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Campaigns

LP candidates put on pressure

The following article highlights just a few of the many races Libertarian Party candidates are involved in this month. With more than 600 candidates nationwide, it is impossible for the NEWS to cover all the races, but here are a few updates on the last-minute efforts of some of those campaigns.

New Hampshire

The state LP is hoping to make a giant stride forward on election day.

"This year 19 out of our 109 Libertarian candidates are deemed to have a good shot at winning," said state campaign coordinator and state house candidate Jim McClarin. "If even half of them win, it will send a chill through the cozy corridors of The Establishment like nothing ever before!"

Some of those who have a good shot at winning elections this month are 11 candidates who received dual party nominations—Libertarian and one of the older parties. Among the candidates are "three incumbent Libertarian legislators, two former Republican legislators who gave up on the Republican Party, three directors of local taxpayer organizations, one sitting city councilor, and a number of prominent community activists and business owners," said McClarin.

"We Libertarians here in New Hampshire have a proven knack for finding chinks in the granite monolith of state government," he said.

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Nevada

"We are in the final weeks of the campaign, and I must admit to being optimistic," said Scott Kjar, LP candidate for state assembly.

Kjar said his campaign will be "sending approximately 36,000 pieces of literature to the 8,500 registered voters in my district over the coming weeks. We have some focus issue pieces, some attack pieces, and some warm fuzzy pieces."

One of the most interesting mailings is a part of an anti-fraud campaign, designed to help stem, what has been in the past, rampant election fraud in the state. "We mail a first-class card to all Democrats in the district with a restrictive endorsement: Do Not Forward. Address Correction Requested," explained Kjar. "The letter carrier brings back all of those that are for people who no longer reside at the address where they are registered to vote. We then challenge the registrations of all of those people, and get them removed from the voter lists. This means that the Democrats can't use these names as voters. There are allegations every election of people who have moved being allowed to vote. I don't want anyone who is not in my district being allowed to vote."

"Also, we are making sure that the Living-Impaired don't vote. For those of you who don't speak Political

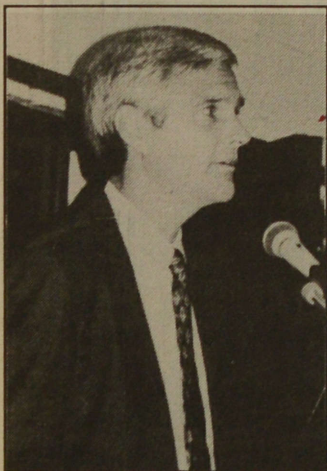
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LA forum highlights OSS activity

Around the country, Operation Safe Streets activities surged last month—everything from public forums to radio advertising campaigns to newspaper ads—indicating that Libertarian Party activists plan to keep the issue on the front-burner despite the passage of the 1994 Crime Bill.

"We're delighted to see all this action," said LP National Director Perry Willis, who is coordinating the nationwide Operation Safe Streets (OSS) effort from the LP's Washington, DC, headquarters. "It's exciting to see LP activists hard at work building a national constituency for Libertarian solutions to the crime problem."

Highlighting the activity was a "Public Forum on Crime," sponsored by the Central Los Angeles LP on Sept. 20.



Judge James P. Gray admitted: "The problem of drugs cannot be reduced to a little slogan."

"Our purpose was to inform the public and libertarians about OSS and to point out the relationship between drug and gun prohibition," said Pam Probst, who helped organize the event with Lawrence Goldberg and Michelle Obregon.

More than 30 people attended, reported Probst, and the event was taped by KPFK radio. Speakers included science fiction author J. Neil Schulman, Judge James P. Gray, and LP

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We're back!

Superb effort puts LPNY on ballot

BY RANDY LANGHENRY

Candidates for the Libertarian Party of New York are back on the ballot for this month's elections.

And not only that, but for the first time in state party history, an LP statewide candidate, Bob Schulz, participated in a debate with all of the other gubernatorial candidates. The debate was carried live statewide by National Public Radio (NPR) and also taped for state public broadcasting television stations.

"I think that's all we have to do with Bob—get him out there in front of people to let them see what he stands for and how capable he is, and we'll get lots of votes just from that exposure," said Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Schulz campaign coordinator.

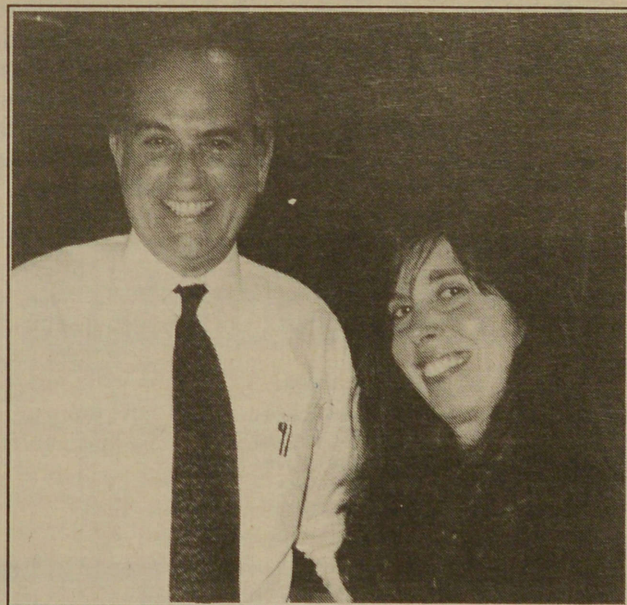
Just last month the NEWS reported that because of insufficient "valid" ballot access signatures, state LP candidates had been removed from the ballot for the general election in November. The NEWS did, however, mention that there was a "glimmer of hope."

A lawsuit, filed by LP gubernatorial candidate Bob Schulz in federal court in Albany, was successful in seeking to overturn certain requirements in petitioning, thus giving the state LP additional time and another chance. Struck down was a law requiring that beside the signature of every voter on a petition there had to be listed the assembly district number, the election district number, and if applicable, the ward district number.

Gail Bova, state LP chair, said that 3,434 signatures were thrown out of the original count because of incorrect or incomplete assembly and election district information.

"The judge ruled that [the requirements] constituted an undue burden to the party, and gave us three days to collect signatures needed to make the ballot," said Bova.

In under 72 hours, 9,044 signatures were collected to put state LP candidates back on the ballot. Not only was this total nearly three times the number needed, but it was also



Bob Schulz, LP gubernatorial candidate, and Gail Bova, state LP chair.

more than half the signatures gathered during the original petitioning process.

The 72-hour push for signatures was accomplished by hard work from LP members—and with a little help from some friends.

The completely volunteer effort was "quite a success story for the New York Libertarians and for the whole volunteer spirit," said Brokaw, who coordinated the 72-hour ballot drive.

Schulz and his running mate Stan Dworkin each gathered hundreds of signatures by themselves, while all across the state LP members contributed to the effort. An elaborate delivery system was also set up to make sure every one of the collected signatures from across the state would arrive in Albany. Volunteers literally drove all night with signatures in hand to deliver them on time.

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Debates

Libertarians shine against old party candidates

This year may be remembered as the breakthrough year when Libertarians were finally given the chance to face off against the older party candidates.

From Georgia, where LP lieutenant governor candidate Walker Chandler faced his competition on a statewide telecast, to New York, where LP gubernatorial candidate Bob Schulz came face to face with Mario Cuomo, Libertarians are finally being heard—and making the most of it.

One of the most impressive performances was turned in by Don Ernsberger, an LP national committee member and the LP's candidate for U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania.

Ernsberger proved himself to be the most clear-thinking and serious candidate for Pennsylvania's U.S. Senate seat in a live four-way debate that aired Oct. 14, on 14 ABC affiliate stations in Pennsylvania and on C-SPAN nationally.

Ernsberger's opponents in the debate were Democrat Harris Wofford, Republican Rick Santorum, and Patriot Party candidate Diane Blough.

"I think I did well, and I think I dominated most of the flow," said Ernsberger. He was, however, somewhat disappointed that he didn't deal a "knock-out punch" to the Santorum campaign.

Observers of the debate gave Ernsberger even higher marks.

Jennifer Palonus, a Libertarian Party member watching the debate on C-SPAN from her home in Washington state, said, "Don Ernsberger won the debate hands down. Right from the start, Ernsberger was assertive, clear, and imaginative. He consistently rose above the muddled-sounding sniping between Santorum and Wofford, and he elevated the debate to a clear philosophical plane. He was the only candidate who didn't flub or evade any of the questions. All his answers were clear, cogent, and on point.

"If Don doesn't rise to at least 20 percent in the polls, then there's no justice in the world," she said.

Ernsberger was not vague when he spoke. He gave clear, solid answers to the questions that were raised, backed up by a real-world analysis of how to fix today's problems.

Ernsberger's views were consistent and compelling. During the debate he made it clear that:

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7. He wants to end America's role as a "world police force" and "world social worker". He believes we must reduce U.S. involvement overseas.

The day following the debate, news coverage in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* stressed how well Ernsberger had addressed the issues, while the older party candidates had spent most of their allotted time sniping at each other.

This debate was the kind of exposure Libertarians have been hoping for on the national level, and may bode well for the 1996 elections.

Ernsberger was scheduled to participate in a second debate on Oct. 29, on C-SPAN television.

For more information on the Ernsberger campaign, call 215-675-3083.



