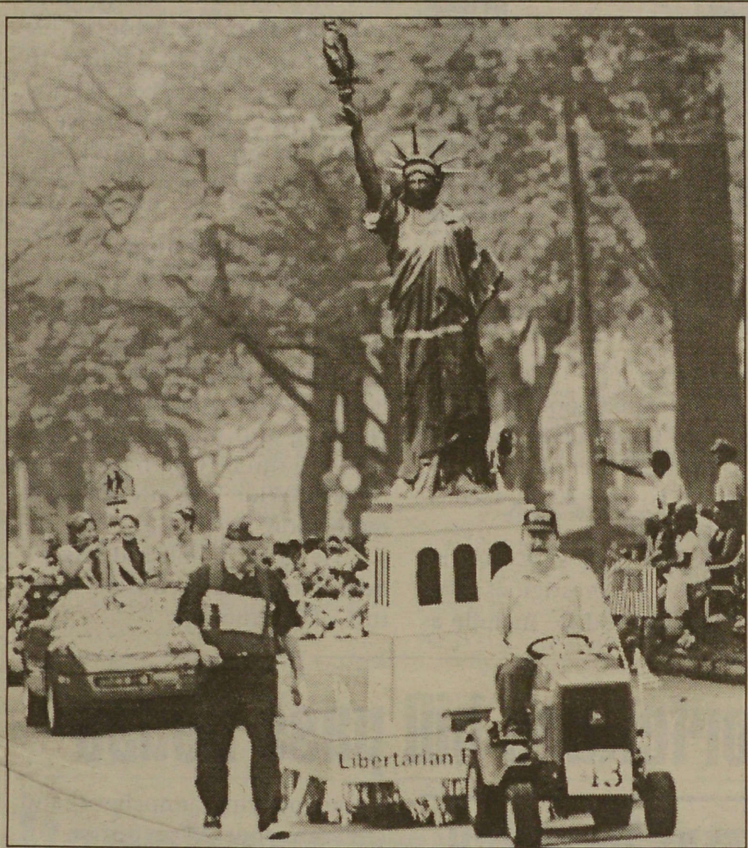


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Celebrating the 4th, Libertarian style

■ A 14-foot-tall Lady Liberty float — symbolizing the theme, "Seeking Liberty and Justice for All" — was a popular and eye-catching part of the Independence Day parade on July 3 in South Haven, Michigan. The float, entered by the Libertarian parties of Van Buren County and Allegan County, took "several Libertarians over two months to locate, build, and assemble," said Bill Bradley, chairman of the Van Buren County LP. The next day, the float was also part of a parade in the village of Dorr, in Allegan County. Shown here: Mike Dickson drives the tractor pulling the float while Bradley hands out Libertarian literature.

Party sets record goal: 2,000 candidates in 2000

The Libertarian Party has announced its most ambitious campaign goal ever — a plan to run 2,000 Libertarians for federal, state, and local office in the 2000 election.

"If we achieve this goal, almost every American will see multiple Libertarian candidates on their ballot when they step into the voting booth on November 7, 2000," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

"This would not only be the largest slate of LP candidates in our history, but the largest slate of third-party candidates in the USA in almost eight decades. For once, Americans will have a real electoral choice at every level of government."

1,470 candidates

Already, 14 states have announced goals — either formal or informal — to recruit and run a combined total of almost 1,470 candidates for the 2000 election, said Crickenberger, who set the overall goal of "2,000 in 2000" in consultation with State Chairs

from all over the country.

States with targeted recruitment goals for 2000 include California (200 candidates), Indiana (250), Missouri (80), Michigan (100), Nevada (100), New Hampshire (100), North Carolina (200), Ohio (100), Oregon (25), Pennsylvania (35), Texas (100), Utah (40), Vermont (100), and Wisconsin (40).



■ Ron Crickenberger: "2,000 in 2000" goal

In addition, over 100 LP candidates have already officially declared their candidacy for 2000 races.

Although the previous high-water mark for the LP was only about 850 candidates in 1998, Crickenberger said he is confident that the goal of 2,000 candidates is achievable.

"In 2000, we will have better ballot access than ever before," he noted. "More states will be able to run Libertarian candidates at all levels than at any time in our history. Our in-

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David Nolan: A leading 20th Century thinker?

David Nolan, the man who founded the Libertarian Party, has been named one of the "2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by a British publishing company.

In May, Nolan was notified by the Cambridgeshire, England-based International Biographical Centre (IBC) that he would be included in their upcoming reference work which features the most influential thinkers of the past 100 years.

Amused

Nolan's reaction?

"Amusement, mostly. I really don't think I'm one of the 2000 leading intellectuals of this or any other century . . . but then again, maybe I am," he said — especially considering "what idiots most intellectuals really are."

Although the IBC did not explain their selection criteria to Nolan, he speculated his inclu-

sion was due primarily to the so-called "Nolan Chart," which pioneered the concept and measurement of political beliefs on a four-way Liberal/Conservative/Libertarian/Authoritarian scale, rather than the old-fashioned Left-Right spectrum.

"I'm pretty sure it's because of my two-axis 'map' of the po-

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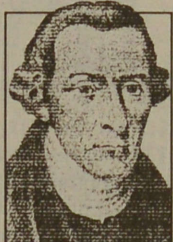
More of the best "Liberty Quotes"

From LP News readers, here are 79 more pithy and wise quotations

Benjamin Franklin once wrote: "I have heard nothing that gives an author so great pleasure, as to find his works respectfully quoted . . ."

And, apparently, nothing gives LP News readers greater pleasure than seeing respected authors like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, P.J. O'Rourke, H.L. Mencken, and Mark Twain (to name just a few) quoted on the subject of liberty.

In response to the "Best Quotations About Liberty" article in the June 1999 issue of LP News, Libertarians sent in more than 200 of their own favorite quotations — from sources ranging as widely as the Bible, to Ayn Rand, to James Bovard, to Leo Tolstoy, to Frank Zappa, to



■ Patrick Henry

Somerset Maugham, to Voltaire, to Eleanor Roosevelt, to that prolific quote-maker, Anonymous.

The quality of the selections — and the astonishing diversity of the people quoted — speak well of LP News readers. After all, as Amos Bronson Alcott wrote: "One must be a wise reader to quote wisely and well."

Here, then, are 79 more of the best Liberty Quotes, sent in by LP News readers.

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Maryland activist wins "Rolodex" contest

It's official: William Galvin has the biggest Rolodex in the Libertarian Party. The Maryland Libertarian has won the party's "Operation Rolodex" contest, a project to recruit new party members. LP National Director Steve Dasbach announced this month.

"Since late 1997, when this project was announced, Mr. Galvin has recruited 15 new Libertarian Party members — making him Operation Rolodex's most prolific recruiter," he said.

"We commend Mr. Galvin for his excellent efforts, and congratulate him for winning the first Operation Rolodex contest. If every party member was as successful at recruiting as Mr. Galvin, we'd have close to half-a-million members now!"

Runners-up in the contest were Stephen Healey, who recruited four new members; and Peter A. Meister and Martha DeForest, both of whom recruited three members.

Operation Rolodex is a membership growth project that furnished LP members with a complete package to recruit friends, neighbors, family members, coworkers — or anyone else in their personal Rolodex. The package contained a Nolan Chart quiz, a personalizable membership solicitation letter, a cover letter, a membership form, and an instruction sheet.

While grateful for the influx of new members that Operation Rolodex brought in, Dasbach said the party needs to "fine-tune" the project before offering it again.

"We had a lower than expected response rate for this effort," he acknowledged. "It may be that it was slightly too labor-intensive, or that the recruitment materials need to be strengthened. Or, it may be that personal conversation is the best way to convince friends to join the LP. Whatever the reason, we've got some research to do before we offer this package again."

Waco video will be for rent at Blockbuster

The Academy Award-nominated documentary, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*, will be available in Blockbuster Video stores starting in August or September, the producers have announced.

