

Browne out

Debate commission excludes LP

Despite the fact that Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne received unprecedented support from all across the country, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced in mid-September that it would not include Browne in the first televised presidential debate.

The commission, which is co-chaired by Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., former head of the Republican National Committee, and Paul Kirk Jr., former head of the Democratic National Committee, ruled that only Democrat Bill Clinton and Republican Bob Dole would be invited to its first presidential debate.

"A small tribunal controlled by the Republicans and Democrats, meeting in secret, has effectively decided what political ideas are suitable for 100 million Americans to hear," Browne said.

Browne said he wasn't surprised by the commission's decision. "Bill Clinton and Bob Dole are all for free and fair elections in Haiti and Bosnia, but not in the United States," he said.

"With this decision, the commission has disenfran-

chised the 40 percent of American voters who are not registered Republicans and Democrats; the 60 percent who embrace the idea of a new third party; and the 68 percent who say the debates should be open to all 50-state ballot-qualified presidential candidates," Browne said.

There was a consolation prize, however. As the NEWS went to press, it was announced that Browne was invited to participate in a special "Larry King Live" show on CNN television featuring five presidential candidates following each of the Clinton-Dole debates. The others invited to participate were Ross Perot, John Hagelin, Ralph Nader, and Howard Phillips.

"We are certainly going to take advantage of that opportunity," Browne campaign director Sharon Ayres said.

Ayres also said that although the debate commission had excluded Browne from the first debate, a good showing by Browne on the Larry King show and elsewhere still might change some minds at the commission on an invitation for the later debates.

Although disappointed by the commission's decision, Ayres said, "We need to keep the pressure up and continue to do what we've been doing."

Ayres urged Browne supporters to continue to send polite letters to the debate commission, the television networks, and various talk show hosts encouraging greater

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LP on all state ballots

The Libertarian Party ticket of Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen is on the ballot in all 50 states.

The Libertarian Party was the first third party to accomplish that feat in 1996—beating even Reform Party candidate Ross Perot.

"We beat the billionaire!" said Kris Williams, who coordinated the ballot access drive for the Libertarian Party. "While Perot is still scrambling to get on the ballot, Harry Browne now takes his place on the center stage of American politics—as a genuine nationwide candidate."

The Browne campaign crossed the 50-state finish line (plus the District of Columbia) on Sept. 13, when it was notified by Rhode Island election officials that Browne had officially qualified.

Browne will be listed as the "Libertarian" nominee in all states except Ohio and Tennessee, where he will be labeled "Independent."

Last month there was concern over pending lawsuits in Florida and West Virginia.

In Florida, the party scored a victory in *Libertarian Party of Florida v. Mortham*. The party had collected the required signatures, but had used a stand-in candidate, since when the petitioning process started, Browne had not been nominated. The court agreed to place Browne's name on the ballot.

In West Virginia, the State Supreme Court issued an order telling the secretary of state to accept Harry

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Candidates

LP in federal, state, and local races

By RANDY LANGHENRY

Libertarian Party candidates across the country are actively campaigning in federal, state, and local races, and many are reporting a better public reaction to their message than ever before.

Candidates also are finding the media more interested in their campaigns, debate-sponsoring organizations more willing to extend invitations, and national organizations offering endorsements.

Although many state laws continue to make it difficult for Libertarians to gain ballot access, party members have gathered petition signatures and met numerous other state regulations to obtain a place on the ballots. In many states, however, those ballot access laws are so onerous that Libertarians who had wanted to run for office could not meet the state requirements.

Still, more than 600 Libertarian Party candidates have been identified by the NEWS, and there are certainly many

more running for local offices that will be heard from between now and election day.

U.S. Senate

An example of Libertarian Party progress can be seen in Robin Miller's campaign for U.S. Senate in Illinois.

Miller, 37, an East Peoria small business owner and computer professional, has been invited to participate in the debates with his Republican and Democratic opponents. The debate, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund, will be aired on Chicago television and other television and radio stations across the state.

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Libertarian
candidates at
U.S. Capitol

Did debate commission head lie?

The following release was issued by the Libertarian Party national office prior to the debate commission's decision to exclude Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne.

The head of the Commission on Presidential Debates is either oddly ignorant of politics—or has started telling lies to protect her Republican and Democratic bosses, the Libertarian Party charged.

"Commission Executive Director Janet Brown seems determined to prove that she is a groveling lapdog for Bob Dole's and Bill Clinton's campaigns," said Libertarian Party National Director

Perry Willis. "She's spreading deliberate falsehoods to try to guarantee that only her bi-partisan masters will be allowed into the presidential debates."

Willis said that Brown is inflating the number of independent and third-party presidential contenders in an attempt to trivialize the handful of serious challengers to the Republicans and Democrats—and to create a rationale for excluding everyone but Clinton and Dole.

Brown was quoted in *The Washington Post* on Aug. 28 saying that the commission would decide whether "any of the 150 third-party or independent candidates" who are running for the presi-

dency on one or more state ballots will be invited into the debates.

"The 150 number she cites is a total fabrication," Willis said. "In fact, there are only 14 third-party or independent presidential candidates who are on the ballot in at least one state this November—not 150. And there are only four or five third-party presidential candidates on enough states' ballots to win a mathematical majority of the Electoral College."

Why the inflated and false number from Janet Brown?

"She's clearly suggesting that a huge number of
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coverage of the Libertarian Party and Browne.

Ayres also said that the Browne campaign was going to explore the possibility "of setting up our own debate," starting with discussions with the Perot campaign.

In the days leading up to the commission's decision, support for Browne's inclusion in the debates came from some impressive quarters, including Rep. Steve Stockman (R-TX) and a number of major newspaper editorial boards.

Stockman wrote to the commission: "I, as a member of Congress, would like to recommend that Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne be invited to participate in the upcoming series of debates. His participation can only enhance the quality of these proceedings. Although my party affiliation and endorsements lie elsewhere, I feel it is only fair that all viable political parties be acknowledged and invited to participate."

Influential newspapers endorsing Browne's inclusion in the debates included the *San Francisco Examiner*, the *Arizona Republic*, the *Denver Post*, the *Daily Oklahoman*, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and the *Orange County Register*.

The commission also made its decision despite the fact that more than 28,000 Americans from all 50 states signed a petition urging the commission to include Browne in the debates. The petitions were gathered by Stop the Browne Out, the independent grassroots volunteer group organized by Gene Trosper, Mary Lou Seymour, Rock Howard, and Tim Barber (see story at right).

The commission said it wanted "indicators of national enthusiasm," according to Steve Dasbach, LP national chair. "Well, 28,000 signatures are a definite sign of national enthusiasm for Harry Browne. Petitions are one of the few ways average

Americans can make their voices heard."

The commission also ignored a national poll that showed 68 percent of likely voters said Democrat Bill Clinton, Republican Bob Dole, Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, and Libertarian Harry Browne should be allowed to participate in the upcoming series of televised presidential debates.

The poll was conducted by Grassroots Research, an independent public opinion polling firm in Charlotte, NC. The scientific survey selected 1,000 likely voters—registered voters who said they vote in "all or almost all" presidential elections—around the United States through random digit dialing. The respondents represented a racially, politically, and gender balanced cross-sample of voters.

Prior to the decision by the commission to exclude Browne, Ayres said, "By a super-majority of 70 percent, voters want to see Libertarian Harry Browne included in the debates. Americans don't want to be cheated out of seeing a candidate who has proved his viability by getting on the ballot in all 50 states.

"Americans want a serious, credible candidate like Harry Browne to take his rightful place on the stage," Ayres said.

In addition, on Sept. 5, Browne campaign staffers presented the commission with more than 280 pages of documentation that Browne "is running a serious, viable, and credible campaign—and should properly be considered among the principal rivals for the Presidency."

The documents pointed out that Browne:

- Is one of only four presidential candidates on the ballot in all 50 states.
- Has won the endorsements of numerous elected officials, radio talk show hosts, and newspaper columnists.
- Has raised more than enough money to qualify for federal matching funds.
- Has generated a substantial amount of media coverage, including front-page newspaper stories, hundreds of interviews on talk radio, and appearances on television.

"Given the obstacles faced by third-party candidates, Mr. Browne has built an impressive nationwide organization, has achieved significant newsworthiness and competitiveness, and has generated substantial indicators of national enthusiasm," Ayres wrote to the commission. "We hope you'll agree that in the interests of the voting public—and because of his significant accomplishments as a presidential candidate—Mr. Browne deserves to be invited to participate in the debates."

The commission, however, did not agree—not with Ayres and not with the more than 180 radio personalities from all across the country and from all across the political spectrum who encouraged the commission to invite Browne to the debates.

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Commission snubs LP

The American public tried to deliver a message to the Commission on Presidential Debates, but the commission wasn't particularly interested.

Representatives from the Stop the Browne Out (STBO) organization and the Harry Browne for President campaign got a chilly reception when they delivered petitions calling for Browne's inclusion in the presidential debates—signed by more than 28,000 voters—to the commission's office in Washington, DC, on Sept. 13.

"Their arrogance was unbelievable," said Sharon Ayres, national director of the Browne campaign. "They wouldn't even accept the petitions. We were instructed by a staffer to leave the box on the floor outside their office. They said they would haul them in later."

