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Small steps, big payoff

Nominating in '96 offers challenge and opportunity for LP

"All progress is unlikely, and therefore unreasonable. Thus, all progress depends on unreasonable men."

— George Bernard Shaw

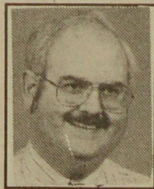
It's true! Think about it. Was anyone ever more unreasonable than America's Founders? While we meekly suffer under 47 percent taxation, they went to war over a few small taxes on tea and newspapers. And while we still have recourse to the ballot box to redress our grievances, they chose to wage war against the greatest empire on earth.

By today's standards they fought over petty complaints. By today's standards their actions were foolhardy. There was no reason to think they would win and every reason to think they would lose, but they pursued their dreams with all their might.

Why did they do it? Because they had a vision. A vision that inspired them to superhuman efforts. We must have the same kind of vision and make the same kind of effort.

How did they do it? By perseverance and the accumulation of small victories. And we must achieve our goals in the same way—one small step at a time.

For over a decade, the Libertarian Party has been beating back ballot access barriers, one small step at a time. For 1992, we set the "unreasonable" goal of putting our presidential ticket on every ballot in America. That vision inspired superhuman efforts from Libertarians all across the country. Through perseverance and the accumulation of victories one state at a time, every American had the opportunity to vote



From the Chair

Steve Dasbach
National Chair

Libertarian in 1992.

Looking ahead toward 1996, we've set another "unreasonable" goal. On Dec. 11, 1993, the Libertarian National Committee set our next presidential nominating convention for July 4-7, 1996, in Washington DC. We still intend to be on every ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

According to ballot access expert Richard Winger, "This will be the first time since 1972 that any third party which hoped to be on the ballot in all the states, or even most states, has dared to choose its presidential candidate so late in the election year. Although third parties routinely chose their presidential candidates in the late spring or early summer of the election year in the 1920's and earlier decades, hostile ballot access laws enacted since then have virtually forced third parties to make their choices much earlier."

Back in July 1924, when the Progressive Party nominated its first presidential candidate (Sen. Robert LaFollette), the deadline for getting him on the ballot had not passed in any state. Today, it would be too late for such a new party to even attempt to get on the ballot in at least 10 states. This is in spite of a 1983 U.S. Supreme Court ruling saying that petition deadlines must not be earlier than the date the Republicans and Democrats nominate their presidential candidates (July and/or August).

Of course, we are not a new party. Our past ballot access efforts have already earned us ballot status in nearly 20 states. Still, there are seven states whose laws will keep our presidential ticket off the ballot in 1996 if we wait until July 1996 to nominate. Unless we act now to overturn those laws.

Early in January 1994, I signed an agreement with our 1996 convention contractor, committing us to a July '96 convention. We now have the legal standing we need to

National convention awarded to DC in July 1996

At the December Libertarian National Committee meeting, a proposal was accepted to hold the next national convention in Washington, DC, from July 4-7, 1996.

The date of the convention marks a departure from past practices, since LP nominating conventions have normally been held during the Labor Day weekend the year before presidential elections. The accompanying column by national chair Steve Dasbach explains the rationale behind the change.

The convention was awarded to FEE Enterprises, a group made up of John Famularo, Don Ernsberger, and Louise

Ernsberger.

The site of the convention will be the Hyatt Regency Washington, located on Capitol Hill. The theme of the convention will be, "Declare Your Independence," and will mark the 200th anniversary of George Washington's Farewell Address and the 25th birthday of the Libertarian Party.

Highlights of the convention will include a special event at the Jefferson Memorial—"Liberty in Words and Music." The convention will also be built around maximum C-SPAN coverage.

Many more details of the convention will be covered soon in the NEWS.

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challenge those laws. Through lobbying and legal action, we intend to overturn these oppressive laws. By perseverance and the accumulation of small victories, we will again be on every ballot in '96.

Why should we nominate in '96 instead of '95? According to Richard Winger, "(the) advantages for the party in holding a late convention are:

1. The party will be able to use its presidential primaries. It will probably have presidential primaries in 1996 in California, Idaho, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and South Dakota. A few other states are possibilities as well, depending on where the party qualifies for 'party' status in 1994 and 1995: Maine, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

If there is a contest for the Libertarian presidential nomination, it will be the first time that a nationally-organized third party has used presidential primaries in more than just one state, to help it decide whom to nominate.

2. Candidates for the party's nomination won't need to begin campaigning at the

beginning of 1995; instead they can wait until the end of 1995, or even later. This should increase the number of people who will consider running.

3. The party's decision as to whom to nominate can be made at a time when the issues and likely contenders from the other parties are known." (Ballot Access News, Dec. 12, 1993)

Of course, we could continue letting Democrats and Republicans dictate our convention dates. Moving our convention to '96 does increase the risk that we won't make every ballot. Continuing to do what we've always done would be the "safe" choice, the one that didn't risk failure. But it isn't the choice that leads to victory.

We must follow in the footsteps of America's Founders. We must believe in and be inspired by an inner vision of ultimate triumph, and then make that vision real through the accumulation of small victories.

That means no more pessimism about the chances for success in our lifetime, but not more looking for shortcuts either. Victory soon, but one small step at a time.



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Would you rather rent temporary Libertarian ballot status or permanently own it?

2. Permanent Ballot Status transforms Arizona Libertarians from fund-raising consumers to producers, from importers to exporters, from petitioning overhead into ballot drive income.

After May 21, 1994 - after we've achieved Permanent Libertarian Ballot Status - you'll never need to give Arizona another dime for ballot drives. We'll be able to help your state's Libertarian ballot drives...until your state achieves Permanent Libertarian Ballot Status. Then we'll work together to help the next state LP do the same. Then we'll help the next one. We can build a permanent foundation for an enduring liberty.

3. Arizona is Fertile Soil for Libertarian Candidates.

We elected Dr. Murray Feldstein to the Flagstaff City Council twice. Because of his principled opposition to government growth and higher taxes, the press dubbed him "Dr. No."

We elected Eric Ewing to the Marana School Board. He champions educational choice and home schooling.