Don Ernsberger
LP candidate
for U.S. Senate
in Pennsylvania

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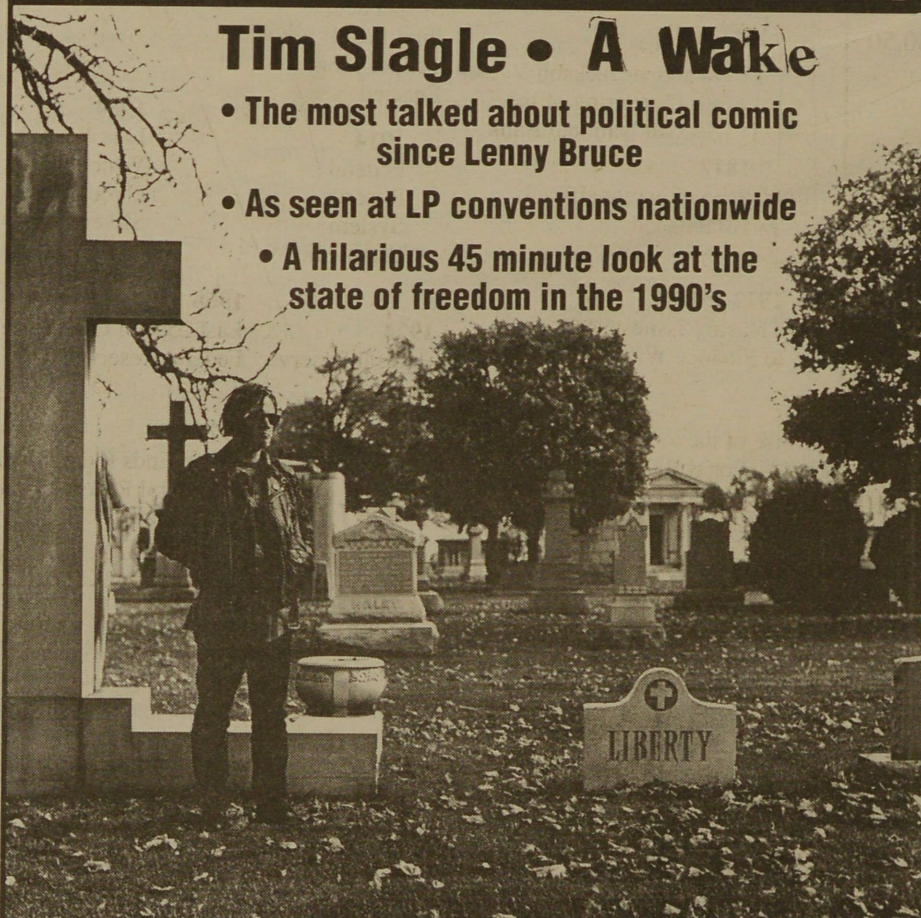
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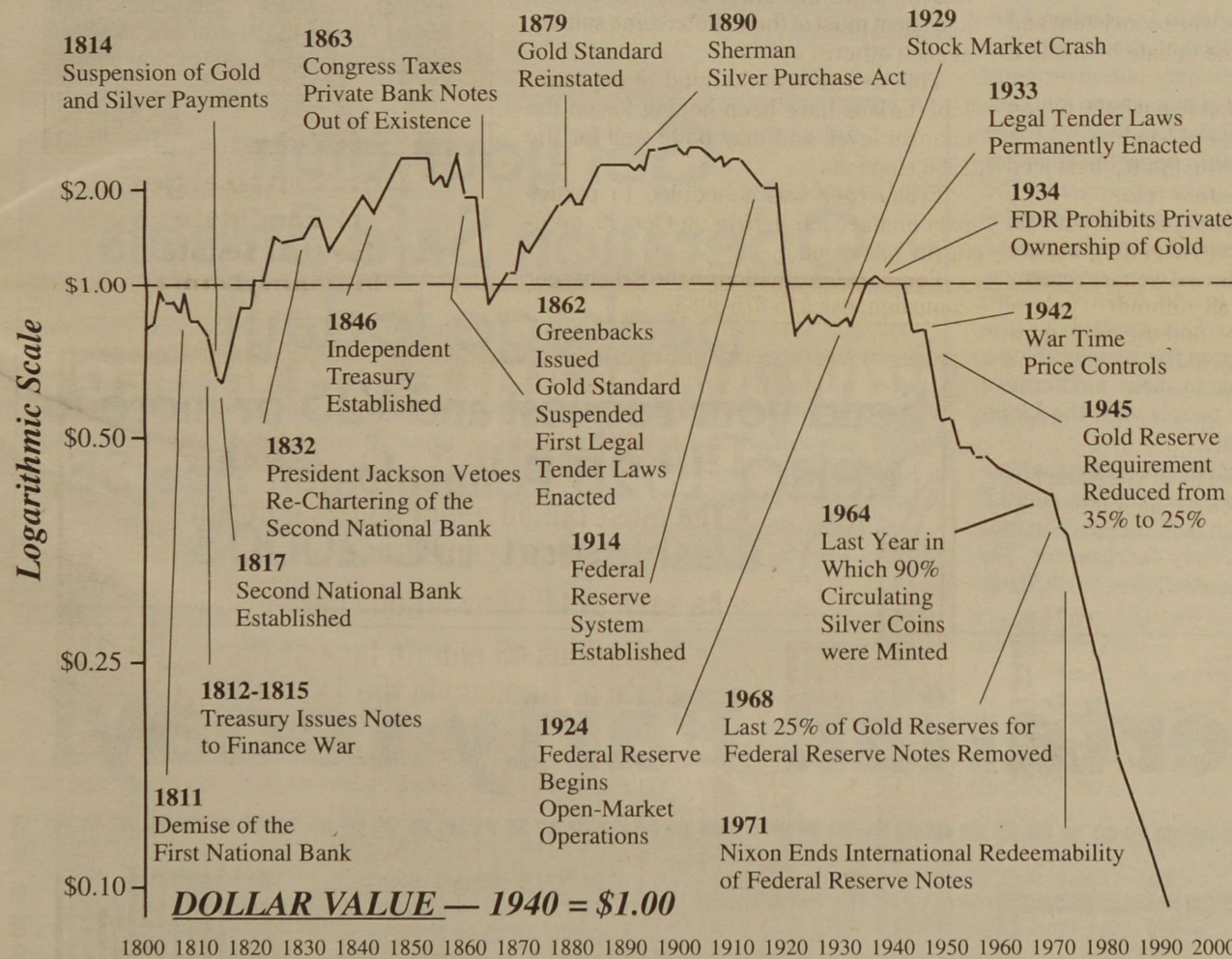
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Figgie and Swanson, drawing on extensive research of past hyperinflations in Europe and South America, speculate on what might happen in the U.S. Probabilities include:

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congressional candidate Guy Wilson. "The speakers did a marvelous job and the audience was very receptive," said Probst. "All in all, it was a positive event. The non-libertarians I interviewed afterwards felt the program and the handouts—including the OSS Briefing Paper—were informative and important. A Republican candidate in the audience decided to endorse Guy Wilson following his speech!"

Judge Gray staked out a bold position against the War on Drugs when he told the audience: "The problem of drugs cannot be reduced to a little slogan. 'I believe in a drug-free America' is so utopian, so unattainable that it simply focuses people's hopes in the wrong direction. I have a slogan that works for me, and that is, 'If you want to keep getting what you're getting, keep doing what you're doing.' What have we been doing? We have embarked on a policy of massive prisons, and it has failed massively."

"To disagree with this audience a little bit; I do not agree with the idea of legalization of these drugs, but in a system of regulated distribution," he continued. "A study asked, 'If these drugs were available under some form of legalization, would you go out and experiment or use any of these drugs?' Only two and one-half percent said yes. The same people were also asked: 'Do you believe that your neighbor would go out and use these drugs?' 80 percent said yes, I'm sure my neighbor would use drugs. It is literally like people standing in a circle, each pointing to the person on the right! And that is what we're fighting here."

Author J. Neil Schulman, who recently published a book on gun rights, said that "self defense with guns is common in this country." Among the statistics he cited:

- 9 percent of the population of Los Angeles County has used a gun to protect themselves from a crime.
- There are 2.5 million uses of guns as self-defense in this country per year.

- Women use guns 12 times as often against a rapist as rapists use guns to commit a rape.

Rounding out the speakers, congressional candidate Wilson said, "As a Libertarian, [I] understand that people need to regulate themselves. We don't need other people to tell us how to live."

Willis praised the forum as "an excellent example of how OSS can help a local party. It's the kind of event that can attract new members, garner more media attention, and help define the Libertarian Party in the public eye in a positive way. It has helped turn one of our public relations liabilities, drug legalization, into a positive, crime prevention," he said. "I hope we'll see more events like this one."

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In other OSS activity:

Colorado: Dale Doelling, legislative director of the state LP, reports that they have begun running radio ads about OSS on KNZZ News/Talk Radio "through the general election and into December. I believe that by using OSS and Project Healthy Choice as a foundation for our advertising campaign, we can really show the residents of Western Colorado that we mean business and possibly open the door for successful campaigns here," he said. "The radio spots turned out great, and we're already getting a response from listeners."

Doelling said they are also running Second Amendment ads, which are part of the overall OSS push. "Gun control (or the abolition of it) is big on the Western Slope, and we may be able to make a difference regarding the way people view the Libertarian Party," he said.

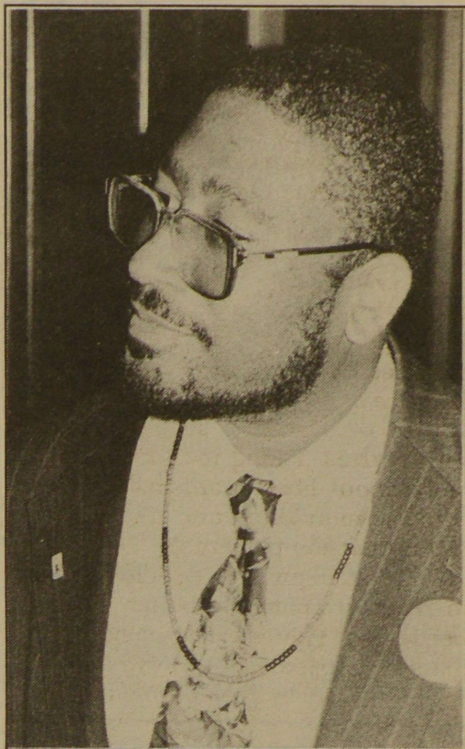
South Carolina: Horry County was blanketed with OSS pro-gun rights ads, after LP member Jim Wilson paid for space in four newspapers. *The Horry Independent*, *The Myrtle Beach Independent*, *The (North Myrtle*

Beach) Times, and the *Lois Times* all featured half-page ads based on the popular LP flier, "10 Reasons to Support the Libertarian Party," which is targeted to gun owners. "I hope [the ads are] some help," said Wilson.

New Mexico: State Chair Kay Stone used the "Talking Points" sheet from OSS to buttress her arguments about victims' rights in a forum on KPSA radio in Alamogordo, NM, on Sept. 21. "It worked very well," she said. "It's well organized so you can scan it and pick out the information you need."

Nevada: Scott Kjar, LP candidate for state representative, has made OSS a central plank in his campaign, and already has issued three press releases, focusing on victim restitution and punishment for violent crimes.

Illinois: Eric Banfield used OSS-style arguments to attack the Crime Bill in his regular column "Flashpoint" in the *Downers Grove Reporter* on Sept. 9. "The Crime Bill is worthless," he wrote. "It speaks nothing of rights, responsibility, liberty, or justice." Instead, he urged a greater focus on property rights, restitution, and eliminating victimless crimes.



LP congressional candidate Guy Wilson of California, lone challenger to recently indicted Democratic Rep. Walter Tucker, told the forum: "We don't need other people to tell us how to live."

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M.B., Miami, FL

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C.N., San Antonio, TX

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C.M., Portland, OR

Captain Convinces Commander

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Correctness, those people are sometimes called dead," he explained.

