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## LP's anti-Drug War advertisements reach millions in *USA Today*, *Washington Times*

*Ads create buzz among drug reform groups; spawn radio, television publicity for party*

By **Bill Winter**  
LP NEWS EDITOR

In the opening salvo of its "Drug War Strategy," the Libertarian Party ran full-page ads in *USA Today* and the *Washington Times* that accused America's drug warriors of financially supporting terrorism.

The ads, which appeared on February 26, generated national TV coverage, tens of thousands of visitors to the LP website, a "surreal" response from the Drug Czar's office, and an outpouring of praise from the drug reform community.

"The ads were a hit," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, who helped coordinate the effort. "They reached millions of people with our message, and demonstrated that we can have a genuine impact on public policy debates."

### Parody ads

The full-page ads — which were seen by 2.2 million readers of *USA Today* and just over 100,000 readers of the *Washington Times* — were a parody of an ongoing Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

advertising campaign.

The Libertarian advertisement charged that the War on Drugs creates black markets which boost the price of illegal drugs by as much as 17,000%, funneling massive profits to terrorist organizations.

### Huge blowup

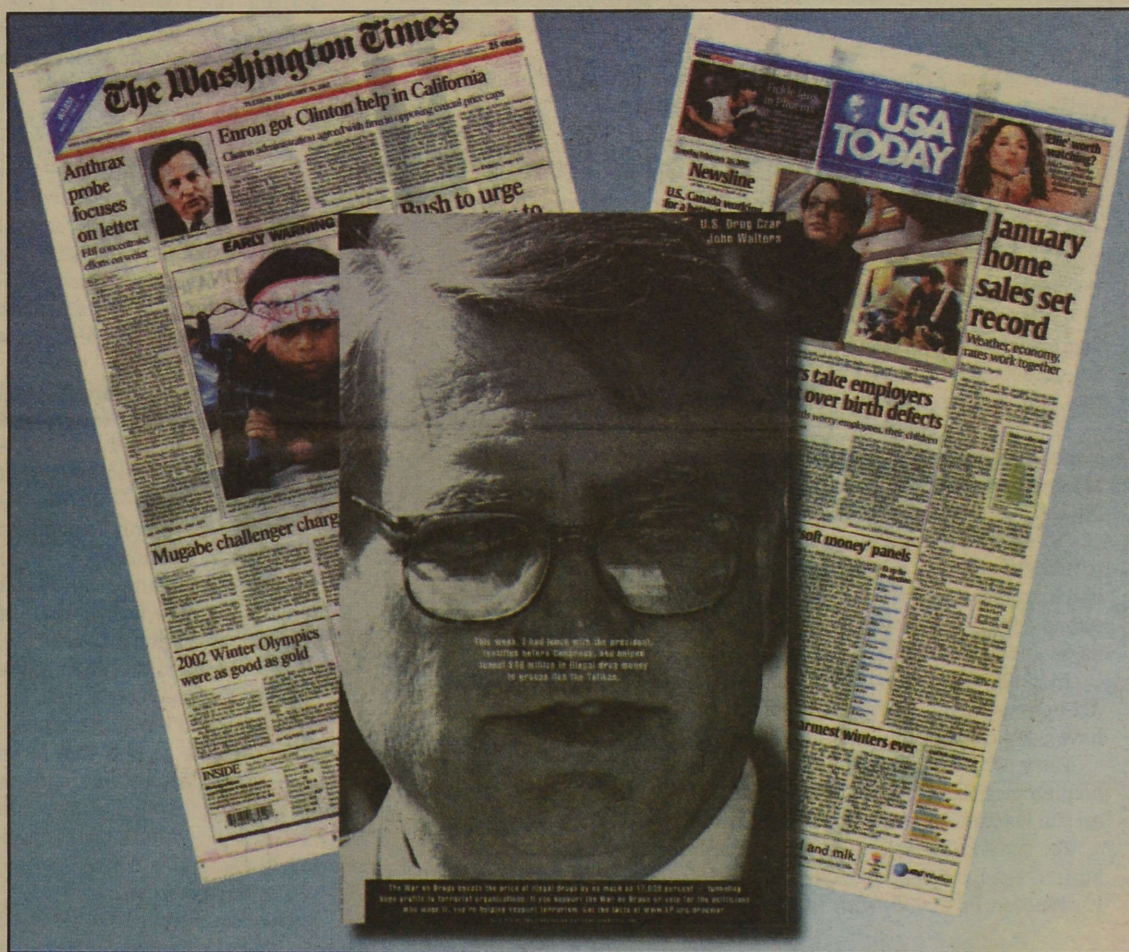
The ad showed a huge blowup of the face of Drug Czar John Walters, and stated: "This week, I had lunch with the President, testified before Congress, and helped funnel \$40 million in illegal drug money to groups like the Taliban."

The ad told Americans: "If you support the War on Drugs or vote for the politicians who wage it, you're helping support terrorism." It also directed readers to a website for more information: [www.LP.org/drugwar](http://www.LP.org/drugwar).

"We wanted to make our point in a provocative, in-your-face way that the Drug Czar, the White House, and pro-War on Drugs politicians could not ignore," said Crickenberger. "We think our ads did exactly that."

The ad was a parody of an ongoing ONDCP advertising campaign that alleges that Americans who buy ille-

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■ The LP ran a full-page ad showing the link between the Drug War and terrorism — which parodied an advertising campaign directed by Drug Czar John Walters — in *USA Today* and the *Washington Times*.

## 41 tips: How to be a better LP candidate

Launching a campaign for public office can be intimidating.

After all, to run a perfect campaign, you need the ruthless strategic cunning of Atilla the Hun; the boundless energy of a triathlete; and the deal-closing prowess of a junk bond salesman.

And to be the perfect candidate, you need the oratorical powers of an

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## LP joins effort to 'open' presidential TV debates

America's largest third parties have joined forces to try to make presidential debates more open, inclusive, and fair.

At a press conference in Washington, DC on February 18, Libertarian Party Political Director Ron Crickenberger joined past Green Party

■ LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger (l) joins Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan to demand more "inclusive" presidential debates.

presidential candidate Ralph Nader and former Reform Party presidential candidate Pat Buchanan to call for replacing the Commission on Presidential Debates with a "non-partisan citizen commission."

The current commission, headed by Republican and Democratic party functionaries, should be supplanted by a "grassroots" commission composed of a variety of civic organizations representing a cross-section of political ideologies, the speakers said.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### DuPage Libertarians win place on ballot

A judge has overturned an election board ruling in DuPage County, Illinois, clearing the way for 16 Libertarian candidates to appear on a local election ballot.

On February 28, Judge Ronald Mehling ordered the DuPage County Election Commission (DCEC) to place the names of the Libertarian candidates for precinct committeemen on a March 19 primary ballot.

Precinct committeemen, a partisan office in Illinois, are responsible for getting local voters to the polls to vote.

County LP member Ted Semon called the ruling a "great victory" for the Libertarian Party and Illinois voters.

"[The ruling] means that voters will have more choices when they walk into the voting booth," he said. "This is the next step in our continued growth as a viable alternative in Illinois politics."

The County Election Commission had ruled on January 8 that the Libertarian Party was not an "established" party in the county.

According to law, a party's candidate must have polled at least 5% in the last election to qualify to run candidates for countywide office.

Libertarians said they met that requirement in 2000, when LP state legislative candidate Elizabeth Quaintance received 26.2% of the vote.

But the Election Commission disagreed, saying the vote merely made the LP a "recognized party" in that specific legislative district — not in the entire county.

In response, Libertarians filed suit in the Eighteenth Circuit Court in Wheaton, where Judge Mehling ruled in their favor.

### John Perry scholarship fund is launched

Two prominent drug policy reform groups have created a scholarship fund to commemorate an LP member who died in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

On March 26, the DC-based Drug Reform Coordination Network and Students for a Sensible Drug Policy celebrated the kick-off of the John W. Perry Fund in New York City.

The fund will provide private scholarships for students who have been denied federal financial aid due to drug convictions, said Dave Borden, DRCNet founder and executive director.

"Since this scholarship program is intended to address one new injustice of the drug war, it seemed like an effort of which [Perry] would have approved," he said. "Libertarianism lost a strong advocate in John Perry, but we can continue to fight in his name and be the stronger for it."

In 1998, Congress passed an amendment to the Higher Education Act denying loans, grants, and work-study jobs to any students who have been convicted of a drug offense.

Perry, who worked as a police officer in the Bronx, was killed while helping victims escape from the World Trade Center. He was last seen on the Mezzanine of the South Tower shortly before it collapsed.

For more information, visit: StopTheDrugWar.org. To make a contribution, send a check to DRCNet Foundation, 2000 P St., NW Suite 210, Washington DC 20036, with "John W. Perry Fund" in the memo line.

### Lord of the Rings: Best libertarian movie

*Lord of the Rings* has been named the best libertarian movie of 2001.

That's according to the subscribers of John Osborne's "Miss Liberty's Film & TV Update," who nominated and voted on the best libertarian film and best libertarian documentary in mid-February.

*Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* is the first installment of J.R.R.

Tolkien's epic fantasy about a band of mythical characters in Middle Earth who set out to destroy a ring that gives its owner unspeakable power — and the temptation to do evil.

"Libertarians loved *Lord of the Rings* for its 'power corrupts' theme," said Osborne. "Otherwise, I don't think 2001 was a great year for libertarian film, but *Lord of the Rings* was certainly a stand-out."

*Lord of the Rings* won 91% of the vote for best movie, beating out *Uprising*, *Censor*, and *The Majestic*.

In the best documentary category, *John Stossel Goes to Washington* was the clear winner, earning 80% of the vote. In the documentary, the award-winning ABC News journalist investigated government agencies and determined they were rife with waste and inefficiency.

Osborne is the author of *Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video*, a popular guide to over 250 libertarian-themed movies.

For information, visit: <http://www.missliberty.com/Awards2001.html>.



■ John Perry: Scholarship fund.



# Party supports campaign to make presidential debates more inclusive

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"The Libertarian Party is proud to join today with America's other third parties in calling for a new, and truly non-partisan, Commission on Presidential Debates," said Crickenberger.

"Such a non-partisan, grassroots commission would mean a more open and inclusive policy regarding candidate participation, [and would create] presidential debates that are truly fair, inclusive, and representative of the broad spectrum of American political beliefs."

The press conference attracted TV cameras from Fox News and the Cable News Network (CNN), as well as almost a dozen print journalists.

During their speeches, Crickenberger, Nader, and Buchanan each charged the current commission with unfairly discriminating against third-party candidates.

#### Squeezed out

The Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD), a non-profit corporation, was created in 1987, after the non-partisan League of Women Voters was squeezed out of the debate organizing process by the Republican and Democratic parties.

The CPD sponsored presidential debates in 1988, 1992, 1996, and 2000. Except for the 1992 debates — which included then-independent candidate Ross Perot — all the debates have featured only Republican and Democratic candidates.

The CPD is headed by Frank Fahrenkopf, Jr., the former chair of the Republican National Committee, and Paul Kirk, the former chair of the Democratic National Committee.

In 2000, the CPD required a presidential candidate to poll 15% in an average of five nationwide surveys before being invited to participate in the debates — a criterion which excluded LP candidate Harry Browne, as well as Buchanan and Nader.

Buchanan, the populist firebrand who bolted the Republican Party to run as the Reform Party candidate in 2000, said the CPD is determined to stifle third-party critics of the two-party agenda.

"The presidential debate commission is supposed to be non-partisan, but it's not — it is bipartisan," he said.



LP News photo by Jonathan Trager

■ LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger (l) talks to former Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader after the press conference with the Reform Party's Pat Buchanan in Washington, DC on February 18.

**P**RESIDENTIAL debates should be "fair, inclusive, and representative of the broad spectrum of political beliefs."

— Ron Crickenberger

said. "That is a different thing."

Nader, the disheveled consumer activist who headed the Green Party's presidential ticket in 1996 and 2000, said the commission "masquerades as a neutral government body," but in reality is a "bipartisan corporation."

"It is high time to create a non-partisan People's Presidential Debate Commission [that] will set fair criteria for the inclusion of legitimate third-party candidates," he said.

Crickenberger said the CPD's standards for inclusion are "unreasonably high" and shortchange voters in favor of the status quo.

"The Debates Commission should

offer voters a broad spectrum of legitimate candidates — instead of acting as kingmaker among a handful of establishment candidates," he said. "Everyone benefits when voters are exposed to more choices in a presidential debate."

Crickenberger also said including more candidates in the debates would likely have an energizing effect on the electorate.

As evidence, he cited Perot's presidential campaign in 1992. Perot was polling at just 7% in October when he received an invitation to participate in the debates. The Texas billionaire ended up winning 19% of the vote, and boosted voter turnout by 12 million from the previous election.

#### Opportunity denied

"[Perot] is proof that third-party candidates are capable of making valuable contributions to the political debate if they have that opportunity," said Crickenberger. "If that opportunity is denied, the debate will be restricted to those issues the two major parties want to address."

Nader promised to produce a report about the Commission on Presidential Debates — including recommendations for change — by this fall.

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# State Chairs share advice, insights at conference

Representatives from 40 state parties gather for annual event in Tennessee

Representatives from 40 Libertarian state parties gathered at the annual LP State Chair's Conference in Nashville, Tennessee to share advice, insights, and suggestions about strengthening affiliate organizations.

The event, which took place February 23-24 at the Executive Suites Hotel, featured 53 state party leaders and activists.

Five staff members from the national LP's Washington, DC headquarters and Deryl Martin from the Libertarian National Committee were also in attendance.

## Successful strategies

The conference provided a forum for state chairs and executive directors to talk about the projects they had engaged in during the past year, and to learn which strategies were most successful, said National LP Affiliate Coordinator Dianne Pilcher.

"The state chairs conference is always a worthwhile event [and] the attendees were overwhelmingly positive and upbeat," she said. "We incorporated virtually all of the suggestions from last year's conference to maximize this year's event."

One favorable evaluation came from Indiana LP Chair Mark Rutherford, who called the conference a "productive and wonderful opportunity."

"All of the states in attendance are focused on the same things," he said. "Electing Libertarians to public office by improving each state's fundraising efforts, candidate recruitment and local organizations."

The discussion at the conference

focused on six major topics: Membership growth and retention; using volunteers effectively; recruiting and training candidates; building and maintaining local organizations; conducting effective media relations; and fundraising.

For each topic, different state chairs and executive directors led the discussion by describing their successful experiences in that area.

Mark Nelson, Iowa LP Chair and LNC Region 1 Representative, acted as a discussion moderator.

"There was quite a bit of participation from virtually all the attendees," said Pilcher.

The discussions sparked numerous, lively questions, debates, and exchanges, said LP Campus Coordinator Marc Brandl.

"The energy level was great," he said. "You could see the various state party officers get excited as they learned new ways to solve old problems, heard about effective political tactics, and got inspired by the victories of others."

## Reduce burn-out?

Other questions addressed at the conference included: How can party officers replace conflict with cooperation? How can party officers reduce burn-out? How can party officers protect affiliate parties from external takeover? Should there be a national provision for the expulsion of party members?

Many party leaders said they came away from the State Chair's Conference with new ideas to bring home to their respective states.

For example, Illinois LP Chair Aus-



■ Jesse Brocksmith and Jacqueline Passey Bartels, both from the Washington state LP, seek to be recognized during a roundtable discussion at the State Chair's Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in February. To the right is Sara Chambers, representing the Libertarian Party of Alaska.

tin Hough said he was most intrigued by the aggressive affiliate party growth program developed in Indiana.

"Right now, we are scouring our database to find areas in the state with a significant number of party members, but no local affiliate," he said. "We then plan on putting together an affiliate packet with information that lays out in a few easy steps how to start a new party chapter. We hope to have a few new affiliates up and running in the next year."

Maine LP Executive Director Fred Staples said he was most impressed by the "candidate-in-a-box" proposal he picked up from another state chair.

## Grassroots effort

"We are offering each candidate free consulting, help filling out all the election paperwork, and personal signs that will have a common appearance and Libertarian identification," he said. "We want this to be perceived as a real grassroots effort."

In their post-conference evaluations, State Chairs suggested that future conferences address how to retain lapsed members, and strategies to recruit members and volunteers.

Those concerns may be addressed at next year's conference, said Pilcher.

"With all the good ideas and enthusiasm at this last event, I think most state chairs will be looking forward to it," she said. "Hopefully we'll have representatives from all 50 states attend as well."

## Persuasion pros set to speak at '02 Convention

A trio of expert communicators from the "most effective libertarian organization" in America have been confirmed to speak at the 2002 LP National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sharon Harris, Mary Ruwart, and Michael Cloud of the Advocates for Self-Government will address convention delegates at the July 3-7 event, announced LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

In addition, 1984 LP presidential candidate and past LP national chair David Bergland is set to speak at the convention.

## Crash course

"These speakers will give a crash course in *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, Libertarian-style," said Dasbach. "They will give practical, reality-tested advice that you can put to use immediately to become a more

effective Libertarian communicator.

"Each of these speakers brings a long history of libertarian activism, and a personal toolbox of techniques that can help you become a better 'salesperson' for liberty."

Heading the line-up of the verbal virtuosos is Sharon Harris, the president of the Georgia-based, non-partisan Advocates for Self-Government.

An award-winning speaker, Harris has presented libertarian ideas on radio talk shows, on cable TV, to college political science classes, and even to Republican gatherings.

As Advocates' president, she developed the Lights of Liberty Awards program (which recognizes and rewards libertarians for outreach efforts) and the Discover Liberty program (which is seeking to reach 30,000 prospective libertarians in one calendar year).

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■ Mary Ruwart (top) and Sharon Harris are scheduled to speak at the upcoming LP convention.

## CA Libertarian candidate gets Latino endorsement

A Libertarian candidate for Congress in California has apparently become the first LP candidate to be endorsed by a Latino political group.

On February 21, Maad Abu-Ghazalah was notified that the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA) in San Francisco had voted to support his candidacy for U.S. House (District 12).

"I'm still on cloud nine," said Abu-Ghazalah, an Arab-American of Palestinian descent. "This is huge."

The endorsement was a total surprise, said Abu-Ghazalah, because when he went to speak at the MAPA meeting in San Francisco, he was told the group would almost certainly endorse 10-term Democratic incumbent Tom Lantos.

"It was a little disempowering at first," he said. "When people found out I was running against Lantos,

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they said Lantos was a great guy and their friend. One person acted almost offended that I would run against him.

"I just said, give me a chance. Hear me out and decide when I'm done."

Given just three minutes to speak, Abu-Ghazalah linked his background

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Michael Cloud announces for U.S. Senate

**P**ledging to reach at least 1 million voters with his libertarian message, persuasion expert Michael Cloud has announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts.

In a statement on February 15, the dynamic public speaker promised to give at least 300 speeches to non-libertarian audiences, distribute up to 100,000 fliers, and put up at least 25,000 signs to advertise his candidacy.

The campaign will focus on "personal responsibility, individual liberty, and a government so small they start putting its picture on the back of milk cartons," said Cloud.

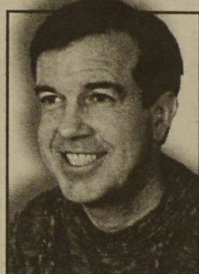
The 51-year-old Cloud faces incumbent Democrat John Kerry in the election. There is no Republican frontrunner in the race.

During the first half of 2002, Cloud said he will target college students in an effort to recruit them into the Libertarian Party fold.

"Many [college students] are starved for Libertarian ideals and virtues and values," he said. "An exciting and intriguing 15-minute Libertarian speech will whet their appetite."

Cloud has raised over \$7 million for Libertarian candidates and organizations over the past 11 years, and was the winner of the LP's 2000 Thomas Paine Award for Excellence in Communication.

A professional speechwriter, Cloud was the CEO of the 2000 campaign of Carla Howell for U.S. Senate. He also writes a column for the Advocates for Self-Government's *Liberator Online*.



■ **Michael Cloud:**  
Reach 1 million.

### Texas LP files 183 candidates for office

**T**he Texas LP has set a new record for number of candidates in an election year, with at least 183 announced contenders for state and local office.

On January 14, LP State Chair Geoffrey Neale delivered a list of 113 state and federal LP candidates to the Assistant Director of Elections in Austin on January 14.

Another 70 candidates are running for local office, which boosts the total number of Libertarian candidates to 183. That number shatters the party's previous record in 2000, when the LP ran 123 candidates, said Neale.

"We broke our previous record last time, and will surpass that in 2002!" he said. "Next cycle, I'm sure we'll expand our results further."

The Texas LP slate includes 34 U.S. House candidates vying for the state's 30 seats, and three candidates for its U.S. Senate nomination. The party's gubernatorial candidate is Jeff Daiell.

Unfortunately, said Neale, the party's battle to maintain ballot status for the 2004 election is shaping up to be a difficult one.

In Texas, a party must garner at least 2% in a gubernatorial race, or 5% in another statewide race to maintain its ballot status.

However, the Democratic Party, which typically does not field candidates in every statewide race, is doing so this year. The Green Party is also running a candidate in every statewide race.

"Without a doubt, this is the biggest challenge we have faced here in Texas in many years," he said. "I definitely believe we can reach the threshold results, but only if we put forth a concerted effort."



■ **Geoffe Neale:**  
New state record.

### Libertyforall.net celebrates anniversary

**A** couple of "regular Joes" have made a splash among libertarians with their online magazine, libertyforall.net.

In just a year, the website has become recognized by many Libertarians as a provocative one-stop location for libertarian commentary and news about freedom, said co-founder R. Lee Wrights.