We elected Paul Brick to the San Pedro Valley Conservation District.

Per capita, only Alaska and New Hampshire have elected more Libertarians to office than Arizona.

4. More Registered Libertarians on the Voter Rolls Means More Libertarian Votes on Election Day.

Who's most likely to vote for a Republican candidate: a registered Democrat, Independent, Libertarian or Republican? Obvious, isn't it?

Who's most likely to vote for a Libertarian candidate? The voter committed enough to register Libertarian.

5. More Libertarian voters and more Libertarian votes on election day makes it easier to recruit credible, competent, consistent candidates. This means less media attention given to 'kook' or 'flake' or 'Macho Flash' marginal libertarians who sometimes get on the ballot as paper candidates. It means more electable Libertarian candidates in winnable races.

More Miriam Luces and Dr. Jimmy Blakes.

As Michael Emerling noted, we create a **Reverse Gresham's Law of Candidates: Good Libertarian Candidates Drive Out the Bad.**

6. Every elected Libertarian is living proof that we are reasonable and responsible people.

When a Libertarian candidate looks like he might actually win, some Democrat and Republican opponents try to slander and smear him with charges like: "You want to cut off Social Security payments to the elderly" or "You're in favor of Drugs" or "You support kiddie porn" or "You condone prostitution...you even ran a prostitute for office in California."

When a Libertarian candidate looks like she might actually get elected, some newspaper and television reporters stoop to sensationalism, sleaze and shock stories about us and our political ideas. Stuff like: "Libertarians defend assault weapons - and claim the NRA is too compromising", "Libertarians would abolish welfare" or "Libertarian Party filled with anarchists."

Every elected Libertarian is an antidote to the slander and smears. What we are will speak so loudly that voters will hear every word we say.

7. Registered Libertarian voters can be converted into dues-paying, contribution-giving Libertarian Party members.

In 1991 and 1992, California Libertarian State Chair Pat Wright doubled dues-paying LP membership from 2,000 to 4,000...by sending letters to registered Libertarian voters and asking them to join.

The California Libertarian Party was able to persuade 1 out of 17 registered Libertarian voters to become dues-paying LP members.

The San Diego Libertarian Party was able to persuade 1 out of every 10 registered Libertarian voters to become dues-paying LP members.

Last November, Libertarian Ken Smalley ran for the Tucson City Council. Inside the Tucson City Limits, we have 620 registered Libertarian voters. 134 of them contributed to Smalley's Libertarian campaign.

21.6% of the registered Libertarian voters contributed to this local campaign. The average donation? \$25.90.

The person most likely to become a dues-paying National Libertarian Party member is a registered Libertarian voter.

The more Libertarians we identify and register to vote, the more Libertarian Party members we'll have.

What We Need to Do Now

We have already registered 5,497 Libertarian voters in Arizona.

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Permanent Libertarian Ballot Status in Arizona. The legal deadline is May 21, 1994.

We've retained Alexis Thompson & Associates to help us finish the job on time. In addition to telephone fund-raising for the Libertarian Party, Alexis Thompson & Associates have successfully run several Arizona ballot initiatives.

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"Michael, that's when I called you. I followed your advice to the letter. I bought a copy of Charles Murray's *LOSING GROUND* - and sold it to my professor. You're right, if I'd given it to him I'd be practicing intellectual welfare, encouraging him to believe in something for nothing and he'd have had no financial investment in reading the book.

"Well, he read the book and asked for more. I gave him a *Laissez Faire* Books catalog (he bought several books over the phone while I was there) and a *CATO* catalog.

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We started this club for several reasons. First, to support and promote the Libertarian Party. Second, to encourage interest in politics among youth. Third, to inform the general public on what Libertarianism is all about.

If you publish this letter, including the address, in the Libertarian Party NEWS, other Libertarian Clubs will be able to correspond with us. Also, other ambitious young Libertarians might be en-

couraged to establish similar organizations.

The clubs at our school are either tied to the curriculum, e.g. the math club or the Japanese club, or interact with the community by helping the poor, the homeless, or cleaning up the environment. These are all good causes.

We believe, however, that if Libertarian ideas were more prevalent, these problems might not exist. Therefore, a Libertarian Club is ultimately of more benefit to society.

Founding Members: Mark Goodman, Tom Carolan, Matt Riordan, Brock Goodman, Ken Follmar, Sean Johnson

[Write: Young Libertarians Club, 15256 Bellecourt Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070]

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Candidates and new groups

Arizona

In late September, the state Court of Appeals ruled that the number of signatures needed by a candidate to get on a primary ballot should be 5 percent of the number of registered voters in that party, not 5 percent of the votes it polled at the last general election. The court stated, "It makes no sense to say that a Democrat must be supported by 1.5 percent of the registered Democrats, but a Libertarian must be supported by 37.5 percent of the registered Libertarians." The case was brought by **Ken Smalley**, who ran for Tucson City Council.

Party members registered nearly 100 new Libertarians at an outreach booth during last fall's state fair.

Florida

Richard Vajs, a Fort Walton Beach engineer, has announced his candidacy for the U.S. House seat currently held by Earl Hutto. To provide the financial foundation for a credible campaign, Vajs will contribute \$15,000 of his own money to the campaign.

Vajs and the state party have filed suit in state circuit court in Tallahassee challenging the constitutionality of a peculiar fee-distribution statute that provides, essentially, that Florida "major" parties receive a percentage of their candidates' filing fees paid to the Department of State, but "minor" parties receive no percentage of their respective candidates' filing fees.

Handling the case is Tallahassee attorney **Daniel Walker**, who was co-counsel on the 1993 case in which the LP of Georgia successfully challenged a similar fee-distribution statute. To settle the case, the Georgia legislature repealed the challenged law and enacted a new statute to provide for equal treatment of all candidates' filing fees.

"The law we're challenging is just one blatant example of the 'electoral protectionism' practiced by the major parties against those of us who have the nerve to be something other than Democrat or Republican," said **William Bragg**, state chair.