Additional targeted mailings are planned for senior citizens, Republicans, Democrats, and several special interest groups including motorcycle owners.

"We are within a few thousand dollars of meeting our financial needs for this campaign, and quite honestly, I expect to be fully funded," said Kjar. "Our plan is set, our timetable is in place, and we are beginning to print our pieces. We are also maintaining a little flexibility at the end, in case a last-minute issue pops up, or we need to respond to an attack on short notice."

Kjar said he was looking forward to election day. "If all goes well, I expect to take the oath of office as the first Libertarian elected to the state assembly in Nevada. If all goes poorly, I will probably crawl under a rock."

For more information, call 702-735-4433.

California

Jack Dean, state chair in 1984-85, faced what he termed a "free-for-all" election on Oct. 18, 1994, after NEWS deadline. Running for Fullerton City Council, Dean sought and gained the endorsement of the Fullerton Recall Committee.

"This is a race I could win," said Dean. "The endorsement by the recall committee means the impressive grassroots organization that successfully recalled three sitting council members in June will be mobilized on my behalf."

Dean also had the support of a recreational vehicle owners group with 1,400

members, another substantial voting bloc.

A partner in Dean/Spear & Associates, a fund-raising and management consulting firm for non-profit organizations, Dean is well-known in Fullerton where he has lived and worked for 13 years.

"When I talked with Jack in August, he told me that he would not declare for the seat unless he felt he could win," said Gail Lightfoot, LPC Southern vice chair. "Jack explained no one should run for city council unless they are serious and can win. The opportunity to win is too great for us to waste," Lightfoot said.

Dean said, "This 'wild card' election is the kind of opportunity that doesn't come along often."

Texas

Recently, the Texas Republican Party chairman suggested that LP gubernatorial candidate Keary Ehlers should drop out of the race to give GOP candidate George W. Bush a better chance at victory.

Jay Manifold, LP state chair, responded with a letter to Bush stating, "I have decided the concept has merit. I therefore am requesting your withdrawal from the gubernatorial race in order to improve Keary Ehler's chance of being elected."

Reports are that the Bush campaign turned down Manifold's request.

For more information, call 800-98-EHLERS.

Minnesota

LP gubernatorial candidate Eric Olson and his running mate Mike Strand have



San Diego Libertarians have a moving advertisement. Bill Holmes volunteered his van, the San Diego LP volunteered \$124, and J.C. Anderson volunteered the design and installation of the signs. The white letters on black windows really stand out.

Holmes had a message on his van during his 1992 campaign for state representative, but the reaction has been better this year. "I think the italic letters on the left side and the arrows on the right side attract more attention, but the main reason for the more favorable response is the increasing dissatisfaction with politics as usual."

Holmes said the self-adhesive vinyl letters work great because they are available in many solid colors and are easily removed, particularly from glass. They won't damage paint, he said.

promised voters to return state government "to its only true purpose: Protection of life, liberty, and property."

Olson said he believes Minnesotans "can spend their money better than the government does." He said as governor he would cut taxes and state spending and privatize many state services.

"Self-esteem is under assault by creeping dependence on government," Olson said. "The Libertarian Party believes Minnesotans are cheated out of life's challenges and rewards by self-serving regulatory schemes, confiscatory taxation, and a 'nanny state' mentality."

For more information, call 800-788-2660 or 612-223-0995.

California

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) has announced its organization's endorsement of Libertarian Party candidate Sandi Webb in her re-election bid for the Simi Valley City Council.

Webb, first elected to office in 1990, has always been very outspoken in her support for lower taxes and less government spending.

"This is the taxpayers' money, not the government's money, and we need to treat it as such. Too many politicians act as though the money belongs to them, and that they're being generous if they let the taxpayers keep any of it," said Webb.

"I've worked hard in Simi Valley to streamline city government, limit taxes and fees, and cut unnecessary spending. Unfortunately, the state and federal governments keep piling new mandates on us, forcing us to waste huge amounts of time and money on their bullshit paperwork and idiotic requirements. This is a battle that must be fought and won at all levels of government."

Kris Vosburgh, HJTA's executive director, noted it is rare for his organization to endorse candidates for local office. "Because our political action committee focuses on candidates for the state legislature, a local candidate has to be really outstanding to get our attention. Sandi Webb qualifies. She has actively demonstrated her concern for the taxpayers. She's even gone to Sacramento to lobby for less taxes and less spending. Sandi Webb has see **Candidates** on page 7

Pennsylvania

Joe Lisowski, LP candidate for state representative in District 155, is in a two-way race for an open seat, and his name will appear twice on the ballot.

The Democratic Party did not run any candidates in the primary, and through a write-in campaign, Lisowski captured the Democratic nomination as well as the Libertarian. His name will appear on the first and third ballot lines this fall.

Although the district is heavily Republican, non-Republicans have won seats in prior elections, and Lisowski's Republican opponent is an unknown newcomer.

Lisowski's campaign issues are the right to keep and bear arms, lower taxes, and choice in education. All are hot topics in the state and set him apart from his opponent.

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Bob Newland, LP candidate for state house, is in a five-way race for two seats. There is only one incumbent in the race. Newland has been busy with door-to-door work and hopes to run newspaper and radio ads just before election day.

For more information, call 605-255-4032.

Colorado

In a U.S. District Court ruling in early October, Colorado Secretary of State Natalie Meyer was ordered to place Libertarian state senate candidate Judd Ptak on the ballot in District 13, which includes Gilpin, Clear Creek, Summit, and parts of Boulder and Jefferson counties. The injunction was granted to Ptak, who argued that the petitioning requirements for his district were in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Candidates outside of the two older parties are required to collect 1,000 signatures on a petition to place them on the ballot for the relatively small state legislature districts, while districts for the U.S. Congress, six times as large, require only 500 signatures. Meyer's office approved 764 of the 1,256 signatures Ptak turned in, which would have been sufficient for the larger district, but were insufficient for the smaller district.

Meyer's attorney, Maurice Knaizer, argued that changing the ballots so close to the election would be unfair to overseas voters, whose absentee ballots needed to be mailed out within days of the hearing. Ptak offered to waive his right to be listed on absentee ballots, but the Secretary of State's office rejected the offer, saying they would prefer to reprint all the ballots than to send different ballots to different voters.

Ptak said his campaign is focusing on choice in education, the right to bear arms, and the need for fiscal responsibility in

state government.

Ptak has lived in Colorado since 1974. He is a member of the Boulder County Solid Waste Task Force.

For more information, call 303-441-9943.

Delaware

John Reda, LP candidate for state representative in District 13, has high hopes in his two-way race. Reda is busy with door-to-door work and he recorded a radio spot that will be running just prior to the election. Reda had hoped to pick up the Republican nomination as well as the Libertarian one, but the state's attorney general ruled against a double nomination. Delaware Libertarians think Reda's campaign is their best chance ever at victory at the state level.

For more information, call 302-475-7060.

California

"It's amazing, but true—I'm the 'liberal' in the race!" proclaimed Mark Valverde, candidate for the state senate seat in the San Francisco/San Mateo district.

"All the other candidates are arch-conservatives. As a Libertarian, I'm the only candidate who is pro-choice, pro-gay, and represents San Francisco's tradition of promoting civil liberties and social tolerance," he said.

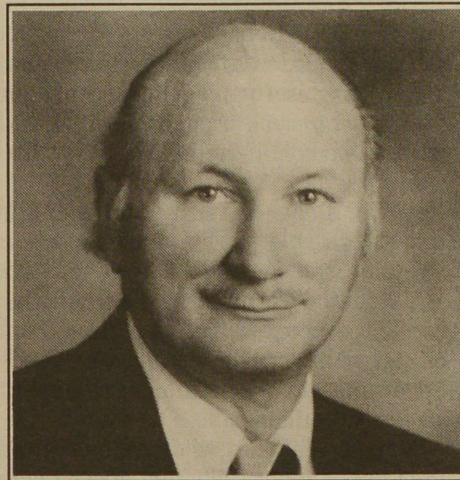
"It is precisely because my opponents are social conservatives that I've been approached by progressives, young gays, hemp activists, and 'Jerry Brown' Democrats as their alternative. These people are appalled that the Democrat Party candidate is supported by the Christian Right."

"I wish to be the voice of those people who've been victims of government out of control," he said. "Most of all, it would be an honor to be elected California's first openly gay state senator."

For more information, call 415-255-1906 or 415-387-2543.

New Mexico

Ed Nagel, LP candidate for U.S. House, is not pulling any punches in his campaign. Nagel recently called Democratic incumbent Bill Richardson "a traitor to his oath of office" for his vote on the Brady Bill. Nagel said he "supports the Second Amendment



Ed Nagel

100 percent."

Nagel also recently argued that drug prohibition is responsible for most of today's violent crime. "After decriminalization has been established and safety returns to American streets, responsible action can begin. Drug abusers can be treated medically as addicts, not as criminals who need new prisons."

For more information, call 505-471-6928 or 505-425-5077.

California

Steve Green, LP candidate for city council in Santee, is the fund-raising leader in the 10-person race for three seats on the council. Green, as of early October, had raised more than \$11,000, while his closest fund-raising opponent had raised a little more than \$7,000.

Green, a certified public accountant, has also received the endorsement of several high-profile groups, including the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the East San Diego County Board of Realtors.

Along with the monetary contributions, the Green campaign also has attracted dozens of volunteers.

"Their generous contribution of the only truly unrenounceable resource—their limited time—has freed me up to carry out tasks I wouldn't have been able to consider without their help," said Green. "People are responding to my campaign literature, where I suggest that we should watch how people spend money that they themselves did not earn."

For more information, call 619-562-8705.

Pennsylvania

In early October, Ken Sturzenacker, LP state chair, said, "Our statewide candidates—Don Ernsberger for U.S. Senate and Pat Fallon for governor—are about to get more publicity than we could have dreamed possible when we met for our state convention in March."

Sturzenacker mentioned the numerous appearances both candidates would be making in televised debates across the state, including an appearance by Ernsberger to be broadcast nationally by C-SPAN.

The campaigns are helping to generate a lot of LP activity in the state. The Berks County Libertarians, a group just formed in June, already has its own office and more than 70 activists attended a recent meeting.

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For more information, call 610-264-3692.

Illinois

In his campaign for secretary of state, LP candidate Joseph Schreiner is drawing on his extensive professional background, urging voters to elect a data processing professional, rather than an attorney, to be the state's chief recordkeeper.

Schreiner is a member of several Chicago-area gay and lesbian organizations, as well as past chair of the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals.