"In its humble beginnings, libertyforall.net was no more than a few pages filled with commentary provided by whomever chose to contribute," he said. "Within six months, it featured eight regular writers, and I was beginning to receive more copy than I could use."

The website now features regular columnists, some of whom write under pseudonyms such as "Carolinus" and "Patrioticus," in honor of "patriots [who] had to mask their identities to avoid a tyrant's gallows."

In addition, website visitors can access news stories, satirical pieces, LP state convention information, LP press releases, a discussion forum, and an e-mail discussion group.

"Libertyforall.net is a testament to what a couple of regular Joes are capable of achieving with nothing more than an idea, a group of supportive friends, and a deep affection for liberty and freedom," he said.

In addition to serving as libertyforall.net editor, Wrights is vice chair of the North Carolina LP. Co-founder Michael Bragg is the site's Webmaster and graphic designer.

# In Alabama, John Sophocleus is part of season's first TV debate

**A**labama gubernatorial candidate John Sophocleus has become the first LP candidate this year to debate one of his major party opponents on television.

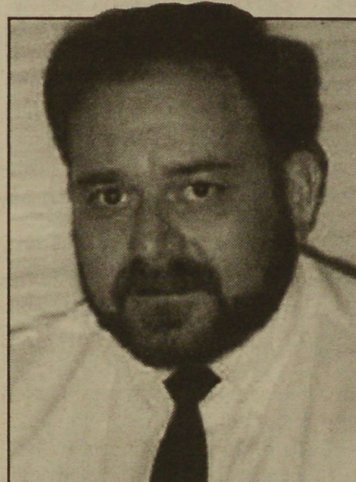
The same week, Sophocleus generated a flurry of media attention with a "Tax Me More" proposal — a tongue-in-cheek solution to his state's so-called "education funding crisis."

On February 18, Sophocleus participated in a forum with three candidates vying for the Republican nomination, and an Independent candidate. Incumbent Democratic Governor Don Seigelman declined to participate in the event, which was broadcast on Alabama Public Television.

#### Crisp, precise

Sophocleus' "crisp, precise, and well-reasoned" answers to policy questions showed him in clear command of the debate, said campaign manager Scott Kjar.

"On more than one occasion, the other candidates responded to answers by saying things like, 'I agree with John,' or 'John makes sense on this issue,'" he said. "John took the opportunity to suggest that if those folks really agree with him, then they should leave the GOP and join the LP!"



■ **Alabama gubernatorial candidate John Sophocleus:** In "clear command" of televised debate.

After the debate ended, Kjar said the LP outreach table was flooded with voters who picked up printed materials and asked questions about the Libertarian Party.

Three days later, Sophocleus and LP Vice Chair Matthew Givens launched a "Tax Me More" Fund at the "Higher Education Day" rally in Montgomery.

The fund is "a response to politicians who favor tax hikes to finance more government education spending," said Sophocleus.

"Politicians love to abscond with taxpayer dollars," he said. "So we decided to draw some of the attention away from their demand for more 'public investment' in education with our tongue-in-cheek proposal."

Modeled after a similar project spearheaded by Republican Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, the fund allows state residents who say "tax me more" to politicians to make voluntary donations at [www.TaxMeMore.homestead.com](http://www.TaxMeMore.homestead.com).

All contributions to the fund will be sent directly to the government's Education Trust Fund on a quarterly basis, pledged Sophocleus.

#### Mindless automatons

"We're giving people a voluntary vehicle to get more money into the education budget," he said. "It's a solution for all the mindless automatons who stand up and cheer whenever politicians propose throwing more tax dollars at the stagnant education system."

Instead of demanding higher taxes for Alabama residents — who already pay an average of 31.2% of their income in direct taxes each year — Sophocleus said voters should hold politicians accountable for their "reckless spending."

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# Libertarian Party joins campaign against proposed national ID card

**T**he Libertarian Party has joined a coalition to try to squash a proposal that would turn standardized state driver's licenses into a "de-facto national ID card."

On February 11, 43 organizations, including the LP, sent a letter to President George W. Bush asking him to reject an idea, backed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, to create a federally mandated, uniform driver's license for all 50 states.

Furthermore, the coalition urged the president to torpedo a Congressional request that the Transportation Department define "types of encoded data that should be placed on drivers' licenses for security purposes," and "work in concert with the states toward early implementation of such measures."

#### Biometric identifiers?

The proposals would require states to create standardized, "tamper-proof" driver's licenses, perhaps with biometric identifiers, linked to state and federal government databases.

If enacted, such a measure would likely be the first step toward the implementation of a national ID card system, said LP Executive

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Director Steve Dasbach.

"The Libertarian Party remains steadfast in its opposition to any sort of national identification program — including incremental steps toward the creation of such a system," he said. "This proposal would be the beginning of the end of privacy in America, and the president has an obligation to reject it."

Such a proposal gives too much power to the federal government, agreed J. Bradley Jansen, deputy director of the Free Congress Foundation's Center for Technology Policy, which drafted the letter.

"The rights of law-abiding citizens

are the ones that will be most at-risk with the implementation of a national ID card system," he said. "Such a system lends itself all too easily to abuse by governmental agencies."

"A national ID could require all Americans to carry an internal passport at all times, compromising our privacy, limiting our freedom, and exposing us to unfair discrimination based on national origin or religion."

#### ACLU, Eagle Forum

Joining the Libertarian Party in signing the letter were the American Civil Liberties Union, the Eagle Forum, and the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

Other organizations signing on included the American Conservative Union, People for the American Way, the Independent Institute, Privacy International, the National Immigration Law Center, and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

The letter states a number of reasons why the proposal should be rejected:

■ **It would fail to prevent terrorism.** "Terrorists and criminals will continue to be able to obtain — by

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# Here's what Carla Howell is saying to the Gun Community in Massachusetts

## Why Carla Howell for Governor?

100% Pro-Gun Freedom.  
Carla Howell is the only candidate for Governor who will Shred every Anti-Gun Freedom Law in Massachusetts.

Repeal Chapter 180.

Immediately Repeal and Remove every bureaucratically imposed Anti-Gun Regulation and Restriction on the books.  
\$3,000 each for 3,000,000 working people in Massachusetts. Every year.

How? With her Small Government Act Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

When you vote for Carla Howell for Governor on November 5th, you can also vote to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

## small government

Massachusetts state government spending has more than doubled in the last 10 years. Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts will reduce the state budget from \$23 Billion today down to \$14 Billion on July 1, 2003.

Small government respects our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Small government keeps its nose out of our family decisions.

Small government leaves us free and responsible for running our own businesses.

Small government restores our right to our own Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness.

## The Governor's Office

When elected Governor of Massachusetts, Carla Howell will use her office to stand up for the forgotten taxpayer. The forgotten gun owner. The forgotten family.

Governor Carla Howell will fight Attorney General Tom Reilly to End his unconstitutional and high-handed interference in the rights of gun owners to purchase firearms.

Governor Carla Howell will go after the bureaucrats, courts, and legislators on behalf of responsible and self-supporting Massachusetts citizens.

## The Governor's most powerful weapons: a Shredder and a Veto.

Day and night, Governor Carla Howell will use her shredder and veto to advance the

**carla howell for Governor**  
**small government is beautiful<sup>SM</sup>...**  
**AND IT LEAVES OUR GUNS ALONE!**  
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**Carla Howell Marches for Gun Freedom.**

Photo by: Norm Reynolds

## Carla Howell's Pro-Gun Pledge

Vote Carla Howell for Governor. Elect Me.  
I will work to Shred Anti-Gun Chapter 180.  
I will push to immediately Repeal all state laws, regulations, restrictions, and policies that infringe on our Right to Keep and Bear Arms.  
I will go to Beacon Hill with a Shredder and a Veto.  
I put the Second Amendment First.  
Every Issue. Every Time.  
No exceptions. No excuses.

cause of Personal Responsibility, Individual Liberty and small government in Massachusetts.

Carla Howell will Just Say, "No more Big Government!"

## Gun Prohibition is Destructive

Gun Prohibition is one more Big Government program.

Gun Prohibition doesn't work.

Gun Prohibition makes things worse.

Gun Prohibition causes new problems.

Gun Prohibition squanders Billions of dollars.

Gun Prohibition diverts money and energy from positive and productive uses.

## small government = Gun Rights

Why does Big Government infringe on our Right to Keep and Bear Arms? Because it CAN.

Why doesn't small government infringe on our gun rights? Because it CAN'T.

The problem is NOT the abuse of power.

The problem is the power to abuse.

Take away the power, make government small — and no abuse is possible.

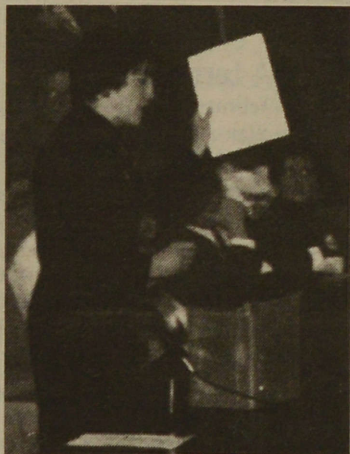
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## TALKING POINTS

# Republicans' dirty little secret, and the trouble with Tolkienists

### ■ Bigger isn't better

The federal government next year is likely to spend more than \$2 trillion, an incomprehensible number so big even mathematicians don't use the word.

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— SETH BORENSTEIN

Knight Ridder Newspapers  
February 4, 2002

### ■ Flowery finances

Is campaign spending too high? No. In 2000, all campaigns — including state and local elections and ballot referendums — cost about \$3.9 billion, according to the forthcoming book *Financing the 2000 Election* from the Brookings Institution.

This is less than four one-hundredths of 1% percent of our national income. It's less than Americans spend annually on flowers (\$6.6 billion in 1997).

— ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

*The Washington Post*  
February 13, 2002

### ■ Terrorism Pork

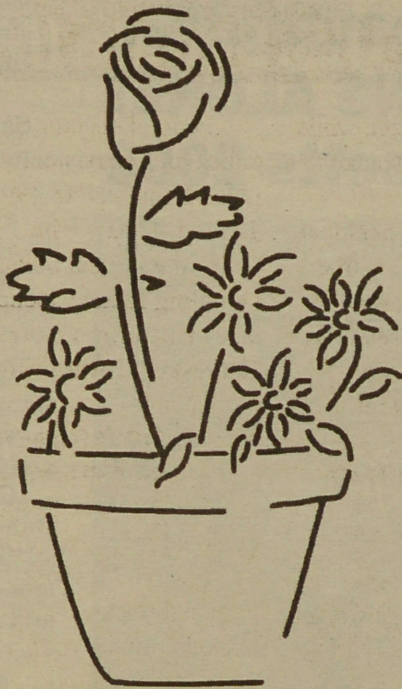
National security arguments were even used to advance a farm-subsidy bill worth \$167 billion. Before September 11, the bill was titled the Agriculture Act of 2001. After the terrorist attacks, it was renamed the Farm Security Act of 2001.

On September 24, growers of more than 20 federally subsidized agriculture commodities sent a letter to Capitol Hill lawmakers in which they said that the attacks had "bolstered the argument that food production is vital to the national interest."

On October 5, the measure passed the House by a vote of 291 to 120.

Similar arguments were advanced by the manufacturers of traffic signs, barricades, and other equipment, who gamely recast their perennial plea for more federal highway-safety spending in a national security framework.

A spokesman for the 1,800-mem-



## IS CAMPAIGN

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an Associated Press computer analysis found.

Among the grants listed in agency documents as awarded to non-profits:

■ A \$1,500 grant to help a university group create a "solid-waste board game" titled the Can Man Game.

■ More than \$47,000 to help the Seattle Mariners baseball team, which had an \$80 million payroll last year, develop a recycling program at its new stadium.

■ More than \$300,000 over eight years for a "golf and the environment" project to encourage golf courses to be more environmentally friendly.

■ Nearly \$100,000 to study how to reduce methane-gas emissions from livestock in the Ukraine.

— THE WASHINGTON TIMES  
February 13, 2002

### ■ Big Government Party

Contrary to popular myth, every Republican president since and including Herbert Hoover has increased the federal government's size, scope, or power — and usually all three. Over the last 100 years, of the five presidents who presided over the largest domestic spending increases, four were Republicans.

— JAMES OSTROWSKI

www.Mises.org  
February 25, 2002

### ■ Is there a connection?

It is not good for North Korea to be developing nuclear weapons, but how exactly is it "terrorism"?

The thought of Iran or Iraq as a nuclear power is, if anything, even

scarier than the thought of Osama bin Laden holed up with his dialysis machine in some new cave somewhere.

But how did the "war on terrorism" change focus so quickly from rooting out and punishing the perpetrators of 9-11 — a task that is still incomplete — to doing something about nuclear proliferation? What is the connection?

In his State of the Union speech, President Bush stapled terrorism and proliferation together by declaring that our "goal is to prevent regimes that sponsor terror from threatening America or our friends and allies with weapons of mass destruction."

Which is like saying that you want to stop child molesters from robbing banks.

— MICHAEL KINSLEY

*The Washington Post*  
February 8, 2002

### ■ Farming affluence

Does the government really need to subsidize such an efficient industry? Do we need farming subsidies in order for Americans to eat?

Evidence from New Zealand indicates that the answer is an emphatic no on both counts. In 1984 New Zealand's Labor government took the dramatic step of ending all farm subsidies, which then consisted of 30 separate production payments and export incentives.

This was a truly striking policy action, because New Zealand's economy is roughly five times more dependent on farming than is the U.S. economy, measured by either output or employment. Subsidies in New Zealand accounted for more than 30% of the value of production before reform, somewhat higher than U.S. subsidies today. And New Zealand farming was marred by the same problems caused by U.S. subsidies, including overproduction, environmental degradation and inflated land prices.

Subsidy elimination in New Zealand was swift and sure. There was no extended phase-out of farm payments, as was promised but not delivered under U.S. farm reforms in 1996. Instead, New Zealand's government simply offered one-time "exit

grants" to those who wanted to leave farming when subsidies ended.

New Zealand's plan was initially met with protest marches and organized resistance by farmers. Bolstering opposition was the government's prediction that 10% of the country's farms would go out of business.

But the subsidies were ended, and New Zealand farming has never been healthier.

A report last year from the Federated Farmers of New Zealand documents the positive change and growth in that country's agriculture industry since subsidies ended. While land prices initially fell after reform, by 1994 they had rebounded, and they remain high today. The mass of farm bankruptcies some had expected never occurred; just 1% of farms have gone out of business.

Meanwhile, the value of farm output in New Zealand has soared 40% in constant dollar terms since the mid-1980s. Agriculture's share of New Zealand's economic output has risen slightly, from a pre-reform 14% to 17% today. Since subsidies were removed, productivity in the industry has averaged 6% growth annually, compared with just 1% before reform.

— CHRIS EDWARDS & TAD DEHAVEN

*The Washington Post*  
March 3, 2002

### ■ A bad hobbit

Last summer, the Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan began a crackdown on dangerous "bohemian" lifestyles.

The authorities went after a number of familiar outsiders — gays, religious dissidents — but even Westerners were surprised to learn that one targeted group was "Tolkienists."

It turns out that there are Hobbit wannabes who like to dress up in character costume and re-enact scenes from J.R.R. Tolkien's novels. For their trouble, they were being subjected to sustained water torture.

— REASON, March 2002

### ■ DEA terrorism

[On February 11], the FBI warned that "a planned attack may occur in the United States or against U.S. interests on or around Feb. 12," thanks to 12 terrorists led by Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a Saudi-born Yemeni.

Suspecting this, federal officials should have deployed as many dedicated, talented agents as possible to protect high-profile targets such as San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf or the pyramidal Transamerica Tower.

Think again. Washington instead chose February 12 to unleash gun-toting Drug Enforcement Agency officers against AIDS and cancer patients.

These federal agents raided a suspected cannabis cultivation center in suburban Petaluma, California and medical marijuana dispensaries in San Francisco and Oakland. They arrested four men who led these operations.

This outrageous and ill-timed misallocation of law-enforcement resources epitomizes the Bush Administration's effort to repackage the War on Drugs within the War on Terror.

— SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEROY MURDOCK  
February 14, 2002

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# GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY — VS — *Personal Responsibility*

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Government Responsibility creates new problems.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

# Libertarians fight school bonds, bioterrorism bill, & 'speech' zone

### ■ CALIFORNIA

#### LP candidates endorse 'three-strikes' initiative

A number of LP candidates have endorsed an initiative that would reform the state's "three-strikes law," passed by voters in 2000.

Sponsored by the Citizens Against Violent Crime, a non-profit PAC, the initiative would limit the three-strikes law to violent crimes only. Currently, the law automatically increases the sentence of individuals on their third conviction — even for non-violent felonies like shoplifting.

Over 30 LP candidates in 2002 endorsed the initiative, including gubernatorial candidate **Gary Copeland**.

"I am for amending the law because California's current three-strikes law includes non-violent and non-serious felonies," he said. "The Executive Committee of the LP of California wisely has also endorsed amending the law, so real crime can be addressed more effectively."

If adopted, the law would save state taxpayers an estimated \$700 million per year in prison operating costs, and over \$1 billion for new prison construction.

### ■ COLORADO

#### Party chides legislators on guardianship vote

El Paso Libertarians have chided a state legislature committee for indefinitely postponing a bill that would protect parents from the Department of Human Services.

The bill, HB1275, would have allowed a jury to decide whether or not a parent is fit to maintain guardianship of a child, said LP Media Director **Desiree Hickson** in late February. Currently, a judge makes that decision in the state.

"The jury system would have provided for something less arbitrary [than one judge's decision]," she said.

Seven of the 11 members of the House Health, Environment, Welfare, and Institutions Committee voted to postpone any vote on the bill.

"The actions of the committee are sad and petty, but not surprising," said LP County Chair **Ross Glidewell**. "It's just another example of how most legislators really regard the people they are supposed to represent — as something that gets in the way of what they want to do."

### ■ COLORADO

#### State LP runs radio ads to attract young people

The Libertarian Party has run advertisements on a hard-rock station in Denver to entice young listeners



#### Wisconsin Libertarians take 'Polar Plunge'

■ **Green Bay, Wisconsin Libertarians take a "Polar Plunge" to raise money for the Special Olympics — and to show support for LP candidates.**

On February 2, LP alderman candidate **Dan Senglaub** of Green Bay jumped into the icy waters of the Fox River along with 12 other Libertarian activists. A total of 250 people participated in the event.

"It was really nasty," admitted Senglaub. "When you hit the water, your whole body just goes numb. But at least it was for a good cause."

At the event, the Libertarians wore shirts supporting Senglaub's candidacy, as well as the campaign of **Ed Thompson**, the party's 2002 gubernatorial candidate. The event was also covered by a local radio station.

"As rough as it was, I would probably do it again," said Senglaub. "It was great exposure for the Libertarian Party."

to join the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian ads ran 16 times on KBPI — the #1 station in the market — on January 14 and 15, in an attempt to attract the target audience of 16- to 30-year-olds, said LP Public Information Director **Kent McNaughton**.

"We picked this group because we felt they were still fluid enough in their belief systems that what we had to say might resonate," he said. "They see the wrong in the prosecution of victimless crime, and see the harm in unchecked police power more than their parents."

Unfortunately, the LP campaign hit a snag early on, said McNaughton.

"Our website went down on the second day of the ads, so we didn't get good measurements of the ad's effectiveness," he said.

"The [state LP] executive board is willing to do it again, but I'm waiting until I get word we've changed our [website] hosting company."

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### ■ FLORIDA

#### Okaloosa LP helps kill \$100 million tax plan

Libertarians in Okaloosa County helped stop a sales tax hike that would have cost local taxpayers \$100 million over four years.

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The proposal would have raised the county's 6% sales tax to 7% to pay for a city pool complex, a new judicial building, and other projects, said LP County Chair **Dan Scupin**.

"We believed the judicial complex was just another unnecessary boondoggle to provide judges with palatial surroundings," he said. "If improvements were necessary, they could be done at far less expense."

To fight the proposal, Libertarians helped form a group called Taxpayers Against Tax Increases (TATI). As vice chair, Scupin did interviews, put up flyers and yard signs, and testified at town hall meetings against the proposal.

About 58% of county residents voted against the tax hike on October 16, 2001.

"We proved that a very small, underfunded organization can make a big difference in local politics," said Scupin. "We sent the status quo politicians a message!"

### ■ FLORIDA

#### Libertarian scores on GOP in club 'showcase'

A Duval County Libertarian participated in a "philosophical showcase" at the East Coast Tiger Bay Club — and used the opportunity to score points against the Republicans.

At the February 15 event in Jacksonville, LP County Chair **Doug Klippel** was given 10 minutes to speak, alongside representatives from the Democratic and Republican parties.

Klippel blasted President Bush's State of the Union speech for "proposing as many increases in government spending on a per-minute basis as [Bill] Clinton did," and chastised the Republican spokesman for saying the GOP is the party of smaller government.

"In closing, I mentioned the line that electing even a few Libertarians to a governing board is akin to having a designated driver in a roomful of drunks," said Klippel — which generated a "solid round of applause."

"[Audience members] were very supportive," he said. "All in all, a successful meeting!"

### ■ FLORIDA

#### LP students stage rally against 'speech' zone

A school-designated "Free Speech Zone" violates freedom of expression, charged University of Central Florida Libertarians.

Activists protested on February 22 and February 27 against a school policy that forbids students from holding demonstrations, passing out literature, or conducting any type of

political activism outside a limited area on campus.

"I think [the protest] was quite successful," said **Marcus Vahle**, the press secretary for the Central Florida Libertarians. "We attracted a lot of media attention. The cops showed up to bully us for no reason. And we alerted a seemingly unaware student body to this problem."