National pulse

News from the states

Illinois

Libertarian **Michael Krech**, a trustee in the village of Lake in the Hills, proved one vote can make a difference. Although his "no" vote wasn't enough to keep the village board from increasing 1994 spending by 43 percent, he was able to kill a proposed road and street tax increase—and that saved taxpayers about \$48,000.

At a recent board meeting, only five of the seven members were in attendance. To increase the road and street tax required a three-fourths majority, meaning all five present trustees had to vote for the increase. But Krech, in true Libertarian fashion, voted against the tax increase, and therefore killed the tax hike for 1994.

Indiana

A new state affiliate is forming in Elkhart County. **Scott Baker**, **Jan Noble**, and **Sean Frick** are organizing the group. "We plan to work on Project Healthy Choice very strongly by holding public policy forums and utilizing public access television," Frick said. Plans are also being made for developing contacts with other community groups, as well as operating booths at the county fair and participation in parades. Frick, by the way, is a senior at Central High School in Bristol. He plans to attend Indiana University next fall.

Maryland

On Nov. 2, **Wayne Dougherty** lost his bid for election to the Brunswick City Council, 288-171, garnering 37 percent of the votes cast. The special election, to fill the unexpired term of a councilmember who had resigned, was non-partisan.

Massachusetts

Libertarians across the state are urging their local legislators to stop Gov. William Weld's proposed gun control legislation.

"Weld had clearly come out against gun control when he was running for governor—I suppose he felt that he needed the

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so-called 'gun nut' vote," said state party executive director **Lee Nason**. "He was running as a small 'I' libertarian and most of us felt that voting for him would help the Commonwealth hold the line on economic freedoms while ensuring a fairly safe environment for civil liberties. In all fairness, I think that he has been doing a pretty good job on a large number of issues—taxes, spending, and term limitations at least. But he has betrayed us on a very important issue and this betrayal involved a lie, a reneging on his campaign promise.

"I predict that many gun enthusiasts will now be abandoning the Republican Party and perhaps some of them will even join us. At least with a Libertarian candidate, they know that they will not be deceived on the issue of gun control," Nason said.

Michigan

The state party, with substantial help from the national LP, turned in more than 40,000 signatures for ballot access. The project was headed up by **Emily Salvette**, **Scott Boman**, and **Barb Vozenilek**. The official ruling from the state is expected in a few months.

Jon Coon is campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Don Riegle next year. Coon has put together a very good press kit and is receiving good publicity. Coon, 34, is married and has three children. A former U.S. Army officer, Coon lives in Henderson and is vice chair of the state LP.

Missouri

Mike Meara has been named membership chair and chief fund raiser for the LP of St. Louis City. Meara, a 33-year-old financial planner, will contact current prospects for membership and existing members for renewals.

Oregon

Three new affiliate parties have organized in recent months.

The following Libertarians are heading the drives in their respective areas: In Union County, **Gary Sublett II**; in Clackamas County, **Maurice Aho**; and in Washington County, **Bill Roberts** and **Thomas Cox**.

Organizations are also forming in Umatilla and Columbia counties with efforts being led by **Stevan Sorbets** and **Andy Eggleston**.

Cox, Eggleston, and Sorbets are all new activists in the party. And there are lots of new LP activists in the state. In the last 18 months, Libertarian Party registration has increased from 2,000 to 9,000.

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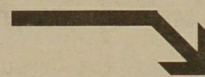
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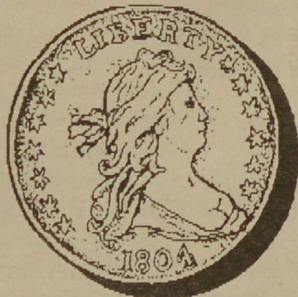


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ALABAMA

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| Mark Thorton | Lee County Constable |
| Rick Murchison | Montgomery County Constable |
| Bonnie Hutcheson | Montgomery County Constable |
| Charles Russel | Montgomery County Constable |
| Robert Roten | Montgomery County Constable |
| Rex Roberts | Elmore County Constable |
| Dr. Jimmy Blake | City Council, Birmingham |

ALASKA

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| Mike Wiley | Seward School Board |
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ARIZONA

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| Eric Ewing | Marana School Board Member |
| Patricia Malczewski | Ft. Mohave Mean Fire District Board of Directors |
| Paul Brick | San Pedro Natural Resources Commission |

CALIFORNIA

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| Peter Barry, MD | Ross City Council |
| Jerry Douglas | Virgenes Resource Conservation District Director |
| Bonnie Flickinger | Mayor, City of Moreno Valley |
| Thomas Gligorea | San Diego County Municipal Court Judge |
| Erik Henrikson | Tahoe City Public Utility Board Director |
| Nyle Keller | Loomis County School Board |
| David McCann | Orangevale Parks and Recreation District Board |
| Lundi Moore | Morgan Hill School Board, Santa Clara County |
| Robert Patchin | Villa Park City Council, Member at Large |
| Dennis Schumpf | Tahoe City Public Utility Board Director |
| Thomas Tryon | Calaveras County Supervisor |
| Sandi Webb | Simi Valley City Council |

DELAWARE

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| Richard Cohen | City Board of Health, New Castle |
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FLORIDA

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| Terri L. Donnelly | Winter Springs City Commissioner |
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HAWAII

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| Larry Bartley | Chairman, Kailua Neighborhood Board |
| Andrew Rothstein | Downtown Neighborhood Board, Honolulu |
| Marc Beauchamp | Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board |
| Don Johnston | Education Advisory Committee |

ILLINOIS

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| Michael Krech | Trustee, Town of Lake in the Hills |
| Greg Engstrom | School Board Member, Sherrard Community Unit School District 200 |

KANSAS

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| Mike Lann | City Council, Mount Hope |
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MAINE

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| Richard Eaton | Planning Board, Town of Paris |
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MARYLAND

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| Joseph Harrington, Jr. | City Council, Brunswick |
| Wayne Dougherty | Chairman, Brunswick City Utilities Commission; Fredrick County Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee |

MINNESOTA

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| Paul Streeter | Charter Commission, City of Minnetonka |
| Donald M. Salyards | School Board Director, District 861 |
| Francis Bauer | Curriculum Advisory Council, School District 196 |