Schreiner said he would use his candidacy to encourage public discussion of several issues, the main one being "how the power of government is used to abolish personal privacy, and the steps I would take to prevent this."

For more information, call 800-735-1776.

California

Richard Rider, LP candidate for governor, was endorsed by Dennis Peron, the well-known medical marijuana activist. Rider visited Peron at his Cannabis Buyers Club in downtown San Francisco, where cannabis products are sold to people with AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, and other diseases, even though such sales are still forbidden by law. Rider marveled at the open-

ness of the delivery of cannabis products to those who suffer various illnesses.

Peron is something of a folk hero in San Francisco for his work on legalizing drugs. He wrote two groundbreaking propositions that were overwhelmingly approved by San Francisco voters. The first proposition, Prop W in 1978, demanded that police and the district attorney stop arresting people for possessing, transferring, or growing marijuana. It passed with about two-thirds of the vote. The second proposition, Prop P in 1991, asked the state government to legalize the medical use of marijuana. It passed with 79 percent of the vote.

In commenting on the other candidates, Peron stated that "both Pete Wilson and Kathleen Brown have failed the people of California. Wilson vetoed the bill legalizing the medical use of marijuana. Kathleen Brown said she would veto it as well. I therefore ask my members to vote for Richard Rider for governor."

Rider welcomed the endorsement. "Dennis Peron is a man who has risked jail, and worse, many times standing up for what he knows is right. I am honored that such a man is endorsing me in my race for governor. Ironically, if elected I may put his Cannabis Buyers Club out of business. If I can get marijuana legalized, people like Dennis will no longer need to take such risks providing humanitarian marijuana assistance to the sick."

Upon hearing Rider's comments at the buyers club, Peron laughed and said, "Please, go ahead and put me out of business. People should not have to sneak around like this to get medical relief. I'd



NEWS photo by Richard J. Piotrowski

Antoinette Hilmer, LP candidate for state representative in District 145 in Pennsylvania, stands beside campaign chairman Richard J. Piotrowski's van that was converted into an official campaign vehicle. Hilmer is in a three-way race against a Republican incumbent and a Democratic newcomer. Hilmer's campaign has been receiving a lot of media attention, and not just from the van signs.

welcome legalization, even though this club would indeed lose its reason for existence."

For more information, call 619-530-1776.

Wisconsin

Jerry Broitzman Jr., describing himself as "Your Term-Limits Candidate," is running for Milwaukee County Clerk. "It's time to end the reign of career politicians," he said.

Broitzman also promises to make use of

his work experience in his position as county clerk. "I have worked in the private sector most of my life and in the insurance industry for nearly four years," he said. "The most important lesson I have learned is customer service. If you do not treat the customers in a fair and timely manner, they will go somewhere else. That is the attitude I will bring to my elected office."

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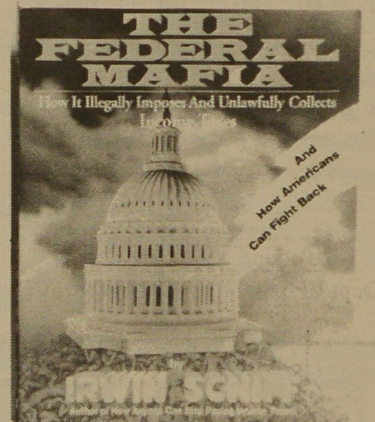
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Other organizations outside the Libertarian Party also contributed to the ballot drive. Individual members of the All-County Taxpayers Association (ACTA) and United We Stand, America helped with the petitioning.

Although the Libertarian Party candidates will appear now on the last line of the ballot, the state party plans to take advantage of this position by using the slogan, "Vote the Bottom Line."

There was, however, still one shadow hanging over the New York victory. The state's Conservative Party said it would appeal the decision—it hadn't actually done so at press time—to allow the LP the additional time to gather signatures. But its case seems very weak, according to most experts.

If it goes through with the appeal, "The Conservative Party is going to look like obstructionist tyrants, the villain of the piece," said Brokaw. "Here Miss Liberty was tied to the railroad tracks with a train coming, and we all untied her and got her off, and now these conservatives want to drag her back down onto the tracks again. I think they are going to look very bad. Even if they do it, it will just give us more publicity."

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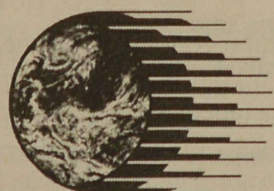
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presidential hopeful

A second official contender has entered the race for the Libertarian Party's 1996 presidential nomination—Irwin Schiff.

Schiff was born in New Haven, CT, in 1928. He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1950 with a major in accounting and economics. He was then inducted into the Army and assigned to Army Finance and stationed in Germany. During his service, Schiff saw the Army "disburse funds in violation of its own regulations." His attempts to prevent this proved futile, and he learned "early on how federal agencies don't really care how they spend taxpayers' money."

When he got out of the Army, he went to work for an insurance company, and shortly thereafter opened his own agency. He received a Chartered Life Underwriter's (CLU) degree and specialized in estate planning. During this time, he saw "that a lot of insurance programs I set up were being ravaged by inflation."

While conducting his insurance business, Schiff began writing about "the inflation that the government was promoting." By 1970, he had become convinced "that America was going to suffer a falling standard of living. I believed that inflation and taxes were going to almost eliminate the amount of capital which would be generated just to replace depreciation."

In 1974, Schiff stopped filing normal income tax returns. Instead, he would file "Fifth Amendment returns," refusing to answer all of the questions. In 1978, Schiff stopped filing altogether.

In his first book, "The Biggest Con: How The Government Is Fleecing You," Schiff explained how the government was understating the national debt. "Up until that point, nobody had ever published the unfunded liabilities of the government," he said. This book "for the first time revealed that the unfunded liability for Social Security alone was \$3 trillion, when the government was reporting the national debt at \$500 billion."

Schiff went on to write a number of books, including his most famous book, "How Anyone Can Stop Paying Income Taxes," which was published in 1982 and sold more than 400,000 copies.

In 1986, Schiff was convicted of tax evasion. He served about 20 months, but was soon after arrested for violating his parole. He was released last year after being held by the government for four years.

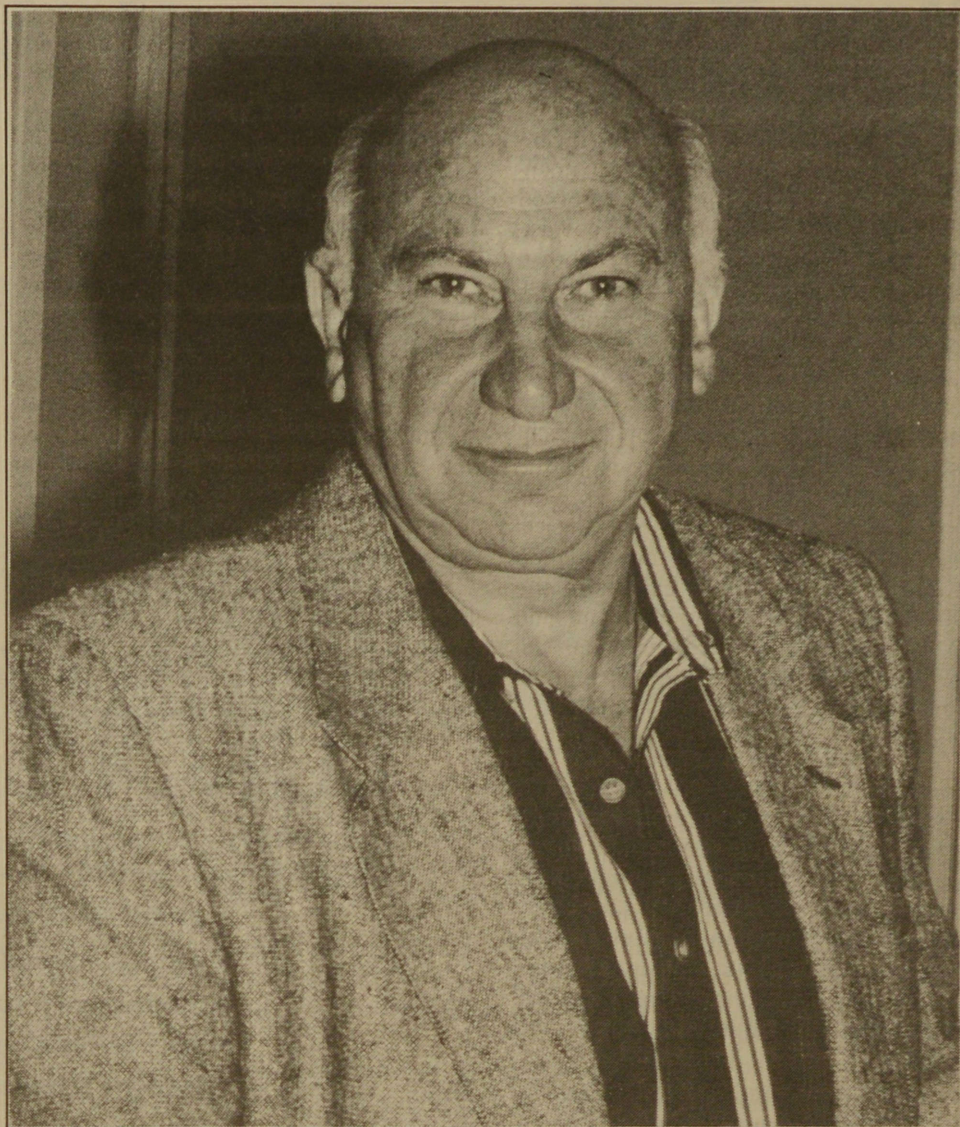
"The amount of money that they say I evaded was \$49,000. There are lawyers who admit to not paying taxes of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and they are put on probation, with no jail time at all," said Schiff.

"I was a political prisoner," said Schiff. "They kept me in jail for seven years."

Schiff claims his most recent book, "The Federal Mafia, How It Illegally and Unlawfully Collects Income Taxes," will "convince you that organized crime in America begins with the federal government."

Schiff is now traveling the country, promoting his books and conducting seminars. He appears frequently on radio talk shows.

Irwin Schiff was interviewed by Randy Langhenry, NEWS editor, on Oct. 13.



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NEWS: Are you officially announcing that you are seeking the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination?

SCHIFF: Yes, sure, but let me explain. My idea of running was not even my idea at all. I was the principal speaker at the Ohio LP convention three or four months ago, and after I spoke, Jeff Kanter got up and suggested that I would be a good candidate for the Libertarian Party for president. While I was initially flattered by the suggestion, I never conceived of myself as running for the presidency. But by the next day I realized I believe I could probably get four or five million votes. When I became convinced that I could get more votes than any Libertarian Party candidate, I said OK.