"[We] are pleased to announce that Blockbuster, the nation's largest video rental company, will add *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* to its shelves," said Dan Gifford, who produced the movie with his wife, Amy Gifford.

Released in 1998, the movie was nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary feature — and praised by the *New York Times*, Siskel & Ebert, and the Atlanta Film Festival. Using new research and unreleased video footage from FBI surveillance aircraft, it paints a devastating picture of out-of-control federal agents, their involvement in the fiery deaths of 76 people at the Branch Davidian compound, and the cover-up that followed.

The Giffords spoke at the 1998 LP National Convention, and won a Champion of Liberty Award for their efforts.

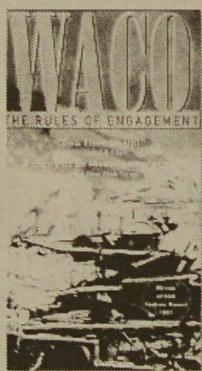
Indiana LP offers fun, educational videos

The Libertarian Party of Indiana is selling a series of videos that can educate and entertain party members.

Filmed at the 1998 state party convention, the videos cover everything from organizing county parties, to understanding the "Libertarian-Christian Connection," to an insight into Jesse Ventura's campaign for governor.

"If you were unable to attend this year's LPI Convention, you still have many opportunities to learn how to be a more effective Libertarian," said executive director Sara Cotham.

The videos include: *County Party Organizing* (1 hour 25 min); *Grabbing the Ear of the Media* (1 hour 20 min); *The Libertarian-Christian Connection*, by Dr. Schansberg (55 min); *Project One by One: How to Get Noticed in Your Community* (55 min); and *Dinner with Doug Friedline, Campaign Manager for Jesse Ventura* (1 hour 20 min). Each video is \$15, payable to the LP of Indiana. To order, write: 3601 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis IN 46205.



LP founder David Nolan named a top intellectual of 20th Century

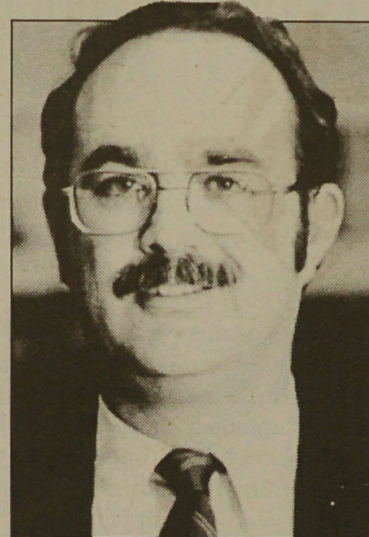
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litical universe," he said. "It's appeared in countless textbooks by now, and Sharon Harris at the Advocates for Self-Government told me their on-line Political Quiz [based on the Nolan Chart] is one of the most linked-to sites on the Web, with over 3,000 links. That's actually pretty impressive."

The four-way political map is now also used in public opinion polls, noted Nolan — just one more sign of its increasing influence.

Political universe

"When I first came up with the concept in 1970, I didn't think it would be a big deal, but I guess it has literally changed the way millions of people (including political scientists) look at the political universe," he said. "It may not be truly 'Copernican' in its impact — as Marshall Fritz once suggested — but it's probably as powerful and significant a conceptual tool as, say, the



■ David Nolan: He "changed the way millions of people look at the political universe."

Laffer Curve."

The finished book, to be entitled *2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century*, will be published in late 2000, according to the IBC.

If Nolan isn't sure that he belongs in such prestigious company, who would he include as

the century's greatest minds?

"Tough call," he said. "Stephen Hawking comes to mind, immediately. Among our [Libertarian] own, Ludwig von Mises, Murray Rothbard, Ayn Rand, Henry Hayek and the whole Friedman clan (Milton, Rose, and David) are certainly contenders. And while he'd probably spin like a top in his grave at the thought, I'd have to nominate H.L. Mencken. If I had to narrow it down to three, I guess I'd go with Hawking, Mises, and Mencken."

Living room

Nolan, who conducted the first meeting of what would become the Libertarian Party in his living room in Colorado in 1971, has been a newspaper editor, advertising and marketing executive, Interim LP Chair, creator of a World Wide Web site, and talk radio show host.

He holds a political science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

LP helps asset forfeiture bill pass House

With an e-mail lobbying push from the Libertarian Party, the U.S. House has passed a major reform of asset forfeiture laws, which will curb the government's ability to seize the property of innocent people.

On June 24, the House passed the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (HR 1658) by a vote of 375-48. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL).

The lopsided vote surprised even the bill's supporters — but may have been helped by the Libertarian Party's online lobbying campaign.

Urgent appeal

Two days before the vote, the LP sent an urgent appeal to the 140,000 people on its privacy mailing list, which it had collected during the campaign against the Know Your Customer regulation.

The message encouraged people to contact their Congressional Representative to urge them to support HR 1658, which would limit the government's ability "to confiscate the property of innocent Americans without even charging them with a crime."

Under the provisions of HR 1658, the government must now

STEVE DASBACH:
"HR 1658 will give innocent Americans some protection."

have "clear and convincing evidence" of criminal wrongdoing before it can seize assets; can no longer require people to post a bond to get their property back; and can be sued for damages when seized property is accidentally destroyed.

"We have to think that our

e-mail lobbying campaign — and the energetic response of 140,000 passionately pro-privacy people — helped this bill pass so overwhelmingly against strong opposition," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director.

Following the vote, Dasbach said HR 1658 was a good first step toward eliminating asset forfeiture laws.

"Until we can abolish asset forfeiture laws, we need to make it more difficult for federal agents to steal your property," he said. "HR 1658 is not a perfect solution, but it will give innocent Americans some protection from government criminals."

The bill must still pass the U.S. Senate, and faces a possible veto from President Bill Clinton.

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New Hampshire LP leads anti-tax fight

Libertarians work to keep "Live Free or Die" state as only one without sales, income tax

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has been invited to help craft a bill that could slow or stop the state's movement towards a first-ever broad-based sales or income tax.

In May, state Libertarians received an invitation from Republican State Rep. Robert Clegg to help write a so-called "Zero-Adequacy" bill, an innovative attempt to circumvent an unpopular state Supreme Court decision.

The bill "will not pass," admitted LPNH State Chair Danielle Donovan. "[But] it could generate media coverage for the party."

The legislation is an attempt to address the hottest political controversy in the state — a debate that has already led to \$825 million in new state taxes, and could eventually lead to a state-wide sales or income tax. Currently, New Hampshire is the only state without either tax.

The controversy started in

1997, when the N.H. Supreme Court ruled that the state's method of financing education — primarily from local property taxes — was unconstitutional.

The court ordered the state to determine a level of educational "adequacy" and provide for it through a "proportional" state funding mechanism.

Two years of political battles ensued, and after flirting with a sales or income tax, the legislature passed the "largest tax increase in history: \$825 million," said Donovan. The tax hike included a state-wide property tax, and tax hikes on cigarette smokers, car renters, and home sellers.

Zero Adequacy

In response to the court ruling, the LP's 1998 gubernatorial candidate Ken Blevens came up with the Zero Adequacy plan.

The plan did an "end run" around the court decision by simply defining the level of edu-



■ Ken Blevens, the 1998 New Hampshire LP gubernatorial candidate, speaks at an anti-tax rally at the State House on March 10. In his speech, Blevens promoted his "zero adequacy" proposal as a way to stop a broad-based sales or income tax.

cational adequacy as "zero" — which would remove the state from education and keep control at the local level.

The proposal generated considerable attention, said Donovan. "In a nutshell, it was becoming the talk of the state. If we had a couple more months to pound the Zero plan, we would have won."

Although the debate over education has cooled down, the

state party hopes to use its input in the new Zero-Adequacy bill — which also contains "separation of school and state" language — to keep promoting an alternative to higher state taxes, she said.

"It has given the LPNH its first off-election year issue with statewide recognition," said Donovan. "However, it is only step one in an ongoing attempt to rebuild the LPNH into a political force."