Ayres was accompanied to the petition turn-in by Thomas Grant Edwards, a local coordinator for STBO, LP Director of Communications Bill Winter, and several local Libertarians.

The petitions had been collected by STBO, a volunteer effort organized by Gene Trosper of Wildomar, CA.

"My concern was that a serious, credible candidate like Harry Browne would be shut out of a process he was vastly qualified to participate in," Trosper said, explaining why he started STBO. "These petitions show that American voters are fed up with the fixed game of politics-as-usual, and want to hear some alternatives who will actually discuss the issues."

The petitions were collected by more than 200 volunteers in all 50 states,

using both traditional methods and the Internet.

Before submitting the stacks of petitions to the commission, Winter read a statement from LP National Chair Steve Dasbach, who was unable to attend because of a delayed flight.

In his comments, Dasbach noted that the commission was "strongly hinting that even major, credible candidates like Libertarian Harry Browne—who is on the ballot in all 50 states—do not deserve to present their ideas to the American public on the debate stage.

"Respectfully, the American public disagrees. At least 28,000 Americans took time from their busy schedules to sign a petition demanding that Browne be included in the debates. [This number is] representative of a much larger number of Americans who are tired of the politics-as-usual of the Republicans and Democrats, and support the idea of a major new third voice in American politics," Winter read.

"We are here today to urge the commission to make the debates a forum for an expansive, spirited discussion of America's future—and to invite all presidential candidates who are running serious, credible, and viable campaigns. We are here to urge the commission to listen to the wishes of the American people."

The petition turn-in—and the rebuff from the commission—were filmed by a camera crew from the PBS news program NewsHour, and were recorded for a CD-ROM campaign '96 documentary called "Democracy in Action."

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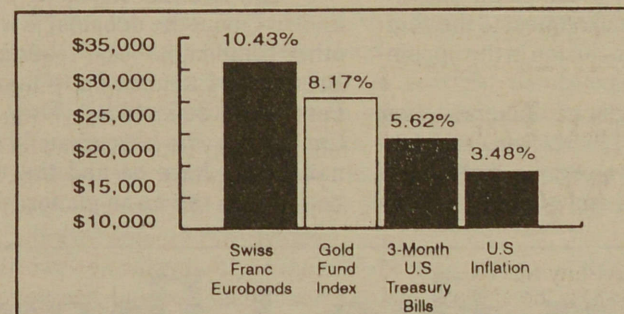
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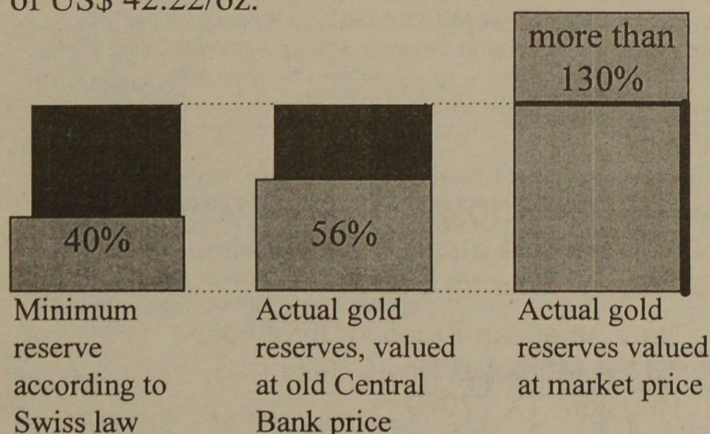
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Browne campaign

Operation Drumbeat volume builds as decision nears

The following article was written on Sept. 16, 1996, prior to the decision by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

Friday the Thirteenth was a day full of good news and optimism combined with uncertainty as the Commission on Presidential Debates neared making a decision on whether Libertarian Harry Browne would be included in the fall face-offs.

The high note of the day was the announcement that the Libertarian Party had achieved 50-state ballot status after word was received from Rhode Island election officials that Browne had qualified. The day also saw Operation Drumbeat reach a crescendo as an impressive number of talk show hosts, print journalists, and newspapers across the country continued to add their support for Harry Browne's inclusion in the debates. And augmenting this effort was a group of nationwide volunteers who independently collected an amazing 28,000 signatures for presentation to the debates commission in support of Browne's participation.

"While the commission ponders in private—deciding who it will allow to participate—more and more Americans are reaching the same conclusion: The debates will be incomplete if Harry Browne is not included," said Browne campaign director Sharon Ayres.

Formal request presented to commission

Earlier, on Sept. 5, campaign staffers had presented a formal request to the commission for Harry's inclusion in the upcoming televised debates.

The 280-plus pages of documentation demonstrated that Libertarian candidate Browne "is running a serious, viable, and credible campaign—and should properly

be considered among the principal rivals for the presidency."

Breadth of support is impressive

Even after the presentation of this information to the commission, support continued to be received from all quarters. To date, support for Browne's inclusion in the debates has come from:

- CNN talk show host Larry King. In a discussion with economist Mark Skousen—who said about Browne, "if you are on all 50 states, on the ballot, you deserve to be [in the debates]"—King replied, "I agree with that. I don't think the two-party system is listed in the Constitution."

- The *Daily Oklahoman*: "If Perot is included, then so should the only third party to have earned consistent national ballot status over the past two decades: The Libertarians, led this year by businessman Harry Browne. The list [of participants] should at least be expanded to include Browne, whose party has both a coherent philosophy and seriousness of purpose." (Sept. 11)

- The *San Francisco Examiner*: "Arguments can be made that the other two candidates—Ralph Nader of the Green Party and Harry Browne of the Libertarian Party—should be allowed to participate. Each has a distinct political philosophy; their inclusion would add diversity and fire to the debate mix." (Sept. 9)

- The *Arizona Republic*: "What's unknown [about the debates] is whether any other candidates—say, Libertarian Harry Browne and Reform Party nominee Ross Perot—will be included. They should be. Candidates who have earned ballot status nationwide have earned the right to be heard from the same platform as their ri-

vals." (Sept. 10)

- The *Columbia (MO) Daily Tribune*: "Browne for President—not quite, but he deserves a fair shake. Libertarian ideas as expressed by the legitimate, nationwide candidate for president from the party should be available as part of the national debates. It would enhance the campaign for Americans to hear—and entrenched politicians to be challenged—by such ideas." (Sept. 10)

- The *Orange County (CA) Register*: "The most compelling reason to include [Browne] is that, in recent third-party history, none has had more elected officials across the country or more consistently qualified for the ballot than the Libertarian Party. . . More than 180 Libertarians hold local or state elective office throughout the country, and it has 1,000 candidates running for office this year. At the grassroots level, these numbers offer evidence that the Libertarian Party has performed as well or better than any political organization denied the exposure and tax money available to the two major parties."

Further, the paper noted, in contrast to Clinton, Dole, and Ross Perot, "Mr. Browne refused to accept any of the taxpayer's money [to fund his campaign] on principle, earning his support the old fashioned way—by offering compelling ideas. Maybe that's the best reason for including Mr. Browne in the debates: to blow some fresh air through the stale smog of statism that passes for political discourse between the major parties." (Aug. 29)

- The *Sun-Sentinel* (West Palm Beach, FL) editorialized that both Browne and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot deserve to participate in an expanded series of debates: "Open up the process and allow Perot and Browne to infuse the presidential campaign with their ideas," the newspaper wrote. "Browne's name will be on the ballot

in all 50 states. The Libertarian Party has a well-organized, nationwide organization. This year, 1,000 Libertarian candidates will run for office. Currently, 180 of them hold elected local or state positions. The Libertarians have a well-reasoned political philosophy based on free-market economics, individual liberty, and military restraint." Include Perot and Browne, the newspaper concluded, because they will "provide points of view that will shake up the vested interests." (Sept. 6)

- The *Los Angeles Times* ran an op-ed piece by Democratic campaign consultant William Bradley in which he wrote that the debates commission "seems more interested in 'viability' than in spurring a serious debate about where America is headed. I would open the debates to include not just Reform nominee Ross Perot. . . but also Green standard-bearer Ralph Nader and Libertarian candidate Harry Browne."