NEWS: What are your goals for a presidential campaign?

SCHIFF: What I would try to do with my campaign is to clearly and dramatically expose to the American public the true criminal character of the federal government, and various state governments as well. To prove to the American public that not only has government been forcing a lower standard of living on them, but that their government has been seizing property in total violation of law. It has been putting innocent people in jail in order to

intimidate the public into believing that they owe a tax which no law requires them to pay, and which the Constitution bars the federal government from collecting in the manner it now does.

I'm not going to be talking, necessarily, about big government. I'm going to be talking about the criminal nature of government, which is far more dramatic than trying to give them a lecture.

It is unrealistic to assume that a Libertarian Party candidate can actually win the presidency—that an LP candidate can go from garnering about a million votes to the votes needed to win a national election. One of the reasons I say that is that the federal government has largely compromised the American electorate. Approximately 45 million Americans now receive a paycheck each month from the federal government. Forty-two million for Social Security alone. This large voting bloc will be generally interested in protecting their unconstitutional subsidies, rather than honest and responsible government. And I don't see how we can out-vote them.

However, a hard hitting LP campaign can literally cripple the federal government's ability to continue to illegally collect income taxes, regardless of who wins the national election for presidency. I don't have to win to successfully promote the Libertarian agenda. The goal for the

Libertarian Party, in my view, should be to promote the libertarian philosophy, which in a nutshell, is a lot less government.

The Constitution and Declaration of Independence promote the Libertarian agenda. They are the Libertarian documents, and if they were honestly enforced we would have largely a libertarian government, and we wouldn't need to run our own candidates. Our problem is that the American public is largely unaware that the Constitution and the spirit of the Declaration of Independence are dead.

Apart from the police power, government control largely comes from its taxing and monetary powers—powers which the Constitution sought to limit to a large degree. Now, however, the federal government collects income tax in total violation of all three of the taxing clauses of the Constitution, the 16th Amendment, and the Bill of Rights, and creates money in total violation of all the monetary provisions embedded in the Constitution.

The majority of Americans may not be interested in these subjects, but if a significant number of Americans understood what was going on, they could put a stop to it, regardless of the indifference of the majority of Americans, many of whom have been compromised by federal handouts.

Now, here's the point. The IRS now admits that between 10 and 15 million Americans now no longer file, that voluntary compliance is now only about 82 percent effective. With the publicity my candidacy would generate, and with my ability to focus on the government's illegal enforcement of this tax, the Libertarian Party could be responsible for bringing voluntary compliance to under 75 percent, which I believe would effectively cripple the federal government's ability to collect this tax from everybody.

Thus, the Libertarian Party's agenda would be largely achieved without my having to actually win the election. I will not treat the voters to lectures on why less government is better than more government, though I have written two books on the subject. Voters are not interested in economic lectures, which our candidates have done well in the past. But presidential elections are now based largely on 15-20 second sound bites. Everybody wants to hear how they can stop paying income tax. So I will focus on the criminal nature of government and tell the American public why they are not legally required to pay income taxes—how they have been duped by the federal government into believing that there are laws requiring them to pay income taxes. And this message they will listen to.

NEWS: What special strengths do you bring to the Libertarian Party?

SCHIFF: A lot of people know me, I've done a thousand radio talk shows. I have 400,000 books in circulation.

I think I will bring to the Libertarian Party votes from the tax strike community. Also, last week I addressed the national Baptist convention, the fundamental Christian community, who normally would not particularly be enamored by the Libertarians. But I think that my stand on the income tax is so powerful that I would even attract votes from that area.

My strengths are that I know more about income taxes and how they have been illegally extracted than anybody in America. And this is something that the public wants to hear about.

Assuming I got nominated, the newspaper in that town is going to have to interview me, because it is news who the Libertarian Party nominates. Especially since I think I would be the first Jew and the first convicted felon ever nominated for the presidency by a national party. That's news in itself. It would be pretty hard for them to ignore that.

In that interview I would say that my first act as president would be to cancel and expunge all federal income tax liens, on the grounds that they were all filed illegally. Now there are over one million Americans that have IRS tax liens against them. If they were to read that in the paper, I'm not saying I would get a million votes, but a lot of people would vote for me, just for that reason alone.

Secondly, I would announce that my next act as president would be to pardon everybody who has been convicted of an income tax crime, on the grounds that there are no such crimes in our statutes, and there are none. There have been a lot of very prominent and wealthy Americans who have been illegally convicted of a tax crime and who walk around as convicted felons. A lot of these people would vote for me, and a lot of them would make a contribution to the Libertarian Party.

Another strength is that when I go on a radio show, nobody turns me off. In Los Angeles I was on a radio talk show from noon to 5 p.m.—the whole five hours—and the board is always lit, because people have a lot of problems with government seizing your property. I explain how people can stop paying income tax. Incidentally, I don't tell people not to file and not to pay. I just tell them they are not required to file and pay, and why, and they can do what they want to do.

I am the living embodiment of the criminal nature of the federal government. You can read about it, and talk about it, but I have gone to jail for not committing any crimes. The government has taken over \$200,000 of my property and never gave me a hearing. Let anybody tell me that you have a constitutional republic or due process of law.

Now, I'm a damned good economist. One of my first acts if I ever did become president would be to fire everybody who works for government with the title of "economist" after their name, cause there is not one economist that works for the federal government who understands anything.

The point is, I can discuss any facet of economics. I am one of the few people who can really explain the hoax of Social Security—I know the legal aspect, the economic aspect. I can discuss the national debt and how the government understates it. I was the first one to reveal it. I testified before the Senate Committee on Money and Banking in 1968, and my testimony is there and my predictions have all come about.

I litigated over a dozen cases, myself. I know the corruption of the courts. Our whole legal system is corrupt.

NEWS: Have you thought about what kind of person you'd like to look for as a running mate?

SCHIFF: I haven't thought of that, but I would like somebody who articulates these same views. I can't think of an individual.

NEWS: What are you going to be doing between now and the LP nominating con-

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vention in July 1996?

Schiff: First of all, right now I am suing, in Connecticut, Judge Peter Dorsey, civilly, as the judge who sent me to jail for violation of probation without any probation hearing. The government has moved to dismiss this lawsuit. About five months ago I answered it, and so far they haven't done anything about it because they know they can't dismiss it if they don't want me to proceed ahead with my lawsuit against Peter Dorsey and the U.S. Attorney. So in a couple of weeks I'm going to go to New Haven and I'm going to press this lawsuit.

I am going to be traveling around the country. In the last four months I've put on seminars and lectures in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, New Orleans, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Las Vegas, and Indianapolis. I'll be continuing these.

I'll be doing radio shows. I can do about four or five radio talk shows a week, just on taxes alone.

I'll be doing what I always do—talk shows, promoting my books, tapes, and seminars.

I think personally I have probably cost the government more money than anybody in America. I must have already caused two or three hundred thousand people to drop out. I've caused the government to illegally prosecute a number of people, which cost the government millions if not billions of dollars. I've caused the government to change certain forms that it has and even step up its criminal enforcement. I've been a real thorn in the side of big government. And I think I can say, without contradiction, that I have probably cost the federal government more money than anybody else.

You can philosophize all you want, you can talk about less government, and you can talk about the libertarian agenda, but unless you are doing something, it's all talk.

I think a lot of people would respond to the fact that I'm an activist—the fact that I

put my money where my mouth is, and I've succeeded. Well, the government almost crushed me. When I went to jail last time, they forced me to close my businesses, and they took all my money, and I was dead broke when I went to jail. And they wouldn't let me out unless I paid them \$30,000, and I had to borrow the \$30,000 to get out of jail. But I've come back. And I think a lot of people will respond to that.

As a matter of fact, there are some people who are thinking of doing a television documentary on my efforts, and that might be shown by this tax season.

I've gotten very little help over the years from either libertarians or conservative think tanks. I think largely even they have been afraid of focusing on my research. A lot of these libertarians who claim to be against big government, here I provided them with evidence that big government has gotten that way from illegal enforcement of the income tax, and they've ignored my books.

But despite what they or anybody else is going to do, I'm am going to forge ahead, and I am going to end the income tax, one way or another. If I get the nomination, I think I can do it that way.

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A look at Social Security, health care, and more

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

Issue: Social Security

As noted last month, a Gallup Poll has found that 54 percent of Americans now think Social Security should be made voluntary. Here's the kind of information that Libertarian candidates need to keep dispensing:

"[According to] William Shipman of State Street Global Advisors in Boston, a worker just entering the work force with an average starting salary of \$22,500, and with a normal lifetime earnings path, is expected to receive a Social Security benefit of about \$12,500 per year (1994 dollars), if the program is still around in 2040. If the same worker were simply permitted to place his payroll taxes in an annuity with a 6 percent real rate of return, he would have a nest egg worth \$800,000 at retirement age. This would allow him to draw a \$60,000 benefit per year until death (assumed at age 80)—five times what Social Security offers."

National Review, quoted in Forbes, Sept. 26, 1994.

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Social Security and Medicare are among

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Dave Walter
Editor

the entitlements Libertarians have been ridiculed for attacking. The times they are a changing, as Congress itself now admits the situation is serious. As you encounter major party candidates pledging to do something about it *this time*, you may want to cite their track record in creating the problem in the first place.

"In an unusually tough report that could dampen Congressional enthusiasm for new programs, the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform, headed by Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE), warns of an impending budget 'crisis.' By the year 2012, the panel projects in an interim report adopted 30-1, spending on entitlement programs and interest on the national debt will eat up *all* federal revenues. That would leave nothing else for national defense—let alone other programs."

Industry Week, Sept. 19, 1994.

Issue: Health care

By the time you read this, the Clinton's rush to health care fascism will be dead—at least until the new Congress takes up the matter again. Libertarians played a role in the debate that, in the end, convinced most Americans to look again at what was being proposed. Ever helpful to our cause were descriptions, such as this one, which gave a glimpse into the future of government health care:

The *Chicago Tribune* reported on conditions at a city health clinic in the Pilsen section, according to a survey of patients taken by the Interfaith Community Organization. "According to the survey, two patients said they 'had lost their jobs as a

consequence of spending the whole day at the clinic.' Almost everyone responding to the survey complained of long waits, crowded conditions, 'rude, insensitive' employees, and an almost total lack of bilingual medical staff. 'The treatment is not respectful of the people, either in terms of their treatment as patients or their culture,' said Rev. Charles Daum, pastor of St. Pius V Catholic Church."

Chicago Tribune, Sept. 4, 1994.

