get on the ballot, and get more Libertarians elected. We must continue to improve and expand this proven course to getting more members which must continue to include a small dues payment.

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The following web sites are some LP members' favorites you might want to check out. If you would like to offer your favorite web pages—they don't have to be political—send them to: net.g@ins, c/o NEWS, P.O. Box 3391, Gainesville, GA 30503, or e-mail your list to <lpnews@mindspring.com>.

> <http://www.well.com/conf/liberty/ban/index.html>

Ballot Access News - the official home of Richard Winger's excellent newsletter on the difficulties of ballot access in the U.S.

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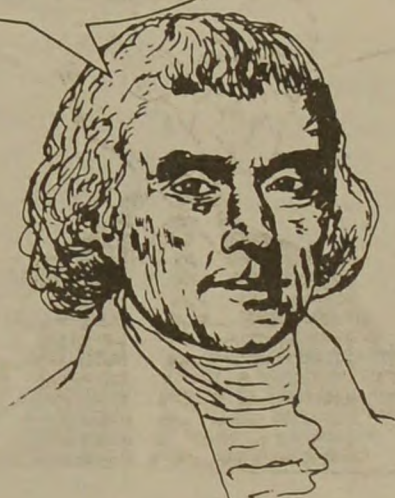
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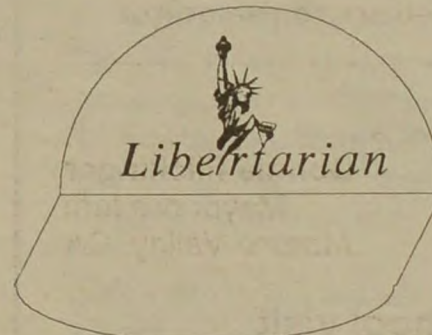


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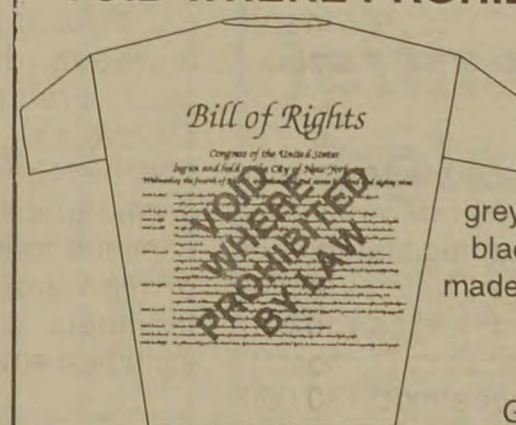
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election day. Don't waste much time on group three—it's easier and more effective to find new prospects from groups one and two.

Don't forget to include people with whom you correspond by e-mail, as well as other far away friends and relatives. "We have found that simply forwarding (or mailing) the campaign's press releases to friends far and near has gained ardent supporters," Williams said.

✓ Make an outreach effort on your local college campus. "We are hearing from supporters on many of them eager for more information about our marvelous candidates and our ever-more-noticeable campaign," Williams said. "We, and only we, have the key to inspiring this group—*ideas*."

"The advocates of statist socialism did their best work—worst, from our point of view—on our college campuses in earlier times," he said. "They had no Internet, no e-mail, no photocopiers, and no HP or Canon printers. We have all of those things, and we know how to use them. Will we do so?"

✓ Get new members for the Libertarian Party.

"Did you know that you do not need to be registered as a Libertarian to join the LP?" Williams asked. "You can be registered in any party, as an independent, or even not registered to vote at all and still be *welcomed* into the LP. This is true regardless of your state's election code rules and regulations."

Williams said that "if all who will vote for Harry Browne on Nov. 5 were actually to join the Libertarian Party, the LP would have more dues paying members than the two old big-government parties put together."

✓ Check out the Libertarian Party ads on pages 8 and 15 of this NEWS. Purchase some of the low-cost brochures or other materials and send them to those people you identified in group one and two above—

supporters and likely supporters.

"Mail or hand copies of the materials to each member of your first two groups with your personal request to *join the Libertarian Party*," Williams said. Then ask them to pass on the materials to their contacts, thus multiplying the results.

✓ Purchase copies of Harry Browne's book, "Why Government Doesn't Work," and get it into the hands of your contacts. You can get the book from the national LP at a discounted price. See the ad on this page. Donate copies to your local public or school library.