The event was covered by Channel 2 News, The Independent newspaper, WDBO radio, the Guetzloe Report, the Florida Radio News Network, and the Orlando Weekly publication.

In addition, Libertarians collected about 50 signatures on a petition to do away with the zone, which they will deliver to the University president.

### ■ GEORGIA

#### State party speaks out against bioterrorism bill

LP officers have criticized a new "anti-terrorism bill" that would allow the governor to declare a public health emergency in the case of a bioterrorist attack.

The bill, SB385, gives "unprecedented powers" to Governor Roy Barnes at the expense of individual liberties, charged state LP Legislative Director **Bill Costa**.

"This legislation is a gross violation of the civil liberties of every Georgian," he said. "With this bill, our own government represents a bigger threat to our freedoms than any remote chance of a bioterrorist attack."

Specifically, the bill would allow the government to forcibly administer vaccinations to citizens, authorize the destruction of any property the state deems to be a "public health danger," and require health care professionals to provide services in time of "crisis."

"It is shameful that both parties have conspired to trample on the rights of all Georgians with this legislation," said Costa.

### ■ MARYLAND

#### Gubernatorial candidate hits school power grab

Libertarian gubernatorial candidate **Spear Lancaster** has charged Governor Parris Glendening with attempting "to deny Prince George's County citizens their electoral control" over county schools.

"No one understands the needs of the children better than their parents — certainly not the governor and his political cronies!" said Lancaster in mid-February.

The war of words began when Glendening announced the formation

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of a five-member review panel to oversee the activities of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

He took that action after the members of the board tried to fire the school superintendent, who is widely known as a Glendering supporter.

"The governor's action is a heavy-handed attempt to deny citizens their sovereign right to elect their own officials to represent them," said Lancaster. "As a Libertarian, I'm convinced the most effective solution to any problem is the involvement of the people most directly affected [and] to re-establish the parents, principals, and teachers as major players in the school system."

#### MASSACHUSETTS

### Libertarian registration jumps by another 12%

Libertarian voter registration in the Bay State has risen by another 12%, according to new figures released by the Election Division of the secretary of state's office.

The number of voters registered as Libertarians grew to over 18,400 in early 2002 — up from about 16,500 in mid 2001.

That's a dramatic jump since 1996, when there were only 3,000 registered Libertarians in Massachusetts, said LP State Chair **Eli Israel**.

"We're thrilled to see this trend continue," he said. "We plan to do all we can to keep this number growing, so that we can ensure permanent major party status for the Libertarian Party."

Under state law, Libertarians can gain "permanent" major party standing when they have at least 1% of registered voters statewide — or about 42,000 voters. The LP is currently considered a major party because it won more than 3% of the vote in the last statewide election.

"With all of the exciting campaigns this year, we can expect these [registration] numbers to continue to rise," said Israel.

#### MICHIGAN

### Bond proposal 'rewards' state schools for failure

Libertarians have blasted Republican state senators who proposed a new bond for school infrastructure improvements.

The \$2 billion bond would simply subsidize administrators who allowed school buildings to fall into disrepair, said LP State Chair **Ghazey Aleck** in early March.

"People are getting fed up with government officials rewarding poorly managed schools and making the rest of us pay for it," he said. "Now is the time for our state leadership to cut funding to failing schools and to increase school choice."

Instead of issuing new bonds, the government should open the school



### Massachusetts Libertarian college students hold summit meeting

Massachusetts college libertarians pose in front of a Harvard University dormitory, following a meeting that drew students from a half-dozen colleges.

The meeting, held on February 23, featured about 20 Libertarian students from Harvard, MIT, Boston University, Worcester State College, Northeastern University, and Endicott College, said Aaron Biterman.

"The event, sponsored by the newly created Harvard Libertarian Society, was [designed to allow students to] celebrate liberty, discuss issues, and socialize," he said, and was organized by Harvard University juniors **Julio Machado** and **Patrick Boehm**.

Shown here, front row (center, kneeling): **Aaron Biterman** and **Pat Boehm**. Second row (standing, l-r): **Jess Peysech**, **Shannon Pothier**, **Matt Riggs**, **Daniar Hussain**, **Julio Machado**, **Jeff Vachon**, **Raza Lawrence**, **Bill Korner**, and **Joanne McNeil**. Top row (l-r): **Lisa Corfman**, **Alina Stefanescu**, **Nat Brown**, **John Durant**, **Matthew Malone**, and **Jeremy Zorn**.

system up to private competition, suggested **Dianne Barnes**, LP candidate for State Board of Education.

"No school district should be rewarded for failing to maintain the most basic of facilities such as buildings," she said. "Providing this bond to assist schools that have failed to maintain their buildings is the same as rewarding them for their neglect."

#### NEVADA

### Libertarian helps squash \$200k enforcement plan

A Las Vegas Libertarian has squashed a funding plan for a "proactive" enforcement program against building code violations, saving local taxpayers an estimated \$200,000 per year.

As a member of the Las Vegas Citizens Advisory Committee, **Chris Azzaro** led the charge against the funding request by the Code Enforcement Department.

"They were seeking more funds to hire new officers to go door to door looking for code violations such as broken fences, old cars, and junk in the backyard," he said. "Basically, they wanted to harass people, even

though no complaints had been made."

Azzaro said he lobbied against the proposal to other committee members — and the motion was unanimously defeated on February 13.

"Who says one Libertarian can't make a difference?" he asked.

Azzaro, who helped defeat a similar proposal in 2000, also serves as the director of the Libertarian Victory Fund, a non-profit Libertarian PAC that supports local LP candidates nationwide.

#### NEW YORK

### State weapon laws can hurt minorities most

Has the New York government been engaged in "racial profiling" when issuing gun permits to residents?

That's the question asked by 2000 LP U.S. Senate candidate **John Clifton** during "Black History Month" — or as the African-American Clifton calls it, "February."

Under New York's Sullivan law, government officials need not give a reason for denying gun permits to applicants, which Clifton said makes it easier to deny permits to members

of unpopular minority groups.

Such a policy can leave black New Yorkers disproportionately defenseless — and should remind African-Americans about the historical dangers of "victim disarmament," said Clifton.

"During the Reconstruction period [following the Civil War], laws were explicitly enacted to deprive freed slaves from access to firearms," he said. "When black Americans recognize that government dependency has made us less safe, we will become more empowered to reclaim our stolen liberties."

#### VERMONT

### Libertarians offer new plan for redistricting

Libertarians have offered to the state legislature a reapportionment plan they say would reduce the cost of campaigning and make it easier to run for office.

Under the Libertarian plan, the state senate would be made up of smaller, one-member districts, with only about 20,000 residents per elected official.

"Our legislature has strayed from its citizen roots, and in doing so has become less representative," said LP State Chair **Brendan Kinney**. "Small districts and less costly campaigns translate into more accountability and a more engaged electorate."

Currently, many state senate candidates must spend at least \$20,000 to win, said Kinney. Under the LP plan, candidates might only have to spend about \$5,000.

"The redistricting debate between Democrats and Republicans is all about control and power," he said. "Unfortunately, there is little concern from [them] about the effects of redistricting on the citizens."

#### VIRGINIA

### Party goes 2-for-3 in ballot access lobbying

The LP scored two victories and one defeat in a lobbying campaign to reform state election laws.

In late February, the state house and senate passed HB1256, which would allow minor-party candidates for state and federal offices to have partisan labels on the ballot.

And the senate killed SB27, which would mandate primaries for candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general.

However, balancing those Libertarian victories, the senate rejected HB599, which would extend third-party partisan labels to local races.

In mid-February, LP Ballot Access Coordinator **Shelley Tamres** had sent an e-mail "legislative alert," asking party members to lobby for HB1256 and HB599, and against SB 27.

"Two-out-of-three is nothing to scoff at," said Tamres. "Overall, it has been a good legislative session for the LP in Virginia."

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## THE ISSUES

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

### Inmate drug deaths show Drug War failure

A new report showing that at least 188 inmates in state prisons died of drug overdoses in the last decade is embarrassing proof that the War on Drugs has failed, the Libertarian Party said.

"If the government can't keep drugs away from inmates who are locked in steel cages, surrounded by barbed wire, watched by armed guards, drug-tested, strip-searched, X-rayed, and videotaped — how can it possibly stop the flow of drugs to an entire nation?" asked Ron Crickenberger, the party's political director.

"Every one of those 188 inmate overdoses is an admission that the War on Drugs has failed. It is time government officials admitted this."

In the February 25 issue of *Insight* magazine, an investigation revealed that from 1990-2000, at least 188 inmates in state prisons died from drug overdoses. However, the actual number is almost certainly higher, since 10 states refused to provide information, and half the states did not track prisoner overdoses before 1995.

Whatever the actual number of deaths, the report can be summed up in just one sentence, said Crickenberger: How embarrassing — the government can't even keep drugs out of prisons.

"Despite arresting 1.4 million Americans for drug violations annually, the War on Drugs hasn't stopped the flow of drugs," he said. "It's just turning our prisons into one-stop shopping centers for drugs. This report is clear evidence that the clang of a prison door slamming shut is not the sound of the Drug War being won — it's the sound of failure."

### Tyson fight: It's about economic freedom

The Washington, DC Boxing Commission should immediately grant Mike Tyson a license to fight — because boxing fans, not government bureaucrats, should decide which fights they want to see.

"This is a simple matter of economic freedom," said George Getz, the party's press secretary. "No American should have to beg a bureaucrat or a politician for the right to earn a living. And that includes a heavyweight boxer like Mike Tyson."

The Washington, DC Boxing and Wrestling Commission said on February 19 that it expects to grant a license to allow Tyson to fight Lennox Lewis in June for the heavyweight championship of the world.

However, the commission's preliminary approval was met with howls of outrage from the National Organization for Women (NOW), local politicians, and church groups.

Tyson, who has a history of violent behavior and criminal convictions, has already been denied a boxing license in three states.

But the bottom line, said Getz, is that the free market should be the deciding factor in whether or not Tyson boxes in Washington, DC.

"If politicians don't approve of Mike Tyson, they can refuse to buy a ticket to see the fight," he said. "If NOW doesn't approve, they should try to persuade people to boycott the fight. If church groups don't approve, they should pray for his salvation."

"But don't use the power of government to stop a man from earning an honest living. Let Mike Tyson box in Washington, DC."

### Shays-Meehan is 'Incumbent Protection'

Anyone who believes that the U.S. House vote on a campaign finance bill is really designed to curb the "obscene" amount of soft money in politics should consider this fact, Libertarians say: Americans spend 10 times as much money every year on potato chips as they do on soft money.

"Politicians created a false issue — the influence of soft money — to divert attention from the real purpose of the Shays-Meehan bill," said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach. "This legislation has only one goal: Protecting the jobs of Capitol Hill incumbents."

Supporters of the legislation, which the House passed in mid-February, claim it is designed to rid the nation's campaign finance system of the "corrupting influence of soft money" — the contributions that corporations, labor unions, and individuals make for party-building activities such as voter registration drives.

Yet the total amount of soft money collected by political parties during the 1998-2000 election cycle is just \$410 million, according to a study by the Cato Institute. By comparison, Americans spend about \$4.8 billion a year — more than 10 times as much — on potato chips.

The soft money total for 2000 amounted to less than \$3 per voter, Dasbach added, hardly enough to skew the political system.

"This bill should have been named the *Incumbent Protection Act of 2002*, because everything in this bill is tailor-made to benefit the most powerful special-interest group of all — sitting Senators and Congressmen. Not that they need help: The re-election rate for the House is a stratospheric 98%, and Senators have averaged 90% since 1986."

## 'Open election' group votes to file lawsuit over Oklahoma ballot rule

The Coalition for Free and Open Elections (COFOE) has voted to file a lawsuit to overturn an Oklahoma law that discriminates against formerly recognized parties like the Libertarian Party.

The lawsuit could be filed within the next month, said Steve Dasbach, the executive director of the Libertarian Party and COFOE chairman.

"We're hammering away at Oklahoma every chance we get," he said. "Oklahoma has the worst ballot access laws in the nation, and we're trying to remedy that, one lawsuit at a time."

COFOE members, who met at the Libertarian Party's national office in Washington, DC on March 2, unanimously agreed to support the lawsuit.

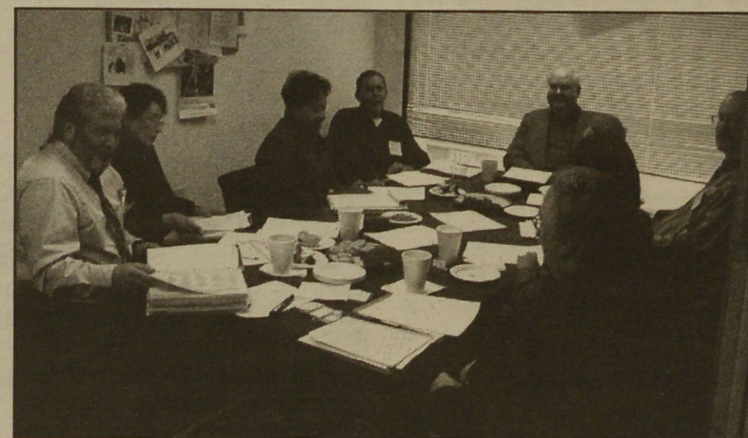
COFOE includes representatives from the Libertarian, Reform, Green, Prohibition, Socialist, Communist, Constitution, and Natural Law parties, and the Committee for a Unified Independent Party (CUIP). Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News*, is also a member.

Representatives for all but the Prohibition, Communist, and Constitution parties attended the meeting.

#### Once recognized

The Oklahoma lawsuit will target a law requiring political parties that were once recognized by the state to file about 60,000 signatures to qualify for the ballot for statewide office.

Republican and Democratic candidates, independent candidates, and candidates for unrecognized parties



■ Attending the COFOE meeting on March 2 were (l-r): Elliot Traiman and Alice Kelsey (Socialist Party), Tyra C. Cohen (Committee for the Unified Independent Party), Richard Winger (publisher, *Ballot Access News*), Steve Dasbach (executive director, Libertarian Party), Dean Myerson (Green Party), Sarina Grosswald (Natural Law Party), and Thomas McLaughlin (Reform Party USA).

need only pay a filing fee to get on the ballot.

However, the Libertarian Party and the Reform Party, which had ballot status in the state until the 2000 election and still retain the right to register voters under their party's labels, must submit about 60,000 valid signatures, or about 100,000 "raw" signatures, to qualify for the ballot.

COFOE also agreed to:

■ Urge members of their respective parties to lobby against an amendment to S 565, an election reform bill that will help states pay for modern voting machines. The amendment, filed by U.S. Senator John Kyle

(R-AZ), would allow states to require Social Security numbers on ballot access petitions.

■ Urge members of their respective parties to lobby for HCR 263, a bill filed by U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL). The House resolution would allow third-party and independent presidential candidates to participate in televised debates if they poll 5% in a nationwide survey, or if a majority of Americans support their inclusion.

COFOE is the nation's largest coalition of third parties, and works to make ballot access and election laws more fair.

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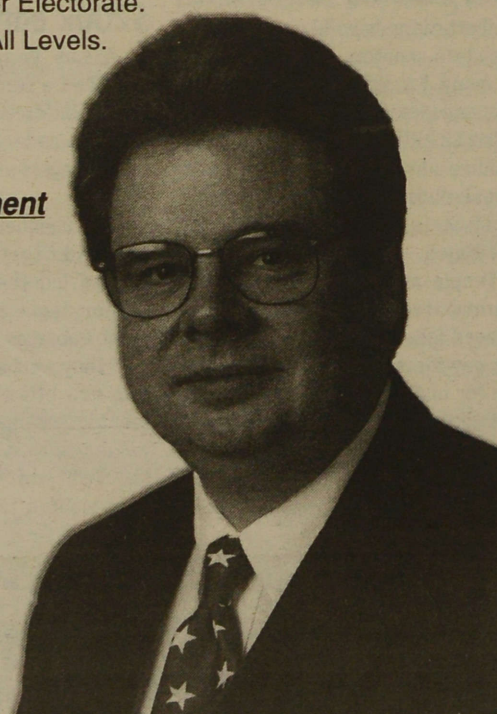
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# Libertarian Breakthrough in Massachusetts? Liberty Direct may help End the state Income Tax

## 9 REASONS TO END THE INCOME TAX IN MASSACHUSETTS

BY CARLA HOWELL

**T**he Small Government Act is a Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts. It's designed to take \$9 Billion out of the hands of government and put it in the hands of the 3,000,000 Taxpayers who earned the money. It's designed to be the first step in making Massachusetts government small.

**■ The Small Government Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax will:** Repeal, remove, end ALL Massachusetts state taxes on every individual's and married couple's wages and income, interest income, dividend income, and capital gains income.

### WHAT ARE THE 9 REASONS TO END THE INCOME TAX IN MASSACHUSETTS?

**1** \$3,000 each for 3,000,000 working people in Massachusetts. Every year.

There are over 3,000,000 people working in Massachusetts. The state government takes \$9 Billion from them in Income Taxes every year. Divide \$9 Billion in taxes by 3,000,000 Taxpayers. \$3,000 average each.

3,000,000 Massachusetts Taxpayers will each have an average of \$3,000 more every year for their families and businesses. For their neighborhoods and their communities.

**2** \$3,000 more every year to spend or save, to give to churches, charities, or favorite causes.

George Bush gave a 1 time \$300 Federal Income Tax Refund. Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts gives 3,000,000 Massachusetts workers \$3,000 each. 10 times George Bush's partial tax refund. 10 times George Bush's tax refund every year.

**3** Financial Privacy for Massachusetts Taxpayers.

3,000,000 Massachusetts workers will never have to file a Massachusetts Income Tax Form again. Never have to tell the state government who lives in their home, how much they make, and how they spend it.

**4** 400,000 new jobs in Massachusetts.

\$9 Billion from Ending the Income Tax will go back into our communities and local economies. This \$9 Billion will create over 400,000 new jobs in the private sector in Massachusetts. (Beacon Hill Institute, 1998)

130,000 unemployed in Massachusetts. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 2001)

400,000 new jobs means a job for every one of the 130,000 unemployed.

Massachusetts high school, college, and university graduates. 400,000 new jobs means a job for every graduate.

104,000 Massachusetts state workers.

DOWNSIZING the state government means that some of them will lose their jobs. 400,000 new jobs in the private sector means a useful and productive job in the private sector for every laid off state government worker.

**5** This year's Massachusetts state budget is almost \$23 Billion.

\$9 Billion of the Massachusetts budget comes from the state Income Tax.

\$23 Billion Massachusetts state budget minus a \$9 Billion Tax Cut from Ending the Income Tax equals a \$14 Billion Massachusetts state budget. This is still

\$4 Billion higher than Governor Michael Dukakis' 1991 bloated state budget. Even after we End the Income Tax, Massachusetts state spending is 40% higher than the Dukakis budget.

**6** Big Government advocates say that we can't run the Massachusetts state government on \$14 Billion.

But we ran the Massachusetts state government on \$14 Billion or less for 15 out of the last 20 years.

**7** Big Government advocates say Massachusetts government can't survive without an Income Tax.

Florida and Washington and Texas have no state Income Tax. Neither does Tennessee, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Alaska, or New Hampshire. 9 states have NO Income Tax. Massachusetts would be the 10th state with no Income Tax.

**8** Businesses that are over-bloated, inefficient, and ineffective DOWNSIZE.

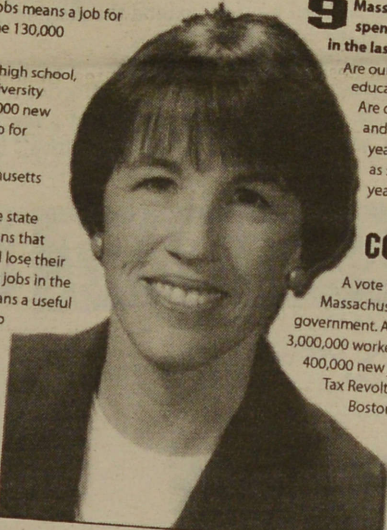
They remove the waste. They get rid of departments and divisions that keep failing. We must DOWNSIZE Massachusetts government. We must get rid of the Big Government Programs that make things worse, create new problems, squander and waste, and divert money and energy from positive and productive uses in the private sector. We must DOWNSIZE Massachusetts government.

**9** Massachusetts government spending has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

Are our children getting double the education they were 10 years ago? Are our streets twice as well-paved and maintained as they were 10 years ago? Is Logan Airport twice as safe and secure as it was 10 years ago?

### CONCLUSION

A vote to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts is a vote for small government. A vote that benefits 3,000,000 workers. A vote that creates 400,000 new jobs. A vote for the Biggest Tax Revolt in Massachusetts since the Boston Tea Party.



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### Libertarians win six seats in Costa Rica

Costa Rica's Movimiento Libertario has officially won six seats in the national legislature — gaining two additional seats after a manual recount of the votes.

Following the recount, congressional candidate Peter Guevara of Puntarenas province was confirmed to have won a razor-thin victory by eight votes, while Carlos Herrera of Cartago province was recognized as a winner by just 331 votes.

The additional victories allowed the party to reach its goal of electing at least six legislative candidates, said Movimiento Libertario Secretary General Raul Costales. The party held one seat in the legislature prior to the February 3 election.

"We are pleased with these results given our goal was to increase our Congressional seats," he said. "We have sent a loud message to the bipartisan monopoly that has ruled this country for many years."

The four previously confirmed winners were Ronaldo Alfaro of San Jose, Federico Malavassi of San Jose, Carlos Salazar of Alajuela, and Jose Francisco Salas of Heredia.