"Neither Perot nor Nader nor Browne may have the answers as potential presidents. But they do have some of the questions. And they are not questions that Clinton, Dole, or much of the Washington establishment wants to talk about." (Sept. 6)

- The *Rapid City (SD) Journal* argued that Browne's refusal to accept federal matching funds should not hinder his bid to get into the debates. "Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party have met [the] requirements [of political viability]. The fact that he won't take federal money. . . shouldn't prevent him from being invited to the debates," the paper stated. (Aug. 16)

- A PoliticsNow cyberpoll revealed that Browne's inclusion is supported by 43 percent of Democrats; 58 percent of Republicans; 66 percent of Reform Party members; and 82 percent of Independents. PoliticsNow is a joint Internet project of

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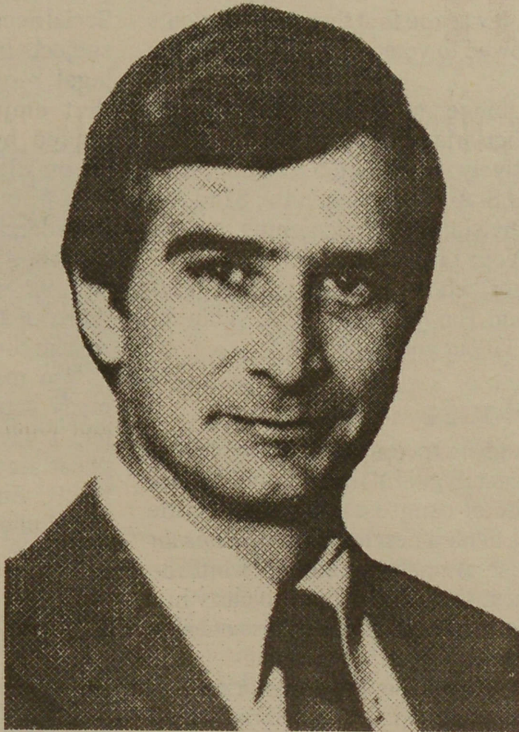
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4. Neither Watts nor Crocker had a primary; thus lost the opportunity to test their own party loyalty or have a "coming together."
5. The campaigns of Watts and Crocker have been slinging mud at each other for over four months. Watts' campaign spent over \$7,000 to research Crocker's college days at UC-Berkeley, and has accused Crocker of being a "draft dodger."
6. The Crocker campaign has continually hammered on Watts about his personal finances and the curious financial arrangements of a \$4,000,000 loan Watts received to buy an apartment complex in his district after his election to Congress.
7. The Watts reelection effort is severely hampered by numerous complaints of poor constituent service and near lock-step adherence to Speaker Newt Gingrich -- even when the interests of Oklahoma's 4th District are not best served. He is also burdened by an inept campaign operation which did not even start up until May 15 -- at least 6-12 months late for a first-term.
8. The presidential race between neighbors -- Dole of Kansas, Clinton of Arkansas -- is drawing little interest. Perot's TV campaign and Harry Browne's talk radio campaign have been reinforcing the message that third parties are a viable alternative.
9. The "Murphy for Congress" campaign has 6 weeks to get its message across to the voters, while rising above the Watts-Crocker struggle which *Congressional Quarterly* and the *Cook Report* have both predicted will be one of the dirtiest, nastiest and repulsive to voters of any in the nation.
10. Very favorable local press attitude: On September 10 *The Norman Transcript* ran a half-page story on Harry Browne headlined "Libertarian candidate runs on anti-government ticket." The lead editorial in *The Daily Oklahoman* on September 11 was "When Harry Met Ross," calling for Harry Browne to be included in the Presidential debates.

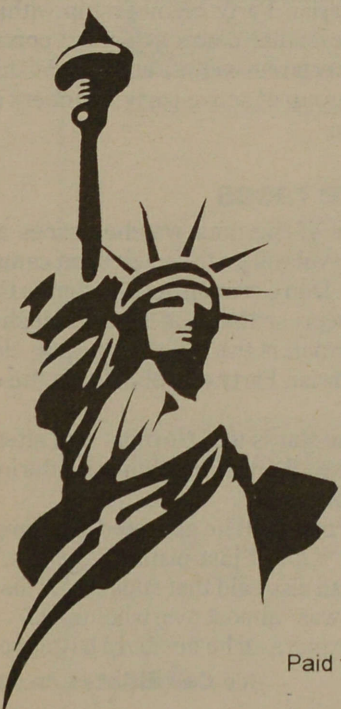
1996 in Oklahoma

Petitions circulated from June 15, 1995, to June 15, 1996, gathered 80,000 signatures to gain Party status on July 15, 1996.

Jul 8-10	Candidate filing -- Agnes Regier (Norman) for US Senate Robert Murphy (Norman) for US House, District 4 Randy Boyd (Norman) for State House, District 45
Aug 25	Robert Murphy for Congress campaign launched
Aug 28	Full-time professional campaign manager hired.
Sep 6	College Libertarians Association at the University of Oklahoma chartered
Sep 14	The Central Oklahoma Libertarian Party Headquarters on I-35 in Norman opens (high visibility -- 80,000 cars day)
Sep 15-18	State Fair of Oklahoma booth
Oct 1-11	Voter registration and re-registration drive

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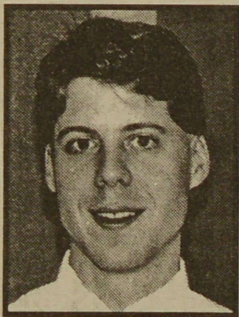
"I am excited by the unprecedented opportunity to meet my opponents head on," Miller said. "The overriding question this year is smaller government. The voters will see the difference offered by Libertarians on one side, who want huge spending and tax cuts, and the representatives of the older parties, both of whom want to increase the size of the government."

In 1994, Miller was the candidate for University of Illinois Trustee and received a record-setting 200,000 votes. These results from his 1994 campaign obtained major-party status for the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Mark Jones is the Libertarian Party's U.S. Senate candidate in Delaware. He recently resigned his college teaching position to campaign full time.

After campaigning for several days at the state fair, Jones reported that "the people are encouraged by my campaign and share my concerns and conclusions for the future of this great country."

Jones has been campaigning on the issues of crime, Social Security, and the federal debt. "Most of the people agreed with me on at least two of the three issues," he said, "and many agreed across the board. Age, gender, and race didn't seem to matter."



Mark Jones

"In fact," Jones said, "even party affiliation is of dwindling importance. Support and encouragement were coming from Republicans and Democrats alike."

Jones, who holds a Ph.D. in computer science, has taken his campaign into cyberspace with his own website at <www.jones96.com>. "Part of what makes the website special is that I created it myself," he said. "Freedom works, and the Internet is proving it."

In Wyoming, W. David Herbert is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate. Herbert, a podiatrist and attorney, is running against an orthopedic surgeon, and he is making the American Medical Association and its political influence an issue in the race.

"Anyone interested in breaking the stranglehold of the AMA on the provision of health care in the U.S. should support my campaign," Herbert said.

Agnes Regier, a longtime Libertarian activist, is the party's U.S. Senate candidate in Oklahoma. Regier won the LP nomination by defeating Michael Clem in the first statewide Libertarian primary. The LP primary made 1996 the first time since 1912 that three U.S. Senate primaries were held in the state.

The Libertarian Party primary was the idea of Jim Linger, state party secretary. "I think the primary gave us more media attention than we would have had otherwise, and it helped increase our name recognition in Oklahoma," Linger said.

The Oklahoma state party also took advantage of a 1986 state law and invited registered Independents to vote in the LP

primary. It was the first time independents were allowed to vote in any primary in the state.

Ray Ubinger of North Carolina is another Libertarian Party U.S. Senate candidate actively campaigning. Ubinger, a former U.S. Army captain in the 82nd Airborne Division, is campaigning on the theme "Your Life, Your Way."

Ubinger, who is running against Jesse Helms and Harvey Gantt, said, "Vote for me, and I'll put you in charge."

U.S. House

Although it appears the Libertarian Party did not meet its goal of having candidates in a majority of congressional districts, the party has fielded nearly 170 candidates for U.S. House. A sizable number of would-be candidates were kept off the ballots in a number of states because of onerous ballot access laws.

One of the most active Libertarian U.S. House campaigns is in Oklahoma where longtime Libertarian Robert Murphy is running in the 4th District.

Murphy is facing incumbent Rep. J.C. Watts, a first-term Republican who has been "hampered by numerous complaints of poor constituent service and near lock-step adherence to Speaker Newt Gingrich—even when the interests of Oklahoma's 4th District are not best served," according to the Murphy campaign.

Murphy's Democratic opponent has been labeled by the Republicans as a "draft dodger," and this in a district with three major military bases and many active duty and retired military families. Murphy, a Vietnam veteran, is busy campaigning while his two opponents sling mud at each other.

In Illinois, Libertarian U.S. House candidate Frank Stratman welcomed the news that he was the only candidate opposing incumbent Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. in the 2nd District.

"The voters of the 2nd District will have a clear choice between a candidate that wants to shrink the size of the federal government and one who wants to expand it," Stratman said.

"If my opponent wants to ignore the voters of the 2nd District, he does so at his own peril," Stratman emphasized. "I will not take the people of this district for granted. This is an election, not a coronation, and the term is two years, not life."

Mike Buoncristiano, Libertarian U.S. House candidate in New Jersey's 13th District, has been officially endorsed by the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs (the state's NRA affiliate). He is the first third-party candidate at any level in any race in the history of the ANJRPC to receive its endorsement. Its policy has been to endorse only the two older party candidates.

"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. We have just crossed the \$12,000 mark in contributions and another \$5,000 to fund our planned TV commercials," he added.

Campaign manager Lee Maclin noted that the Republican challenger has been challenged by the Democrats to drop from the race since he is employed by the county

Social Security office and they claim his job subjects him to the legal requirement that employment funded by federal funds disqualifies him from running for federal office. "If he drops out, we'll pick up 30 percent more of the vote," Maclin commented.

"No matter how many votes I get I feel I have won. A great day for the NJLP," Buoncristiano said.

In Indiana's 4th District, Libertarian candidate Dr. Ken Bisson has been campaigning hard and getting a lot of attention. When a local television station failed to include Bisson in a voter poll, Bisson questioned the station's motives. The television station tried to make excuses, but other area media supported Bisson.