Anti-KYC bill fails in U.S. House

A bid to permanently kill the "Know Your Customer" regulation failed its first Congressional test, losing by a 299-129 vote on July 1.

The legislation — an amendment sponsored by Congressmen Ron Paul (R-TX), Bob Barr (R-GA), and Tom Campbell (R-CA) as part of a Financial Modernization Bill — was attacked by critics as "privacy gone crazy."

In all, 194 Democrats (and socialist/independent Bernie Sanders) and 104 Republicans voted against the amendment.

The amendment would have eliminated any federal authority to require Know Your Customer-style bank spying regulations; upped the requirement for Currency Transaction Report (CTR) reporting from \$10,000 to \$25,000; and added privacy and "sunshine" provisions to the Bank Secrecy Act.

The amendment failed despite a Libertarian Party e-mail lobbying campaign urging the 140,000 people on its Defend-YourPrivacy.com list to contact Congress in favor of the Paul-Barr-Campbell Financial Privacy Amendment.

Any surprise?

"Of course, we're disappointed that the amendment failed," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "But is it any surprise that so many politicians were reluctant to limit the federal government's ability to spy on law-abiding Americans?"

According to Wired.com, the amendment was opposed by a "hastily assembled alliance of law-and-order conservatives and liberal Democrats" who blasted it as "privacy gone crazy."

The Know Your Customer regulation — which sparked Paul's amendment — requires banks to spy on their customers in search of evidence of money-laundering. It was withdrawn as a regulation by the FDIC after more than 250,000 Americans protested it, but remains in force as an unofficial federal "policy."

Despite the setback of the amendment, Rep. Paul's Know Your Customer Sunset Act (HR 516) is still alive, and the Libertarian Party will continue to promote it, said Dasbach.

"This was just one battle," he said. "The ongoing struggle for privacy from snooping government agents will continue."

Hornberger: Conflict with Foundation led to decision to end 2000 presidential campaign

"A wall of separation would be more difficult and complex than I had figured," he explained

In the end, it was the difficulty of maintaining a "wall" between the partisan and the non-partisan that led Jacob Hornberger to make his most surprising political announcement of the year — that he had dropped out of the race for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

His bombshell statement on June 12 rearranged the landscape of the party's presidential race, left his supporters stunned, and prompted party members to wonder what had caused the collapse of the Hornberger for President exploratory committee just two months after its launch.

In his first extended explanation since his early exit from the campaign, Hornberger, 49, said the answer was simple: As his campaign heated up, he realized it was impossible to be both a presidential candidate and a

chief executive officer.

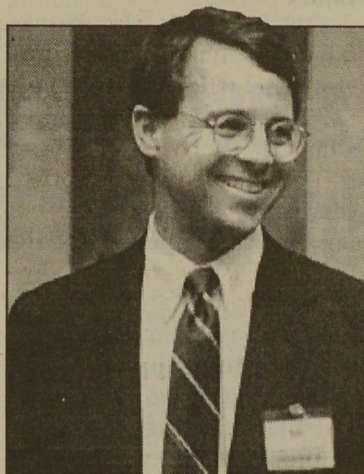
And when forced to make a choice, Hornberger said he chose his Fairfax, Virginia-based Future of Freedom Foundation (FFF).

"It became increasingly clear that it [was] impossible for me to operate simultaneously the Future of Freedom Foundation and a presidential exploratory committee," he said.

Prohibited

"As a non-profit, educational foundation, The Future of Freedom Foundation, where I serve as president and chief executive officer, is prohibited from advancing political candidacies.

"Therefore, if I formally entered the presidential race, the plan I had submitted to the Foundation board of trustees for formal approval entailed removing my name from Foundation materials, including articles and



■ Jacob Hornberger: "My foremost loyalty is to the Future of Freedom Foundation."

editorials, delegating authority to subordinates, but remaining in full management control of the Foundation.

"The idea looked good on paper but during the initial two months that the presidential exploratory committee was in effect, I came to the realization that keeping a wall of separation between the Foundation and a

political campaign would be more difficult and complex than I had figured," he said.

Some of the potential legal landmines, he said, included how to handle inquiries, media interviews, and speaking opportunities — since he could act as a political candidate or FFF representative, but not both.

Different directions

"I realized that things were not apt to become easier down the road," he said. "And I recognized that as time went on, if I were being pulled in different directions, it would be difficult to do both endeavors well."

However, resigning from the FFF was not an option, he said.

"My foremost responsibility and loyalty is to the Future of Freedom Foundation, and to the subscribers and donors who have supported the Foundation over the years," said Hornberger. "Therefore, while I [was] very enthusiastic about the possibil-

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"Smith for President" effort launched

A group of Libertarians is trying to draft science fiction author L. Neil Smith to seek the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

On July 4th, the Colorado-based novelist announced via e-mail that he would run for president as an independent candidate if supporters "will collect 1,000,000 petition signatures to convince me I'm not wasting everybody's time and energy."

However, he said, he would be willing to accept the Libertarian Party's nomination if "the LP membership did ask me to be their candidate."

In response, several LP activists formed the "Ad Hoc Conspiracy to Draft L. Neil Smith," and are working to collect petition signatures, set up state campaign organizations, and lobby for delegates for the 2000 LP convention.

"As the most prolific living libertarian writer, a dynamic speaker, and an unswerving advocate of freedom, he's a natural frontman for our cause," said Thomas L. Knapp, a Missouri Libertarian and a coordinator of the "Draft Smith" effort. Libertarians from California, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia are also active in the campaign.

Smith is the award-winning author of more than 20 books, including *The Probability Broach*, *Pallas*, *The Lando Calrissian Adventures*, and *Henry Martin*. If he does run for president, Smith said he would tell voters that "America is a police state now," and his platform would be "enforcement of the Bill of Rights."

For information, visit: <http://members.xoom.com/smith4prez>.

Committee: Add more "trust" to Platform

A Colorado Libertarian has formed a committee to lobby to change the language of the LP's platform to tell voters that Libertarians "trust" them.

David Aitken, a long-time party activist and past Chair of the Colorado LP, announced in late June that he had launched the Platform Preamble Project. Its goal: To "improve the marketability" of the party's platform at the LP's 2000 National Convention.

"The Platform Preamble Project proposes to modify many platform planks with a preamble that might read as follows: 'Because we trust you to make responsible decisions about [issues], therefore . . .'" he said. "I believe such an addition will go a long way towards reassuring the public about our motives in proposing these changes to public policy."

For information, e-mail: daitken@tde.com. Call: (303) 831-4334. Or write: David Aitken, 1240 Ogden #4, Denver, Co 80218.

Smith (a different one) for President?

The Libertarian Party may soon have a new contender for its presidential nomination — one who is pro-War on Drugs, pro-increased military spending, pro-flag burning amendment, pro-prayer in schools, and anti-abortion.

In mid-July, Senator Bob Smith (R-NH), announced that he had resigned from the Republican Party and would run for president either as an independent, on a new third-party ticket, or as a Libertarian, U.S. Taxpayer's, or Reform party candidate.

"I've talked to a lot of experts on third parties," said Smith, who had been seeking the GOP nomination, but had been languishing at 1% in national polls. "You name them, I've talked to them in the last two or three weeks."

But officials at Libertarian Party headquarters in Washington DC said they haven't been contacted by anybody from Smith's campaign.

"We'd be happy to explain to Senator Smith how to go about seeking our presidential nomination — but he hasn't asked us," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, who noted that the LP presidential candidate is chosen by delegates at the party's national convention.



■ L. Neil Smith: Million petitions

Harry Browne almost halfway to \$1.5 million fundraising goal

Candidate for LP presidential nomination plans major advertising push in early 2000

Harry Browne is almost halfway towards his goal of raising \$1.5 million in campaign contributions by December — the amount of money he says is needed to launch his presidential campaign with a major advertising splash in early 2000.