Costales said the results mean about 10% of the 57-member legislature will be under Libertarian control — the equivalent of about 45 U.S. Representatives and 10 U.S. Senators in the USA.

"We think that's enough to block Big Brother in many instances, and score plenty of libertarian goals in the meantime," he said.

### LP musician changes tune...as a candidate

Libertarian musician who has recorded with musical icons Aretha Franklin, Tom Jones, and Clarence Clemens is now running for the state legislature in California.

Craig Thomas, 51, is a candidate for State Assembly (35th District) in Ventura, just north of Los Angeles.

A professional singer and saxophonist, Thomas has also recorded for artists such as Mike Love (of the Beach Boys), Jermaine Jackson, Johnny Mathis, and Jim Messina. In addition, he has performed live with the Temptations, the Four Tops, and the Captain and Tennille.

Thomas said he became a firm believer in the libertarian philosophy after a musician friend gave him some books by Ayn Rand in the 1970s. In 1976, he registered to vote as a Libertarian, and that year cast his first-ever presidential vote for LP candidate Roger MacBride. He became a dues-paying member of the LP in 1988.

Although he is running for State Assembly this year, don't expect Thomas to throw his hat into the ring for higher office.

"Music is something that I love," he said. "Politics is something that I dislike immensely, which is one reason why I'm a Libertarian."



■ Craig Thomas (r) with E-Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemens.

### Frank & Ernest cartoon spoofs libertarians

Libertarians are the punchline of a "Frank and Ernest" comic strip — and they're laughing about it. Sort of.

"It's nice to be mentioned in a comic strip that's read by 25 million people," said Bill Winter, LP director of communications.

"But it would be nicer if the comic didn't perpetuate a subtle, but important, misunderstanding of what libertarianism really is."

The comic, printed on March 5, shows Moses standing on a mountain, looking at the Ten Commandments on a stone tablet, and saying, "The Libertarians are going to go bananas!"

That's funny, said Winter. "The comic plays into the stereotype of Libertarians as anti-authoritarians — carried to the logical, but laughable, extreme. That's humorous," he said.

But it also distorts what Libertarians believe, said Winter.

"Libertarianism defines the relationship between individuals and government," he said. "According to the Bible, the Ten Commandments are instructions from God. It's not our job as Libertarians to tell people what is or isn't a proper religious belief. That's why a Libertarian wouldn't 'go bananas' about the Ten Commandments."

So, are Libertarians going to "go bananas" on artist Bob Thaves? "Of course not," said Winter. "If I met him, I'd have a frank and earnest conversation about what Libertarians believe. Then I'd congratulate him for creating such a consistently funny comic strip."

Frank and Ernest is syndicated in 1,300 newspapers around the globe.

# Iowa LP's recruitment drive makes it party's fastest growing affiliate

The Iowa LP has earned the title of fastest growing LP affiliate, after launching a recruitment effort in 2001 that boosted party membership by 21.9%.

According to year-end national LP figures, the Iowa party grew more than any other state affiliate, recruiting 48 new members (16.4 new members per million population).

Coming in second was Alaska, with a 5.4% growth rate in 2001 (11 new members per million population).

The Iowa LP's membership recruitment campaign was successful because it used an innovative sales strategy and focused on "realistic, tangible activism" over philosophy, said LP State Chair Mark Nelson.

#### More attractive

"The Iowa LP was a relatively inactive party for several years, but in the past three years, it has become a much more active and more attractive party," he said. "We are better at the 'blocking and tackling' stuff, and I think that certainly came through in the results."

The recruitment effort began just prior to the March 2001 Iowa LP convention, when Nelson decided a primary goal for the state affiliate should be to achieve party status, so voters could register Libertarian.

To accomplish this, the party needed to grow significantly, said Nelson.

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**"grew faster than  
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build on that success  
in 2002 and beyond."**

— Mark Nelson

Consequently, the LP decided to downplay signing the membership statement, he said, and to offer a special "trial membership," along with free registration for the 2001 convention.

The trial membership program allowed individuals to join the party for a year for a \$10 fee, with the LP footing the bill for the remaining \$15. If just 25% of those new members renew after one year, Nelson said the party will break even on its initial investment.

At the 2001 convention, the Iowa LP executive committee decided to extend the program indefinitely, said Nelson.

"We recognized the trial membership was effective at enticing people to spend just a few dollars and give the LP a test drive," he said. "We have

no plans to stop with the program anytime soon."

The party then recruited Clyde Cleveland to run for Iowa governor on the LP ticket. Cleveland has co-founded seven investment companies, and was named the "First Socially Conscious Venture Capitalist" by Conscious Investors, Ltd. in 1986.

Cleveland toured across the state promoting the trial membership, focusing on college campuses. During his stops, he asked people to use the trial membership to keep up with his gubernatorial campaign, said Nelson.

#### Political work

"Clyde's contribution to recruiting new members was invaluable," he said. "We are fortunate to have a gubernatorial candidate who is out doing political work, reaching out to voters, and making viable proposals."

Equally as important, said Nelson, was creating a significant change in the party's "cultural atmosphere."

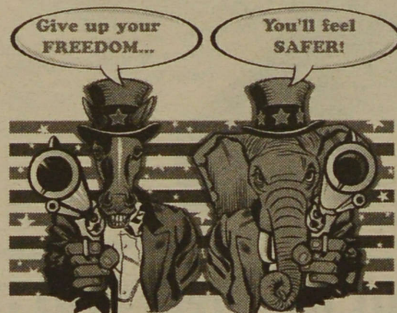
"We worked to broaden our contacts [with voters], and we became less dogmatic and rigid," he said.

As a result of the recruiting effort, Nelson said the Iowa LP is well on its way to achieving party status within the next couple of years.

"I think we are doing quite well at this point," he said. "We grew faster than any other state party, and we intend to build on that success in 2002 and beyond."

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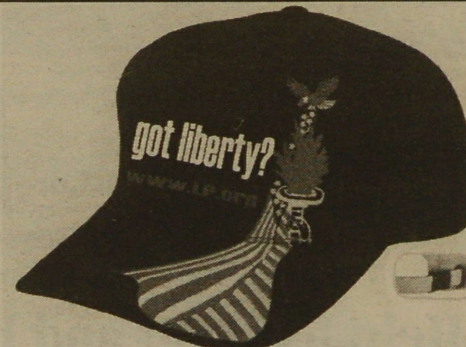
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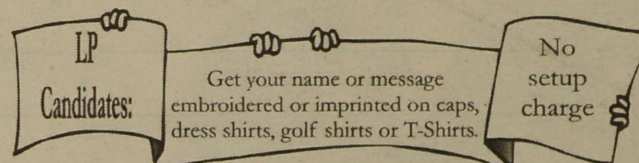


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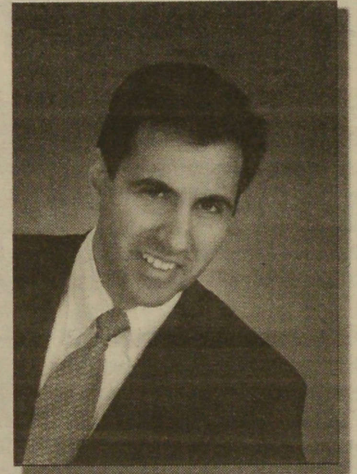
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To achieve this, Eli Israel is committed to working to achieve the following first steps by Election Day 2004:

- **Double our membership** nationally and in each state.
- **Double the tools, training, and funding** of the national party and every state affiliate.
- Work to ensure that the national party and affiliates at all levels **actively support all our campaigns** – both high-profile, party-building races and electable Libertarians in winnable races.
- Promote a Libertarian Party culture of **productivity, teamwork, and action.**
- Work together with the local, state, and national parties to **double the number of elected Libertarians.**

*"I agree wholeheartedly with Elias Israel's vision..."*

- Helmut Forren, Chairman, LP of Georgia

## 2. Performance

In the time that Eli Israel has served as Executive Director and then Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Libertarians have experienced tremendous growth:

- Paid membership **increased 158%** to over 895
- Number of registered Libertarians **increased over 601%** to over 18,447
- Number of Libertarian officeholders **increased over 1,000%** to more than 30
- Annual budget of the Massachusetts party **increased over 1,600%** to more than \$100,000

*"Eli has done an excellent job of helping to increase Libertarian voter registration in Massachusetts..."*

- Dr. Scott Lieberman, LNC Rep, California

*"...Elias Israel has done more for the state party...than anyone who has ever been Chairman, and I've known ALL of them!"*

- Walter Zlobro, Treasurer, Massachusetts LP

## 3. Energy

Eli Israel is a farsighted, energetic Libertarian leader. He promotes the growth of the Libertarian Party by inspiring activists to outperform their own expectations in meaningful, exciting work.

*"Even after over 20 years in the Libertarian Party, I find myself energized by the quality of leadership Elias Israel will bring to the Libertarian Party."*

- Joe Hauptmann, Former State Chair, LP of Indiana

## 4. Professionalism

Eli Israel is the founder and president of ProManage, a management consulting practice for the software industry. In acquiring his 16 years of business experience, he has managed teams of engineers and multimillion-dollar budgets as a Manager for Sun Microsystems and as Director of Engineering for CableSoft.

*"Eli has the drive, business sense and principles that the Libertarian Party needs as we prepare for the next presidential cycle..."*

- Chuck Williams, Chair, South Carolina LP

## 5. Experience

Eli Israel has served as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts for 3 years and, before that, as Executive Director for 2 years. During his 1998 campaign for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, he participated in a televised debate with his Democratic and Republican opponents.

In the last 5 years, he's raised over \$188,000 for the Libertarian Party and Libertarian candidates. He's a Member-At-Large of the Libertarian National Committee, as well as a member of the national LP's Executive Committee.

For 5 years Mr. Israel has worked as an activist at all levels of the Libertarian Party. Convention organizing. Membership growth. Candidate recruitment, training, and support. Coalition building. Petitioning. Grassroots local committee organizing.

*"Elias Israel is my pick for Libertarian Party Chair in 2002. He has been extraordinarily effective in Massachusetts, and he's also one of the most positive forces on the LNC this term..."*

- Dan Fylstra, Former LP Vice Chair

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# 41 tips: How to be a better LP candidate

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old-fashioned preacher; the political wisdom of a philosopher; and the win-at-any-cost ethics of, well, a typical politician.

Relax. No one runs a perfect campaign. And no one is a perfect candidate.

In fact, most Libertarian candidates set far more modest goals: They strive to reach as many voters as possible, as effectively as possible, on a limited budget.

To help them achieve those goals, here is a collection of 41 of the best campaign tips — some obvious, some surprising — that will help any Libertarian campaign.

And, best of all, you don't need to be Atilla the Candidate to apply them. You just need to be a Libertarian candidate who wants to be a little smarter, and a lot more successful.

**1 Running for U.S. House or U.S. Senate?** Buy a copy of the *Cato Handbook for Congress*. It's extremely comprehensive, and offers libertarian solutions and policy proposals on just about every federal issue. Cost: \$18.95. Order it at: [www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org). (Jonathan Richter)

**2 Before you announce your campaign, be prepared to answer the question:** "Why are you running?" You should have a one-sentence, 30-second, 2-minute, and 10-minute version of this answer. And make sure your answer is relevant to the voters in your district, not just to you. (LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, *Libertarian Political Action*)

**3 Meeting voters?** Don't stand with your hands in your pockets. It's a clear signal that you're being closed and defensive. And don't stand with your arms crossed. Crossed arms send unfriendly vibes. (Genn Berlin, *Campaigns & Elections*)

**4 Low-cost campaigning:** Testify before your city council, county commissioners, and school board. These events almost always generate media coverage, and, if you speak, you might be quoted in a story. (David DeLamar)

**5 Need help in becoming a better speaker?** Join Toastmasters International; there are clubs in most cities. You'll get to practice your speeches before a live, friendly audience, and you'll get suggestions for improvement. For a list of Toastmasters meetings in your area, call (800) 993-7732. (Bill Bradley)

**6 A rule of thumb:** In a winning race, expect to spend at least \$1 per person in your district. That's per person — not per voter. (Campaign consultant Sal Gazzetta)

**7 Need to build a media list?** Most local libraries have media guides that list phone and fax numbers for reporters, editors, and pro-



ducers. One example: *Gale's Directory of Publications & Broadcast Media*, available in most public libraries. (LP Press Secretary George Getz)

**8 Include voter registration information on your campaign website** — ideally a link to your state's online registration application. This is especially valuable for Libertarians, since non-voters may want to register and vote for you. (*Campaigns & Elections*)

**9 Maximize the effectiveness of campaign volunteers:** Take a clipboard and a volunteer sign-up sheet wherever you campaign. Give volunteers something to do as soon as they offer to help. Schedule 50% more volunteers than you think you'll need for any project. (Libertarian campaign manager Barbara Goushaw)

**10 Low-cost campaigning:** Send a personal letter to everyone you know in your district, asking them to vote for you. (*The Finish Line*)

**11 Make your campaign website address (URL) simple, obvious, and logical.** Most people will "guess" a site address before going to a search engine. (Hockaday Donatelli Campaign Solutions)

**12 Do not vote in the Democratic or Republican primaries, no matter what your reason.** In some states, this will disqualify you from running on the Libertarian ticket. (Texas LP gubernatorial candidate Jeff Daiell)

**13 Ten percent of the electorate decides on Election Day who to vote for.** You want them to swing your way — so be at the polls with a friendly smile, a handout that emphasizes your name, and a request for their vote. (Ron Crickenberger, *Libertarian Political Action*)

**14 Put a real stamp on your direct mail pieces.** Studies have shown that people are more likely to open an envelope with a stamp on it than a pre-printed indicia. (Sal Gazzetta)

**15 Spend the money to have an excellent, professional campaign photograph taken.** Research shows that the appearance of a candidate can move approval ratings up or down by five percentage points — enough to swing a close election. (*San Francisco Examiner*)

**16 In addition to the standard "portrait" photo, get a "Picture That Says Everything" shot.** This is a photo that projects your image — honesty, warmth, sincerity, intelligence, energy, compassion, wisdom, or whatever. For example, a candidate running on a platform of education reform might get a shot of him reading to children. (Ron Faucheux, *Campaigns & Elections*)

**17 Before running for office for the first time, volunteer to work for a well-organized campaign** for another candidate (even one of another party). The experience will be invaluable when you launch your own campaign. (Ron Crickenberger, *Libertarian Political Action*)

**18 Show up early.** If you're invited to attend a function, try to be the first one there. It shows you care about the group, and gives you a chance to go one-on-one with attendees. (Jeff Daiell)

**19 Keep your press releases short.** Reporters and editors are notoriously busy. Most press releases should be kept to one page. If journalists want more information, they'll ask. (John Hewitt, *Campaigns & Elections*)

**20 If you're doing door-to-door campaigning, make a schedule and then stick to it.** In the evening, after dinner and until eight o'clock or so is good — but never after nine. Saturday and Sunday afternoons are good, too, especially in the spring — people can often be found working in their yards. Don't let bad weather keep you in; people will be impressed if you are out in the rain. (Chip Taylor)

**21 If you are a candidate, focus on only two things:** Raising money and effectively com-

municating your message to the voters. Everything else should be handled by staff or volunteers. (Kamioner & Associates)

**22 Raise 20% of your total campaign funds up front as seed money.** If you can't get 20% of that money as seed money up front, you shouldn't be running to win. (Sal Gazzetta)

**23 When you send your campaign announcement press release, be sure to include soundbite quotes.** "I am running because..." Or: "I expect to win because..." These statements should be no more than 20 or 30 words. (Tom Bailey)

**24 Customize a generic campaign brochure with stickers.** A low-cost way to target brochures for specific audiences is by printing stickers that have specific messages for specific groups. (*Trends in Association Education Magazine*)

**25 Holding a news conference?** Send out a release alerting the press. And do it more than once. Consider sending an announcement seven days out, three days out, and the day before — and follow-up with a phone call reminder on the day of the news conference. (*Campaigns & Elections*)

**26 Raise money immediately.** Waiting is a mistake. Make a list of folks you could approach for a sizable contribution. Start with friends, family, business associates — and ask for as much as they're capable of giving. And ask for a check, not a pledge. You don't want to be chasing people for checks they would have given you in the first place if only you'd asked. (Campaign consultant Joe Gaylord)

**27 Look presentable.** If everyone in your community looks like a penguin, don't run as an  
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# Alaska Libertarians Drive Taxi Regulators to Distraction

*Libertarians fight medallion cartel with blood, sweat, and elbow grease*

You might think that city regulations governing the driving persons from point A to point B would be simple, short and straightforward. Wrong! Statist planners and vested interests have colluded over the span of twenty years to develop plethora of regulations that amount to 60+ pages. The worst part of the regulations is the system of limited entry into the taxicab market. Medallions are bought and sold for \$125,000. The number of medallions hasn't changed since 1984. All because the city government forbids any new medallions from being issued lest they depress the amount medallions are sold for.

Enter the Libertarians:

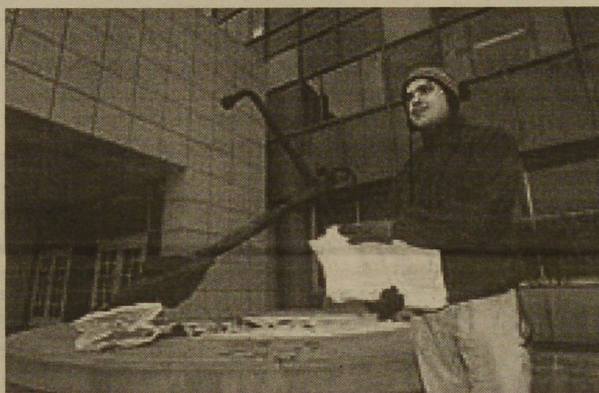
Local Libertarians have thrown the OPEC-like medallion holders and the city regulators for a loop. They have chipped in their own money and started a public initiative to allow open entry into the taxi business. The medallion cartel is crapping its pants and the regulators are busy doing damage control since their rock has been turned over.

The downside is that the campaign is far from over. Medallion-holders have literally millions of dollars that they are willing to spend in order to defend their racket. Meanwhile Alaska libertarians have only blood, sweat, tears and elbow grease with which to fight the good fight.

In order to contradict the medallion-holder lies we need other freemen's help. All over the U.S. taxi deregulation is slowly but surely advancing. In Anchorage there is a unique opportunity to deal regulators nationwide a body

blow. Please consider helping advance the cause and contribute your filthy lucre.

Contributors will receive weekly email updates on how the battle proceeds and get a big wet sloppy kiss when the effort finally succeeds.



UAA student Ryan Kennedy, treasurer of a ballot initiative on boosting city taxi permits, said he turned in about 10,400 signatures Tuesday. (Photo by Bill Roth / Anchorage Daily News) [www.taxireform.com](http://www.taxireform.com)

## Where do I send my contribution?

**To increase Libertarian voter registrations or to help elect Libertarians,** send check or money order payable to: Alaska Libertarian Party, PMB 373, 205 E. Dimond Blvd., Anch., AK 99515

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# Party runs Drug War 'parody' advertisements

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gal drugs support terrorism.

One ONDCP ad showed a closeup of a young woman's face, and said: "Last week, I washed my car, hung out with a few friends, and helped murder a family in Colombia." The bottom of the ONDCP ad stated: "Drug money helps support terror. Buy drugs and you could be supporting it too."

The problem with the ONDCP ads, said Crickenberger, is that the War on Drugs causes the very problem those ads complain about.

"The War on Drugs turns ordinary, cheap plants like marijuana and poppies into fantastically lucrative illegal products that enrich terrorists," he said. "Without the War on Drugs, the financial engine that fuels many terrorist organizations would sputter to a halt."

The Libertarian ads were part of the party's new Drug War Strategy, which will work to highlight many of the social, economic, and civil liberties problems caused by drug prohibition.

"We want voters to know that federal drug policy is making America less safe," said Crickenberger. "Our Drug War Strategy will use several different messages — including provocative ads — to get that message out."

## O'Reilly Factor

The ads generated considerable attention from the media — including an invitation for Crickenberger to appear on the Fox News Channel's *O'Reilly Factor*, one of the highest-rated cable TV programs.

In a contentious interview on March 7, O'Reilly agreed with Crickenberger's claim that the War on Drugs funds terrorism.

"I can't argue with that," said the conservative talk show host. "That's correct. If you didn't have any profit in the drug trade, the terrorists couldn't use that to fund terrorism."

However, O'Reilly said decriminalizing drugs would cause social problems, and asserted that the Libertarian Party says that "using narcotics

■ LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger (r) appears on the popular *O'Reilly Factor* on the Fox News Channel on March 7.

or being intoxicated helps society."

Crickenberger's attempts to rebut those allegations were frequently drowned out by O'Reilly, who talked over him, interrupted, and exclaimed that the drug war is "phony."

"O'Reilly is a tough guy to go up against," said Crickenberger. "But while I feel I got beat up a little, I feel I landed a few blows. Most importantly, he agreed with us on the drugs-and-terrorism link, which is the main point we wanted to get across."

In addition to the TV appearance, the ads were the top story on WorldNetDaily.com; were featured on *National Review Online* (which wrote: "It's hard to deny that this is an effective ad."); and were written about on CNSNews.com, a leading conservative website.

The ads were a major topic of discussion on Neal Boortz's syndicated radio show and the Dean Edell radio program. Both shows reach about 1 million people a day.

They also generated interviews for LP spokespeople on 157 radio stations — including the syndicated *Blanquita Cullum* show (on 105 stations), and were mentioned on AlterNet.org, Poli-TechBot.com, and Free-Market.net.