Bisson has been appearing on a weekly radio show and has been speaking to numerous civic organizations. In 1988, he was the party's candidate for state representative.

In North Carolina, Dave Allen Walker is the LP's candidate for U.S. House in the 4th District. Walker works as a LAN support engineer and operates a computer bulletin board service in Raleigh.

"Government hasn't been able to solve the drug problem," Walker said. "Government hasn't helped the poor move up in the world. Government hasn't created jobs in the private sector. Government hasn't been able to educate our children. Government does not work."

Walker has appeared in candidate forums on television and will participate in a forum sponsored by the American Association of University Women at Meredith College.

Gary Reams is the Libertarian candidate in Virginia's 10th District. He qualified for the ballot by submitting a nearly 200-page petition containing 2,455 signatures.

A converted Democrat, Reams became disillusioned with the Democratic Party in the early 1980s, and he joined the Libertarian Party in 1993. Reams served a six-year tour in the Navy and now works as a quality manager for NEC.

Reams' campaign goals include doubling Libertarian Party membership within his congressional district, further popularizing libertarian views, and establishing a core group of active party members in his region.

State races

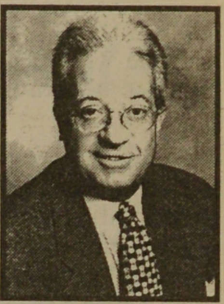
One of the most-watched races at the state level will be the re-election campaign of Rep. Don Gorman, the Libertarian Party's state representative in New Hampshire.

Gorman is the highest-ranking elected Libertarian Party officeholder in the country.

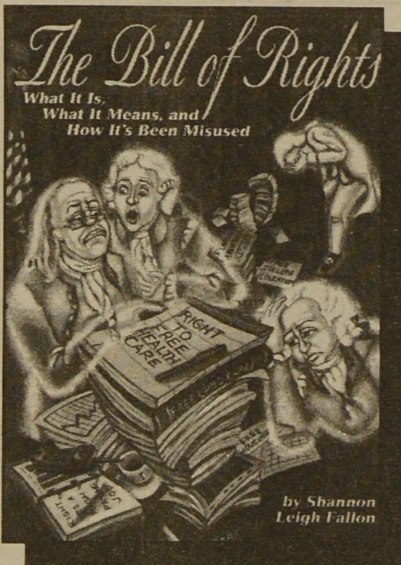
"The war is on," Gorman said after winning the Libertarian nomination during the state primary.

Gorman said he expected the campaign to be "a lot of just plain hard work." But Gorman also said that support for his campaign was "almost overwhelming."

Gorman said he needed a large group of see **Candidates** on page 7



Mike Buoncristiano



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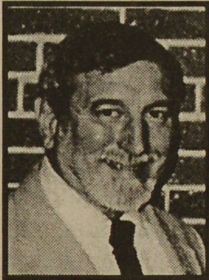
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volunteers in state, which had been forthcoming, but also money for advertising. He said he was "really impressed" with the great outpouring of support he had received from Libertarians in New Hampshire as well as across the country. A fund-raising letter to out-of-state Libertarians brought in campaign donations ranging from \$5 to \$200, he said.



Don Gorman

Gorman hopes to be joined by more Libertarians in the New Hampshire state legislature this year.

Another state representative race that is attracting a lot of attention is that of Jon Coon in Michigan's 24th District. Coon ran one of the best Libertarian Party campaigns in 1994 when he sought the U.S. Senate seat.

"I am not in this just to get elected to the state legislature," Coon said. "Convincing people to discard the old party labels, reject power groups, and unite behind the most basic of American values is what I want to do. I truly believe it is the only way we can save our country. Most Americans I talk to are ready for it, and once elected, I will be in a better position to show them what is needed."

Coon has received the endorsement of the National Rifle Association.

In Illinois, Jim Haring is the Libertarian Party's candidate for state representative

in the 12th District.

Haring is a 29-year resident of Chicago with an M.B.A. from Northwestern University. He is a self-employed financial adviser and is in his first race for public office.

In his four-way race, Haring is stressing educational alternatives and a crime initiative. His education alternative is centered around tuition vouchers, equal to the total current per-pupil cost of public education, to be issued to every student currently entitled to attend public school. "Unlike the sometimes suggested proposal for a \$1,000 to \$1,500 voucher, which is nothing more than a rebate to families who can already afford private school tuition but leaves the inner city child trapped in the public school, the full-cost voucher will provide real choice for all students and the possibility of creative new private schools being developed," Haring said.

Haring's crime initiative calls for "us to halt the insanity of releasing dangerous thugs from prison in order to make room for non-violent drug offenders." Haring's position is that "possession and use of non-commercial quantities of controlled substances should not be treated as a crime requiring imprisonment."

Three Libertarian Party candidates in the Philadelphia area have joined together to highlight a single local issue.

State representative candidates Joe Sabatina, Steve Gilber, and Terrence Zellers recently pledged their unconditional opposition to the use of any taxpayer money to finance new sports stadiums in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In a wry paraphrase of the unforgettable motto of Kevin Costner's character in the movie "Field of

Dreams" ("If you build it, they will come"), the Libertarian candidates issued a release stating, "If you build it, we won't pay."

"It's typically arrogant and presumptuous of politicians to expect taxpayers across Pennsylvania to pay a tax bill of \$150 million or more for new sports stadiums in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh," Sabatina said. "The American system is *still* based on the free market, so if these multi-millionaires need money to build a new playpen, let them earn it the old-fashioned way—by persuading investors, not by coercing captive taxpayers."

Local races

Libertarian Tom Tryon was first elected to the Calaveras County Commission in California in 1984. Since that time, Tryon has stood for and won re-election twice, in 1988 and 1992. This year he is seeking his fourth term on the commission.

Although he has won this race three times, "it's always been very close," Tryon said. And although the four-year post is a

non-partisan position, Tryon said that after 12 years on the commission his Libertarian Party affiliation and his libertarian political philosophy are known to all in the rural community.

Tryon, whose family has been living in Calaveras County since 1848, is not your ordinary rancher in the town of Angels Camp. He has an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley and a graduate degree in business from the University of Chicago.

Tryon worked as a Wall Street stockbroker, an administrator with the Farm Credit System, and a bank vice president before returning to Angels Camp and the family ranch.

"If I wage an intelligent and vigorous campaign, I think I can win," Tryon said.

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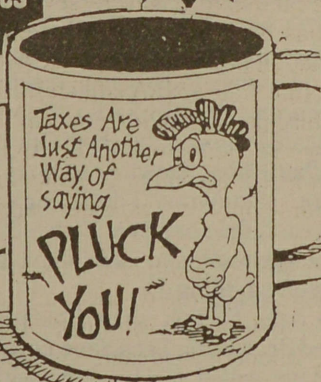
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Legal actions

LP affiliates and candidates challenge election laws

Illinois

Twenty-five Libertarian Party of Illinois (LPI) candidates filed suit in mid-September to be restored to the ballot for the November election. The suit was filed against the State Board of Elections and the Chicago Electoral Board.

The suit includes seven candidates running for U.S. Congress. LPI has candidates on the ballot in 10 districts and filed candidates for all 20 congressional districts in the state. This was the first time this had been done by a third party since 1926, according to Richard Winger, ballot access expert.

"We have named our fall campaign 'The Spirit of Seventy-Six,'" said Michael Ginsberg, LPI state chair, "in honor of the 76 candidates who threw their hats into the ring. It's un-American for the Democrats and Republicans to deny the voters a real choice this Nov. 5."

Ginsberg was referring to the Democrats and Republicans who filed papers to strike the other LPI candidates from the ballot.

"A total of 13 local races are uncontested as a result of the [election] board's actions," Ginsberg said.

Only 14 of the LP candidates will appear on the ballot this fall.

The Libertarian Party has suits pending in Will and Winnebago counties to restore candidates to the ballot in those elections as well.

"Free and fair elections are not just for



Bosnia," said Andrew B. Spiegel, general counsel of the LPI. "The people of Illinois are entitled to them, too."

Maryland

Maryland's Libertarian Party and one of its candidates for U.S. Congress filed suit in U.S. District Court in late August to get on the ballot.

Robert E. Creager of Burtonsville is seeking injunctive and declaratory relief against the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL) after being denied a slot on the ballot. The suit contends that the LP and its affiliates are recognized under federal law and cannot be denied access to the ballot for federal office by current state rules.

Creager has a strong chance in court because of last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*. In striking down federal term limits, the high court held that nothing in the Constitution allows a state to place qualifications on federal candidates.

Earlier this year, Creager and another Libertarian, Terry Atwood, both sought the LP nomination. SABEL refused to allow them to participate in the spring primary, but rules approved by SABEL for the state's

only recognized third party required a primary to decide contested nominations. On March 6, Creager won the LP nomination in a privately funded primary held simultaneously with those for the Democrats and Republicans.

According to Maryland LP State Chair Jesse Markowitz, the classifications and qualifications the state places on third parties create a huge roadblock to political competition.

"The two ruling parties, who never went through the burdensome petitioning process, make independent candidates collect thousands of signatures," Markowitz said. "They make small parties like ours finance primaries and collect signatures, too."

"The people of Maryland should not be deprived of the fullest and freest ballot for national office," Creager said. "We're 'The Free State,' after all."