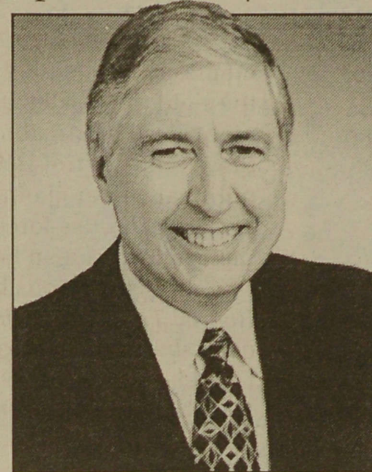
As of June, the Harry Browne 2000 presidential exploratory committee had raised more than \$703,000 in cash and pledges, according to the campaign.

And if the fundraising pace continues, Browne expects to have enough money to launch a nationwide television advertising blitz to start "the 2000 campaign with a big splash," he said.

"From the beginning, we have been trying to organize a campaign that will be far more visible than any previous LP campaign," he said.

Impress the millions

"We want virtually everyone in America to be aware of the Libertarian presidential program. A campaign that visible would impress the millions of libertarians who are not in the LP, who have never helped our candidates, and who may not have believed the Libertarian Party will ever be a major force in America. If we obtain their active support, we could transform the



■ Harry Browne: "Trying to organize a campaign that will be far more visible than any previous LP campaign."

LP into a major party."

Browne, a bestselling author and investment advisor — and the party's 1996 presidential candidate — is one of several announced candidates for the LP's 2000 presidential nomination. Delegates will select the party's candidate at the Libertarian National Convention in Anaheim, California, June 30-July 3, 2000.

However, Browne said he is not going to wait until the convention to start trying to attract attention for his campaign and the Libertarian Party.

In December, for example, he said, he will travel to New York and Washington, DC to

meet with journalists, newspaper editors, and TV producers.

"I hope to convince them that we have the strategy and resources to make a real impact in 2000," he said. "When they see us executing our plan, they may decide to give us more coverage."

In January, Browne said he will officially announce his candidacy at a press conference in Washington, DC.

One-two punch

"Our national TV advertising will begin at the same time," he said. "And I'll do every radio and TV talk show I can for the following month. We'll use both paid advertising and free media as a one-two punch to start the campaign with a bang."

"By creating our own visibility through TV advertising, we can impress those who should be supporting us, get the attention of the press, and persuade many voters that their votes will count for more with us than with those with whom they don't really agree."

Such a media blitz, he said, will allow him to "reach more people in one month than we reached in all of 1995 and 1996 combined."

His goal by the Spring of 2000, he said: To start showing up in national presidential polls "to make the commercial TV networks feel they should cover

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Latest Project Archimedes results: Prospects strong; memberships lag

The party's latest Project Archimedes membership recruitment letter has yielded "mixed results" — generating fewer new memberships but more prospects than expected, LP National Director Steve Dasbach announced.

Dropped in April, the million-piece mailing has brought in 5,800 new members and contributors and over 13,700 prospect information requests. That's fewer than the 7,000 members/contributors that were anticipated, but more than the 10,000 prospects expected.

"We continue to learn what works and what doesn't work," said Dasbach. "When you're talking about a massive, unprec-

STEVE DASBACH:

"We continue to learn what works and what doesn't work."

edented membership recruitment effort like Project Archimedes, everything is still, to a large degree, an experiment."

Even with the lower-than-anticipated member/contributor response, the mailing still brought in more new LP support-

ers than every other membership recruitment effort in 1999 — at the national, state, and local levels — combined, he said. And the mailing generated more prospects than from all other sources this year combined.

Exciting development

"The ability to generate inquiries is an exciting development in Archimedes," said Dasbach. "This is proving to be the most cost-effective way we've found to generate inquiries. Based on past experience, somewhere between 10-20% of these inquiries will eventually join the LP."

The mailing did not generate the large membership

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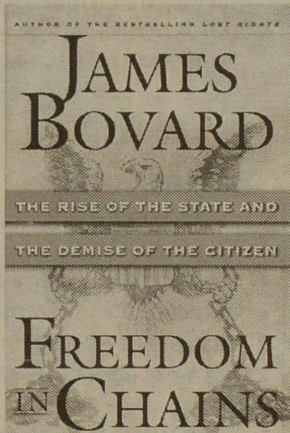
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Unchaining Freedom in America

by Richard M. Ebeling



Freedom in Chains: The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen by James Bovard (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999); 326 pages; \$26.95.

For more than 200 years, political philosophers have attempted to portray the state as the great god that stands above the narrow, selfish interests of the individual subjects over whom it has control. They have rationalized political power as the tool for righting great social wrongs, remaking imperfect man into a more noble creature of goodness and virtue, harmonizing the purposes of the multitudes for a higher common good, and planning the organization of society for the betterment of all. The state and its servants have been idealized as the essence of the best that is or could be in man.

But what, exactly, is the state and political power? Regardless of how political theorists and apologists may have tried over the centuries to describe it, the state and political power ultimately means one thing and one thing only: coercion. When everything else is stripped away and

the state is left bare, its fundamental nature is the claim to have the right to threaten and if necessary to use physical force. And those who control the reins of political power claim the right to threaten and use force against their fellow human beings.

In his previous books, *Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty* and *Shakedown: How Government Screws You from A to Z*, James Bovard itemized in depressing detail the degree to which government in modern America controls, regulates, and brutalizes the citizenry of the United States. In his newest book, *Freedom in Chains: The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen*, Bovard places this growth of state power into a wider political and philosophic perspective.

Bovard shares with the Founding Fathers the belief that a political authority is necessary to serve as a guardian of the individual's rights to life, liberty, and property from the violent acts of others. But at its best, it is only an institutional device for facilitating social order, the essence of which is peaceful and voluntary relationships among the members of society. Political power is neither a holy entity nor an engine for good in any sense other than maintaining the peace among men.

To demonstrate this, Bovard documents state power in action, both in the past and in our own time. For the state to care for men

under the assumption that men are unable to reasonably care for themselves, he shows that government must necessarily deny all of us the freedom to make our own decisions, whether in planning our own futures, selecting the type of work we find most attractive and profitable to pursue, or choosing the things we each conclude will provide us with the greatest happiness.

The state is always real people elected to political office or appointed to a bureaucratic position. It is these real flesh-and-blood people, not some divine beings, who then proceed to control, regulate, punish, imprison, and even kill the citizens of the United States when the government's controls and regulation are disobeyed.

How could it have happened that political power has come to be viewed as possessing the "righteousness" to dominate our lives in this way? Bovard suggests that a primary source for this dangerous attitude has been the modern concept of democracy, under which it is presumed that since "the people" elect those who rule, the elected "servants" can never oppress those whom they represent. He clearly shows that modern democracy is not a tool for controlling political power but instead an engine for special interests and ideological demagogues to gain the implements of force to use against others in the society.

How, then, do we reconcile

the image that America is a land of freedom and prosperity with Bovard's view in *Freedom in Chains* that a great deal of liberty has been lost in modern America? In relative comparison with the totalitarian states of the 20th century or even the interventionist-welfare states of contemporary Europe, America still does offer a greater degree of personal and economic freedom that has allowed the creation of tremendous wealth and prosperity.

Yet in absolute terms America today is a much less free country than it was, say, 50 or 100 years ago. The degree of personal and economic liberty taken for granted in 1899 is completely lacking in 1999. And it is this absolute loss of freedom that James Bovard is reminding us of and warning us about in his important work. How much freer and more prosperous we could have been today if the ideology of statism had not triumphed both around the world and in the United States! And if we do not take heed of Bovard's warning, what freedom we still retain may be lost sooner than we think.

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TALKINGPOINTS

Protecting oppressed bikers and how Congress gets cheap smokes

■ Do as I say...

Back in the good old days when the Equal Rights Amendment was the feminist battle cry, supporters used to wear buttons declaring the disparity in pay between the sexes. In his 2000 presidential campaign, Vice President Al Gore is reviving that fight. "It's a disgrace," he says of the wage inequity.