The ads sparked an unexpected response from a spokesman at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, who said the ads were "adolescent and silly" and confusing — but also said they were "great." [See sidebar.]

"It was a weird, almost surreal, response from the Drug Czar's office,"



## THE DRUG CZAR'S OFFICE RESPONDS

When the Libertarian Party's anti-Drug War ads appeared in print, several journalists called the Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, DC for a reaction quote.

In at least two cases — Jon Dougherty from WorldNetDaily.com and producer Rhyann Jones from the syndicated *Blanquita Cullum* show — the Drug Czar's spokesman, Tom Riley, never returned the phone calls.

But one radio station did get through. Mary Starrett, a host at KPDQ radio in Portland, Oregon, called Riley — and got a return call.

It quickly became clear why Riley responded: Drug Czar John Walters is touring Portland in March, and Riley assumed it was an interview request for that visit.

When Starrett asked Riley about the Libertarian ad, he proceeded to give three strikingly different reactions in the space of just a few minutes:

1) Yes, they saw the ads, but they didn't understand them. "Actually, I was confused by the ads," said Riley. "I mean, we don't have \$40 million to give to the Taliban. I guess you could say I didn't get it."

2) The ad was "adolescent and silly," he said.

3) The ad was "great" because it's "cultivating a debate on the drug war," he said. "People are now talking about the drug war."

Starrett asked Riley if he had received any other calls about the ad.

"You're the only person who called," said Riley.

Starrett was dubious. "The only person?" she asked.

Riley: "Yes. You're the only one."

"Oh come on, Tom," pressed Starrett. "Do you swear?"

Riley: "Yes, I swear!"

Riley then got off the phone as quickly as he could, said Starrett.

George Getz, LP press secretary, who was interviewed by Starrett later, said: "So there you have the Drug Czar's office's response: Stonewall, grope for a response, blatantly lie, and then get off the phone."

said Crickenberger. "According to this government bureaucrat, our ad was confusing, adolescent, and great!"

The ads also inspired an excellent response from the drug reform community, said Crickenberger.

Steve Dillon, Chairman of the Board of Directors of NORML, wrote:

"What an excellent ad! This is the best response yet to the government's Super Bowl ads linking use of drugs to promoting terrorism. Thanks for your great work."

The party also earned compliments from the Drug Reform Coordination Network, the UK Cannabis

Internet Activists, Indiana NORML, Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, and CannabisNews.com.

"We've gotten a better response from the drug reform movement, our members, and the general public for this project — by an order of magnitude — than from anything we've ever done before," said Crickenberger.

In addition, the ads apparently inspired an additional 25,000 people to visit [www.LP.org](http://www.LP.org) by the day after the ads ran. Of those visitors, at least 800 to 1,000 new people signed up for the LP.announce e-mail list.

The two ads cost the Libertarian Party just over \$72,000 to run.

The party raised most of the money from its e-mail list of LP supporters in five days, said Crickenberger — however, about one-quarter of the money came from non-LP sources.

## Very excited

"A number of drug reform groups are very excited about what we're doing," he said. "Groups like the Drug Reform Coordination Network forwarded our messages to their own e-mail lists, and a large number of non-party members made generous contributions. Their help made these ads possible."

The Libertarian Party ads ran in two newspapers, said Crickenberger, but the party may expand it to other newspapers in the future.

"Based on the response we get from these first two ads, we'll certainly consider the possibility of expanding this campaign," he said.

"The ONDCP ads have run in 293 newspapers around the country. Wouldn't it be poetic justice to have the face of John Walters, the terrorists' best friend, staring out of every one of those same newspapers?"



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# Verbal virtuosos will share secrets at '02 National Convention

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Under her leadership, the Advocates, a non-profit educational organization that teaches libertarians how to be more effective communicators, was named the "most effective" libertarian organization by readers of LP News in 1999.

■ **Dr. Mary Ruwart:** There is perhaps no one in the libertarian movement better known for their efforts to reach out to "non-traditional" constituencies than Dr. Mary Ruwart.

In her book, *Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle* (1992, SunStar Press), she makes an explicit pitch to "liberals, Christians, New Agers, and pragmatists" to become libertarians, arguing that it would be a "win/win" situation for anyone who values peace, harmony, and tolerance.

In addition, she is the author of *Short Answers to the Tough Questions: Sound Bites for the Libertarian Candidate* — which was named after her Internet column of the same name — which she writes for the Advocates for Self-Government.

A candidate for the LP's presidential nomination in 1984 and V.P. nomination in 1992, Ruwart last ran for office in 2000 as the LP candidate for U.S. Senate in Texas.

■ **Michael Cloud:** A self-described "Libertarian Samurai," Cloud is one of the Libertarian Party's most popular speakers on the subject of effective communications.

Perhaps best known as the creator of the "Art of Political Persuasion" audio tape series for the Advocates for Self-Government, he has also lectured on the topics of "The Late, Great Libertarian Macho Flash," "No Excuses Libertarianism," and "Up

from Lip-Sync Libertarianism."

Cloud has raised over \$7 million for LP candidates and organizations over the past 11 years, and was the winner of the 2000 "Thomas Paine Award" for excellence in libertarian communication from the LP.

■ **David Bergland** has been described as a "Libertarian triple threat" — author, candidate, and activist.

He is perhaps best known as the party's 1984 presidential candidate, when he appeared on the ballot in 39 states and won 228,000 votes. Before that, he was the LP's vice presidential candidate (with Roger MacBride in 1976) and a candidate for U.S. Senate in California (1980).

Bergland is also the author of the classic work, *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, which Laissez Faire Books calls the "best brief introduction to libertarianism available." It has sold

over 150,000 copies.

As an activist, he has served as LP national chair three times: 1998-2000,

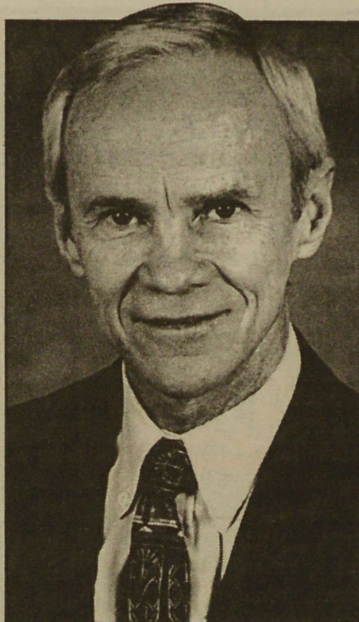
1979-1981, and 1977-1979.

Other speakers previously confirmed for the 2002 convention include futurist/science fiction author David Brin; Steve Dillon (Chairman, NORML); syndicated radio host Neal Boortz; and former Costa Rica Congressman Otto Guevara.

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■ **David Bergland:** He's the author of *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, which has been called the "best brief introduction to libertarianism available."

April 15: \$279.)

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# LP joins campaign to fight national ID card

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legal and illegal means — the documents needed to get a government ID, such as birth certificates and Social Security numbers. A national ID would create a false sense of security, because it would enable individuals with an ID — who may in fact be terrorists — to avoid heightened security measures."

■ **It would be expensive.** "The costs of a national ID system have been estimated at as much as \$9 billion. Even more troubling, a national ID system mandated through state agencies would burden states, [which] may have more effective ways to fight terrorism and strengthen ID systems."

■ **It would contribute to identity fraud.** "A national ID would be 'one-stop shopping' for perpetrators of identity theft, who usually use Social Security numbers and birth certificates for false IDs. Even with a biometric identifier, such as a fingerprint, on each ID, there is no guarantee that individuals won't be identified — or misidentified — in error."

■ **It would require more bureaucracy.** "A national ID system would depend on both the issuance of an ID card and the integration of huge amounts of personal information included in state and federal government databases."

■ **It would compromise privacy.** "Law enforcement, tax collectors, and

**A NATIONAL ID MAY "create a false sense of security, because it would enable individuals with an ID to avoid heightened security measures."**

other government agencies would want use of the data. Employers, landlords, insurers, credit agencies, mortgage brokers, direct mailers, private investigators, civil litigants, and a long list of other private parties would also begin using the ID, and even the database."

## Defend liberties

Adding its voice to coalitions like the one fighting the national ID card is a good way for the LP to defend civil liberties, said Dasbach.

"Thomas Jefferson said 'eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,'" he said. "That's why the Libertarian Party will continue to denounce political proposals that would compromise individual rights, and will continue to forge alliances with groups who agree with us on given issues."



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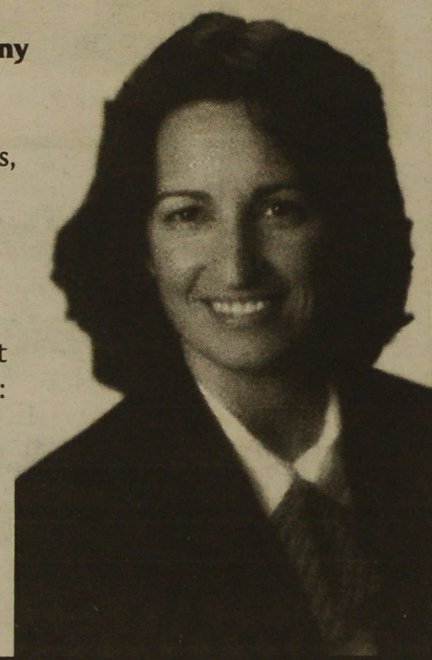
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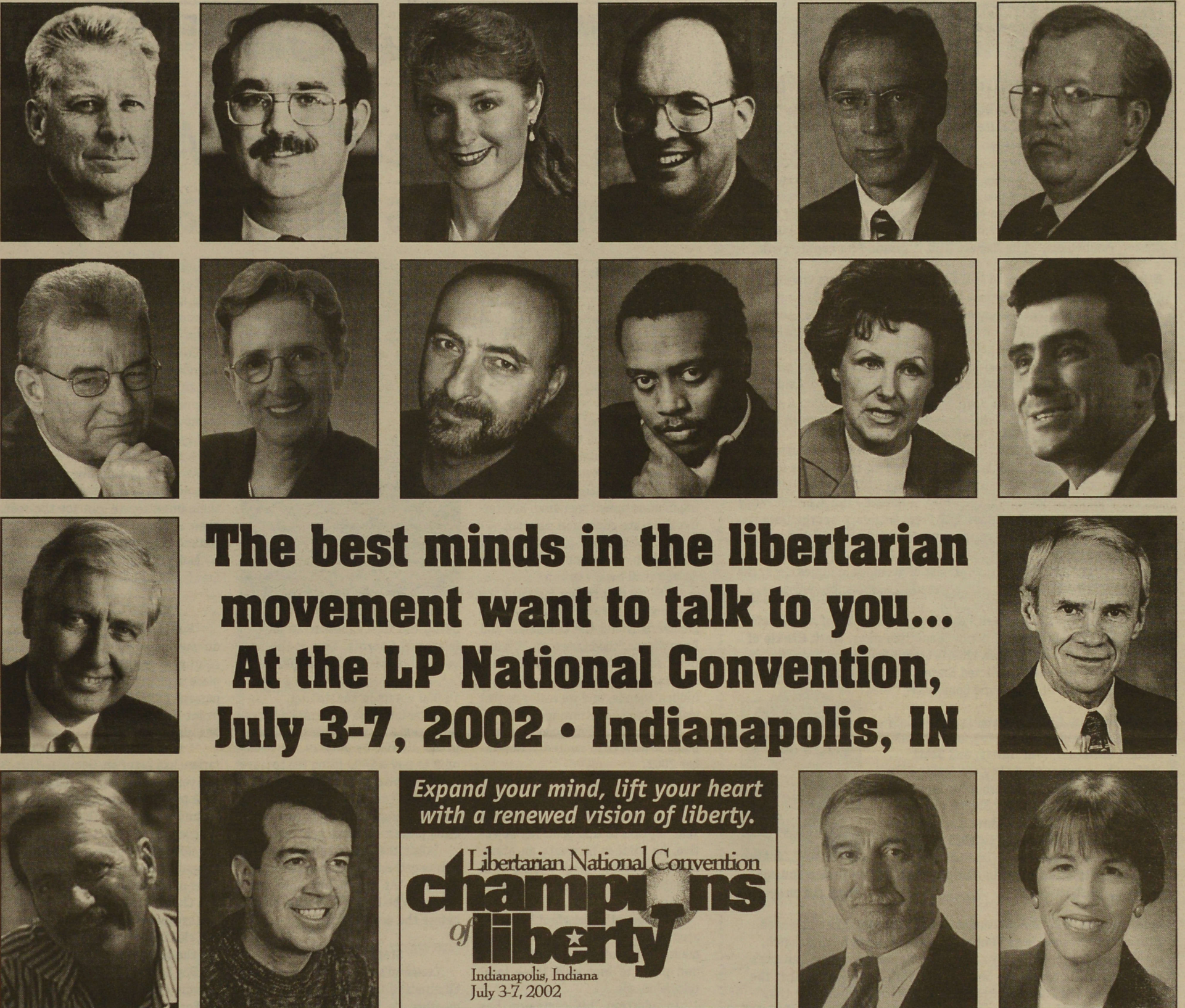
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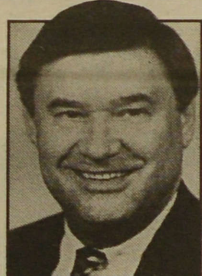
■ In Pennsylvania, **Ken Krawchuk** announced he will seek the LP nomination for governor, while **Henry Haller** will seek the party's nomination for lieutenant governor. In Virginia, **Rance Edwards** is running for Blacksburg Town Council in May. In Wisconsin, **Donald Carlson** is running for secretary of state, while **Sandy Glodowski** is a candidate for attorney general. In Maine, **Mark Cenci** ran in a special election for state senate (District 27) on March 5. In New Jersey, **Jennifer Carter** and **Joseph Conklin** are candidates for Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, while **Robert Hull** is running for county clerk.

■ **Odds and ends:** An op-ed bylined by past LP National Chairman **David Bergland** will be reprinted in a college textbook. The essay, originally entitled "The Skinny on the Fat Tax," was issued in February 2000. It will appear in McGraw-Hill's *Developing Reading Skills* (6th Ed.), which will be used by college undergraduates. Libertarian Party member **George Stephens** will have a book, *Locke, Jefferson and the Justices: Foundations and Failures*, published by Algora Publishing.

■ **Media news:** In Maine, State Chair **Mark Cenci** appeared in the PBS program *Bill Moyers Now* in early March. The topic: The battle over Portland's "Single Payer" health care. In California, even Communists agree with us on this issue: In the February 8-14 issue of the *Orange County Weekly* newspaper, columnist "Commie Girl" quoted a Libertarian Party press release calling the Office of National Drug Control Policy Super Bowl ads "super bowloney." LP Press Secretary **George Getz** was quoted in a Fox News story on February 18 about the growing number of pro-government programs on TV, such as *The West Wing* and *The Agency* (about the CIA). In the interest of accuracy, quipped Getz, the director of the CIA ought to be portrayed like Inspector Clouseau.

■ In Colorado, **Ross Glidewell** has been elected Chair of the El Paso County LP. In Libertarian National Committee news, **Mark Hinkle** of California has been appointed LNC Alternate for Region 2. In Florida, **Frank Longo** has been re-elected State Chair. In Indiana, **Rex Bell** was elected Chair of the Wayne County LP.

■ In California, **Michael Metti** is a candidate for state assembly (District 78). In New York, **Donald Silberger**, **Jim Harris**, and **Scott Jeffrey** have announced they are seeking the party's nomination for governor. In Tennessee, **Bruce Young** is running for Shelby County mayor. In Maine, **R. Davis Hart** is a candidate for state senate (District 5), while **Fred Staples** is running for state senate (District 32). In California, **Jim Studier** is running for state assembly (District 70).



■ **Bruce Young:** Runs for mayor.

■ In Colorado, U.S. Senate candidate **Rick Stanley** has challenged Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura to a three-round boxing match, with proceeds going to their campaigns. No response from Ventura's office yet. In Michigan, the Secretary of State has certified that the LP will be on the 2002 ballot, after the party turned in more than 45,000 petition signatures, reported State Chair **Ghazey Aleck**. In New Jersey, the state LP conducted a blood drive during its state convention in March. In New Hampshire, the state party has opened an office in Concord.

■ **Odds and ends:** In California, U.S. House (District 20) candidate **Varrin Swearingen** and his campaign manager (and wife) **Eli Swearingen** are producing new voters, one baby at a time. The couple welcomed their second child on January 8. **Harry Browne's** weekly radio show is now being broadcast by the Radio America Network. For a list of stations, visit: [www.HarryBrowne.org/Radio.htm](http://www.HarryBrowne.org/Radio.htm). Want a competitive quote on buttons, signs, and other political materials? Call **Yvonna Lex** at Maximum Visibility Promotions at (317) 718-1844. Or e-mail her at: [maxvispromo@hotmail.com](mailto:maxvispromo@hotmail.com). In California, **James Thomas Bayes**, an appointed member of the Diamond Bar city council, has registered as a Libertarian.

■ In Massachusetts, **Rich Aucoin** will seek the party's nomination for lieutenant governor. In Indiana, **Paul Hager** and **Rebecca Sink-Burris** are in a contested race for the party's nomination for Secretary of State. In New Hampshire, six candidates are planning campaigns for state representative: **Fred Strong** (Coos County #1), **Rhonda Keiper** (Hillsborough #15), **Phil Greazzo** (Hillsborough #46), **Robert Kelley** (Merrimack #28), **Howard Wilson** (Merrimack #1), **Greg Sears** (Rockingham #22), and **Leonard Epstein** (Rockingham #13). In Wisconsin, **Ed Thompson** has appointed **Paul Weir** co-chairman of his gubernatorial campaign. Weir, a junior at Wisconsin-Whitewater College, is also president of his college Libertarian group.

## CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

# 'This is the year' for GA House victory, hopes Chris Crawford

By Jonathan Trager  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

When a news reporter asked Chris Crawford why he wanted to run for the District 68 seat in the Georgia House, the 29-year-old Libertarian was ready with an answer.

He talked about ideas he believes would improve the quality of life for residents of his suburban Atlanta district, and state residents in general: Ending the state income tax. Reigning in mass transit spending. Reforming the state education system.

The incredulous journalist then said, "Yeah, yeah. But seriously, why do you really want to run?"

"I think that story illustrates the fundamental difference between the Libertarians and the Democrats and Republicans," said Crawford. "It's difficult for journalists to believe that Libertarian candidates don't have a hidden agenda, and we really do just want to implement our ideas."

And that's exactly what Crawford plans to do if he is elected in November 2002.

### This is the year

His campaign theme, "This is the Year," speaks to that goal. The objective, he said, is to create an atmosphere wherein voters believe it is possible for a third-party candidate to win.

Consequently, Crawford has initiated a door-to-door grassroots effort, mailed out postcards and brochures, and plans to broadcast three local television ads.

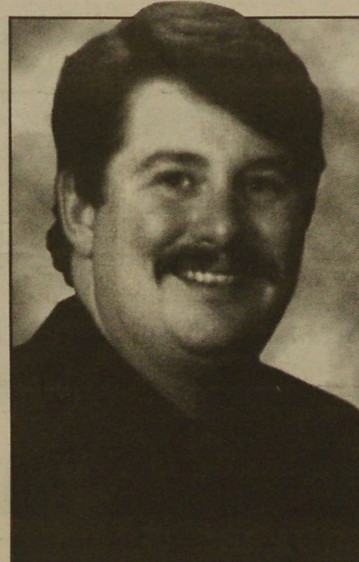
In addition, his campaign has started to develop and distribute a mountain of campaign outreach materials, including campaign buttons, pens, bumper stickers, business cards, and five different types of yard signs.

In the near future, Crawford will commission a poll to determine whether his candidacy has a strong base of support.

If the results are promising, it will further reinforce his message that "this is the year" for every Gwinnett County citizen to vote Libertarian, said Crawford.

"A lot of voters want to vote for a third party, but they don't because they believe they are just wasting their vote," he said. "My campaign aims to tell those voters that this is the year to vote for that third-party candidate, because everyone else is going to do it as well."

Crawford has also done his political math, calculating he will need about 8,500 votes to win the election. In Congressional election years, there is a typical turnout of



■ **Chris Crawford:** "I plan on being the first Libertarian legislator in Georgia. This is the year. And this is the campaign."

16,000 voters in the district.

After Crawford gathers the necessary 1,400 registered voter signatures in his district by July 29, he needs only to pay a \$400 filing fee to have his name placed on the ballot.

It didn't take him long to realize how challenging the signature gathering process could be, said Crawford. "After the first weekend [of signature gathering] I started sweating," he said. "At this point, however, I expect to be finished about a month before the deadline."

### State income tax

Crawford's main campaign issue: Eliminating the state income tax, a measure he said already has some bipartisan support.

"I'm not saying [a bill to abolish the state income tax] would pass, but I already know legislators on both sides of the aisle who openly support

the idea," he said. "If I'm in the legislature leading the charge, at the very least, it would create a great press opportunity for the Libertarian Party."

Other issues Crawford will tackle include privatizing the Atlanta mass transit system, and enacting education reform that would allow parents to move their children — and their money — from one school to another if they so chose.

At present, only one Republican and no Democrats have announced their intention to run for the seat. There is also no incumbent, a fact that works to Crawford's advantage.

Make no mistake about it, said Crawford — he is in this race to win.

### No prize for second

"Putting in a good showing is not on my agenda," he said. "In this country there is no prize for second place in politics. When I'm asked what percent I'd be happy with, I answer: 'Point-five percent higher than anyone else running.'"