Georgia

In late August, the state party filed a new lawsuit against a state law that requires the party to submit petitions signed by 5 percent of the number of voters if it wishes to run candidates for U.S. House, even though the Libertarian Party is a qualified party for statewide offices.

The party filed a similar suit in 1994, but it was not pursued.

Colorado

The Libertarian Party of Colorado and

its two candidates for U.S. House—Richard Combs and W. Earl Allen—lost a suit brought against the Colorado secretary of state alleging that state law discriminates against all candidates who are not members of either the Republican or Democratic party.

Colorado law ensures that the top ballot position in all partisan races is always awarded to either the Republican or Democratic candidate. Thus, Libertarian or other third-party or independent candidates are precluded by the state from ever being placed in the top ballot position. The vast majority of research in this area supports the conclusion that the first position on the ballot holds a distinct advantage.

The suit was a civil rights action, alleging violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and infringements of freedom of speech and association guaranteed by the First and 14th amendments.

The suit alleged that the ballot position statute treats similarly qualified candidates differently, "without a rational basis for doing so, let alone a compelling state interest. The only rationale for the existence of this law is to serve the political self-interest of the Republican and Democratic Parties. It is a tragic indictment of these two political parties that their members had no qualms about enacting a law that does violence to the constitutional rights of individual citizens merely for the sake of political patronage."

Browne campaign

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ABC News, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, Newsweek, and the *National Journal*. (Sept. 10)

• A nationwide survey commissioned by the Browne campaign revealed that 68 percent of likely voters say they want to see a presidential debate that includes all four candidates who are on the ballot in all 50 states—Democrat Bill Clinton, Republican

Bob Dole, Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, and Libertarian Harry Browne. An additional 2 percent say just Clinton, Dole, and Browne should participate. Only 19 percent say the debate should be limited to Clinton and Dole. The poll was conducted by Grassroots Research, an independent public opinion polling firm in Charlotte, NC. (Sept. 3)

Public officials endorse inclusion

More than 100 public officials from around the U.S.—ranging from a state representative to dozens of city council members, county supervisors, and city commissioners—also support including Browne in the debates.

Leading the pack is New Hampshire State Rep. Don Gorman (L-Deerfield), who said, "Harry Browne is on the ballot in all 50 states and qualifies for matching funds (which he refuses to take). It would be outrageous not to include him in the debates. The country is watching!"

Bruce Van Buren, a city commissioner in Avondale Estates, GA, said, "Harry Browne's inclusion in the presidential debates is a must—lest the 10 percent to 20 percent of Americans who support libertarian ideas be unrepresented."

And Robert Debrosse, a city commissioner in Piqua, OH, said: "By any objective measure, the Libertarian Party is the third party in American politics—and voters de-

serve to see and hear its candidate, Harry Browne, in the debates."

More than 250 radio/TV personalities call for inclusion

More than 250 radio personalities—ranging across the political spectrum and across the radio dial—also have encouraged the commission to invite Browne.

Included are such radio industry heavyweights as syndicated talk show host Michael Reagan, political commentator Hugh Downs, Republican insider Mary Matalin on the CBS Radio Network, and syndicated conservative host Oliver North.

"What Harry Browne has done may be unique," said Ayres. "I don't think any previous candidate has ever gotten this many independent-minded talk show hosts to agree on anything."

To date, 64 talk show hosts have endorsed Browne for president, an additional 187 have called for his inclusion in the presidential debates, and another 43 print journalists and editorial boards have echoed the demand for debate inclusion.

"The fact that a presidential candidate with no prior name recognition has earned such widespread support demonstrates the appeal of Harry Browne's common-sense Libertarian ideas—and is a tribute to his passion and eloquence in conveying those ideas," said Ayres.

The list of talk radio hosts rallying behind Browne's candidacy reads like a "Who's Who" of the talk radio business: David Brudnoy on WBZ in Boston; Lionel on powerhouse WABC in New York; syndicated talkmeister Lowell Ponte; Zoh Hieronimus on WCBM in Baltimore; Mike Foudy on the syndicated Talk America Network; and Carl Wigglesworth on WOAI in San Antonio.

Influential hosts calling for Browne to be invited to the debates include Gene Burns on KGO in San Francisco; syndicated host Art Bell; Neal Boortz on WSB in Atlanta; Irv Homer on WWDB in Philadelphia; Larry Elder on KABC in Los Angeles; and the nationally syndicated humorist "Grease-man."

"These endorsements are part of our strategy to bypass the national media—which is obsessed with personalities and sound-bites—and go directly to voters via talk radio," said Ayres.

Operation Drumbeat to continue

"Even with all of this tremendous outpouring of support, we know the odds are against us," said Ayres. "But whatever the commission decides regarding Harry's participation in the first debate, we're going to continue to keep up the pressure."

"After all, there are more debates to shoot for. The beat will go on. Operation Drumbeat will continue."

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Arizona

Ray Price	State Corp. Commissioner
Alice Bangle	U.S. House, District 2
John C. Zakac	U.S. House, District 5
Robert Anderson	U.S. House, District 6
Floyd H. Peterson	State Senate, District 11
Donna Hancock	State Senate, District 18
Richard Lee Duncan	State Senate, District 20
Scott Grainger	State Senate, District 21
Gary Fallon	State Senate, District 24
John Williams	State Senate, District 25
Sunny Reid	State House, District 2
John S. Williams	State House, District 2
Michael T. Haggard	State House, District 4
Ernest Hancock	State House, District 18
Joe Susnjara	State House, District 19
John P. Wilde	State House, District 20
Scott Grainger	State House, District 21
Gary Fallon	State House, District 24
Jim Hamilton	State House, District 24
Kent B. Van Cleave	State House, District 25

California

Tom Tryon	Calaveras Co. Commissioner
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Delaware

Mark Jones	U.S. Senate
George Jurgensen	U.S. House
Dan Beaver	Lt. Governor
Chris Rowe	State Senate, District 5
J. Burke Morrison	State House, District 1
Gene Pierce	State House, District 2
Peggy Schmitt	State House, District 7
Dave Wood	State House, District 8
Howard Lichtman	State House, District 18
Eric Doerr	State House, District 23
Jeff Labowitz	State House, District 24
Drew Gregg	State House, District 26
Terri Lewis	State House, District 32
Victor Letenoff	State House, District 37
Brian Lintz	New Castle County Council, District 1
Larry Sullivan	New Castle County Clerk of the Peace
Tabitha Labowitz	New Castle County Clerk of the Chancery Court

Indiana

Brad Stephenson	Miami County Council
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Kansas

Steven Rosile	U.S. Senate
Bill Earnest	U.S. House, District 1
Art Clack	U.S. House, District 2
Charles Clack	U.S. House, District 3
Seth L. Warren	U.S. House, District 4
Stephan Corn	State Senate
Nathan Messer	State House, District 44
David J. Gleue	State House, District 54
Maike Warren	State House, District 75
Lora Self	State House, District 77
David Moffett	State House, District 85
Bob Shepherd	State House, District 88
Rick Travis	State House, District 99
Jack Warner	State House, District 101
Tom Knop	State House, District 103

Maine

Richard Eaton	State House, District 28
Wayne Leach	Winslow Town Council, District 1

Minnesota

Robert Babione	New Prague City Council
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Missouri

Michael Crist	U.S. House, District 3
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Montana

John Larson	State Auditor
Michael Fellows	State House, District 67
Scott Butler	State House, District 68
E.L. Bernosky	State House, District 70
Walter Deets	State House, District 77