"Our actions in the last days before election day and on election day itself to get out our vote and only our vote will be based on accurate assessments of who supports Browne/Jorgensen and who does not," Williams said.

Efforts made now to get out the vote for Libertarian candidates will pay off in the next few years as the LP builds on the momentum created by this year's campaigns. Libertarian Party membership has grown 46 percent in the past nine months—the party intends to keep that trend going.

Liberty Council formed

During the Libertarian Party national convention in July, Gene A. Cisewski, District of Columbia LP chair, met with New Hampshire State Rep. Don Gorman, Moreno Valley, CA, Mayor pro tem Bonnie Flickinger, and other state LP leaders to discuss the formation of a political action committee. One month later they were off the ground and running.

The Liberty Council was formed. Chaired by Cisewski, the organization focuses on grassroots campaigns and organizing. "We're a state and local PAC," said Cisewski. "We don't directly fund any federal campaigns." Because of that, the organization does not come under the jurisdiction of the Federal Elections Commission and it is not subject to the limitations and regulations of that federal agency.

The Liberty Council has three priorities: re-electing Libertarian officeholders, electing promising Libertarian candidates at the local and state level, and building effective local units of the party.

On Oct. 19, the group hosted its first

event in New York City. Don Gorman was the featured speaker and Cisewski made a few remarks as well. According to Cisewski, the funds raised at that event will be divided evenly between this year's races in New Hampshire and to fund New York's target of capturing 50,000 votes for governor in 1998 to obtain permanent ballot status.

The Liberty Council is a volunteer-driven organization with no one drawing a salary from the proceeds. The group already has gotten professionally produced radio commercials licensed in six states, matched the national party's contribution to Rep. Gorman's re-election campaign, and made sizable contributions to other important races around the country, including Jon Coon's race in Michigan and Bonnie Flickinger's in California.

To get more information, contact Cisewski at the Liberty Council, P.O. Box 12075, Washington, DC 20005-0975, or call 202-462-4390, or e-mail <LibertyDC@aol.com>.

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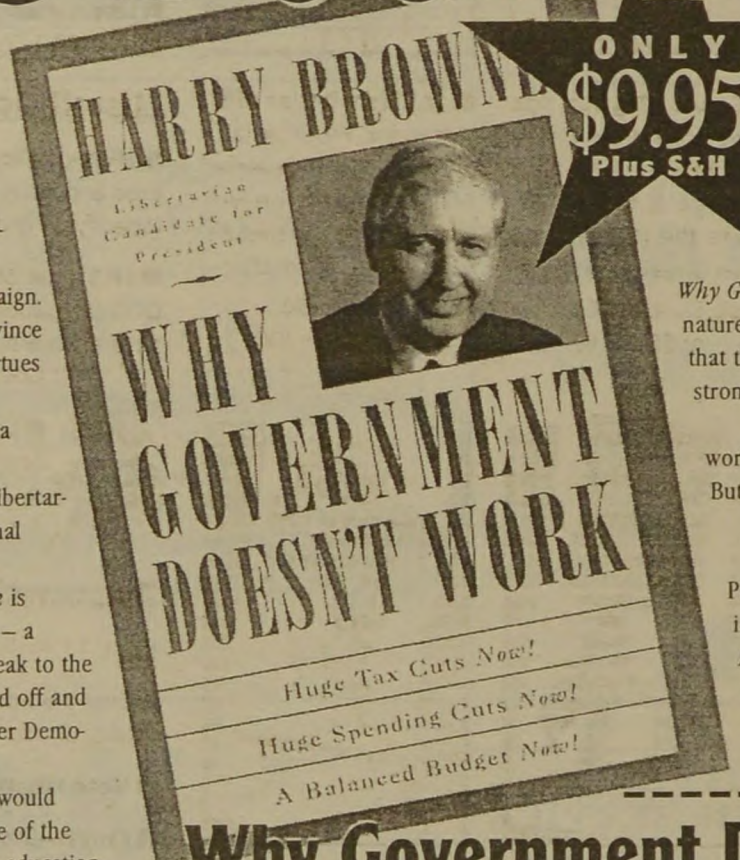
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