NEBRASKA

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| Joyce Ansager | La Vista Planning Commission |
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NEVADA

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| Ernest Walker | Sparks City Council |
| Sandy Harmon | Tonopah Town Board |

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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| Don Gorman | State Representative |
| Calvin Warburton | State Representative |
| Andy Borsa | State Representative |
| Finlay Rothhaus | State Representative |
| Miriam Luce | State Liquor Commission |
| Howard Wilson | Selectman, Town of Andover |
| Sherry Kahn | Supervisor of the Checklist, Town of Hudson |
| Dave Tuttle | Selectman, Town of Alton |
| Charles Larcomb | Sugar Hill Town Moderator |
| Steve Middlemass | Hudson Budget Committee |
| Scott Ives | Clerk of the School Board, Town of Dunbarton |
| Boyd Quackenbush | Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town of Antrim |
| Randy Orvis | Farmington Conservation Committee |

Ed Foley

Madison Town Budget Committee & Roads and Water Commission, Precinct of Edelweiss
Pembroke Town Budget Committee

Charles Fowler

NEW YORK

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| Rebecca Wilber | Town Board, Woodstock |
| Chris Lynn | Police Community Relations Board, New York City |

OHIO

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| Bob Debrosse | City Commissioner, Piqua |
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PENNSYLVANIA

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| Hugh Ohdner | Perkasie Borough Council Member |
| Fred Crocker | Constable |
| Berlie Etzel | Tax Assessor, Clarion County & School Board, Clarion County |
| Vance Mays | Sugarcreek Borough Planning Commission |
| Tim Moir | Inspector of Elections, Upper Merion's Gulph 2 Precinct |
| Danielle Cauley | Inspector of Elections, Upper Merion's King 2 Precinct |
| John Pata | Judge of Elections, Middletown, Lower 11 District |
| Ken Sturzenacker | Borough Council, North Catasqua |
| Robert A. Trump | Constable, District 1, Mechanicsburg (Cumberland County) |
| Todd Zollinger | Judge of Elections, Mechanicsburg, District 4 |
| John T. Erb | Township Tax Collector, Lancaster County |
| Bill Vogt | Judge of Elections, North Hampton County |
| Christopher Davis | Judge of Elections, York County |

SOUTH DAKOTA

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| Richard Perdue | School Board, Rapid City School District |
| Art Lampert, MD | State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation |

TEXAS

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| Susan Frensley | Dallas County School Board Trustee |
| Wendall Weatherford | Travis County Public Weigher |
| W.R. Dick Tatum | Seguin ISD Board of Trustees |
| Danny Young | Edgecliff Village City Council |
| Otis Walker | San Antonio River Authority |
| Roger Gary | San Antonio River Authority |
| Richard Williams | Everman City Council |
| Robert Ewart | City Manager, Sour Lake |

UTAH

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| Alex Joseph | Mayor, Big Water |
| Emily Beers | City Council, Big Water |
| Janet DeJardo | City Council, Big Water |
| Jack Ehlers | City Council, Big Water |

WASHINGTON

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| Richard Shepard | Pierce County Citizen's Election Oversight Advisory Commission |
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WISCONSIN

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| Dave Ripp | Dane County Board of Supervisors |
| Mark Nurczyk | Executive Board of Professional Engineers |

Elected

New additions to Libertarian officeholders noted

The tally of Libertarian election successes in November has jumped upward again—with five new victories added to the already impressive list.

In addition, another Libertarian was appointed mayor of a large California city in December, and an LP member was appointed to public office in South Dakota in November.

The five new election victories all occurred in Pennsylvania, bringing to 10 the total number of Libertarians elected in that state last month—and increasing to 14 the total number of LP victories around the U.S. in Campaign '93.

"The hits just keep on coming!" said

Pennsylvania state chair Ken Sturzenacker.

Elected to office were Robert A. Trump, constable (Mechanicsburg); Todd Zollinger, judge of elections (Mechanicsburg); John T. Erb, township tax collector (Lancaster County); William Vogt, judge of elections (North Hampton County); and Christopher Davis, judge of elections, (Lancaster County).

All the victories were won by write-in votes, said Sturzenacker, which is why the results trickled in so late.

"In most cases, the campaigns weren't organized in advance," he said. "In some cases, the people didn't know they had been elected until the vote counts were certified by the county

Boards of Elections!"

Sturzenacker admitted he was surprised by the number of victories, but said they illustrate an important point: "At the local level, there are a lot of opportunities. We just need to be aware of them to take advantage of them!" he said.

Sturzenacker also said the victories are crucial for building the credibility of the Pennsylvania LP.

"These will go a long way towards countering one of the last desperate raps the Republicans and Democrats try to put on us—they have some wonderful ideas but they don't have any practical experience. To the degree we continue to win, we can dispel that myth," he said.

Meanwhile, in California, Bonnie Flickinger was unanimously selected by the City Council on Dec. 14 to be the next mayor of the city of Moreno Valley.

Flickinger has served on the nonpartisan City Council of Moreno Valley, a city of almost 140,000 citizens, since 1992. Flickinger, 51, joins Alex Joseph of Big Water, UT, as one of only two Libertarian mayors in the U.S.

And last month, South Dakota Libertarian Art Lampert was appointed to the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation. In his new, non-partisan office, Lampert will give Libertarian input into state vocational rehabilitation programs.

This was an LPHQ news release.

Cooperation

Merging inner and outer peace

Dr. Mary J. Ruwart, long-time Libertarian activist and author of "Healing Our World," recently met with Dr. John Hagelin, 1992 presidential candidate of the Natural Law Party. The following article is based on their conversations.

BY DR. MARY J. RUWART

In late September, Dr. John Hagelin and I met in Fairfield, IA, to discuss the similarities between the Libertarian Party (LP) and the Natural Law Party (NLP). While at first glance our platforms seemed to have little in common, we found much that each group had to offer the other.