North Carolina

Ray Ubinger	U.S. Senate
Todd Murphrey	U.S. House, District 1
Mark D. Jackson	U.S. House, District 2
David Allen Walker	U.S. House, District 4
Barbara J. Howe	U.S. House, District 5
Gary Goodson	U.S. House, District 6
Chris Nubel	U.S. House, District 7
David L. Knight	U.S. House, District 9
Phil McCanless	U.S. House, District 11
Roger L. Kohn	U.S. House, District 12
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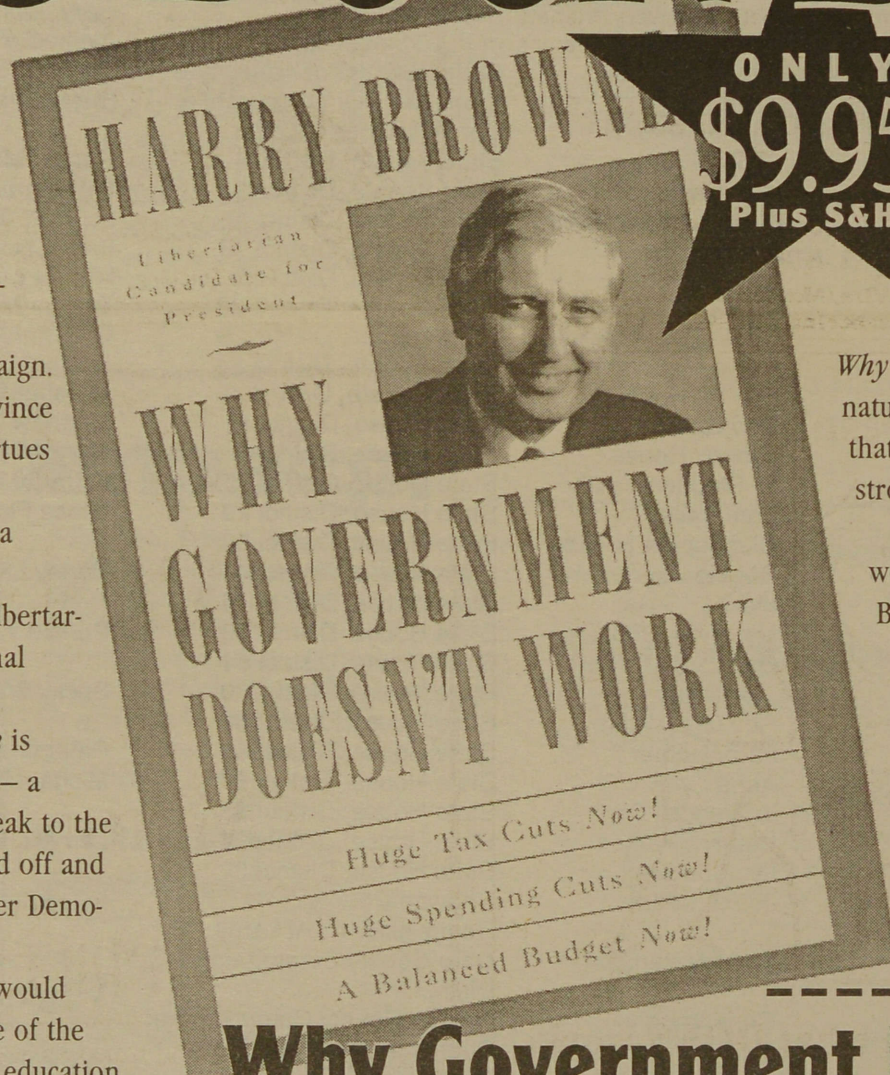
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FAIREST OF THE FAIR - Working the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin's outreach booth at the Wisconsin State Fair are State Chair Ron Emery, at right behind table, and Bob Collison, Milwaukee Metro LP chair, at left behind table. Attendance at this year's fair ran about 935,000. The Wisconsin Libertarians offered the World's Smallest Political Quiz by computer and handed out lots of LP and Harry Browne literature. "The greatest attraction to our booth was the balloons we gave out," Collison said. "The amount of good will we generated cannot be measured in the over 4,000 balloons we gave out." Collison said the public attitude toward the Libertarian Party had changed greatly. "Compared to two years ago when people didn't know who we were, or worse, looked upon us as radical kooks, this year we found ourselves in very friendly company. The number of people who have heard of us and have heard Harry Browne on talk radio are growing by leaps and bounds."

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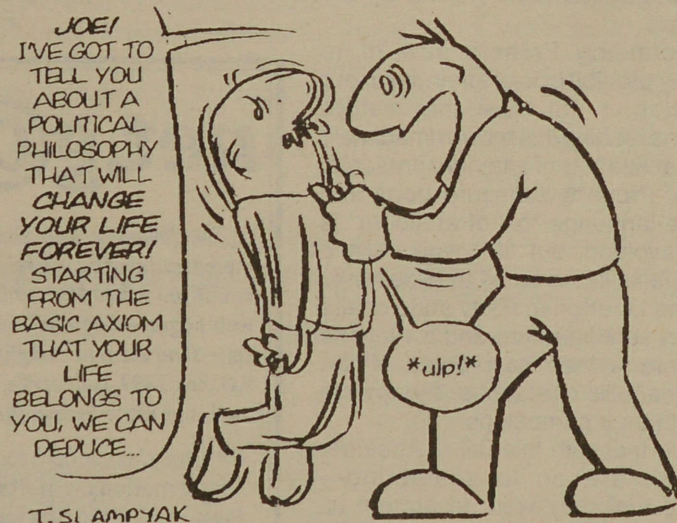
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"I suggest to candidates that 'Really Free' can be used for upbeat introductory music at appearances, for radio or TV ads, or to build spirit and enthusiasm by repeated playings at post-event celebrations," he said.

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Letters

Readers on convention, bill of attainder, recycling

Correction

My first issue of the NEWS arrived yesterday and I am now reading it. I can overlook an occasional spelling error, misuse of grammar or punctuation, but a liberal will fry your ass for committing a factual error.

On page eight in Tonie Nathan's commentary, she wrote that "In 1932, Adolph Hitler became a dictator by using the Reichstag Fire,..." "The spelling of the first name is excusable. However, Adolf Hitler did not become chancellor until Jan. 30, 1933, and the Reichstag fire was not until Feb. 27, 1933.

Joe Harris
Hope Hull, AL

Market share

I must agree with Kevin Arvin (Sept. 1996 NEWS). If you look at successful political parties in this country, they do not ask for membership dues. In fact, your local board of canvassers will sign you up with a qualified political party for free. Donations fill coffers, not subscription fees.

Bob Rilee
State Chair, LP of Rhode Island

Recycle

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I want to commend the organizers of this year's convention in Washington for doing a superb job. The convention was well organized, exciting, and made the most of our resources and features.

I was delighted to see "partial" libertarians like the chair of the ACLU and Grover Norquist given chances to speak, while our presidential nominee is as wholly Libertarian as they come. This is a winning combination and bodes well for the LP's future.

I want to specifically commend John Famularo, Don and Louise Ernsberger, and Dave Walter for their outstanding organization of this event, which was the most exciting and uplifting I've known in politics.

The obvious highlight of the affair was Harry Browne's acceptance speech, which I have shown from tape to every person who would sit still to watch it. This masterpiece of a performance has won over every person I've shown it to. I couldn't be more proud of our candidate for president if I had all the world to choose from and made the choice alone.

Ed Wiessmann
Vice Chair, New Jersey LP

Statue maker?

I would like information on anyone who manufactures a replica of the Statue of Liberty, either paper mache or plastic, four to six feet tall, that could be used on a float for parades. If anyone is aware of such a product, please contact me at 7058 S. State Road, Ionia, MI 48846; or call 616-527-9263.

Richard Whitelock
Chair, Ionia County LP

Drug war victim

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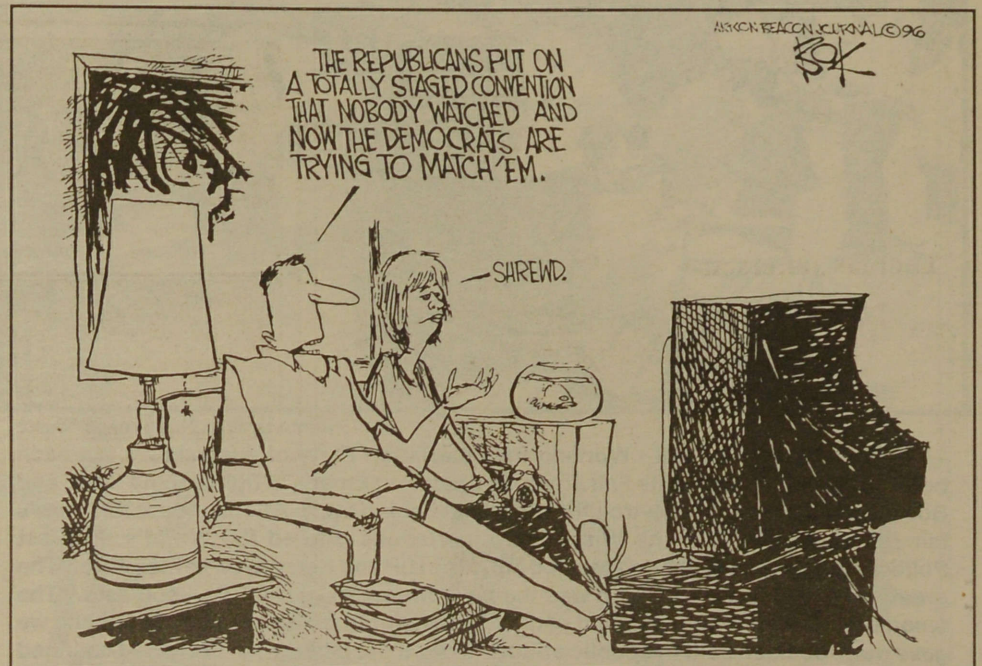
I will not contest the evidence or accept a plea agreement. I will fight the charges on the grounds that all vice laws are establishment of religion—morality being a function of religion, not government. The function of government, as the Declaration of Independence states, is to secure rights.

If I am convicted, I will need free assistance from an attorney to appeal. If there are any brave attorneys among your readers, I'd love to hear from them.

Rycke Brown
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Bill of Attainder

At the national convention in DC this past July 4, David Bergland pointed out to me that I was probably the oldest living



active Libertarian. Thanks a lot Dave.

There has to be an advantage to being around libertarianism so long and one of those is recognizing potential.

The new Libertarian project that I believe will serve activist Libertarians well is Oklahoma's Tom Saunders' "Bill of Attainder" project.

Bills of attainder have a long and tragic history dating back before the Magna Carta. Legislative groups such as the House of Lords and the House of Commons passed bills of attainder against an individual and without trial that person would be seized, beheaded, and all property owned by that person and all [their] relatives would be seized by the government.