But there's a problem. Payroll records obtained by [Newsweek magazine] reveal a slight pay gap in the veep's own office. The records show that for every \$1 earned by a guy, a woman makes 86¢. And there's even a difference between those doing the same job. Female "staff assistants" make 93¢ for every dollar pulled down by the guys.

But that's nothing compared with [President Clinton's] aides: the average salary for women is \$49,500, compared with \$62,600 for men.

— NEWSWEEK
July 12, 1999

■ Killer wages

"The only thing we can do in America that is worse than ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia is to abolish the minimum wage." Rep. Major Owens (D-NY) at an April 22 hearing on increasing the minimum wage.

— COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE
INSTITUTE UPDATE
June 1999

■ What victory?

Official Washington and the sleepy "establishment" media are agog over President Clinton's "great victory" in the Balkans. Even the president's critics grant him a stupendous foreign policy success. "Victory," screams the editorial headline of the *Weekly Standard*...

My goodness, what delusions are emanating from inside the Washington Beltway; what fabrications are being perpetrated on the American people. The truth of this war is the exact opposite of the establishment's portrayal. It was an unnecessary, and in my opinion illegal and unconstitutional, war from the beginning. It failed on every score to achieve the goals articulated to justify it, exacerbated the very problems it sought to rem-

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IN MINNESOTA,
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individuals' mode
of transportation."*

edy and created new problems that will plague America and the Balkans for years to come. It was, in short, a debacle, an "international Waco," which no amount of "spinning" by NATO and the media can erase.

— JACK KEMP
The Washington Times
June 27, 1999

■ More Clinton spin

Many of the figures used by the Clinton administration and NATO to describe the wartime plight of Albanians in Kosovo now appear greatly exaggerated as allied forces take control of the province.

"Yes, there were atrocities. But no, they don't measure up to the advance billing," says House Intelligence chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla.

• Instead of 100,000 ethnic Albanian men feared murdered by rampaging Serbs, officials now estimate that about 10,000 were killed.

• 600,000 ethnic Albanians were not "trapped within Kosovo itself lacking shelter, short of food, afraid to go home or buried in mass graves dug by their executioners" as President Clin-

ton told a veterans' group in May. Though thousands hid in Kosovo, they are healthy.

• Kosovo's livestock, wheat, and other crops are growing, not slaughtered wholesale or torched as widely reported.

— USA TODAY
July 1, 1999

■ He's got rhythm

Though cyberspace longs to remain free of politics, its innovators give credit where credit is due. At Vortex99 [an industry gathering in California], one of the technological innovators most responsible for the Internet notes Al Gore's paternal claims for the marvel and testified: "I was with Al Gore in the early days of the Internet. To this very day the Internet runs on many algorithms."

— R. EMMETT TYRRELL JR.
American Spectator Online
July 1999

■ The Mild Bunch

Everyone knows that bikers are rugged individuals who set themselves apart from society with tattoos, beards, greasy denim, and well-worn leather. Indeed, the mere mention of mandatory helmet laws will send them into rants concerning the right of individuals to make their own choices, no matter how dangerous or anti-social they may seem. But when people choose not to associate with bikers, such crypto-libertarianism hits the skids faster than a Harley on an ice-covered highway.

Consider the United Bikers of Maine, a motorcycle enthusiast group that recently asked the legislature to include bikers in the state's Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in accommodations, employment, and housing on grounds of race, gender, age, and disability. That bid failed, as did a similar bill in Arizona.

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But put-upon bikers can always pack up and move to Minnesota. In 1998, legislators in the Land of 10,000 Lakes recognized the humanity of bikers by making it illegal to discriminate against someone "because of the individual's mode of transportation or the fact that the person has the name of an organization or association on the person's clothing."

— MICHAEL LYNCH
Reason, June 1999

■ Cheap smokes

Members of Congress and other Hill insiders can buy cigarettes in the House and Senate without paying the District's hefty cigarette tax or its sales tax. The Senate sells a carton of cigarettes for \$22.90 — \$10.40 less than the closest drug store. At the House, a carton goes for \$26.

That annoys some D.C. residents, who pay a 65¢ cigarette tax each time they buy a pack and another 5.75% sales tax on top of that — especially while lawmakers increasingly look at cigarette-tax increases as a way to reap new revenue while deterring smoking.

"That's unfair," said Terrence Casey, 23, a nonsmoker who lives in the District. "They should be taxed like everyone else."

— THE WASHINGTON TIMES
June 14, 1999

■ Survey says...

You never hear about the 1997 survey of 36 official state climatologists finding that 58% disagreed with President Clinton's claim that "the overwhelming balance of evidence and scientific opinion is that it is no longer a theory, but now fact, that global warming is for real." Nine out of 10 agreed that "scientific evidence indicates variations in global temperature are likely to be naturally occurring and cyclical over very long periods of time."

Further, last year more than 15,000 scientists signed a petition declaring, "There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate."

The petitioners strongly urged rejection of the accord

signed in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 committing the United States to drastic, incredibly costly reductions in emissions of these gases, declaring it "would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind."

— MICHAEL FUMENTO
The Washington Times
July 8, 1999

■ Panel happy

The latest figures available are from 1997, which set the number [of federal advisory committees] at 963. During 1997, a total of 33,586 people served on these panels [at a cost of] \$178 million.

— INSIGHT MAGAZINE
July 5-12, 1999

■ Microsoft case

What has the government proved [in the Microsoft anti-trust case]? Now that all the evidence is in, it has shown only that Microsoft runs scared, investing heavily in new markets to avoid becoming detritus on the information superhighway.

Take a closer look at the government's case. Microsoft, it argues, has a monopoly because most personal computers use Windows. Rivals are kept out of this market by what the government calls the "applications barrier," which it says means that nobody buys a computer unless it can run lots of software.

But then why are leading software developers rushing to write applications for Linux, an upstart operating system with about 15 million users? And why hasn't Microsoft sought higher prices? It charges computer makers about \$65 for Windows 98. Ten years ago it cost hundreds of dollars for MS-DOS and other software that handled only a portion of the work Windows 98 does today.

The government says that Microsoft charged less to computer makers that helped persuade their customers to use other Microsoft products. And it rewarded companies that helped it with distribution. This is true. It is also legal; ask the cereal company that pays supermarkets to display its Frootios on shelves near the checkout counter.

— RONALD A. CASS
The Wall Street Journal
June 28, 1999

■ The racist Drug War

While African-Americans and Hispanics make up 20% of the United States' marijuana users (and about 20% of the population), they make up 58% of those arrested for federal marijuana charges.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Fighting those \$99,000 janitors, and what the GOP wants to know

■ ALASKA

Libertarians fight raid on "Permanent Fund"

Just say no: That's the message Alaska Libertarians are sending about an initiative to curb dividend earnings.

"What the government needs is not more revenue, but less spending," said party spokesman **Al Anders**. "Alaska Libertarians call on our legislators to cut government spending as the solution to revenue shortfalls."

On September 14, Alaskans will cast their votes on a politician-backed initiative to "raid the Permanent Fund." The fund — financed by massive oil tax revenues — doles out money to the state government and pays an annual "dividend" to every Alaska resident.

Voters will decide whether to cap the dividend payments, which politicians say is needed to head off any tax hike. But Libertarians scoff at that argument.

"What is to stop the politicians from passing these other taxes later?" asked Anders. "Nothing. Politicians need more money like drunks need more alcohol."

Interestingly, at the same time politicians claimed the state was short of revenue, "they also approved pay raises for themselves," noted Anders. "Does that sound like the actions of a government short on money?"

■ ALASKA

LP joins petitioning to legalize industrial hemp

Alaska Libertarians are joining an effort to legalize hemp for medical, recreational and industrial use.

On June 25, the state party announced it will join forces with the 99Hemp Committee to help collect the approximately 35,000 signatures needed to put a hemp legalization referendum on the statewide 2000 ballot.