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Some opponents of Clinton's health care proposals pointed out that care wasn't denied so much as it was voluntarily forgone. In such circumstances, subsidization is hardly appropriate:

"Table VI [Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey] details reported expenditures in 1988 on health care, entertainment, alcohol, and tobacco for households reporting incomes of less than \$20,000 by age of household head. Generally speaking, households in this lower half of the income scale indicated that they could 'afford' to spend several times as much on entertainment, alcohol, and tobacco as on health care... To judge by the preferences revealed in this survey, lower-income consumers seemed to treat health care as an optional but dispensable luxury good whereas they appeared to regard entertainment, alcohol, and tobacco as necessities 'affordable' at any level of household income."

Nicholas Eberstadt, "America's Infant Mortality Puzzle," The Public Interest, Number 105, Fall 1991.

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Small businesses were a leading opponent of Clinton's attempt to mandate employer payments for health insurance. If such mandates had been imposed, job losses would have been heavy, according to a survey by the Luntz Research Companies:

"According to the polling results, 29 percent of small businesses would lower employee wages to pay for the cost of the health care mandate and 14 percent say they would be forced to terminate at least one employee. If the 13 percent of businesses who would be forced to shut their doors are factored in, 56 percent of the employees (and their families) working for small businesses would be harmed by Clinton's health care policies."

Karen Kerrigan, president of the Small Business Survival Committee, Insight, July 25, 1994.

Issue: Discrimination

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, drunk with power, has turned to punishing banks for alleged discrimination. Banks have been forced to make less-than-credit-worthy loans and, now, Chevy Chase Bank has been coerced into opening a branch office where Ms. Reno, not the bank, thought it should be.

"According to both Ms. Reno and Deval Patrick, the assistant attorney general for

civil rights, any decision to locate a lending or deposit taking office in a predominantly white area must be racist, because it necessarily involves 'shunning' predominantly black communities. Under this bizarre view, restaurants, convenience stores, and all other businesses that locate outside of black communities also could be said to be racist... The government's willingness to proceed with litigation in the absence of evidence of discrimination may be good politics, but it is scandalous in a nation that purports to be governed by the rule of law."

Jonathan R. Macey, professor, Cornell Law School, "Banking by Quota," Wall Street Journal, Sept. 7, 1994.

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The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is also running roughshod, say critics, as it goes after employers' practices that EEOC thinks are discriminatory. The invasion—not protection—of rights is clear:

"[Critics] charge that the EEOC has based virtually its entire enforcement strategy on demographic breakdowns—critics call them quotas—in direct contradiction to the civil rights law which created the agency. 'Lawyers and investigators in the EEOC equate statistical disparity with moral guilt, and feel a religious mission to root out discrimination at any cost to contractual liberty,' said Cato Institute Associate Policy Analyst James Bovard... That's not what supporters had in mind when they created EEOC under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Sponsors made clear the law would apply only to intentional discrimination. 'Nothing contained in this title shall be interpreted to require any employer... to grant preferential treatment to any individual or group... on account of an imbalance,' Section 703(j) read. During the debate, supporter Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-MN, promised to eat the paper on which the bill was written were it ever used to promote quotas. As interpreted and enforced, the law would now make a big meal. The EEOC, urged on by civil rights leaders, punishes economic behavior having a 'disparate impact.' That means that even without discriminatory intent, an employer can be a lawbreaker if EEOC believes it unwittingly has harmed certain groups."

Carl Horowitz, "The Numbers Game at the EEOC," Investor's Daily, July 7, 1994.

Issue: Government education

Even award-winning government school teachers are questioning the system:

"[John Taylor Gatto] taught more than 30 years in the New York public school system and was named the city's teacher of the year in 1990 by the New York State Senate. He was picked a year later as the state's best teacher by the New York State Education Department. Since then, he has criticized public education in speeches across the nation. Teaching methods used today are chosen not because they are the most productive for learning, Gatto said, but because they are the most convenient.

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'It is most convenient for the millions of people who make a living off of the children who are confined to these government holding pens,' he said. Public school teachers are poorly trained, he said . . . To fix the problems in the nation's schools, the administrative hierarchy must be abandoned, he said. School administration is a 'parasitic growth' on public education . . . 'The only way to get better schools is to cut off the flow of money,' he said. 'We have to break the government monopoly on schools.'"

Jackie Kroeger, staff writer, "Educator Gives Public Schools Failing Grade," Omaha World-Herald, Aug. 3, 1994.

Issue: Abolishing government agencies

People snicker whenever a Libertarian says a particular agency could be done away with. Well, here's a big-state public official who agrees:

"In the months following my swearing-in as Texas treasurer, I undertook a thorough examination of the functions and organization of the state Treasury. In November I announced my conclusion: I believe the Treasury should be eliminated. I am convinced we can either move [its] functions to another existing state agency or, in some cases, privatize those functions and end up saving three out of every four dollars we've historically spent on Treasury operations. You see, there is an enormous amount of duplication in Austin. For every statewide elected official, you have press secretaries, travel aides, schedulers, and so on. Almost every agency has its own print shop—there are 33 separate state print shops in Austin. There are duplicate personnel and maintenance departments. Everywhere you look there's government."

Martha Whitehead, Texas state treasurer, Galveston Daily News, June 19, 1994.

[Editor's Note: Ms. Whitehead can't abolish the Treasury without a constitutional amendment that requires a bill passing both houses by a two-thirds vote, as well as a majority vote by

the people of Texas.]

Issue: Federal funding for the arts

Many people are upset that the federally funded National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) used taxpayer monies to subsidize what they considered obscene. Libertarians know that the problem goes beyond NEA's funding of works some consider obscene:

"The real problem with the NEA . . . is not that it occasionally funds such outra-

geous and repugnant projects. In making the arts dependent upon grants instead of the free market, state funding promotes art that virtually nobody likes. As a result, art is cut off from the culture, impoverishing both. Despite complaints from the art world that cutting off NEA funding would amount to censorship, state funding actually inhibits true artistic freedom. In a free society, the arts—like all other important human activities—are the business of the people, not the state."

Gene Edward Veith, dean of arts and sciences at Concordia University, "Federal

Handouts Stifle the Arts," Insight, June 20, 1994.

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employment to the unskilled, socialization of schools which smothers diversity and discourages innovation, rent control that consumes housing, extortion through transfer payments and stifling regulation of markets are all man's political attempts to repeal the natural laws of economics and sociology, and thus of nature. The familiar results are crumbling buildings and rotting railroads, bored and uneducated students, reduced capital investment, reduced production, inflation, stagnation, unemployment and ultimately widespread resentment and unrest. Institutionalized policies such as these create increasing instability and have the power to turn a nation of conscientious producers into a private sector of impatient gamblers and a public sector of unprincipled phunderers. When the fifth wave of the fifth wave tops out, we need not ask why it has done so. Reality, again, will be forced upon us.

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Proposals must be received by the COC no later than March 1, 1995.

Conspriacy of silence

Libertarian shut out of media coverage, again

The following column, although focusing on one campaign, illustrates the frustrations of many—even most—Libertarian Party candidates across the country. It comes as no surprise to longtime activists that Libertarians continue to face a "willful wall of silence."

BY VIN SUPRYNOWICZ

"Cathy Creno came and had lunch with me, and she said, 'We're going to do a feature on all the candidates for governor,'" says John Buttrick, the only non-loony challenger to Gov. J. Fife Symington on the Arizona ballot this fall.

"I imagine she's got five hours worth of taped conversations with me, she was off reading Ayn Rand and getting up to speed on Libertarian philosophy and everything else. She came out to my home and interviewed me and my fiancée, the *Republic* even sent out a photographer to spend part of the day at my house.

"Over the months of July and August the other five major candidates for governor did indeed have such pieces done on them . . . In each case the feature started at the top of Page One, and then jumped inside to a full page on each candidate," recalls Buttrick, a partner in Phoenix's most politically potent law firm, Brown & Bain.

"So anyway, she runs into her editor in early August, and he says, 'Nah, we've decided not to do those anymore,' and he's talking to her literally days before the three Democratic ones appeared. So she calls me up, she's been told by the political editor that they're going to wait till after the primary and then do hard-hitting political stories, and she promises equal treatment.

Commentary

They ran a box on Page One that said 'We're doing profiles on all the gubernatorial candidates; those who are unopposed will run after the primary.'

"So I call the political editor of *The Arizona Republic*, Dave Wagner, and say 'Now I'm really confused, you have this person do all this work, then she's told it's dropped, and now the box says it'll run later.'"

I asked Buttrick at that point how many more gubernatorial candidates would have remained to follow his profile.

"None. They did five and I would have been the sixth and that would have been it."

I called Dave Wagner at the *Republic*—Arizona's largest daily—on Aug. 29, two weeks before the primary.

"We assigned feature writers to do the profiles," Wagner told me, "but we got overloaded, so we cut back on those who were running unopposed (in the primary), but for some reason Cathryn didn't get the word," Wagner, usually a straight shooter, explained.

Hmm. Feature writers rarely get to issue photo assignments on their own. They normally have to go through the desk to get a photographer out on location, a desk which presumably should have advised Creno at that point if her assignment had been canceled.

But Wagner went on: "In the general that's going to change. In fact, I'm looking forward to giving the Libertarians coverage equal to everyone else . . . The Libertarians are going to be center-stage once the

primaries are over. It's not the case this time that there are a lot of candidates, there will just be three. The Libertarians have fielded a full slate of high-quality candidates, they have real policy alternatives, and that's what I'm mostly interested in . . .

"In some of our focus groups, for example, people say again and again let's get the non-violent drug offenders out of the jails to make room for the really violent perpetrators, ordinary people are talking this way now, and the two major parties are behind on this, they're afraid to talk about legalizing marijuana, and the Libertarians are the only ones who are willing to broach that."

What did Wagner mean by "equal coverage," I asked.

"Calling them for their position at the same time we call the other two, on every issue," Wagner explained.

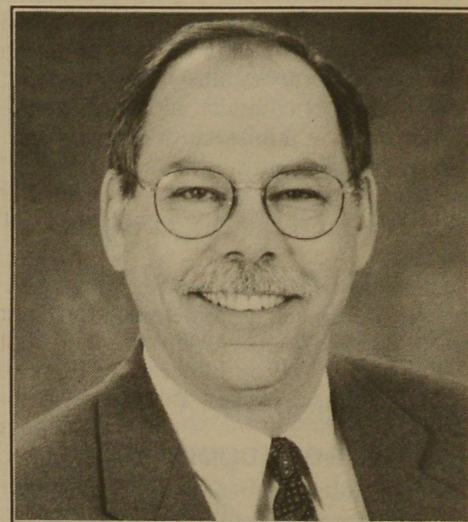
On Sept. 16—three days after the primary—*The Arizona Republic* launched its coverage of the three-way gubernatorial race on the front of its Valley & State section. There at the top of the page stood the headline "Symington opens 'book' on Eddie Basha." "Gov. Fife Symington turned author Thursday as he unveiled his 'book' on Democratic rival Eddie Basha . . ." wrote political reporter Mary Jo Pitzl. "Symington attacked Basha as a soft-hearted liberal . . ."