Our Founding Fathers saw fit to specifically prohibit bills of attainder in our Constitution. I am sure that astute Libertarians reading this have immediately identified active bills of attainder presently operating. Property forfeiture pops into mind. The language "bill of attainder" is carefully avoided, but "if it walks like a duck and talks like a duck" applies here.

All of the Libertarian Party state chairs have been sent literature and invitations to help inform their candidates of the volatility that bills of attainder arguments can lend to their campaigns.

I believe that with this Bill of Attainder project we are on to something—something that may work to protect us from increasing tyranny and add to the successes that Libertarians are presently enjoying.

Roger Bloxham
Tulsa, OK

Attacks

Lest anyone doubt that libertarianism is shaking up establishment Washington, let them read the Aug. 19 and 26 issues of The Weekly Standard. Both contained misinformed and malicious attacks on libertarianism.

In the first, the writer called Phil Gramm, of all people, a "libertarian," and suggested that libertarianism was a political philosophy devoid of ideas except to "cut, cut, cut" government.

In the second, the writer dismissed libertarianism as a "yuppie philosophy,"

and suggested that the "moral laissez faire disorder" of libertarianism, not over-reaching government, was behind the problems of "southern California" and other "dysfunctional big cities." These problems, in turn, were driving hordes of young, "rude," and "lawsuit happy libertarians" to take refuge in bucolic rural communities.

There's a method in this muddle-headedness: Discredit the only political party and philosophy that represents a real threat to the big government status quo in Washington. We should expect—and look forward to—such attacks in the future. They're a sure sign we're making headway.

Marc Beauchamp
Falls Church, VA

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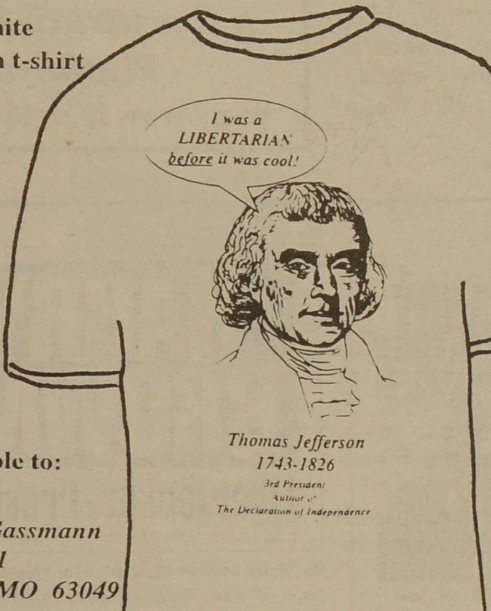
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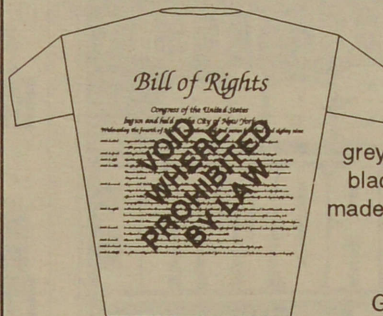
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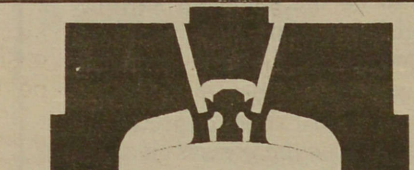
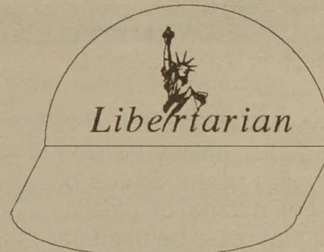
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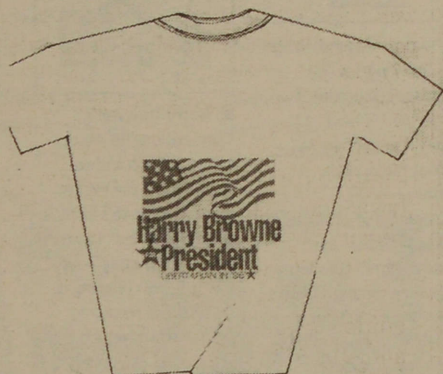


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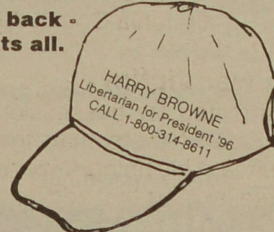
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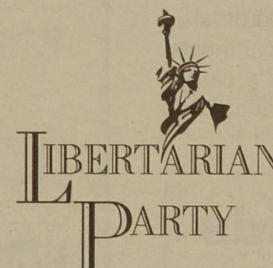
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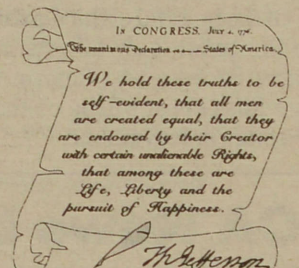
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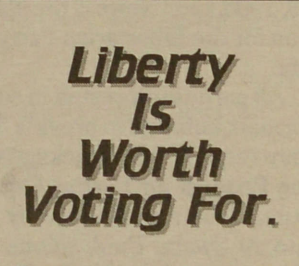


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Of the handful of third-party candidates on the ballot, only Libertarian candidate Harry Browne and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot will be on the ballot in all 50 states in November.

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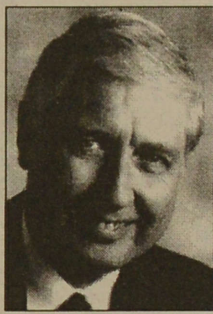
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As the presidential election season heats up, Harry Browne is reaching literally millions of people with the good news about the Libertarian Party.

Now we need you to help to take advantage of the "Harry Browne fac-

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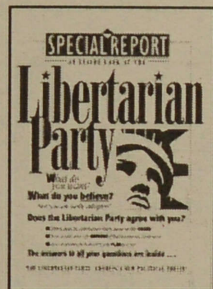
Here's how you can help: Stock up on our professionally written and designed brochures, booklets, and flyers — and hand them out to your neigh-



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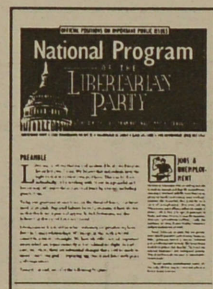
proudly. There's a hundred actions you can take to promote the party — and our materials will help make those actions more successful, credible, and effective.

Harry Browne is doing his part. Are you going to do yours?



Special Report. 20 pages, blue & black ink. Comprehensive introduction to the LP, explaining how a Libertarian society would benefit the reader. With convenient one-piece, attached response form/envelope.

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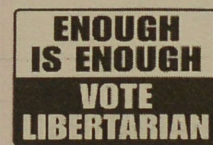
LP Program. 4 pages, maroon ink. Details LP positions on education, employment, political corruption, health care, and crime. Provides steps the LP would take to solve these problems.

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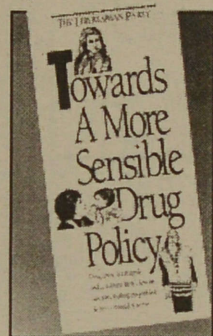
Which Political Party is 100% Pro-Gun Rights? Flyer. New, improved 2-color version! (blue & red). Hard-hitting outreach to gun owners, listing 10 compelling reasons why the Libertarian Party deserves support.

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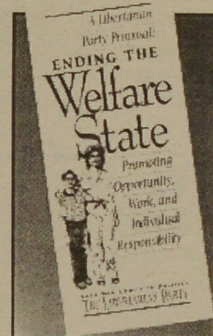
Is there another phrase that so accurately captures the mood of voters in 1996? "Enough is Enough!" says it all — and now you can say it too, by proudly displaying this two-color (red & blue) 24" x 18" yard sign. Plus, it provides the solution: "Vote Libertarian!" Perfect for the '96 election. Printed on sturdy foamboard.

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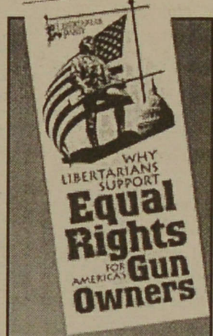
Towards A More Sensible Drug Policy. Brochure, 2-color (blue & black). Argues that drug legalization is sensible, workable, and beneficial.

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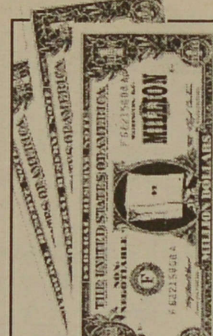
Ending the Welfare State. Brochure, 2-color (green & black). The LP's welfare reform plan, promoting opportunity, work, and responsibility.

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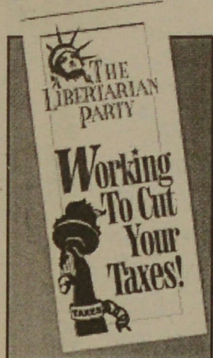
Equal Rights for America's Gun Owners. Brochure, 2-color (orange & black). Explains the LP's pro-2nd Amendment position.

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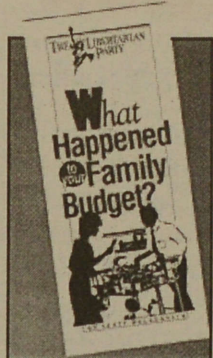
"Million Dollar Bill." Green ink. Front: A faux \$1,000,000 bill. Reverse: Highlights excessive Federal spending and the LP's tax-slashing alternative.