"Our petition will give voters a chance to re-legalize hemp the way it was when Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence on it," said State Chair **Len Karpinski**. "It would re-legalize it for medical, recreational and industrial use. [The

initiative would also] clear criminal convictions, restore lost rights and set up a committee to see about returning property that was unconstitutionally seized."

■ CALIFORNIA

\$99,000 janitors will "trash" state taxpayers

A plan to hire \$99,000-per-year government janitors is evidence that California Governor Gray Davis is "trashing the private sector and the taxpayer at the same time," charged the state Libertarian Party.

"The governor's backwards proposal exemplifies why government functions should be privatized as much as possible — lest bureaucrats sweep up every last tax dollar and mispend it," said LP State Chair **Mark Hinkle** on June 9, in response to a plan to replace privately contracted janitors with 87 full-time, unionized state employees.

The cost to taxpayers: \$8.6 million, or \$98,851 per janitor.

The governor said he's trying to make government more "innovative" — but Libertarians said it's just an old-fashioned "pay-off" to the unions.

"There's nothing innovative about this idea at all," said Hinkle. "Wasteful spending, inefficiency, and catering to special interest groups are the hallmarks of government today."

■ CALIFORNIA

San Mateo Libertarians plan repeal of car tax

The state car tax could be headed straight for the junkyard if San Mateo Libertarians get their way.

"We're trying to tow away the car tax," said **Steve Marsland**, chair of the San Mateo LP, which has joined a statewide effort to put a repeal of the car tax on the ballot. "This initiative is proving very popular; it's easy to get signatures."

If approved, the measure would immediately end the tax on vehicles worth under \$10,000, then gradually repeal it for everyone.

"Basically this measure first makes the license fee more progressive, and then eliminates it

altogether," Marsland said. "Right now, party volunteers and officers are circulating [petitions] to friends and neighbors, but by mid-June we'll launch a more serious effort."

■ COLORADO

LP is front-page story in El Paso County paper

In Colorado Springs, the Libertarian Party is front-page news.

The El Paso County LP was prominently featured in a front-page story in the July 1-7 issue of the *Colorado Springs Independent*, a free weekly arts and opinion newspaper.

"[We're] making great leaps in Colorado Springs!" said local LP member **Carol Geltmeyer**,

about the coverage, which included a red, white, and blue star-spangled cover with the headline: "Liberty and Less Government For All."

The five-page article noted that "a surge of interest has come from disaffected Republicans — and Democrats — who have become disenchanted with their own parties and sought refuge with the Libertarians." The article included a lengthy interview with El Paso County LP Chair **John Berntson** and the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

■ FLORIDA

Dade Co. Commissioners: Just like Fidel Castro?

Cuban strongman Fidel Castro would be proud of the Miami-Dade County Commission for dictating the interest rates that auto loan companies can charge, says the local LP.

"These commissioners are acting just like Fidel Castro," charged **Emiliano Antunez**, chair of the Miami-Dade County LP, on May 5. "[They] don't understand that in a free market, it is competition that keeps prices down and gives consumers more choices."

Antunez blasted the Com-

mission after it decided to put an arbitrary cap on the amount of interest that auto title loan companies can charge customers — a cap that was well below the prevailing market rate.

"Not only will the loan companies suffer from this, but many people with poor credit who can't get a needed loan elsewhere will now have no place to go," he said. "The Dade County government is acting in the same manner as Fidel Castro."

■ FLORIDA

State party supports "equal" adoption rights

The LP of Florida has come out in support of the ACLU in its fight to overturn the state's ban on gays adopting children.

"The Florida ban is clearly discriminatory," said State Chair **Brian Collar** in early June. "[According to state law], you could be judged to be suitable as a parent in every respect but be turned down as an adoptive parent just on the basis of your sexual orientation."

"What happened to equal protection under the law? Why is the state singling out this one group of people for unfavorable treatment? This is an injustice to many children who need the security of a permanent home."

Currently, Florida is the only state that prohibits a person from adopting children simply on the basis of homosexuality.

"If any of my own children were ever in need of adoptive parents, I wouldn't want their rights to a permanent family relationship to be thwarted by the state's blanket rejection of a group of caring and responsible adoptive parents," said Collar, who is the father of seven and "a devout Christian."

■ ILLINOIS

Ford Co. Libertarians run pork-blasting ads

Ford County Libertarians are running a series of ads lampooning Governor George Ryan as "the state's leading pork producer" for his efforts to finance the massive public works program known as Build Illinois II.

"I think it's really sad how the Republican Party, which used to be the champion of small government and low taxes, has come to advocate tax increases and pork barrel projects like this," said Mike Hari, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ford County LP.

The ads, which feature former LP gubernatorial candidate Jim Tobin, the head of the National Taxpayers' United, criticize Ryan for demanding hikes in gasoline, property, and automobile taxes to fund more roads and bridges.



Photo by Gwendolyn Marilyn Jones

Libertarians display old-fashioned, patriotic values

■ Lauren Hill of the Baltimore County (Maryland) Libertarian Party helps draw attention to the LP booth with her home-made, old-fashioned patriotic garb. The outreach effort was held at the Towson Town Fair on May 1 and 2.

■ INDIANA

Libertarians victorious in roadblock decision

Police roadblocks in Indianapolis have been ruled unconstitutional, thanks in part to state Libertarians.

In early July, the Libertarian Party of Indiana applauded a state court ruling that struck down warrantless roadblocks conducted by the Indianapolis Police Department.

One of the star witnesses in the case: LP member and lead plaintiff **Joell Palmer**, who had been "profiled" and illegally searched at a highway roadblock in late 1998. With the help of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, Palmer's testimony helped win the case.

"This issue has been only one example of misallocation of resources within city departments," said LP mayoral candidate **Andrew Horning**. "If the IPD spent more time tracking down real criminals — like rapists, murders, and burglars — instead of wildly inappropriate revenue sources, Indianapolis would be safer and saner."

Other Libertarian candidates and members also helped "to publicize the roadblock's real impact on the city citizens: Waste of tax dollars and trampling of individual rights," said **Sara Cotham**, state Executive Director.

■ KANSAS

South Central Kansas LP launches lobbying effort

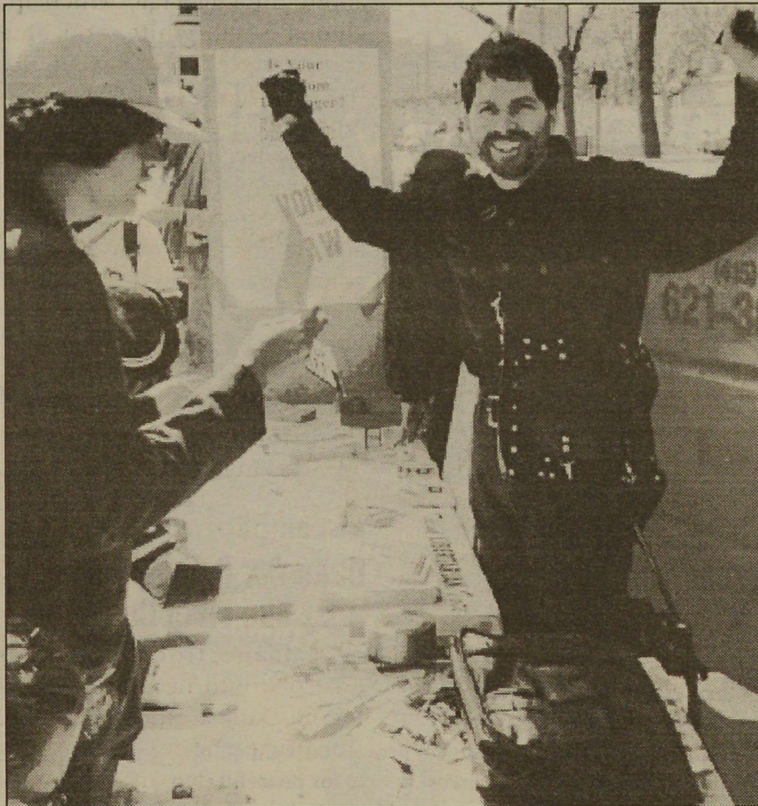
A new affiliate party has launched a lobbying campaign, and is trying to influence the state legislature on issues ranging from gun rights, to FIJA, to Y2K preparedness.