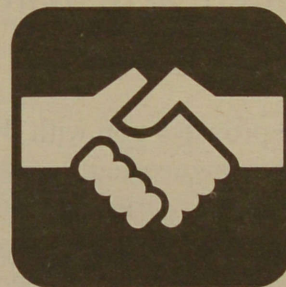
For example, both parties recognize that *human nature* and the *natural laws* governing society dictate that certain behaviors will promote life and happiness for both individuals and societies. Hence, the terminology "natural law" used by the NLP and the "natural rights" championed by the LP have been derived from the same source—the nature of humankind.

Libertarians have spent a considerable amount of time detailing the behavior that will create the material peace and plenty conducive to human life and happiness. Libertarians define natural rights as the practice of non-aggression. Thus, initiation of force and fraud against one's neighbor

have no place in the natural order of things. Libertarians have laid out in great detail what the practice of non-aggression actually entails and how aggression is hidden in our culture in the guise of government. Although there are some areas of debate, libertarians have come to consensus on most political issues. The LP platform has truly documented a blueprint for harmony and abundance by *defining the physical acts* that create or destroy it.

The NLP, on the other hand, starts with the inner realm. Their route to peace and plenty throughout the world starts with the consciousness of each individual. They promote educational programs that stimulate intelligence and creativity, thereby producing inner peace and stability. Through scientific study, they have produced evidence that this peace can extend outward to others, alleviating the individual and societal stress that exacerbate aggressive tendencies. Those who would like to review these data should contact the Natural Law Party at 51 W. Washington, Fairfield, IA 52556, and mention this article.

My personal belief is that each Party has one piece of the puzzle. Natural Law Party members, and indeed most people involved in the quest for inner peace, believe in the principle of non-aggression, and think that they practice it. However, they sometimes don't see the iron fist that backs the aggression through government, because it is so well hidden in its velvet glove. Libertarians can help the NLP to understand how taxes and regulation translate into the aggression that keeps peace from happening. NLP members probably will be very receptive to such knowledge since they already relate to the concept of non-aggression. Indeed, Dr. Hagelin enjoyed "Healing Our World"



and the libertarian perspective of how aggression-through-government can thwart even the best of intentions. How much more effective the NLP could be if they understood how to match inner peace with government policies consistent with outer peace!

Libertarians can learn a great deal about unity and community from the Natural Law Party as well. How did the Natural Law Party get on the ballot in 35 states for the 1992 election even though it was merely six months old that November? How was it able to raise many times more than the veteran Libertarian Party? From our discussions, we concluded that the techniques of inner peace that the Natural Law Party members practice result in the manifestation of outer peace in their one-on-one working relationships. Cooperation instead of infighting was the order of the day. How much more the LP could accomplish if it left factionalism behind!

What would happen if the LP and NLP worked together to complement each other? Better yet, what would happen if libertarians started developing inner peace and Natural Law Party members started promoting the actions required for the manifestation of outer peace? Separately,

we have only part of the picture. Together, sharing what we know, teaching each other a new way, will we see the whole that is more than the sum of its parts? Perhaps it will take the integration of inner and outer peace within our groups to teach the world the way to abundance and harmony. Perhaps we need to embody the *whole* of our human nature, both inner and outer, to precipitate political change.

Dr. Hagelin and I believe that merging our knowledge could result in a holistic perspective never before seen on the American political front. We propose to try it on whatever level possible. We already have begun contacts to explore cooperation in ballot access drives as a minimum outcome.

As a maximum outcome, we'd like to see our nation and our world embrace the principles of inner and outer peace. A strong step in this direction might be a merger of the two parties. Before this could be considered seriously, however, we'd need to get to know each other better. One way might be to draft a platform that both parties agree reflects their principles and values. Dr. Hagelin and I are committed to producing such a document and are inviting the input of both parties through articles in both party newsletters. Certainly, we need to meet each other face-to-face on a local and national level. Perhaps we could even match our slates so that together we promote a candidate dedicated to non-aggression for every office.

We invite you to join us in exploring the possibility of merging our knowledge of inner and outer peace to achieve freedom of the body, mind, and spirit. Please give us your input and critiques. Let us know if you'd like to help!

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

BY DIEDRE DENNIS

I hate to tell you, but Congress appropriated \$26 million for Selective Service. Barbara Mikulski, the chair of the committee that approved this expenditure, argued that since Selective Service registration was authorized, it ought to be funded. So, next year, we'll focus on the authorization bill rather than the appropriation bill. Don't be too down. We're still two for three. Not bad considering what we're up against.

Now, on to new challenges! Not long ago, the United States Postal Service sent inspectors to Equifax, the credit reporting company. These postal operatives discovered that Equifax had used Federal Express for—gasp!—non-urgent mail. “So?” I hear you saying. Well, the postal service has a legal monopoly. They fined Equifax \$30,000, the amount they determined should have been spent on stamps for the non-urgent correspondence. According to federal law, unless your correspondence

requires “immediate response,” effectively the same day it is received, it's not urgent and you must use the postal service. Never mind that, as reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, even the postal service's Priority Mail fails 23 percent of the time. Of course, it could be worse, as the Postal Inspection Service reminds us. They could bring a criminal prosecution. But in their magnanimity their current policy is merely to harass and fine.

Fortunately, Sen. Paul Coverdell (one of our more libertarian senators) sees this policy as “a classic example of government intrusion” and has taken steps to stop it. Although his recently introduced bill doesn't repeal the Private Express Statutes passed in 1872 that are the source of the problem, it does modify the law so that the postal service can no longer harass the customers of its competitors. S1541 simply removes the ability of the postal service to penalize these businesses. This bill has a good chance of becoming law. It has the



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Choice special two-page supplement in their monthly newsletter, as did the LP of New Hampshire.

“This kind of packaged project is exactly what we need more of,” said the LPNH's “Libertarian Lines” editor Jim McClarin.

In addition, NH Congressman Dick Swett's 1992 Libertarian opponent, John Lewicke attacked the Clinton Health Plan, which Swett was promoting in a public meeting in December. “If it's supposed to be so good, why is it mandatory?” Lewicke asked.

- In Illinois, the state party plans to print and distribute 5,000 copies of the “Solving the Health Care Crisis” brochure distributed by the national headquarters.