"I plan on being the first Libertarian legislator in Georgia. This is the year. And this is the campaign."

A professional events manager and technical director, Crawford was a Congressional district coordinator for the 2000 Harry Browne presidential campaign. He has also served as Treasurer of the Gwinnett County LP, and was Chair of the county LP in 2001.

Crawford is also involved with several charitable organizations, including the Nature Conservancy, the Arbor Day Society, Troup Reads, and the Georgia Academic Decathlon.

For more information, visit: [www.chris2002.org](http://www.chris2002.org). Or call: (770) 923-0902. Or mail: Chris Crawford, 3361 Poplar Drive, Lawrenceville GA 30044. Checks should be made out to "The Committee for Change."



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# Sophocleus in televised debate

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Currently, the Alabama government spends about \$7.7 billion of the state's \$16 billion budget on education. Moreover, per-pupil spending has increased by more than \$1,000 over the last five years — with no significant change in standardized test scores.

## Sparked coverage

The Tax Me More fund, which is registered as a non-profit PAC, sparked news coverage from the Associated Press and Alabama Public Radio.

In other campaign news, Sophocleus has also been scheduled to

speak at two additional televised candidate debates: An Associated Press forum on April 6, and a Parent-Teachers Association forum on April 27.

In his campaign, Sophocleus is focusing on cutting the state budget, creating a uniform tax system, encouraging private education alternatives, cracking down on private property seizures, repealing victimless crime laws, and opening up elections to third-party candidates.

An economics professor at Auburn

University, Sophocleus has also taught at Clemson University and Southern Union State Community College, and worked for the Ford Motor Company for almost 10 years.

He has run for office as a Libertarian twice before, in 1998 for State House, and in 2000 for U.S. House.

For more information, visit: [www.votesoph.org](http://www.votesoph.org). Or e-mail: [VoteSoph@yahoo.com](mailto:VoteSoph@yahoo.com). Or write: Committee to Elect John Sophocleus, PO Box 1863, Auburn, AL 36831.

## CORRECTIONS

■ In an Affiliate News item in the March issue of *LP News*, Greg Dirasian was mistakenly identified as Andy LeCureaux's campaign manager for city council in Hazel Park, Michigan. In fact, the campaign manager was Dave Collver.

■ In the March issue, in the article, "The National Convention: An unforgettable experience," Lynn Atherton-Bloxham was mis-identified as the vice chair of the Oklahoma LP. In fact, she is the outreach chair; Christopher Powell is the vice chair.

■ In the February issue, the Free Congress Foundation was described as spearheading an effort to "denounce John Walters' nomination" as Drug Czar. In fact, the organization merely "raised questions" about Walters' positions on privacy and civil liberties.

# Abu-Ghazalah wins Latino endorsement

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as an immigrant to the United States with the Mexican-American experience.

"I told a very personal story about reading the Declaration of Independence while growing up in Saudi Arabia, and how fortunate I felt to be able to come here," he said. "I talked about a documentary I saw in which two Mexican boys were trying to swim across the Rio Grande and one of them ended up drowning."

"I said that I felt I was no different than the guy who died. I just happened to be lucky enough to have a student visa."

Meanwhile, noted Abu-Ghazalah, Congressman Lantos has urged the government to reduce the number of immigrant visas.

"If Lantos had his way, I wouldn't be here today," he said. "What's ironic is that Lantos [a native of Budapest, Hungary] himself came to America on a student visa."

## "We endorsed you!"

A few hours after the meeting, Abu-Ghazalah got a call from a MAPA representative, who told him: "Guess what? We endorsed you over Lantos!"

"It almost sounded as if they surprised themselves," said Abu-Ghazalah. "I'm sure Lantos is taking the Latino vote for granted. He has now been put on notice."

In the race, Abu-Ghazalah, a small business owner, will also face Republican Michael Maloney.

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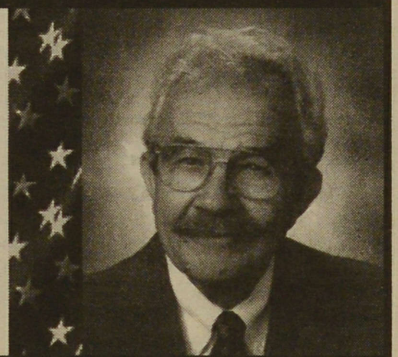
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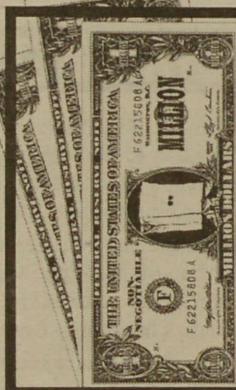
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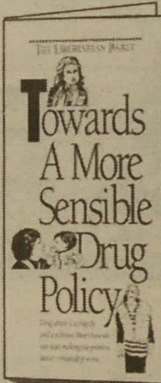


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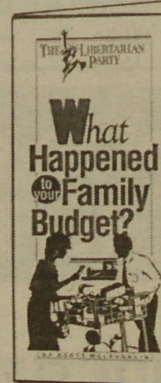
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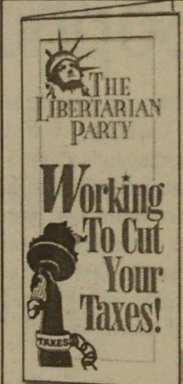
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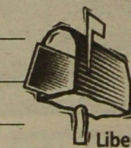
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## THE VOLUNTEER

# Maximizing the effectiveness of your campaign yard signs

**H**ere are some tips to improve your use of yard signs in your campaign for office.

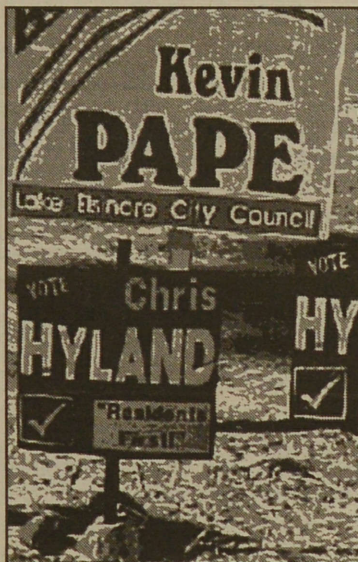
I cannot remember exactly where or when I picked up these tips, but I can confirm they work. I field-tested them in my two campaigns for Alderman and three campaigns for Mayor of O'Fallon [Missouri], all of which I managed to win from 1973 to 1981.

With that said, here goes:

1. Use only two high-contrast colors. I prefer day-glow orange, or bright red on white — which stand out and can even be seen at dawn and dusk.

2. It is not necessary to include your picture. While a picture may look nice, they clutter the sign and pirate space from bigger text.

3. Use no more than three lines. Keep it simple and catchy — but not



corny. Lead with biggest letters such as: "Make Mussmann Mayor," "Elect

Easterday," or "Young's Your Man."

4. Make small stick-on labels (1x3 inches) with your disclaimer "Paid for by...." and stick them on the lower right hand of the sign. This won't detract from your message and will meet legal requirements.

5. Use a street map to locate your signs. Avoid having too many in one area and too few in others. Your record also reminds you where to pick up the signs after the election.

6. Target corner locations as your first priority.

7. Identify and lock up sign commitments early. Each sign on a lawn is a lock for a couple of votes from the household and provides a boost from spin-off to neighbors.

8. Whatever number of yard signs

**By George Mussmann**

you choose, stage their placement across your entire campaign area. This gives the appearance of growing voter support and keeps your opposition off balance.

But make sure you don't violate any local ordinances or laws because your sign could be yanked. By the time you fight them in court, the election will be over.

Staging depends on the length of your campaign and how long the local laws permit you to have your signs posted. Use a ratio.

For example, if you have 10 weeks for signs to be up, then:

■ 10% of the signs go up the 10th weekend prior to Election Day.

■ 10% of the signs go up the 9th weekend prior to Election Day.

■ And so on. And finally:

■ 10% of the signs go up the last weekend before Election Day.

9. On your last weekend, if you have used up all your signs, yank the first set of signs and re-erect them at your polling places the evening prior to Election Day.

10. Win or lose, pick up all signs no later than the weekend after Election Day.

■ **Editor's note:** George Mussmann is a five-time candidate for public office. This essay reprinted from the January 2002 issue of the Missouri LP newsletter, Show Me Freedom.



## The secrets to success

**W**ant to be a successful Libertarian activist? You should start by following *Investor's Business Daily's* "10 Secrets to Success," which the newspaper determined by analyzing leaders in all walks of life, and figuring out the traits they had in common.

1. How you think is everything. Always be positive. Think success, not failure. Beware a negative environment.

2. Decide on your true dreams and goals. Write down your specific goals and develop a plan to reach them.

3. Take action. Goals are nothing without action. Don't be afraid to get started. Just do it.

4. Never stop learning. Go back to school or read books. Get training and acquire skills.

5. Be persistent and work hard. Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Never give up.

6. Learn to analyze details. Get all the facts, all the input. Learn from your mistakes.

7. Focus your time and money. Don't let other people or things distract you.

8. Don't be afraid to innovate; be different. Following the herd is a sure way to mediocrity.

9. Deal and communicate with people effectively. No person is an island. Learn to understand and motivate others.

10. Be honest and dependable; take responsibility. Otherwise, numbers 1 through 9 won't matter.

# Seven simple strategies for successful LP projects

**I**f you want more success, focus on what we know is possible rather than what we wish is possible. In other words: Realistic expectations.

Here are some rules you should follow:

1. Only spearhead projects where you are reasonably certain there will be enough resources to make the project a success — and where volunteers and donors will believe that success was worth the time and resources expended.

It's always better to have a small

success rather than a huge failure.

2. Never ask people to give money or time to a project you believe is bound to fail. Do otherwise and you will have less money and volunteers for your next project. Focus on small, winnable projects and your donations and volunteer hours will multiply.

3. Always ask for more help than you actually believe you'll need. Something is always bound to go wrong, and you need a margin of safety to prevent what you can never afford — failure.

4. You get much better results

asking people for help one-on-one, in person, or on the phone. Broadcasting your need to a crowd of people rarely works.

5. Make the project fun and have plenty of food available for those who volunteer.

6. Always let the people who helped you know that their time and money is appreciated. A phone call can do wonders.

7. It doesn't hurt to call members

**By Aaron Starr**

once in a while just to say hello and tell them what's going on, even if you don't need something from them at the moment. It lets them know that you appreciate them for who they are.

Remember: Start small, intelligently design projects with realistic expectations and be willing to do the hard work necessary to succeed.

Prove yourself successful with small projects today and you'll succeed with bigger projects tomorrow.

■ **Editor's note:** Aaron Starr is the Chairman of the California Libertarian Party. This essay reprinted from the December 2001 issue of the LPC Monthly.

# Writing edit-proof letters-to-the-editor

**T**he keys to writing letters to the editor of newspapers or magazine that won't get changed are:

1. Keep your letter short. And I mean very short. 150 words is a good upper bound. Editors want to print as many letters as possible and frequently need to trim letters to fit the space. In fact, long letters are often not printed at all.

2. Keep paragraphs short (2-3 short sentences). Otherwise, for readability, the layout editor will change your paragraphs (often making let-

ters less intelligible).

3. Keep the reading level low. Use short, simple words and short sentences. Complex sentences cause readers to lose interest — or your train of thought.

4. Focus your letter on one point. If everything in your letter drives at a single point, the loss of a paragraph to editorial license will injure your letter less. Furthermore, if you make one point in a short, concise letter,

**By John Pack**

the chances of being edited at all drop substantially.

5. Proofread, proofread, proofread. And then have someone else go over it. If your grammar or spelling are poor, readers (including the editor) automatically reduce their respect for your opinion. And the editor is more likely to make "innocent" changes.

6. Sit on letters for at least a day. Then proofread again. Letters sent in the "heat of the moment" are usually much more poorly written. Plus, you'll catch more of your own mistakes and be able to take advantage of any insights you come up with while the topic is on your mind.

■ **Editor's note:** John Pack is the secretary of the Salt Lake County LP in Utah. This essay reprinted from the Utah Libertarian newsletter.



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## THE FORUM

# A just and sensible response in America's War on Terrorism

The participation by some officials of the Connecticut Libertarian Party in an anti-War on Terrorism demonstration in Hartford late last year — organized by America-bashing far leftists and ending in a confrontation with police — was out of line to the extent that the officials presented themselves as representing the membership of the LP. In actual fact, there apparently is a split at both the national and state levels between the "antiwar" segment of the leadership and the bulk of the membership.

Libertarians see themselves as the "party of principle," but when it comes to the war on terrorism, exactly *what* principles should be operative is in dispute.

To me, the antiwar group seems governed by pacifism/isolationism/appeasement. I say that pacifism, or at least passivity, appears to be one of their guiding principles because they offer no practical suggestions for effectively combating terrorism.

To suggest that our response to

the savage sneak attack launched against the United States on September 11 by a genocide-minded international conspiracy, sheltered and supported by one or more states, should have been to "ask the Taliban to turn over Bin Laden" or to "rely on Interpol and other international organizations" — all suggestions made by various Libertarians — is pathetically ineffectual.

### Uproot by force

The appropriate response to September 11 was to do what was done: Smash the regime sheltering the terrorists and uproot by force as much of their network as possible. Can anyone now honestly doubt that Al Qaeda was dealt a powerful blow by what our brave fighting men and women did in Afghanistan?

The Libertarian membership, I believe, clearly places a higher value on the principle of patriotism than

By Peter J. O'Connell

the leadership does (which is not to say the leadership is unpatriotic).

For the membership, the right to keep and bear — and *use* — arms in defense of life, liberty, and property is one that extends to our "extended family," the United States of America, and not just to those immediately linked to us by blood and marriage.

All Libertarians agree that the U.S. should avoid excessive entanglements abroad, and maintain a lower profile in foreign affairs.

For some in the leadership, that seems to mean that no military interventions are ever justified, that the U.S. can remain an isolated bastion, no matter what else is happening in the world.

The membership is more realistic, and understands that what should be avoided are those interventions (which is most of them) that are immoral and/or unconnected to vital national interests. The membership accepts, however, that some wars are just. Is it so hard to tell the difference between what is just and what is not?

Is the immoral attempt of the U.S. government in 1999 to prevent the people of Kosovo from exercising their right of self-determination exactly the same as the bombings of Libya in the mid-1980s in retaliation for the Khadafi regime's attacks on Americans — bombings that took Khadafi out of the picture for the past dozen years or so?

Was the protection of the Persian Gulf oil supplies from Saddam Hussein in 1991 exactly the same as the senseless involvement in Lebanon in the early 1980s? (Most Libertarians do not accept the environmental wacko notion that we should freeze in the dark by "using alternative sources of energy" rather than protecting sources of oil.)

Finally, the bulk of the membership, I believe, disagrees with the "antiwar" group in the leadership on the issue of how to prevent future September 11s.

### Terrorists don't like

The "antiwar" group seems to feel that the way to do that is for the U.S. to stop doing whatever it is the terrorists say they don't like.

But what the terrorists really don't like is the society created by the democracy and capitalism that Libertarians support, a society with freedom of speech, press, and religion; separation of church and state; rights for women and gays! It is really for this

society — more than for specific policies of the U.S. — that the Islamic extremists have their visceral hatred.

They cannot and should not be appeased; we cannot and should not apologize for being ourselves. All experience from that of the bully in the schoolyard to the history of Europe in the 1930s shows the folly of appeasement as a policy.

Finally, with reference to the demand of many in the "antiwar" group for an end to U.S. support of Israel on the grounds that that nation has seized Palestinian land. Most of the land in the Jewish national homeland envisioned by the United Nations partition of Palestine in 1947 was purchased by Jews from Arabs in fair market transactions, some going back as far as the 1880s.

Israel is the only true democracy, and our best ally, in the Middle East. Dismantling Israel would subject the Jewish people to a second Holocaust. Libertarians should have nothing to do with such a policy.

What all Libertarians should do is recognize that our movement is a diverse one, made up of feisty individuals who agree on a common destination — but not always on the ways to get there.

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# World War I and the reaction against Big Government

Who was the only American president of the 20th Century to preside over a decline in the size of the federal government? No, it wasn't Ronald Reagan, nor even Calvin Coolidge. The surprising answer is Warren Harding, who served as president from 1921 until his death in 1923.

Does this libertarian-themed factoid bear any relevance for us today, as we struggle against a tide of public opinion lusting to expand federal power in a time of crisis and war? It could. It suggests the inevitability of a reaction, which we must be prepared to lead.

If there had been a Libertarian Party in 1920, our forebears would have surveyed the political scene on the eve of that year's presidential election with despair. The incumbent president, Woodrow Wilson, had presided over a 790% increase in federal spending in just seven years.

Wilson, a professor and writer who had never worked in private industry, espoused an activist role for the federal government even in peacetime. After America entered World War I in April 1917, his administration eagerly threw any lingering restraint to the wind and unleashed the most intrusive government that Americans had ever seen.

By 1918, new laws forbade Americans to utter or write any language that reflected "contempt, scorn, contumely, or disrepute" on federal in-

stitutions and authorized the postmaster general to suspend mailing privileges from publications that tended to "impugn the motives of the government".

Federal officials were soon prosecuting citizens for offenses as trivial as distributing anti-draft leaflets, and Wilson's Postmaster General forbade magazines that published antiwar cartoons from using the mail. When Socialist leader Eugene Debs protested the crackdown, the government indicted, convicted and imprisoned Debs as well.

### Tax rate to 77%

In economic affairs, Congress raised the top income tax rate from 7% to 77% and enacted the Lever Act, which empowered the government to regulate the "output, distribution, and price" of food and fuel. Federal boards were soon dictating who could buy coal and grain, on which days, and at what price.

Prewar government meddling had reduced the efficiency of the nation's railroad system by capping prices and forbidding railroad consolidation on antitrust grounds. When the rails proved unable to accommodate growing army demands, the Wilson administration simply confiscated the railroads and ran them by itself.

In 1917, as today, reformers of

By Jim Klann

every stripe used the war to lobby for their pet causes. Alcohol prohibitionists, successful in only 19 states before the war, argued that alcohol production "wasted" grain which could be used to feed troops.

Congress meekly agreed and proposed permanent nationwide alcohol prohibition as an amendment to the Constitution. The states quickly ratified it.

The coming of peace in November 1918 brought little improvement. The food and fuel boards ceased operation, but the government continued to run the railroads. The Wilson administration and a compliant Federal Reserve Board combined to inflate the currency at a ruinous pace. Prices rose faster than wages, leading to labor unrest.

The labor unrest in turn fanned a Red Scare which the government used to justify even more repression. Wilson's attorney general organized a huge dragnet, and arrested and deported thousands of radicals and immigrants without arrest warrants or trials.

Finally, Woodrow Wilson endorsed the Versailles treaty, which would have committed America to belong to the League of Nations and ensured our participation in future wars — with further opportunities for government expansion.

Libertarians of early 1920 would have bemoaned the lack of any backlash against these policies. Wilson was so sure of his popularity that he wanted to run for a third term, but he had been incapacitated by a stroke. James Cox, whom the Democrats nominated to replace Wilson, pledged to continue his policies.

As hard as it may be to believe, however, the American people can be pushed too far. By late 1920, high taxes and inflation had forced the economy into recession, and few voters supported the League of Nations. The Red Scare had faded, and Wilson's roundup looked like a foolish joke at taxpayer expense.

Cox was crushed and received just

34% of the popular vote — the worst showing by any Democrat since the Civil War. The New York Tribune said that the results proved that "the country was weary of Wilsonism in all its forms."

### The cleanest record

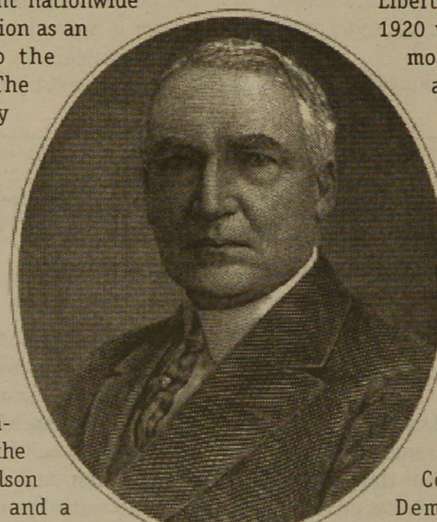
The man who defeated Cox, Warren Harding, was anything but a proto-Libertarian. But his administration did record the cleanest record of any in the 20th Century with respect to federal spending. He also cut taxes, ceased inflating the dollar, and allowed the odious espionage and sedition acts to expire.

(Small wonder that academic historians have always derided Harding as an empty-headed reactionary, so devoid of morals that he actually kept a mistress in the White House!)

Today, big and bigger government have returned to favor. Polls show majority support for virtually any expansion of government that can be connected in any way — however tenuous — with fighting terrorism or waging war.

We should not despair. The mood may change again by the next election. If it does, the opposition Democrats will certainly not be leading the reaction. It will be up to us to do so — a challenge and an opportunity.