Flanking the story like a pair of bookends were little thumbnail color photos of Republican Symington and Democrat Basha. No photo of Buttrick. No indication Buttrick or his staff were called for a comment. (Surely the small-government credentials of a sitting governor who waited four years to call for repealing Arizona's hideous state income tax—waited, in fact, until challenger Buttrick had done so first—are more likely to be challenged by a Libertarian than a Democrat who favors \$6 billion more for the government schools.)

Finally, in Pitzl's next-to-last paragraph, a lonely reference: "Also on the Nov. 8 ballot for governor is Libertarian John Buttrick, a Phoenix attorney."

This, apparently, is "putting the Libertarians at center stage." This is "calling them on every issue."

The first independent poll in the race



John Buttrick

was released Sunday, Sept. 18, also in the *Republic*. Basha is reported leading Symington, 42 percent to 36 percent. Buttrick trails with just 2 percent.

Do Buttrick's low numbers justify the footnote coverage? Or should we be amazed he starts out *that* well, given the media's willful wall of silence?

That may change. Buttrick has been invited to participate in the statewide televised debate Oct. 23, and Basha campaign manager Rick De Graw says Basha will skip any forum where Buttrick has not been invited.

(This may not be entirely philanthropic. Big-spender Basha presumably assumes most of Buttrick's support will erode from Symington's column.)

Buttrick campaign manager Rick Tompkins makes no wild-eyed predictions, setting the cautious goal of the 5 percent Buttrick would need to win permanent Libertarian ballot status. But I think he may underestimate how fed up the voters are with a press corps that refuses to tell them about real alternatives. This could yet turn into as three-horse race.

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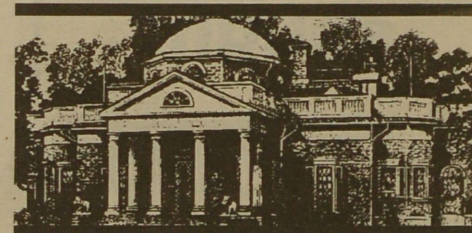
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Browne

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Charles Barr
Las Vegas, NV

Recycled

In the "Talking Points" column (Aug. 1994 NEWS) there was an intriguing quote about recycling from Llewellyn H. Rockwell Jr. The basic claim seemed to be that recycling did not make economic sense, and that there was some sort of conspiracy to keep this fact a secret. One of the more surprising comments was that recycling consumes resources. I could not figure out if this was supposed to be one of the dirty secrets about recycling; common sense shows that some sort of resource consumption is necessary to do *anything*.

The question is not, "Does recycling use up resources?" but rather, "Does recycling use up fewer resources than manufacturing first-use materials?"

If recycling made no economic sense at all, the hundreds of private recyclers around the country, large and small, who pay for at least some materials, would have gone out of business long ago.

If the point was that *municipal* recycling does not make sense, I apologize for misunderstanding; but then, no one should



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

be surprised that a government entity can lose money when it tries to run a normally profitable business.

James H. Taylor
Warrensburg, MO

Business costs

When our politicians are bending over backwards trying to tell us how much we need more big government, the *Los Angeles Times*, talking about Europe's problems with the economy and joblessness, says, "While unemployment would seem to be linked directly to the recession, in Europe it is not. As Germany and the region's other major economies show signs of resuming modest growth,

there is little expectation that the problem will go away. The high cost of doing business in Western Europe, *mainly due to liberal social benefits and universal medical care*, is driving investment out of the region."

It goes on to say, "'Europe's central problem is the welfare state,' former French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Pencet said."

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for any and all other contenders.

Milly Pickering
Independence, OR

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I was at my local post office the other day to get stamps, and I noticed that USPS is currently selling a self-adhesive Statue of Liberty stamp. Many state and local party offices probably use them, and I think that this stamp is quite appropriate. The view is from the left side of the statue (naturally!) rather than the right side, as in the party symbol, but it's still a rather nice stamp. Hopefully the national office can get the word out about the stamp, perhaps simply in the NEWS.

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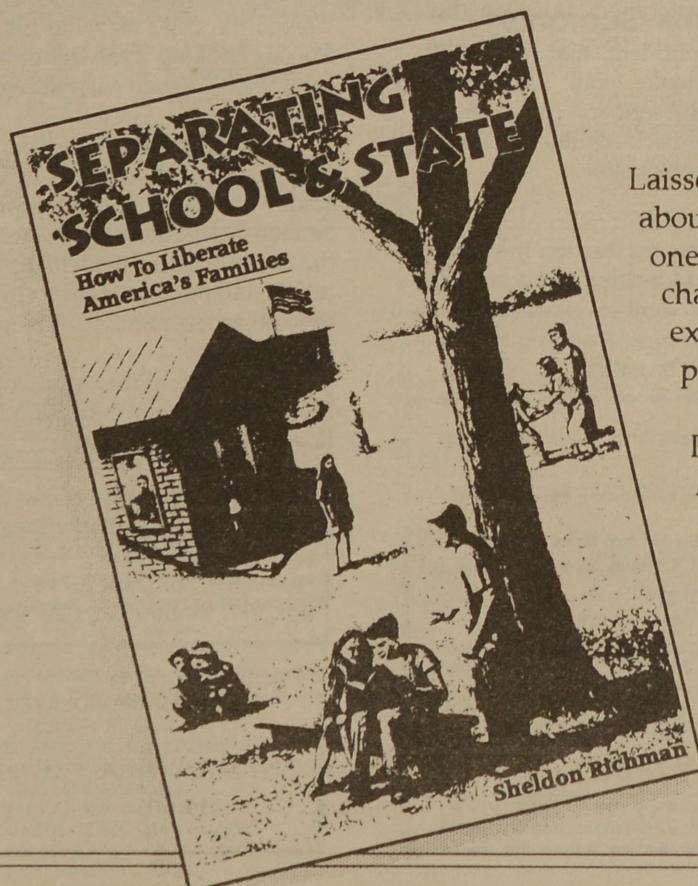
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LP regrouping and offering new lobbying strategies

With interest in health care reform at a temporary low ebb, national LP Chair Steve Dasbach said it is time for Libertarians to regroup—and to prepare for the next phase of the battle when the 104th Congress is sworn in next year.

"Round one was a victory for our side," said Dasbach. "A government takeover of the health care system has been stopped. But not for long! It will be back on the front burner when Congress reconvenes next

year. So we need to keep flexing our lobbying muscles, and keep working for Project Healthy Choice and free market health care!"

Dasbach reminded Libertarians: "There are still bad, Clinton clone bills alive before the House and Senate. Those bills, like the original Clinton plan, will increase costs, destroy jobs, impose broad new taxes on the American people, destroy consumer choice, and lead to the rationing of care.

And, of course, Bill and Hillary Clinton are sure to come back next year with a new, and equally bad, bill. This means that Libertarians must continue to spread the word about market-based solutions to the health care crisis."

Dasbach said the national LP headquarters has updated the Project Healthy Choice lobbying kit to reflect the demise of the Clinton bill, and the new "long-term" battle strategy. "We've also added information

about the current major legislative alternatives—a look at the Dole, Mitchell, and Gephardt bills. We say which ones are more pro-free market, and which are just as bad as Clinton's plan," he said.

Dasbach again thanked LP activists around the country for their work on Project Healthy Choice. "Our members have flooded Congress with mail and phone calls. They've held protests around the country. They've appeared on talk radio. They've done mass mailings to doctors and business groups. They've held public forums. I meant it sincerely when I said that member for member and dollar for dollar, we've been as effective as any organization in the health care debate."

The LP's five-point health care proposal calls for free market reforms to increase consumer choice and decrease government interference, including Medical Savings Accounts; restructuring tax policy to make all health care expenditures 100 percent tax deductible; deregulating the health care industry; replacing the FDA with a private-sector organization; and privatizing Medicare and Medicaid.

'Brass Roots' draws 10,000

On Sept. 25, approximately 10,000 people gathered on the steps of the capitol building in Lansing, MI, as part of the Jon Coon for U.S. Senate campaign. The "Brass Roots" rally was designed to show the participants' "determination to regain the right to keep and bear arms."

Newspapers described the event as one of the largest such ever in the state, and said participants were "the most orderly, patriotic, and best organized that they had ever seen."

Keynote speakers included LP candidate Coon and rock music star Ted Nugent.

Nugent, who was the last speaker, walked on stage carrying his young son, Rocco. Looking over the crowd, Nugent said, "Look Rocco! A well-regulated militia!"

During the rally, more than 800 pounds of brass cartridges were collected for a plaque that will be inscribed with Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, and the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and presented to the Michigan legislature as a reminder of the gun owners' political clout.

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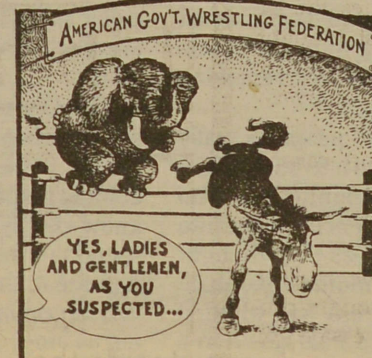
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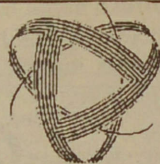


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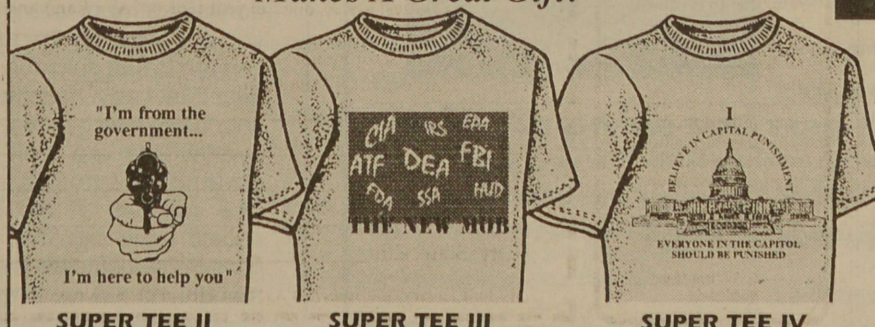
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On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

one-paragraph nonbinding resolution urging everybody to floss. This resolution would not take effect until the year 2006. Bob Dole is still against it.