- In Colorado, the party is participating in several ways, said state Chair David Aitken. “We're planning to distribute press releases to hopefully all the newspapers in the state,” he said. Plus, he said, they are distributing the LP's health care “Briefing Paper” to important state legislators and major media figures, and have printed the two-page supplement in the new issue of the “CLIPboard,” their newsletter.

- In Nevada, the party sent Project Healthy Choice press releases to major media, publicizing their participation.

- In Kansas, LP Shadow Cabinet Secretary of Health & Human Services Henry N. Bulter spoke on health care financing at the University of Kansas in October, in a presentation sponsored by the college's

Libertarian student group.

“The audience was very impressed by Dr. Butler's presentation,” reported “The Free Kansan,” the newsletter of the LP of Kansas. And in a follow-up opinion piece in the newsletter, LP member Damon Black argued that “the all-too-obvious solution to the health care crisis [is to] legalize health care.”

- In Minnesota, “the party has been hitting health care since August 1992,” reported LP member Brad Eichstadt, and has published an “Issue Paper” on the subject.

- In Pennsylvania, State Chair Ken Sturzenacker has ambitious plans for Project Healthy Choice. “I expect to make it one of the three or four central issues here in Pennsylvania this year,” he said.

Sturzenacker said he hopes to turn the Project Healthy Choice material he received from the national LP headquarters into a 12-page outreach piece.

“I've got a mailing list of 900 physicians and 900 people in the insurance business” to mail it to, he said. “We want to go to the professionals in the affected fields first. We hope to use them to raise money to mass-produce it.”

Sturzenacker said he was “very impressed” with the quality of Project Healthy Choice, and predicted it would be effective politically. “Once people see the validity of our approach to this problem, then they will become more receptive to our views in other areas,” he said.

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Send a copy of any letters you write to your Washington representatives, and copies of any replies you receive. (This way, we can track the response to Project Healthy Choice.) Again, send to the LP HQ, attention Bill Winter.

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There is an up side to this. Recently, the House approved the Taylor-Condit-Pombo Amendment to its version of NBS, which requires that Babbitt get written permission before entering private property. Also approved in HR1845 was the Tauzin Amendment that eliminated the use of volunteers from zealous protectionist groups. Now, we need the Senate to concur with these amendments.

Write your senator and tell him or her that the passage of NBS without these protections to private property rights is unconscionable. Also demand that NBS funding be removed unless and until these protections are established. You see, Congress has already approved \$160 million for NBS even though just what NBS is hasn't yet been established. In your letter or call, be careful not to suggest that you approve of NBS even with the amendments. Although it seems unlikely that passage of NBS can be entirely stopped, tolerating NBS with the property rights protections added is different from approving of it.

Here's more to give you nightmares! As you are writing your letters about health care to Washington, DC, you may want to keep in mind two other unsavory aspects of the planning on Capitol Hill. The first should shock you. Congress is considering exempting itself from the health plan. No one else will be allowed to escape. You may be thinking, "Oh well, if things ever get bad enough, I'll just pay for good care." That will be against the law for everyone but Congress. No doctor may ever bill a patient for services covered by the "health alliance." Any attempt to pay a doctor for such services may be construed as bribery, a new crime under the health care bill. There is no escape.

Linking gun control to health care is the other source of that incessant buzzing in our nation's capital. Congresspeople are falling over each other to propose new taxes on guns, ammunition, and dealer licenses. In my district, it's hopeless. My representative is just salivating to pass whatever restrictions, taxes, and regulations he can. In a recent mailing, he actually tried to link current health care spending to the federal deficit. I'm not kidding. So, if your congressional representatives are

better than mine, do every American a favor and write a nice, convincing letter. (Hint: If you ask for a written response, it will be harder to ignore your concerns.)

Finally, there's good news on the Dietary Supplement Act front. In the House, HR1709 has 217 co-sponsors. We need only a few more! Libertarians in New York can help give Rep. John LaFalce that last little push. He's considering co-sponsoring, and a few letters and phone calls may help him make up his mind. Dingell in Michigan and Waxman in California are crucial. They

chair the Energy and Commerce Committee and House and Environment Subcommittee, respectively. These two have the power to bring the bill to a vote right now. If you're in their districts, now is your big chance to have one letter make a difference in the direction of national policy.

Don't forget about HR3347, the asset forfeiture bill; HR3145 and S1514, "A Cut is a Cut"; or HR237, the Congressional Sunshine Proposal. These bills are still pending and need your support. Write your letters now.

"He who has begun his task has half done it. Have the courage to be wise; Begin!"

— Horace

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Second Amendment

The Brady Bill and a semi-auto ban. The two most recent weapons the government is using to disarm the populace. Things look rather gloomy. However, there is a bright point, and it is bright. With millions of gun owners infuriated by the Republicans that voted in favor, the time is ripe for gun owners to be made aware that the NRA gave ALL Libertarian candidates an "A-plus" rating.

This can be accomplished in two ways: Write letters to the editor, and, more importantly, write to the organizations actively defending the Second Amendment. The three "biggies" are the NRA, the Gun Owners of America (GOA), and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), an educational/legal affairs group.

It is important to write to these organizations and let them know three points: 1) The Republican Party has failed to protect gun owners' rights; 2) the NRA gives ALL Libertarian candidates "A-plus" ratings; and 3) although not the most widely supported party, Libertarians can get elected and be counted on to defend the Second Amendment.

Who and where to write: 1) Larry Pratt, GOA, 8001 Forbes Pl., #102, Springfield, VA 22151; 2) Alan Gottlieb, SAF, James Madison Bldg., 12500 NE Tenth Pl., Bellevue, WA 98005; 3) Wayne LaPierre, NRA, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Brian M. Cost
Highland, MI

Healthy Choice

The Libertarian Party's alternative health care plan is a noble idea, but someone should do something about the name. Project Healthy Choice? Please... it sounds like a damn frozen dinner brand.

Hunter Putnam
Arab, AL

Blake

I have known of and held in respect Dr. Jimmy Blake of Alabama for quite a while. However, some of his remarks about his city council race are a terrible waste of ink and paper. A Libertarian who resents having to mention ending victimless crimes? Whoa. What's wrong with this picture?