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# 41 tips for better campaigning

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aardvark. That means you have to cut the hair, trim the sideburns, and put on a suit and tie. You have to create the appearance that you are one of them. Do you fit in? Do you look like a part of the community? You have to ask: "What's more important to me — my own ego or the campaign?" (Sal Gazzetta)

**28 Doing a radio interview?** Create a one-sentence summary of your primary message before you go on the air. Also: Prepare a list of the three main points you want to make, and check them off as you deliver them so you don't forget them or repeat yourself. (George Getz)

**29 Don't badger journalists about coverage.** They don't mind taking a call asking legitimate questions or announcing real news, but anything more gets bothersome. Spend your time and energy running an active, professional campaign. If you run a good campaign, coverage will follow. (Mark Thompson-Kolar, Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel)

**30 If you're going to spend money on anything,** have a professional graphics designer design your campaign materials. That's your image. Spend the money required to do it right. (Sal Gazzetta)

**31 Talk about what voters care about.** Don't accentuate the differences — accentuate the shared values. Don't talk about what you care about — talk about what they care about. (Sal Gazzetta)

**32 Low-cost campaigning:** Call local talk shows — and make sure you identify yourself as a Libertarian candidate. Address an issue specific to your race. (David DeLamar)

**33 Simplify your campaign message.** If you can't get your message down to two or three sentences, you're more interested in hearing yourself talk than you are in communicating. (Sal Gazzetta)

**34 If you attend a public event, never go alone.** Always have at least one campaign aide with you, since a solo candidate walking into a roomful of voters looks "lonesome." In addition, an aide or two can hand out campaign materials, write down the names of potential contributors and volunteers, and ease the candidate away from a lapel-grabbing bore. (Organizing for Political Victory)

**35 Set firm goals for your campaign — tangible goals, which can be quantified.** "Reaching people with the Libertarian message" isn't specific enough. Instead, set one or more of the following: Number of votes; percentage of the total vote; number of new Libertarian Party members; inclusion in debates or candidates' forums; reach-

ing "balance of power" status in the voting results; or raising a targeted amount of money. (Ron Crickenberger, *Libertarian Political Action*)

**36 Your campaign brochure should be at least two colors.** A one-color brochure says you're not professional. (Sal Gazzetta)

**37 Remember: Your campaign brochure is not a**

**position paper,** or a Statement of Principles, or a condensation of the LP platform. It should focus only on your two or three main campaign issues. (Ron Crickenberger, *Libertarian Political Action*)

**38 If you are doing a radio interview, don't get into long, drawn-out arguments** with the host or callers. Calmly and politely explain your position and at-

tempt to answer any objections. But if a caller becomes combative, just say, "I can see that we're going to have to agree to disagree on this issue." (George Getz)

**39 If you're running for any state government office, contact the conservative/ Libertarian think-tanks in your state** and ask for a list of their publications. For example: The Georgia Public Policy Foundation; the James Madison Institute (Florida); the Independence Institute (Colorado); and so on. They might have materials you can use in

policy papers and on the campaign trail. (Daniel Walker)

**40 In a TV interview, don't use wild body language.** Television exaggerates body movements; a sweeping hand gesture that looks great on stage before a live audience may look lurching in a TV close up. (*Campaign magazine*)

**41 Put a plug for your campaign** and a "get out and vote" message on your home and business answering machine, starting on November 1. (*The Finish Line*)

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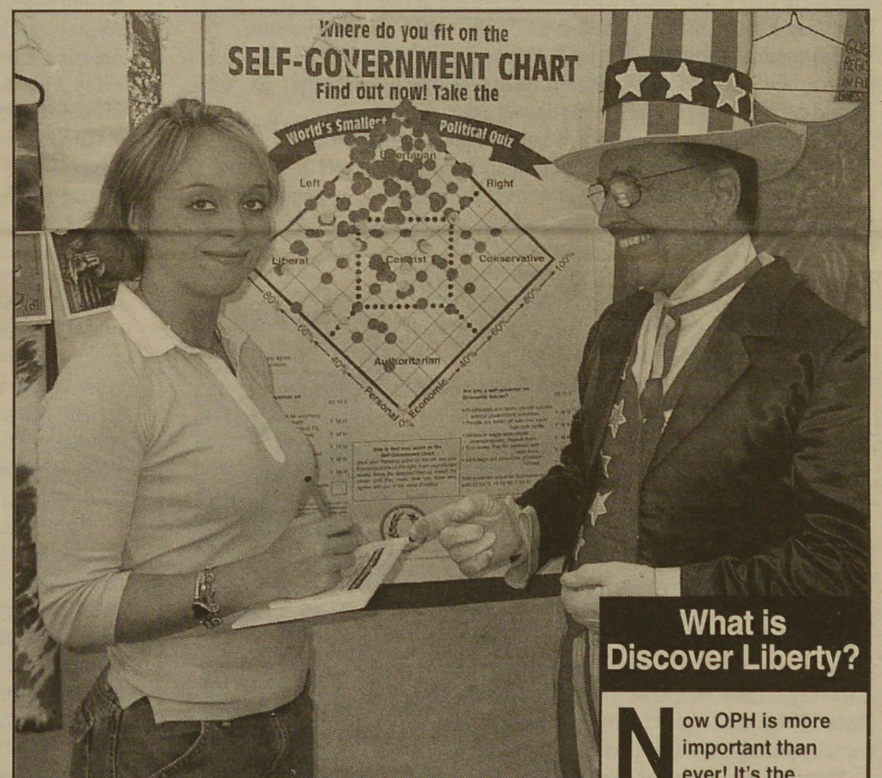
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## THE EDITOR

# Warning! Do not read this while driving a car

**N**o lie. The following warning label was actually attached to a popular brand of iron: "Warning! Never iron clothes while they're being worn!"

That helpful (if somewhat obvious) advice won first prize in the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch's "Wacky Warning Label Contest" in 2000. It's good advice, too, except that following it really slows me down when I'm getting ready for work in the morning.

In 2001, the winning warning label was: "Warning! Shin guards cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover."

How embarrassing. I assumed shin guards created a protective force field around your whole body, like the deflector shields in *Star Trek*.

An equally ridiculous warning label won in 1999. It came with a car sun screen — the big hunk of cardboard that stretches across your windshield to keep your parked car from overheating in the hot sun. It read: "Warning! Do not drive with sunshield in place!"

No kidding. How dumb do these manufacturers think we are?

I was getting all worked up about these absurd warning labels until I read Jim Hightower's book, *If God Had Wanted Us to Vote, He Would Have Given Us Candidates*.

Hightower, a raging populist who blames all the evils of the world on corporations, argues that *political activists* should come with warning labels. He had a few suggestions for left-wing activists — mostly about how they should blame all the evils of the world on corporations.

Hmmmm, I thought. Maybe Hightower is on to something. Maybe Libertarian Party members should have warning labels. After all, what should be obvious . . . well, frequently *isn't*.

In that spirit, here are four warning labels for Libertarians.

■ **"Warning! You must be active to be an activist!"**

I read an interesting study recently. It examined the qualities that made successful CEOs and generals successful. It said the secret wasn't education, or training, or experience, or personality. Instead, all successful leaders shared a "bias towards action."

By that, they meant effective leaders didn't sit around endlessly debating proposals, or coming up with a theoretically perfect plan. Instead, they took action! They got things done.

Want the Libertarian Party to succeed more? Take action. Do something.

■ **"Warning! Debating other Libertarians online isn't politics!"**

Rock-n-roller Mojo Nixon wrote a song entitled: "I Don't Want No Cybersex." He sang: "You gotta decide / Are you gonna go for the gusto / or stay online and hide?"

Some Libertarians have decided their most valuable contribution to the freedom movement is to stay online and hide. They don't go for the gusto. They just craft the world's most brilliant e-mail messages — to other Libertarians.

They're supporters of the "Iceberg Theory." Icebergs are seven-eighths underwater; you see one, and it doesn't look like much. But there's a big mass of ice hidden underwater. Likewise, seven-eighths of what these E-Mail Warriors do is hidden from the general public.

Want the party to succeed? Be a *reverse* iceberg. Seven-eighths of what you do should reach the general public. Run for office. Volunteer for an outreach effort. Host a meeting. Lobby your legislature.

Rule of thumb: If you have a choice of talking to other Libertarians, or talking to the general public — *talk to the general public*. Apply this rule to every activity you undertake, and you'll be twice as productive as the average Libertarian.

■ **"Warning! Most people don't care about your pet issue!"**

We'll call this the "shut up" rule. It's simple: Identify the one issue you care most passionately about — *and shut up about it*. Especially if you are a candidate or an LP officer.

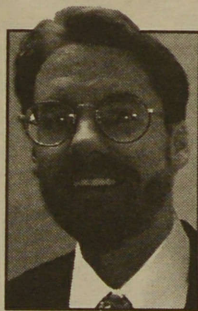
Many Libertarians are intensely interested in one issue, whether it's the Second Amendment, or medical marijuana, censorship, or whatever. Talk to them, and they natter on about their issue. And on. And on.

The problem is, we're not the Gun Party. Or the Marijuana Party. Or the Free Speech Party. We are the party of *liberty*. That encompasses all those issues (and many others) but does not focus obsessively on any one. And neither should you.

Want the party to succeed? Talk about issues that *voters* care about — not what you care about.

■ **"Warning! Never iron clothes while they're being worn!"**

OK, it's not political, but it's still really good advice. Trust me.



**By Bill Winter**

LP NEWS EDITOR

# Building a military policy that defends America — and liberty

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

**By Jonathan Trager**  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**B**etter safe than sorry. That's what some people are saying about President Bush's bloated 2003 budget, which contains the largest increase in military spending since the Cold War. Specifically, the president calls for \$379 billion in military expenditures — a whopping \$48 billion over the 2002 level — much of which is earmarked to fight the government's War on Terrorism.

Defenders of the buildup argue that if more weapons, more artillery, and more military personnel are necessary to defend America from attack, that's a price the American people should be willing to pay.

But will a more expensive and expansive military actually make America safer?

Libertarians understand the armed forces serve a necessary function: To defend American citizens from foreign invasion or air attack. After all, if a country is not secure from external threats, liberty inside its borders is impossible.

Unfortunately, politicians often use the military for purposes far removed from national defense. In fact, the Cato Institute estimated that America deployed U.S. forces abroad on an astounding 48 different peace-enforcement and combat missions in just the last decade — few, if any, of which were related to the national security of the United States.

## Ensure democracy

Remember Haiti in 1994? After a military coup unseated its sitting president, the United States sent in 20,000 troops and \$2 billion in aid to "ensure democracy." We later abandoned that mission, leaving the country mired in dictatorship and violence.

How about Bosnia in 1993? Ethnic warfare prompted the U.S. to dispatch 16,000 troops on a "temporary" mission. Today, the United States still has about 7,000 troops stationed in the country.

Kosovo in 1999? The U.S. launched a massive bombing campaign to end the "genocide" the Serbian majority was perpetrating against ethnic Albanians. Today, more than 2,000 U.S. peacekeepers are stationed there — although regional reports say the Kosovo Liberation Army has driven out over 90% of the

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native Serbian population.

Other countries where America has deployed its military in the last quarter century for purposes other than defending U.S. soil include Somalia, Sierra Leone, Kuwait, Grenada, and Panama.

Our government's promiscuous foreign policy has stretched our defense resources thin. The Founding Fathers' idea of an America free from entanglement in perpetual overseas squabbles is now but a distant memory.

To turn the tide of America's current busybody military policy, here are a few reforms that should be immediately implemented:



■ **Bring the troops home.** Tens of thousands of American troops are currently stationed in more than 140 countries and territories around the world, according to the Cato Institute.

For example, about 100,000 American troops are stationed in the wealthy nations of Western Europe. Their purpose? To defend France, England, the Netherlands, and other such countries against an invasion from a now defunct Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact alliance.

Other countries where United States troops are stationed include South Korea, Bosnia, Japan, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Bahrain.

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American soldiers are not pieces on a chessboard, and there is no good reason to keep them deployed in any foreign land — unless those troops are involved in missions that *directly* relate to the defense of the United States.

That's clearly not the case with the industrialized nations of Europe, which should defend themselves with their own troops, rather than look to the United States as the global cop of first resort.

■ **Exit NATO.** Created in 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was formed to deter aggression from the Soviet Union against the war-ravaged countries of Western Europe. The Soviet Bloc has since crumbled, but NATO lives on.

Ironically, it took NATO more than 40 years to get involved in its first shooting war. And when it did, it had nothing to do with the Cold War. Rather, its initial military operation was the bombing campaign in Bosnia — and troops are still stationed there under NATO auspices.

In 1997, the alliance actually expanded to include the formerly communist nations of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. According to the Congressional Budget Office, bolstering the defenses of these new members (and stationing NATO forces in those countries) could cost America an additional \$125 billion over 15 years.

The United States should extricate itself immediately from this needless burden and insist that Western European countries foot the bill for their own defensive alliances.

■ **Institute a missile defense system.** In 1980, President Ronald Reagan charged the Department of Defense with developing and implementing a missile defense system. Over 20 years and \$100 billion later, however, the system still does not exist.

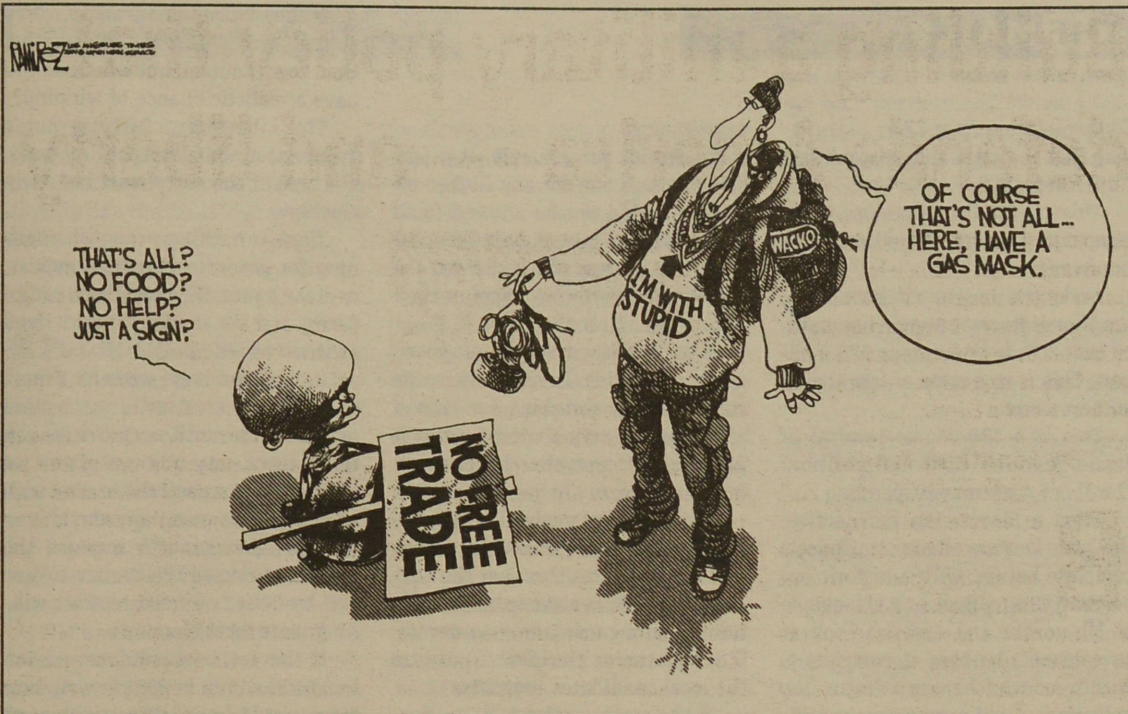
But what can you expect when you leave such a project to a government bureaucracy? As former LP presidential candidate Harry Browne has said, "The Department of Defense is just the Post Office in fatigues."

Instead, Browne said the government should offer a reward of between \$200 billion and \$1 trillion to the first private company to develop a working system. It's a classic Libertarian solution: Allow the creativity of the market to address the problem, not a stale government bureaucracy.

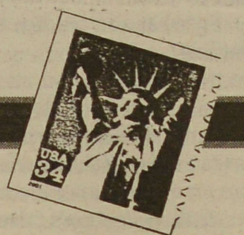
The LP Platform advocates the termination of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic

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### ■ Bathtub criminal

Thank you for making me aware that I was breaking the law by singing in the bathtub. ("America's Silliest Laws: What were they thinking?," *LP News*, March 2002).

With today's high-tech surveillance, they might have caught me by tapping my plumbing.

But seriously, we should all be afraid; very afraid.

Big Brother has made sure that each and every one of us is a criminal in one way or another, and could be locked up at will.

— **MARK STRYKER**  
Jersey Shore, New Jersey

### ■ Repeal such laws

In regard to your article on silly laws: as you know, after the last national election there was (again) some passing discussion about whether or not Libertarians could use their resources more effectively.

It seems to me that one useful activity would be for state chapters to explicitly target and repeal laws such as those you identified.

First, surely we could find several current Republican/Democrat legislators who would cooperate, particularly if Libertarians did all the groundwork (identifying targets, drafting bills, whatever), as there can surely be little controversy about these.

Second, the groundwork activity should give interested Libertarian activists some useful experience. It's even possible a useful relationship with certain legislators could be developed.

Third, success could be used to generate a little favorable publicity for Libertarian ideas generally, and perhaps even awaken public interest in questioning laws more generally.

And success shouldn't be a horribly difficult goal in this narrow

circumstance.

Finally, removal of these laws would be a public good in and of itself.

— **LEON K. ELLIOTT**  
Culpeper, Virginia

### ■ Uncivil remarks

I'd like to respond to the comment made by Terry De Eulis in *The Pulse* in the March edition of the *LP News*.

First, there is no such thing as a Civil Unions plank in the current national LP Platform.

In fact, those words are never mentioned. This leads me to believe that the bulk of his comment is unreasoned and prejudicial.

**THE LP'S RIGHTFUL  
position on marriage  
is that the govern-  
ment should have  
no role in either  
restricting or granting  
marriage privileges.**

The LP's rightful position on marriage is that the government should have no role and make no law either restricting or granting marriage privileges; that marriage is a private decision and contract between free individual adults (between them and their God if they are people of faith).

The only problem I see is that we are nowhere near a time when the government will give up its control over our private choices in marriage. And in the meantime, the choices of gays and lesbians continue to be severely limited compared to straights.

The only lofty ideal being elevated in Mr. De Eulis comment is the one that the majority is somehow morally deserving of more rights than this minority. Whether Mr. De Eulis likes it or not, this is a concept that most libertarians find very distasteful.

There is a small outspoken number of leaders in the Gay Rights Movement that do espouse special rights, but the majority of actual gay and lesbian people only want the same rights as straights: to marry the person they love and to be considered a couple by police, hospitals, bureaucrats and judges.

Gays and lesbians simply want to be with their sick spouse in the hospital, not kicked out because they aren't family. They simply want to keep custody of their children, not be harassed by local, state or federal agencies who want to punish them only because they are homosexual, not for anything legally wrong they've actually done. They simply want to stay in their home after the death of a spouse, not put out on the street because the deceased spouses family were able to easily contest the will.

If the Libertarian Party ever stops standing up against inequities like these, it will cease being libertarian at all and become just another wing of the Republican Party.

— **ALLAN K. WALLACE**  
Outright Libertarians,  
Atlanta, Georgia

### ■ Jesse blew it

On February 25, 2002, Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura vetoed the 2002-03 omnibus budget bill. This bill was to address the current state financial crisis without raising taxes.

Along with his veto, the governor proposes raising taxes, particularly on gas and cigarettes, in order to en-

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## THE PULSE

### Better slogan. More success.

**T**he Libertarian Party represents freedom, responsibility, and limited government. Libertarians know that — and America's voters should too.

That was the sentiment expressed in a majority of the responses to this month's unscientific Pulse question: What slogan should the Libertarian Party officially adopt? And why?

Although some *LP News* readers were satisfied with the current, unofficial party slogan, "The Party of Principle," many said that label was too generic. After all, they noted, the Socialist Party is principled. It's got *bad* principles — but principles nonetheless.

What differentiates the Libertarian Party from other parties is the LP's core message: *Liberty*.

Consequently, most of the proposed slogans included the word "Freedom" or "Liberty." Following in popularity were slogans with the word "responsibility," or with a variation of "less government."

Besides those few common themes, however, the proposed slogans were as divergent as the Libertarians who submitted them.

Some were short to the point of terseness; some were tongue-tanglingly long. Some asked questions; some were flat, declarative statements. Some focused on the party; some focused on voters. And some were even quasi-mathematical formulas.

Here is a representative sample of responses:

■ "Defenders of Freedom." Any party can call themselves "The Party of Principle." Different people have different principles. That's why the current slogan doesn't advance our party as much as a new one could.  
— **MATT UMLOR**, Portage, Michigan

■ "We Believe In You." This phrase keeps buzzing around in my head, and seems to fit the individualist focus of the party.  
— **KEN PARMALIE**, Morrow, Georgia

■ "Separate Checks, Please." As an official slogan, this may not be especially poetic, but it does summarize a basic Libertarian tenet. That tenet is personal responsibility and accepting the consequences, both good and bad, for one's choices and actions without involving others through coercion.  
— **M. D. CROWLEY**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ "The Party of Principle." Hey, that's what we are!  
— **AARON BITERMAN**, Beverly, Massachusetts

■ "Freedom + Responsibility = Peace & Prosperity."  
— **SCOTT SHRECKHISE**, Roanoke, Virginia

■ "Libertarians Empower People — Not Politicians." This Jonathan Trager [The Forum, March 2002] suggestion is great! Many Americans think of "the government" as a protective, comforting device. If we remind them it's a group of self-centered politicians using compulsion to dominate others, voters might change their thinking.  
— **MICHAEL HOLASEK**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

■ "Fighting for Freedom." These words are strong and symbolic. "Fighting" declares our passion, while "Freedom" evokes deep-rooted sympathies with all Americans.  
— **TOM HURST**, Las Vegas, Nevada

■ "Out of Your Business — And Out of Your Personal Life, Too!" This is a succinct slogan that I've thought for some time would work well following any Libertarian's name, as in: "Harry Browne: OOOYB-AOOYPLT."  
— **JEFF STARKMAN**, Tampa, Florida

■ "Liberty or Death." Patrick Henry's quote was very powerful, and caused a lot of people to think. Just imagine seeing LP logos with "Liberty or Death" written below. Pretty interesting.  
— **JOEY DAUBEN**, Ovilla, Texas

■ "Are You Ready To Be Free?" A question invites interaction — they will not just read it and move on, and who is going to answer, "No, I am not ready to be free?"  
— **DAVID C. ALAN**, Washington, D.C.