On June 10, the Libertarians of South Central Kansas (LSOCK) — along with the Kansas Tenth Amendment Society and the Reform Party of Kansas — submitted "A Request For State Legislative Study" to the Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council, said **David T. Everett**, LSOCK Chairman.

"We [hoped] to encourage legislative study by committees on the issues submitted, and hopefully to inspire legislation," he said.

Specifically, the coalition hoped to have a Fully Informed Jury Amendment passed into law; sought to have the legislature study the effect of Y2K on state assets; and encouraged the legislature to resist future attempts to infringe upon Second Amendment rights.

But even if the proposals aren't adopted, Everett said the coalition-building aspects have been valuable.



A cheer for Libertarian outreach in San Francisco

■ LP member Don Fields gives a cheer for a successful LP outreach booth, held at the "Million Marijuana March" in San Francisco on May 1, where more than 100 passersby took the World's Smallest Political Quiz. "Outreach booths have great potential for spreading libertarian ideas," said Kelly Russell Simpson, who helped organize the event.

"We see many advantages to be had in cooperating with other third parties and political organizations," he said.

"That particular Republican sounded a bit concerned" about the answer, he said.

■ MISSOURI

Activist gets agreeable reception from GOP club

Libertarian **Ken Bush** journeyed into "enemy territory" — but his speech before the St. Louis Area Republican Club was met with interest and (private) compliments.

Bush, a long-time LP activist, was the featured luncheon speaker at the GOP meeting on June 4.

"Republicans quizzed and cross examined [me] about Libertarian politics and philosophy," said Bush. "Some Republicans privately — and off the record — acknowledged that we Libertarians have a pretty great philosophy."

But Bush did run into trouble on the issue of Drug Prohibition from some Republicans.

"[I gave my] standard spiel on 'Using Free Enterprise, the Constitution, and the Bible to Support Drug Re-legalization,'" he said. "At the end, one fellow acknowledged that perhaps libertarians may be on to something workable, and that he likely unjustifiably criticized the LP all these years over the drug issue."

Another Republican wanted to know how many GOP members had "defected" to the Libertarian Party, said Bush.

Joseph Knight, Chairman of the New Mexico LP, quickly commended Johnson for his "brave move in putting this idea on the table," and said, "We need to divert law enforcement resources away from the war on drugs and toward protecting people and property from the aggressive acts of others."

Then Knight, whose comments were quoted in the *Farmington Daily Times*, suggested an immediate pardon for all drug prisoners.

"The governor has recognized that many recreational drug users are no threat to anybody, yet they're taken away from their families and locked in cages like animals," he said. "Governor, let these people go!"

■ RHODE ISLAND

LP petition will defend 2nd Amendment rights

Libertarians have launched a petition campaign to protect their Second Amendment rights against an ongoing assault from state legislators.

In early June, State Chair **Jay Robbins** unveiled the "petition for redress of grievance to the Rhode Island General Assembly," which will be displayed at local area gun shops and retailers.

The petition demands that current unconstitutional gun laws be overturned, and specifically opposes HB 99-6023, a bill that would allow chiefs of police the power to deny firearm permits for any reason.

"The Libertarian Party of Rhode Island maintains that unless and until we the people begin to hold our elected officials (servants) accountable for their legislative actions, they will continue to eradicate our 'essential and unquestionable rights' with the stroke of the legislative pen until they are nothing more than a fond memory," said Robbins.

■ VERMONT

Libertarians go 3-for-3 in gun rights defense

Vermont Libertarians have done it again.

On May 20, the Montpelier City Council voted to overturn its ordinance that made it illegal to carry firearms — thanks to the testimony of Libertarians, said **Chris Costanzo**, the head of the party's Legislative Watch.

"Libertarians cited the Vermont Constitution, that explicitly forbids municipalities from enacting ordinances restricting the right to carry arms," he said.

The Council's vote was a "grand slam for the LP," which has now successfully overturned gun restrictions in three cities.

The first, in Barre, was overturned in 1996 when an LP member challenged it in court, and the second, in Rutland, was rescinded in 1998 when Libertarians funded a civil rights suit against the city.

■ WISCONSIN

Radio ad campaign will reach people who agree

The state Libertarian Party is raising money to launch a radio advertising blitz to reach all the "people out there who agree with us [but] just don't know it yet," said State Chair **Bob Collison**.

The advertising campaign — "Take a Stand for Freedom" — will be modeled on the party's successful November 1998 radio ads, which succeeded in increasing membership, said coordinator **Janet Riordon**.

"The positive response [to the 1998 ads] demonstrated both the effectiveness and low cost of radio advertising," she said.

The ads will run on radio stations around the state, said Collison, and will contain both general information and "special issues" ads.

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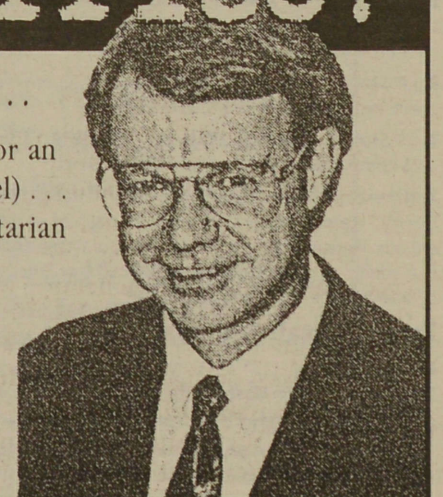
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■ **I'm Pro-Choice on Everything!** (Red, white, & blue.)

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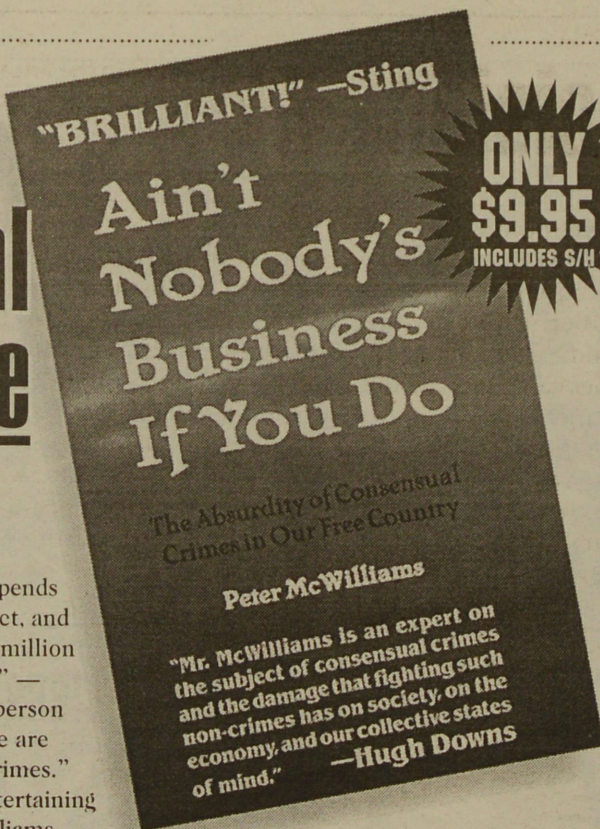
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Hornberger decision

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ity of a presidential bid, I concluded that since a choice must be made, it is best for me to remain as president of the Future of Freedom Foundation."

Now that he's no longer a candidate, his "role will be to remain neutral in the race for the nomination and then support the eventual nominee," he said.

Will Libertarians see a "Hornberger in 2004" presiden-

tial campaign?

"It won't be necessary to seek the LP presidential nomination in 2004 because we will have achieved liberty long before then," he said.

The other candidates in the race had a variety of reactions to Hornberger's departure.

"With a year still before the nomination, it is not surprising that there are candidates entering and leaving the race, and

there may be more in the future," said Harry Browne, the party's 1996 candidate.