Libertarians, including Dr. Blake, his Atlanta friends, and others who seem to show up at every LP meeting and bemoan why we don't win elections, are afflicted with such a wall of defeatism it's a wonder how we've grown as big as we are.

Must we rely on idiots and Democrats (did I just repeat myself?) like Joycelyn Elders to initiate debate on ending drug



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prohibition, for instance? Not! Further, should Democrats and Republicans get credit for ending the various Prohibitions they should be blamed for? Not! Libertarians absolutely must get elected or it just won't be done.

Libertarians "don't win" for one reason: Consistently running for offices for which there's no reasonable chance of winning. Annually, Libertarian candidates run in about 50 local races, and three times that each in federal and state-level races. Is there a pattern here?

Incidentally, we usually win roughly a third of the local races we run in. Is there a pattern here?

Libertarians must stop rationalizing away their determination to not succeed! Roll up your sleeves, get involved in your community, wear a suit, build credibility, and above all, do not run for an office for which you do not have spending parity or superiority! What you say is simply not important if you're perceived as a stable, concerned individual who is aware of what's happening in the community and has the good of that community in mind.

Marc Montoni
Lakeside, VA

Rush

I read Tad Salyards' letter [Dec. 1993 NEWS] condemning Rush Limbaugh. It's fine if Mr. Salyards does not like Rush or his politics. But to "remind libertarians that we should not be endorsing Rush Limbaugh" is to advocate throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Rush has criticized the LP for its stand on legalizing drug use, for example. But on economic matters, Rush champions the free market to 20 million radio listeners each week and millions more on TV. His opposition to the expansion and intrusion of government definitely puts him on our side. He even breaks rank with more traditional conservatives on several personal freedom issues in order to endorse a more libertarian position.

So what if he is not 100 percent libertarian? He gets much more of the libertarian message out than most "pure" libertarians. It is the ideas that are important, not who espouses them.

As for "catch phrases which endorse hate and violence," that is tantamount to an admission that Mr. Salyards has probably never listened to Rush Limbaugh at all. That falsehood is consistently used by his critics in the attempt to silence his passionate arguments for morality, rugged individualism, limited government, and a free market economy, all of which are central to libertarianism.

Larry Polnicky
Kennesaw, GA

Magazine

I agree with Gonzalo Leon's letter [Dec. 1993 NEWS]. We need a libertarian news magazine. Newsweek, Time, etc. present the statist viewpoint of national and

international news. Network television is equally distorted. I hardly bother with the news anymore. I would subscribe to a news magazine with a libertarian focus.

John DeMeo
Cumberland, RI

NAFTA

I was a little surprised at seeing the headline in big, bold letters stating "NAFTA endorsed" [Dec. 1993 NEWS]. As an American, I believe in free trade. But how can free trade in this NAFTA document, consisting of over 1,700 pages of new rules and regulations, actually help us? I'm already unemployed due to downsizing, and after looking at the available jobs, it looks like I'm going to go from a \$30,000 per year professional position to some minimum wage \$8,000 per year part-time job working for Wal-Mart.

So how is NAFTA going to help the current economic situation? Shouldn't the U.S. be a much larger exporter of manufactured goods than it is now in order for free trade to work? And why are companies already laying off and flocking to Mexico to hire cheap labor? Are our wages going to have to drop to compete with foreign imports?

Charles Haire
Las Vegas, NV

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I'm a little confused by the article "NAFTA endorsed." Now, I realize you say you "have some concerns," but saying NAFTA does "more good than harm" does not jibe.

First: NAFTA is not a treaty, but an agreement. The intentional substitution of the word "agreement" for "treaty" in itself would allow a regional five-member panel to decide whatever it wanted to concerning matters dealing with the countries involved, allowing it to circumvent the jurisdiction and authority of Congress, without worrying about any repercussions.

Second: Why do we need two volumes that no one (including the president and Congress) has completely read to describe it.

Last but not least: NAFTA is an infringement on state sovereignty, which could translate into an infringement on individual sovereignty, which is totally unacceptable. Please correct me if I'm wrong.

Francisco Salinas
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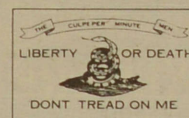
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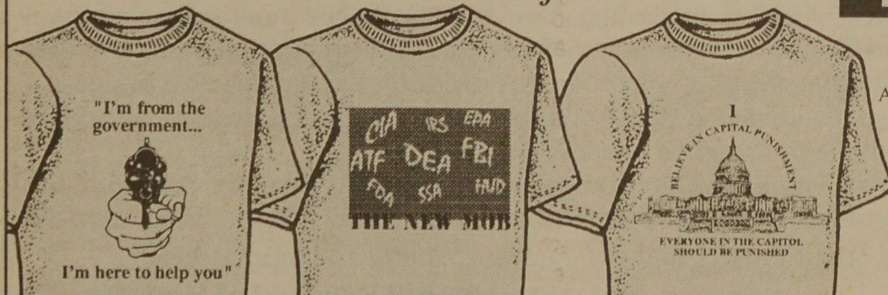
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presented with incontrovertible evidence that printer Zenger had violated British law by accusing the colonial governor of corruption, but they agreed with defense attorney Alexander Hamilton that a libel law that did not allow truth as a defense was abhorrent and acquitted Zenger anyway. Result: American Freedom of the Press.

When Judge William O'Kelly learned that as many as 25 percent of the prospective jurors for the Tucker trial had read a FIJA pamphlet that day, quoting such subversives as John Adams, John Jay, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone ("If a juror feels that the statute involved in any criminal offense is unfair, or that it infringes upon the defendant's natural God-given unalienable, or Constitutional rights, then it is his duty to affirm that the offending statute is no law at all and that the violation of it is no crime at all. . ."), O'Kelly dismissed not only the prospective Tucker jurors, but every prospective juror in the building, declaring them to have been "contaminated."

The judge then marshaled his employees on the courthouse steps to demand the identification of picketers, as well as to intimidate them into staying away on the new scheduled trial date of Jan. 3, by warning them that their actions verged on criminal jury tampering.