2. CRIME

I am pleased to report that crime is no longer an issue. This is because Congress, after much huffing, finally passed a Crime Bill, which goes directly to the root cause of the crime problem, which turns out to be the same as the root cause of every other problem that the federal government decides to tackle, namely: The federal government was not spending enough money on it.

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are they doing this? BECAUSE THEY WANT OUR MONEY.

So let's say there are 3 million violent criminals running loose. Thanks to the Crime Bill, the federal government is now in a position to give every one of them \$10,000 of our money, thereby eliminating the need for them to whack our heads. It would be similar to those agricultural programs wherein the government gives our money to farmers as an incentive to not grow alfalfa. These programs are highly effective, which is why you have never had your head whacked by an alfalfa farmer.

The problem with my idea, of course, is that people who are NOT violent criminals would start claiming they were, to qualify for federal benefits. But we could solve that via an aptitude test wherein applicants would have to demonstrate their criminality by whacking heads of crash-test dummies or volunteer scientists from the Tobacco Institute. This may seem like a cumbersome program, but it would definitely work better than whatever Congress comes up with.

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volved in the Civil War was threatening Roger Maris' home-run record. This has indeed been a bitter October, with no World Series Fall Classic to keep the entire nation enthralled until midway through the fourth inning, which is when the Fall Classic audience generally falls asleep.

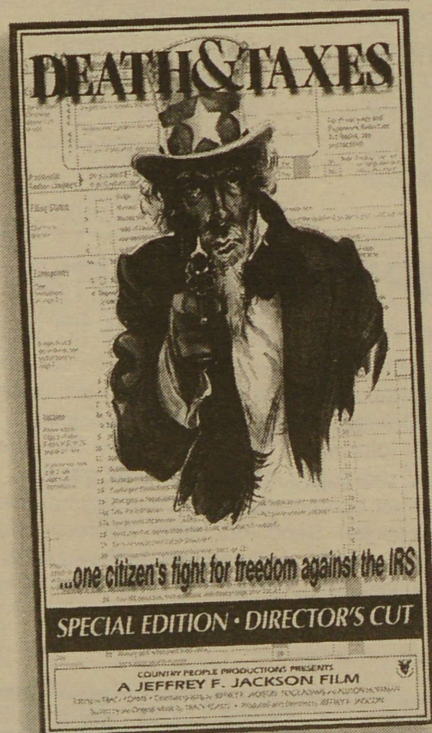
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Dear Hillary:

This new feature highlights letters written by readers to individuals or organizations other than the LP or the NEWS. Send us a copy of your letter to others and we will consider it for publication.



Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC

Dear Hillary,

Congratulations on the failure of the health care bill. I know that you are probably blaming special interests and Rush Limbaugh for the defeat of your administrative masterwork, but I think you are avoiding the truth if you find comfort in that delusion. The truth, My dear First Lady, despite what you and your party may believe, is that people everywhere are sick and tired of government intrusion into their lives. The collapse of the Soviet Union should have signalled a warning to government officials everywhere that humankind will no longer be treated

as livestock. How could you have expected us to settle for Federal Health Insurance when previous governmental blunders, including the Post Office and the Social Security Administration, have all failed miserably.

I am also very curious to find out how much of my money was spent constructing that brilliant plan. Please, I know that you have already told us with typical governmental arrogance that it is none of our business, but couldn't you give me a clue? I'll write down a one, and you tell me how many zeros to put behind it. Is it possible that you and your committee never even kept track of how much your moment of glory cost? I would have rather you had spent the money on new shoes and clothes for yourself, because then we would have something to show for the money. A well-dressed First Lady would have been better than a 1,300 page piece of solid waste.

I would like to thank you for your incompetent plan, which has momentarily spared the Land of the Free from the Hammer and Sickle, and I hope you enjoy your new position as Administrator of Tea and Cookies.

Tim Slagle
Chicago, IL

Your "Secret Weapon" to Grab the 53%

Great news! A new Times/Mirror survey of American voters reveals that 53% of them "support the idea of a third party."

Our job: To make sure that the Libertarian Party is that third party. We need to show voters that we are serious, respectable, and have answers to the problems that trouble them most.

Our tools: A wide variety of brochures, flyers, booklets, tabloid newspapers, bumperstickers, and books. They're written and designed by professionals — and they can be our "secret weapon" to turn those unhappy voters into Libertarians.

Our invitation: Stock up today! Our prices are low, our selection is large. And, if you need these items fast, just \$5 will guarantee you rush shipment.

Remember: That 53% is up for grabs. Let's make sure the LP grabs them!



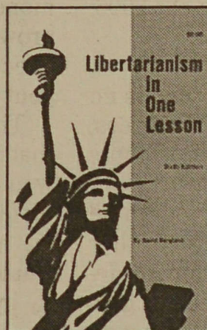
■ LP Program. 4 pages, maroon ink. Details LP positions on education, employment, political corruption, health care, and violence & crime. Provides steps the LP would take immediately to solve these problems.

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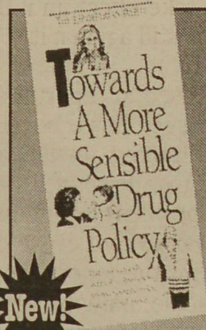
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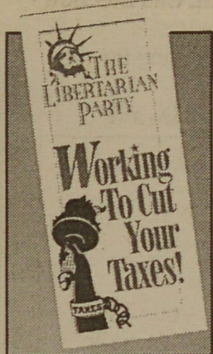
■ Libertarianism in One Lesson by David Bergland. 126 pages, 6th edition. The classic, critically praised introductory work about Libertarianism.

Cost: \$8 each or 5 for \$25



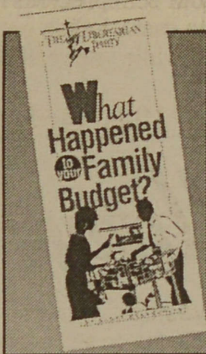
■ Towards A More Sensible Drug Policy. Brochure. Compares Drug Prohibition to alcohol prohibition; discusses the Prohibition/crime link; makes the case for legalization.

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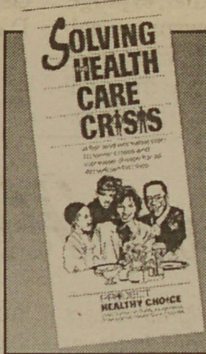
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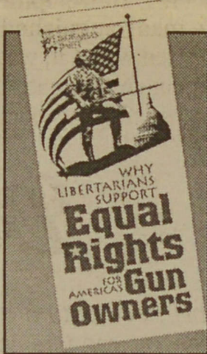
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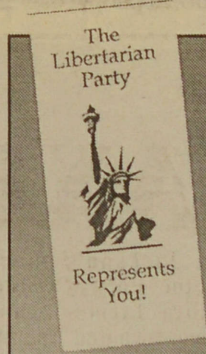
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Literature

■ Liberty Today tabloid newspaper. 12 pages, maroon & black ink, numerous photographs. Overview of LP activities, personalities, and philosophy. **Cost:** Sample: \$1 or \$10 for 100

■ LP Platform. 24 pages, dark purple ink. The 1994 platform of the LP, with the "official" party positions on individual rights and civil order, trade, the economy, domestic concerns, and foreign affairs. **Cost:** Sample: \$1 or \$50 for 100

■ LP Fact Sheets: 2-page LP history (political highlights from 1971 to 1993) and 2-page bibliography (over 150 books about Libertarianism). Sold as a set only. **Cost:** Sample: 50¢ or \$10 for 100

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Tools for Campaigning

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

■ Libertarian Political Action: Techniques for Effective Campaigning. 32-page handbook especially for LP candidates. **Cost:** \$3.00 each

■ Political Campaigning, a New Decade. 276 pages. Campaign advice from the National Women's Political Caucus. **Cost:** \$25.00 each

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

■ Vote Libertarian 1-800-682-1776

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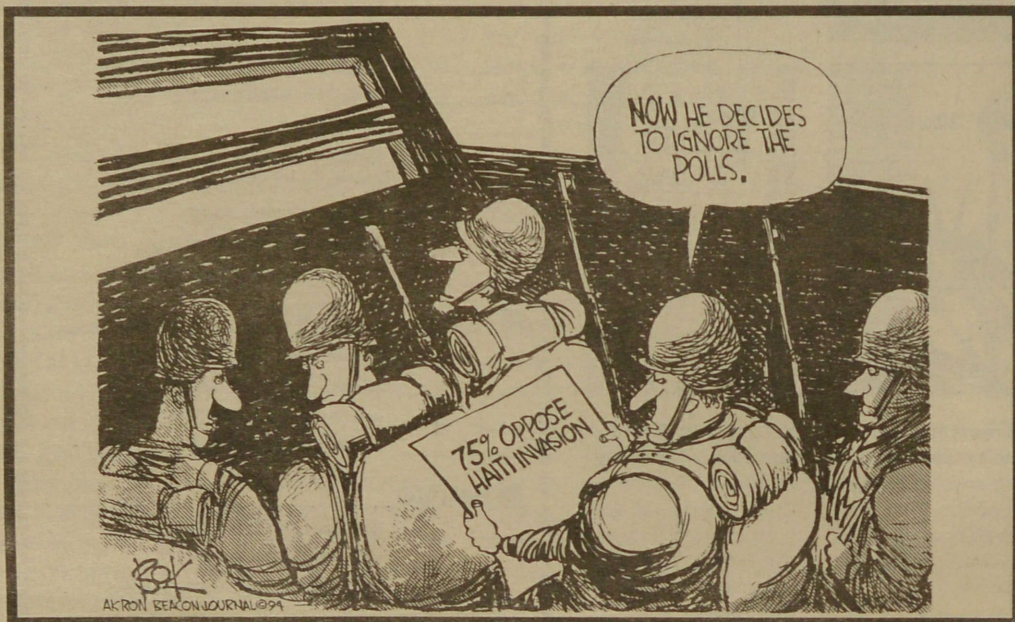
May 20, 1995:

Alaska LP Convention; for information call 907-248-HEMP.

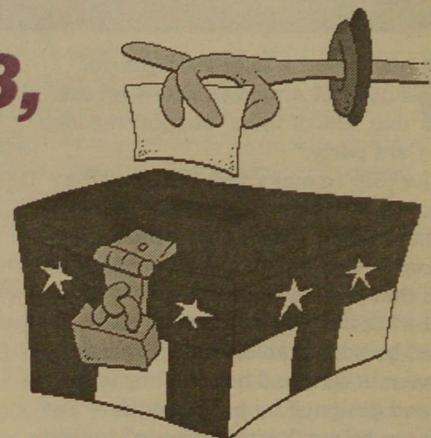
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