Cost: Sample: 50¢ or \$5 for 100



The Libertarian Party: Working to Cut Your Taxes. Brochure, 2-color (green & black). Outlines how Libertarians would drastically reduce taxes and government spending.

Cost: Sample: 50¢ or \$5 for 100



What Happened To Your Family Budget? Brochure, 2-color (blue & black). Hard-hitting look at how government impoverishes the "typical" family through taxes and inflation.

Cost: Sample: 50¢ or \$5 for 100



Making Your Neighborhood Safe Again. Brochure, 2-color (red & black). Explains the LP's innovative five-point Operation Safe Streets "crime-control" program.

Cost: Sample: 50¢ or \$5 for 100



Is This the New Political Party You've Been Looking For? Brochure, 2-color (violet & black). New introductory brochure; gives general overview of Libertarian Party beliefs.

Cost: Sample: 50¢ or \$5 for 100

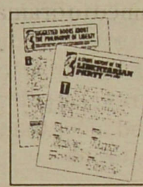
Other Great LP Products

Literature

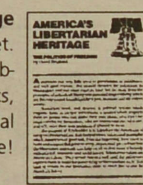
Libertarianism in One Lesson by David Bergland. 126 pages, 6th edition. The classic, critically praised introductory work about Libertarianism by the party's 1984 presidential candidate. Compares and contrasts how liberals, conservatives, and Libertarians view political issues. **Cost:** \$8 each or 5 for \$25



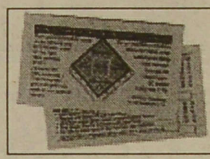
LP Fact Sheets: 2-page LP history (political highlights from 1971 to 1995) and 2-page bibliography (over 150 books about Libertarianism, from economics to history to social issues). Sold as a set only. **Cost:** Sample: 50¢ or \$10 for 100



America's Libertarian Heritage by David Bergland. 16-page booklet. An excellent, concise overview of Libertarian philosophy, covering politics, free markets, social issues, personal liberty, political action, and more! **Cost:** \$1 each



World's Smallest Political Quiz cards. Perfect for "politically homeless" booths, and an excellent low-cost hand-out! **Cost:** \$1 for 100



Tools for Campaigning

LP Statue of Liberty Logo master. Camera-ready sheet, ready for scanning or cutting and pasting. **Cost:** \$1 each

Newsprint Ads: "Libertarian Party—Defenders of Liberty." Camera-ready print ads. One each: general, lifestyle, drugs, guns, draft, taxes. **Cost:** \$3 for set

Libertarian TV Ads: A videotape compilation of TV ads by LP candidates, from State Representative to President. (For information only; not broadcast quality.) **Cost:** \$20.00 each

Buttons

Cost: All buttons are \$1 each or 75¢ for 5 or more.

Don't Blame Me... I Voted Libertarian 1-800-682-1776

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Miscellaneous Items

High-quality, lined windbreaker, blue with LP logo and party name on front. Available in M, L, XL. (Specify on order form.) **Cost:** \$25 each

LP Statue of Liberty Logo on PC Disk: 3-1/2 inch DOS-compatible computer disk, with several different sizes and versions of the LP's Statue of Liberty logo. **Cost:** \$3 each

Liberty Teddy Bears 12" high. Cute brown bear with blue shirt. "Liberty Bear" on front, LP logo on reverse. Makes a wonderful holiday gift! **Cost:** \$20 each

Bumperstickers

Cost: \$1 each; \$7.50 for 10; \$50 for 100

Don't Blame Me... I Voted Libertarian (Blue & white; LP address and phone # below.)

Enough is Enough/Vote Libertarian (Red, white, & blue.)

Vote Libertarian/800-682-1776 (Blue & white.)

I'm Pro-Choice on Everything! (Red, white, & blue.)

Large & Small Banners

Small Banner. (12" x 5'). White on blue. One line: "Libertarian Party." **Cost:** \$25 each

Large Banner. (18" x 5'). White on blue. First line "Libertarian Party," second line your choice (specify on order form): ★ "800-682-1776" ★ "Defenders of Liberty." **Cost:** \$40 each

To Order:

Indicate quantity you wish to order below. There is no charge for standard shipping. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Or: Add \$5 for same-day shipping. Call (202) 333-0008 for instructions on rush deliveries. Minimum order: \$5.00. Orders shipped via UPS; please add 15% for Post Office box addresses.

Ready-to-use Literature

Quantity	Amount
_____	Yard Sign: "Enough Is Enough/Vote Libertarian"
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Miscellaneous Items

_____ Lined windbreaker. Circle one: M L XL

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_____ Liberty Teddy Bear

Tools for Campaigning

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_____ Newsprint ads: "Libertarian Party — Defenders of Liberty" set of seven.

_____ Libertarian TV Ads

Large & Small Banners

_____ Large: "LIBERTARIAN PARTY" (18" h x 5' w)

_____ Please check preferred second line:

_____ ☐ "Defenders of Liberty"

_____ ☐ "1-800-682-1776"

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct. 9, 1996:

University of Detroit Mercy Students for Liberty host Jo Jorgensen, LP vice presidential candidate, at noon. For information call David Collver at 810-542-9274.

Oct. 13-19, 1996:

Liberty Week, sponsored by Libertarians of Macomb County, MI. Purpose is to encourage and promote Libertarian activities throughout the state; for information call Diane Barnes at 810-774-7611 or e-mail: freya13@aol.com

Oct. 19, 1996:

Maryland LP Convention, Columbia Hilton, Columbia; for information call 410-730-7117 or e-mail: AmyRule@aol.com

Oct. 19, 1996:

Liberty Fest Banquet, sponsored by Libertarians of Macomb County, MI; Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights, MI; for information call Diane Barnes at 810-774-7611 or e-mail: freya13@aol.com. Keynote speaker will be Harry Browne.

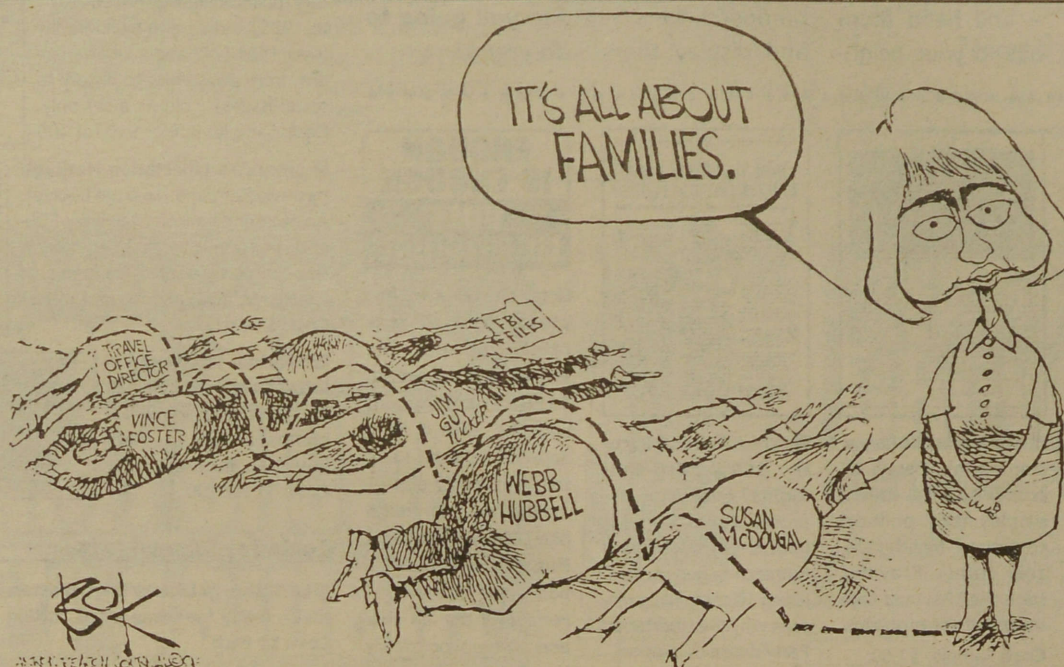
Nov. 5, 1996:

Election Day. VOTE LIBERTARIAN!

Nov. 24-26, 1996:

Separation of School & State Alliance conference, Washington, DC; for information call 209-292-1776. Speakers include Peter Breggin, John Taylor Gatto, Sheldon Richman, and Joseph Sobran.

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LP candidates

A closer look at some federal,
state, and local races

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CLEVELAND (OH) PLAIN DEALER — newspaper
editorial in the Aug. 22, 1996, edition:

“ [Harry Browne] wants to be a part of the tele-
vised presidential debates. And why not? The Liber-
tarians are a long-established party that has shown
remarkable staying power. . . [and] hews to a discern-
ible philosophy better than either of its two main-
stream rivals.

The answer to ‘why not?’ is that the Republicans and
Democrats will have everything to do with the ground
rules for the TV debates, and they won’t want their
candidates looking over more than one shoulder at a
time. Tough. Politics is supposed to be about ideas, and,
as a candidate on every state’s ballot, Harry Browne
ought to be able to bounce his off Bill Clinton and Bob
Dole in full view of the American public.