"I asked the court executive, John Shope, 'Do you mean to tell me that this country has reached the point where printing the truth is against the law?' And he said, 'In some cases, yes,'" says Harvey Wysong, the former Marine officer and combat vet-

eran who coordinates FIJA activities in Georgia. "I was appalled."

I was unable to get through to Judge O'Kelly's office last week. But a member of his staff told the Atlanta papers "No one in this office," including the judge, would be talking to the press.

Wysong said his group planned to leaflet again Jan. 3.

Won't that just goad the judge into going further?

"I couldn't give less of a damn; I'm suing everyone involved *except* the judge under 42 USC, Section 1983, individual liability against federal officers for civil damages. And the only reason I'm not suing him is I can't get an attorney to do it, they're a bunch of Judas goats. He was out on the courthouse steps, he directed his agents to go after me and the others who were picketing, the Libertarians."

How on earth could a judge object to jurors being told the truth about their historical rights, I asked Wysong.

"This is their territory, and we're reclaiming a part of it. Under Sparf & Hansen vs. United States, in 1894, the big industrialists started putting pressure on the government. Remember, unions were against the law, but juries were turning these union organizers loose. So the Supreme Court said it was OK to lie to the jury or not tell them the truth about the range of their powers. That case pulled the veil of secrecy over the jury, and it's been a downhill slide ever since. The jury in most cases today is nothing more than a dozen mannequins in a box, put there for show alone."

Wysong, with that fabled Southern gift



of oratory, says the hounds who bring a 400-lb. boar to bay can never bring it down alone. That's why boar hunters bring along two pit bulls on short chains. Once released, the pit bulls launch themselves at the wild pig without fear, clamping onto its ears and giving it several hundred pounds of dead weight to swing around. The boar tires quickly, and the hounds finish the job.

"I'm the pit bull. I'm the one who'll go in first and hang on," Wysong says. "We've got a whole lot of pit bulls here in Atlanta, and there are others more aggressive than I am and more tenacious than I am."

Having a government is like having a dog on a leash, Wysong says. "It's good to have your dog on a leash; but it's important to know which end each one of you goes on."

It will be interesting to see whether Chief Judge William O'Kelly will really try to arrest citizens for handing out the words of Tom Jefferson and Noah Webster and Alex Hamilton at a public courthouse this week, or whether he will try to intimidate the Tuckers' jury into believing they left behind the freedoms and the rights we were taught about in school when they entered

his courtroom.

Of course, the pitifulness of the government's case is revealed by this panicked response; no judge or prosecutor would have any concern about a juror voting his conscience in a prosecution for a real crime, like murder or armed robbery.

Thank God there are still a few people like the Fully Informed Jury Association out there fighting for our rights. I just think they ought to do one more thing: Start a list of judges who try to gut our right to trial by a fully-informed jury of our peers, as guaranteed in the very Constitution every judge takes a solemn oath to defend.

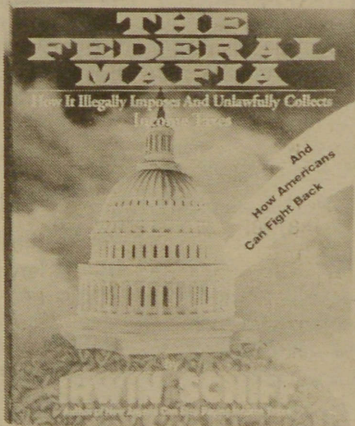
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"The Cold War is over, and American ideas won it. Private property. Free markets. The freedom to provide for one's family and, yes, to accumulate wealth with the fruits of one's labor. We call it capitalism, free enterprise, or simply business.

Yet, while the rest of the world is racing to embrace this American idea, some in America may be trying to walk away from it. While we argue over what steps our government should take to make our lives better, hundreds of millions of people around the world are overjoyed that their governments have stopped trying to run their lives—even if the purpose was to make their lives better.

That is what is so frustrating about the debate over how our government should 'fix' the U.S. economy. Neither the President nor Congress can create the jobs that give people freedom to provide for their families. It is business—through the market system—that supplies products, creates jobs, and drives the engine of sustained economic growth.

We are witnessing a global stampede toward capitalism. The world has learned from us. It behooves us not to forget the lessons we have taught the world about the dynamics of individual liberty and free markets."

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New Jersey LP Convention, La Villa, 2275 Kuser Rd., Trenton; for more information call 201-751-8675.

March 19, 1994:

Tennessee LP Convention, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Nashville; for more information call 615-773-7090. Speakers include Jacob Hornberger and Tamara Clark.

March 11-13, 1994:

Pennsylvania LP Convention, Best Western's Harrisburg - West Conference Center; for more information call 215-264-1921.

March 19-20, 1994:

Nevada LP Convention, Continental Hotel/Casino, 4100 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas; for more information call 702-482-5604. Speakers include Cheryl Godfrey.

April 16-17, 1994:

Libertarian Party National Committee Meeting, Kansas City, MO; for information call 202-543-1988.

April 22-24, 1994:

Illinois LP Convention, Quality Hotel Woodfield, Palatine; for more information call 708-776-8090.

April 23-24, 1994:

New York State LP Convention, Ramada Inn, Albany; for more information call 518-439-4612.

April 29-May 1, 1994:

Liberty Campaign Workshop, Best Western, Harrisburg, PA; for information write Dan Karlan, 97-A Manhattan Ave., Waldwick, NJ 07463.

May 7-8, 1994:

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

Aug. 20-21, 1994:

Libertarian Party National Committee Meeting, location to be determined.

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Candidate workshops set

Joseph Knight, the Libertarian Party's field organizer, has been busy planning for the upcoming LP Candidate Orientation Seminars which start this month in Phoenix, AZ, on Feb. 12. Additional seminars will be held on the following dates: Feb. 19, Albuquerque, NM; March 19, Jackson, MS; March 26, Atlanta, GA; April 9, St. Louis, MO; April 23, Madison, WI; April 30, Lansing, MI; May 7, Columbus, OH; and May 14, Richmond, VA.

For more information on the seminars call Karen Allard at 206-759-1838.

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