■ "Traditional Ideals. New Ideas." This slogan addresses the concern that Libertarians are a "fringe group" by aligning the LP with the ideals most Americans hold dear, and that Libertarians offer a fresh way of solving problems.  
— **JIM LENAHA**, Suwanee, Georgia

■ "The Party of Less Government." Short, clear, and to the point. Any questions?  
— **DOUG MCNEIL**, Baltimore, Maryland

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■ "Freedom to Pursue Life's Infinite Possibilities, Excluding the Initiation of Force Against Others." It encompasses everything we stand for, is current, and has built-in the criterion, ethics, and morality for our actions.

—K.C. BLAIR, Lambertville, New Jersey

■ "The Party of Principle." The term "Principle" might also apply to Socialists, but no slogan can encapsulate everything. The current slogan should serve as a reminder to us when we may be tempted to engage in compartmentalized, nonholistic thinking.

—DAVE HINES, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ "Elect Libertarians: Let Us Let You Be." Our slogan should associate our name with the possibility of election, and promise that our successes will bring the benefit our target voters want: To be left free. This alliterative slogan is memorable and will endure.

—PETER F. KUNTZ, Orleans, Massachusetts

■ "Minimize Government to Maximize Liberty." This slogan is short, pithy, and applies to all issues. Its advantage is that it is a slogan in the active voice, rather than merely a label.

—DAVID GREEN, Sahuarita, Arizona

■ "Liberty. Try It. You'll Like It." It's simple, direct and open, yet both witty and now, almost rad!

—FRED BLUESTONE, Pembroke Pines, Florida

■ "We're Working to Protect You From Your Government." This succinctly describes what the LP does.

—ALTON YEE, Brooklyn, New York

■ "The Party of Personal Responsibility." Individual liberty and personal responsibility are two sides of the same gold coin. Liberty without responsibility is license. Responsibility without liberty is bondage. Personal responsibility sets us free.

—MICHAEL CLOUD, Wayland, Massachusetts

## June Question: Why join the LP?

Here's your opportunity to be part of a research "focus group" to help the party. As you may know, Libertarian Party membership has been falling over the past year. So the party is planning to gear up a major membership recruitment drive during the second half of 2002. In order to make it as effective as possible, we need to better understand the reasons why people join the party. So, we turn to you: Why did you join the Libertarian Party? To elaborate a little, which was the most significant factor that prompted you to decide to become a dues-paying LP member? Was it a special book? A particular argument? A certain LP spokesperson? A particular friend or family member? Did you join for a moral reason? A practical reason? A political reason? Did another party disappoint you? Or did you join from the ranks of the formerly politically apathetic? What exactly prompted you to join?

■ QUESTION: What is the single most important factor that convinced you to join the Libertarian Party? And why? (Please keep your answer to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: May 8, 2002

## May Question: Big Challenge?

In his "From the Director" column last month, LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach laid out what he considers to be the five biggest challenges facing the Libertarian Party. Briefly, they are: Figuring out how to deal with Americans' renewed post-September 11 "faith in government"; recognizing that we must become a major party to achieve our objectives; restraining the "purity police" and positioning ourselves to appeal to the entire libertarian quadrant; ending infighting and making involvement in the LP a more positive experience; and broadening the party beyond its traditional "middle-aged white guy" demographic. Do you agree? If not, what is the biggest challenge facing our party — whether political, social, marketing, structural, strategic, tactical, or whatever — over the next few years, leading up to the 2004 presidential election?

■ QUESTION: What is the single biggest challenge facing the Libertarian Party over the next few years? And why? (Keep answer to 100 words or less.)

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sure that the state budget won't face future deficits.

This is a 180-degree reversal of his campaign position: "I will veto any tax increase . . ."

Under the present administration, the Minnesota state budget has grown by over 20% to a whopping \$28.2 billion. This is in a state of less than 5 million people.

This is a 180-degree reversal of Jessie Ventura's campaign position: "I will cut government spending . . ."

From a Libertarian perspective, the Jesse Ventura administration is a complete failure. With a historic opportunity to redirect how the people of Minnesota and America look at government, he blew it completely. Within months, he was a Status Quo politician — and government continued to grow.

So what can we learn from this debacle?

1. The Libertarian message resonates with the voters, if they feel it has any chance to win or at least make a noise. Make no mistake: Jesse ran on a Libertarian platform.

2. Jesse Ventura's fame and notoriety was the assurance that point one was met. Voters need that assurance or they will leave us.

3. Voters really don't want to be spoilers. They want to vote for winners and candidates with a chance.

4. We Libertarians must get famous. Developing Libertarian brand recognition is important, but we must develop personalities.

Carla Howell is the best example that I can think of. She put her personal life on hold, and in five years she is now getting famous. More of us Libertarians must follow Carla's example. Getting famous is hard work and it is a sacrifice — but this may be the next important thing to do.

—COLIN WILKINSON  
Shakopee, Minnesota

### ■ The third way

There is currently a debate going on in the Libertarian Party about at which level we should be running candidates. Some are in favor of as "full slate" as is possible. Some are in favor of "local only" candidates.

While both of these models have their own strengths and weaknesses neither will get us to the place where we want to be.

Over a recent weekend, I attended a workshop by Don Gorman of New Hampshire. The first day was OK. We learned by doing and watching others doing. The second day was a waste of time. When he started his two-hour presentation on why we should run "local only" candidates I walked out.

This is not a viable solution. For one thing it restricts people to what

others want.

In Florida for example, if a person wants to run for any higher office, he would not be allowed to. If such a person cannot be talked out of it, that person will be denied the use of the Libertarian name in their efforts to run for the office.

This is the currently proposed model for Florida. In many areas, the state party is shrinking for lack of attention. In only six locations is it growing at acceptable rates or at all. It is disappearing in some areas.

There's a third model. Local candidates with a "Top of Ticket" candidate.

In many states this year the governor or a U.S. Senator is up for election. Such a candidate — governor, U.S. Senator, or president — can tie the local candidates together.

If the state parties were to pursue such a model, I believe they would make the best use of limited resources and grow the party much faster than the two current proposals.

—JOHN WAYNE SMITH  
Leesburg, Florida

## IN 2000, WE RAN

1,400+ candidates.

*This is great — but most of these were for state or federal office where we are not competitive.*

### ■ Local races

As one of the Libertarian candidates who won last year, I was very happy to see that 2001 was our most successful year for winning elections. However, looking over the last few years, I see a problem.

In 2000, we ran 1,400+ candidates. This is great — but most of these were for state and federal offices, where we are not competitive yet. In 2001 we only ran about 247 candidates in local elections.

It may be more impressive to say you're a candidate for Congress rather than town council, but which do you have a realistic chance of winning?

The Libertarian Party is not a membership club. It's a political party. The goal of the party must be to win elections.

There is nothing wrong with running for governor, senate, Congress, or state house. We need these candidates, and we should support them as much as we can.

But by and large we can't expect the voters to trust us to run a state or the nation until we prove we can run a town, city or county, and we can't expect our activist to stay with us if we aren't going anywhere.

If we are going to increase the number of elected Libertarians to over 500 by 2004, we need to start winning more local elections.

If the 1,400+ candidates we ran in 2,000 had run in 2001 as well, how many would be in office right now? We don't know, but more candidates almost always means more victories.

If you are a candidate for office this year, I wish you the best of luck. You are advancing the cause of liberty. But if you don't win, please consider running for local office next year. Let's start winning more elections — and grow the party.

—BRANDON MAGOON  
Erie, Pennsylvania

### ■ Leadership role

I'd like to see more focus on the privatization of Social Security in LP News as this is an issue I think we can use to bring a lot of people into the Libertarian movement.

Almost everyone pays into Social Security and it is the largest segment of the federal government's expansion of powers.

Privatization looks a whole lot better than the other alternatives, which are to cut benefits or raise taxes. If the LP takes a leadership role on this issue, I think we will win big in the long run.

This issue is so much easier to bring people into the Libertarian way of thinking than the drug issue.

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motivated to change the current drug laws, because it doesn't affect them directly like the Social Security issue does.

— **RON GOODMAN**  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

### Put drugs aside

I am writing this because of the many letters in the March *LP News* of a similar opinion.

I only recently joined the LP because there is no other party I feel is worth joining, that holds any hope for America. I was Republican, but am finally giving up on them, for too many reasons to go into here.

The one thing that kept me from joining sooner is the LP cry for legalization of drugs. It was, and continues to be, a scary proposition to me, and also to many other non-LP people. I think it also makes the LP look foolish.

(Let me stop for a moment to say that I fully understand the federal government's power grab under the banner of the "War on Drugs," and our continual loss of Constitutional rights. No doubt, this is a serious problem and needs to be corrected.)

However, this drug legalization theme has been my biggest obstacle in getting friends and associates to

come on board with the LP. Without fail, the first thing out of their mouths is something like, "They're the ones who want to legalize drugs. I don't want any part of that."

This position that the LP is taking is, quite frankly, offensive to many people, myself included.

My opinion is that the LP needs to abandon this issue of drug legalization, and stop throwing this major stumbling block in the way of potential LP members. We have too many other good things to offer to lose members over this.

We need members and we need to get Libertarians elected. Let's put this drug thing aside, and take a position that the American people can understand and fully embrace.

— **SAM BORSO**  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

### Too costly

To my fellow Libertarians I would say one thing: Do not start a war on bad drug laws — it would be too costly.

Use your war chest to get more Libertarians elected and get a larger membership base. Continue to educate those who are fighting drugs and supporting drug laws. You would then operate from a more powerful position and a larger voter base.

I would rather see an epidemic of Leadville, Colorado city councils across America. I would rather see us get back our torn and tattered Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

Be patient and persevering. Pick and choose targets of opportunity.  
— **SAMUEL ZAND**  
Red Bank, New Jersey

**THIS CARD-CARRYING, freedom-loving, Bible-believing, red-blooded American would rather see nuclear war than for the USA to kowtow to terrorists.**

### Geo-politics

In the MailBox of the March issue of *LP News* is a letter by Ian Bernard in which he states: "It amazes me how many of the letters . . . support the war [against terrorism]."

I must respond as I'm one of those hawkish letter-writers.

This card-carrying, freedom-loving, Bible-believing, red-blooded American would rather see nuclear war than for the U.S.A. to kowtow to terrorists.

Sorry, I am not interested in Ayn Rand's theoretical analysis of the historical philosophy of epicurean interventionism, what Thomas Szasz may have deemed to be psychologically correct, Von Mises' thesis, or what the other great Libertarians theorized.

My stance is simple: America is my country and with all its flaws and faults we are the best nation on the face of the Earth today; moreover I love my country more than theoretical Libertarian geo-politics.

The irony is the Libertarians always want to privatize. Well, here you got it: a war on America by a private (not public) army.

Yes, the readership is more hawkish than the leadership, and this points to only one logical conclusion: Our current leadership should be put out to pasture!

— **FRED BLUESTONE**  
Century Village, Florida

### Repugnant view

I often engage people in political discussions to promote the solid economic principles underlying much of the Libertarian platform. In such discussions, it is usually easy to reveal a surprisingly large area of agreement with many Libertarian principles.

However, after reading Harry Browne's piece, "What has the war in Afghanistan really accomplished for the U.S.?" [The Forum, February 2002], I will approach political dis-

cussion with a somewhat sheepish attitude.

Harry has broadcast what I am sure is an extremely unpopular position and one that I personally find repugnant.

— **DAN LOWE**  
Encinitas, California

### Take our lumps

Your February issue included Harry Browne's opinion on America's action in response to 9-11, and letters from party members expressing the exact opposite opinion.

While I agree with Mr. Browne's thoughts, I also understand the anger and patriotism that prompted those letters in opposition.

What continues to elude me in this controversy is the outrage and indignation for the attack upon us.

Do these fine folks think that America can supply guns to Israel for 50 years, which Israel used to make war on Arabs and take their lands, and no response would or should be expected from the Arabs?

Do these folks think America can invade Arab lands at will, station troops in Saudi Arabia, Bosnia, Serbia, bomb Yugoslavia — and no type of reaction would happen against us?

I do not agree with their belief that America has a right or duty to do any of this, but I understand and respect their opinion. However it is only logical that such actions will bring a counter action.

And when it comes let's not act outraged and indignant, let's take our lumps as the cost of doing business.

— **DON BRANCH**  
Kissimmee, Florida

### Completely disagree

I completely disagree with Mr. Browne's position on the war in Afghanistan.

The Taliban and al Qaida are the targets in Afghanistan, not the oppressed citizens. Al Qaida is made up of terrorists, mostly Pakistanis, Saudis, Egyptians and other foreign radicals, not native Afghans. We have as much right to be there as they do.

Besides the surgical bombing strikes, which are mostly away from populated areas, we are also dropping supplies to the needy and mostly homeless Afghans. I believe we are the first nation to give assistance to them in this way in many years.

As to arresting the Taliban and al Qaida leaders, how else could it be handled? It wouldn't make much sense to send a police cruiser with a couple of U.S. Marshals in it.

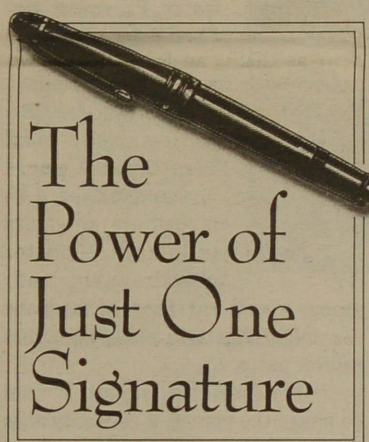
What is needed is exactly what President Bush is doing. Surgical military strikes, assisting the Northern Alliance, and then maintaining a peaceful, friendly government there until they can be stabilized.

We need no more unfriendly governments in the area; there are already more than enough.

President Bush is correct in saying that this is a job that will take years. These are radical religious fanatics who are eager to die for the gift of 73 virgins. We should accommodate them.

— **GILBERT FORTE**  
Bristol, Vermont

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### ■ May 9, 2002

**Cato Institute's 25th Anniversary Gala**, Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, Washington, DC. For information, visit: www.cato.org.

### ■ May 17-19, 2002

**Michigan LP Convention**, Marriott Hotel, Troy. Speakers include George Getz (LP Press Secretary). For information, call Greg Dirasian: (248) 592-9731. Or e-mail: gdirasian@lpmich.org.

### ■ May 17-19, 2002

**Colorado LP Convention**, National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum, Leadville. Speakers include Bill Masters (San Miguel County sheriff and author, *Drug War Addiction*), L. Neil Smith (award-winning science fiction author), Wayne Laugesen (editor, *Boulder Weekly*), Ed Quillen (columnist, *Denver Post*), and Emma Phillips (Families Against Mandatory Minimums). For information, e-mail: ari@co-freedom.com. Or call: (303) 412-8356. Or visit: www.lpcolorado.org/lp2002/.

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**Missouri LP Convention**, Ramada Inn, Jefferson City. Speakers include Jeff Foli (Libertarian mayor, Chillicothe), Vin Suprynowicz (syndicated columnist), Dr. Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), and Marc Brandl (National LP Campus Coordinator). For information, visit: www.st-charles.lpmo.org.

### ■ June 7-9, 2002

**New Mexico LP Convention**, Holiday Inn, Santa Fe. Speakers include Rick Stanley (U.S. Senate candidate, Colorado), Willy Marshall (mayor, Big Water, Utah), Clyde Preston (We The People), and Bruce Bush (Drug Policy Alliance). For information, call: (505) 330-7713. Or e-mail: nm\_libertarian@yahoo.com.

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**Texas LP Convention**, Market Center Embassy Suites Hotel, Dallas. Speakers TBA. For information, call Nancy Neale: (512) 263-1681. Or e-mail: torchess@austin.rr.com.

### ■ July 3-7, 2002

**Libertarian National Convention**, Marriott Indianapolis Downtown Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include David Brin (award-winning science fiction author and futurist), David Nolan (LP founder), Steve Dillon (chairman, NORML), David Bergland (1984 LP presidential candidate), Harry Browne (2000 LP presidential candidate), Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), Neal Boortz (radio talk show host), Don Gorman (former New Hampshire legislator), Sharon Harris (president, Advocates for Self-Government), Phil Miller (Greenfield, Indiana city councilman), Carla Howell (Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate), Ed Thompson (Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate), Michael Cloud (Libertarian persuasion expert), and Bill Masters (Colorado Sheriff). For information, visit: www.LP.org/con/2002. Or call: (800) 272-1776.

### ■ July 28-August 1, 2002

**International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) World Conference**, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Speakers include John McClaughry (author, *The Vermont Papers*), Enrique Gheri (co-author, *The Other Path*), Dr. Martin Krause (dean, ESEADE school, Argentina), Ken Schoolland (author, *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible*), and Rigoberto Stewart (co-founder, Movimiento Libertario, Costa Rica). For information, visit: www.ISIL.org. Or call: (707) 746-8796.

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## THE MAILBOX

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### ■ Shocked, appalled

I was shocked and appalled to read Harry Browne's editorial.

The fact is that national defense is one of the few legitimate functions of the federal government. I not only expect, I demand that some of my hard earned tax-dollars be spent protecting my life and property from attacks by hostile foreign powers.

Whether those powers are recognized national governments or not is of little concern to me. I will wholeheartedly support any effort to hunt down those who would attack and kill my family and fellow citizens.

It is true, however, that U.S. foreign policy has had its fair share of blunders, pointless interventions, and entanglements. Yes, we ought to reduce our level of involvement in the

world's hot-spots.

But now is not the time. We did not start this war, whatever Mr. Brown and his friends on the Berkeley City Council may have to say, but we have every right to wage it and win it.

Although we must never initiate force to achieve our political goals, we must sometimes react with force to protect ourselves.

— **AARON FROKE**  
Santa Cruz, California

### ■ Hawkish naivete

I am struck by a major problem of naivete among libertarians, particularly "hawkish" ones.

Are these people aware of the kinds of things our government does in our name all over the world?

Though mostly to be found in research written by folks leaning to the political left such as Howard Zinn and

Noam Chomsky, it would seem at least highly plausible that our nation has broken American and international laws, violated our own Constitution, and taken a role around the world as the supporter of brutal right-wing dictatorships or regimes such as the Contras in Nicaragua.

This means that our government undoes sovereign foreign governments, often with violence, to make it possible for U.S.-controlled corporations to make a better profit in doing business overseas. And, since we pay for it, it makes us taxpayers complicit killers of innocents.

What happened in New York broke my heart. However the number of people killed in that attack doesn't even begin to approach the number of people who have been deprived of their lives in the name of our outrageous and merciless foreign policy.

Harry Browne and others who our foreign policy for what it is.

— **JIM FUNK**  
Oakland, California

## National defense, the Libertarian way

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tic Missile Treaty to pave the way for such a system — but the truth is the treaty has already become obsolete. Since the Soviet Union no longer exists, that treaty is effectively null and void.

To defend the American people against foreign dictators and other countries with nuclear capabilities, including China and North Korea, the government should institute an effective missile defense system immediately.

■ **End Selective Service.** Concerned about the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Carter instituted peacetime draft registration in 1980. At a cost of about \$25 million per year, the Selective Service program requires all American males to register for the draft at 18 years of age.

The draft not only violates fundamental libertarian principles, it is wholly unnecessary. Just ask the Pentagon. In 1993, it issued a report stating that Selective Service could be ended with "no effect on military mobilization requirements, little effect on the time it would take to mobilize and no measurable effect on military recruitment."

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) has introduced a bill, HR 1597, that would repeal the Military Selective Service Act. The bill, currently pending in the House Armed Services Committee, should be enacted into law without delay.

Exactly how big would the mili-



In 1997, when the U.S. military budget was nearly \$270 billion, Cato's Doug Bandow proposed cutting it to \$170 billion. Harry Browne theorized that a military budget of \$100 billion would be sufficient.

Whatever the ultimate number, most Libertarians would probably support an immediate one-third reduction — after withdrawing our

troops from every corner of the globe — saving U.S. taxpayers over \$100 billion per year.

If the American military is used to police the planet, it certainly does require a huge, ever-growing budget.

But if the military is used for the sole purpose of defending American citizens — as was intended — the defense budget can be substantially reduced, without jeopardizing the safety of America.

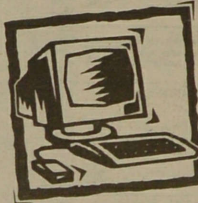
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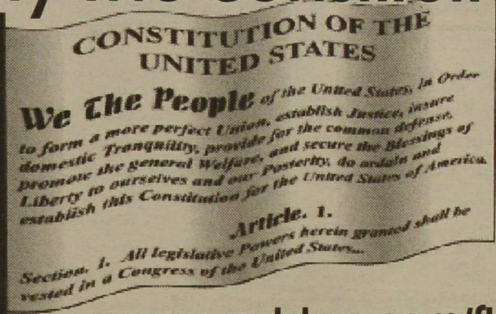
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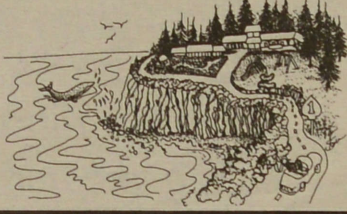
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