LP member Larry Hines said, "I hope those who supported Mr. Hornberger will take a closer look at me. I think it will also give me more of a competitive edge."

And Dave Hollist, a past Libertarian candidate for U.S. House, said he would reach out to Hornberger supporters.

"I plan to run ads in Libertarian publications, and travel to conventions and regional meetings trying to persuade his supporters to vote for me," he said.

Jim Burns ends campaign

Jacob Hornberger isn't the only casualty of the 2000 presidential campaign: In early July, Nevada LP member Jim Burns announced that he was also dropping out of the race.

"I did not get a chance to get my campaign off the ground," said Burns. "I had a plan which I thought I could carry out, but events got in the way. I, too, am withdrawing from the race."

Burns, 51, a past State Chair of the LP of Nevada and five-time candidate for public office, had announced in January that he was seeking the LP's presidential nomination.

If nominated, he had promised to run a "hit 'em where they ain't" strategy in the general election by focusing his presidential campaign on just one state.

Young Libertarian halts paintball law

The youngest Libertarian office-holder in Massachusetts has won his first victory: Stopping a proposed town law to regulate paintball guns.

On June 3, 18-year-old Benjamin Rivard-Rapoza convinced the Dartmouth Town Meeting to reject Article 43, which would have imposed fines of up to \$300 for the possession of paintball guns by minors without a permit or parental supervision.

"Yes, one Libertarian *does* matter!" he said afterward.

In a speech at the meeting, Rivard-Rapoza said the proposed law — which would regulate the paint pellet-shooting toy guns that are used in organized hunt-and-see games — would not prevent crime, but would impose an unjust restriction on children and create tension.

"I was afraid the law would provoke undue hostility between teenagers and police," he said.

Petition ready

But Rivard-Rapoza, who was elected as a Town Meeting Member in March, had more than just a speech ready: He also presented a petition signed by 358 Dartmouth area students and had several local parents lined up to testify against the bill.

As a result, Article 43 went "down to a resounding defeat," with 80%-90% voting against it.

Ironically, Rivard-Rapoza doesn't even play the sport he defended.

"I don't play paintball," he noted. "I opposed the [bill] on principle, and if there was not a Libertarian there to do that, it would have passed."

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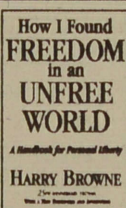
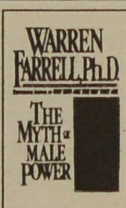
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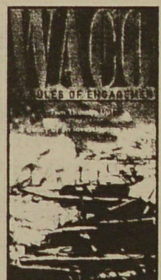
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More of Liberty's best quotations

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■ The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it.
— **JOHN HAY** (1872)
(Sent in by William Hickman)

■ Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.
— **JAMES BOVARD** (1994)
(Sent in by Jerry Rivard)

■ All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.
— **EDMUND BURKE**
(Sent in by Dick Fuerle)

■ The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.
— **THOMAS JEFFERSON**
(Sent in by Dick Fuerle)

■ None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.
— **GOETHE**
(Sent in by David Schaffner)

■ When the government's boot is on your throat, whether it is a left boot or a right boot is of no consequence.
— **GARY LLOYD**
(Sent in by Dick Fuerle)

■ Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under.
— **H.L. MENCKEN**
(Sent in by Dick Fuerle)

■ The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule.
— **H.L. MENCKEN**
(Sent in by Dick Fuerle)

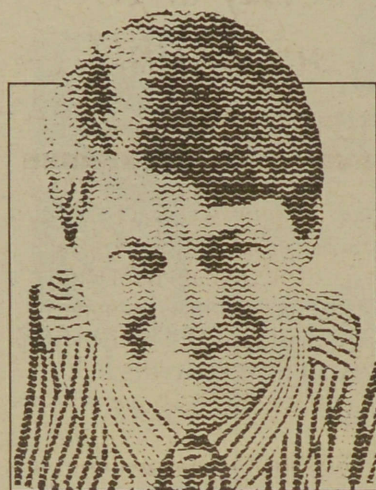
■ It is not the business of government to make men virtuous or religious, or to preserve the fool from the consequences of his own folly. Government should be repressive no further than is necessary to secure liberty by protecting the equal rights of each from aggression on the part of others, and the moment governmental prohibitions extend beyond this line they are in danger of defeating the very ends they are intended to serve.
— **HENRY GEORGE**
(Sent in by Todd Altman)

■ Where morality is present, laws are unnecessary. Without morality, laws are unenforceable.
— **ANONYMOUS**
(Sent in by April J. Bishop)

■ [On ancient Athens]: In the end, more than freedom, they wanted security. They wanted a

comfortable life, and they lost it all — security, comfort, and freedom. When the Athenians finally wanted not to give to society but for society to give to them, when the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again.
— **EDWARD GIBBON**
(Sent in by Michael Conroy)

■ Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.
— **BARRY GOLDWATER** (1964)
(Sent in by Matt Akers)



P.J. O'ROURKE:
"A little government and a little luck are necessary in life, but only a fool trusts either of them."

(Sent in by Dr. Richard E. Pearl, Sr.)

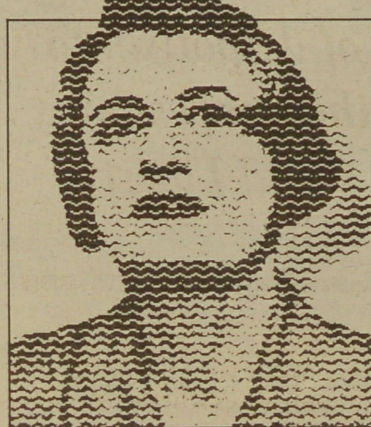
■ Liberty is not a means to a political end. It is itself the highest political end.
— **LORD ACTON**
(Submitted anonymously)

■ The power to tax is the power to destroy.
— **JOHN MARSHALL**
(Sent in by Christopher McDonald)

■ Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep,

his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.
— **C. S. LEWIS**
(Sent in by Grant Kuhns)

■ There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals. Well, when there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible to live without breaking laws.
— **AYN RAND**
(Sent in by David Schaffner)



AYN RAND:
"The government was set to protect man from criminals, and the Constitution was written to protect man from the government."

(Sent in by John Berkley)

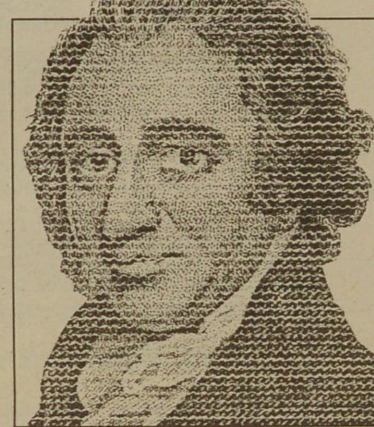
■ Vices are simply the errors which a man makes in his search after his own happiness. Unlike crimes, they imply no malice toward others, and no interference with their persons or property.
— **LYSANDER SPOONER**
(Sent in by Jean Carboneau)

■ If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick

the hand that feeds you. May your chains set lightly upon you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.
— **SAMUEL ADAMS**
(Sent in by David Schaffner)

■ If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too.
— **SOMERSET MAUGHAM**
(Sent in by David Schaffner)

■ The desire to rule is the mother of heresies.
— **ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**
(Submitted anonymously)



THOMAS PAINE:
"Those who expect to reap the benefits of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

(Sent in by John Brown)

■ A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until a majority of voters discover that they can vote themselves largess out of the public treasury.
— **ALEXANDER TYTLER**
(Sent in by John T. Wenders)

■ The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods, or no god. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.
— **THOMAS JEFFERSON** (1781)
(Sent in by Jerry Rivard)

■ In order to get power and retain it, it is necessary to love power; but love of power is not connected with goodness but with qualities that are the opposite of goodness, such as pride, cunning and cruelty.
— **LEO TOLSTOY**
(Sent in by Tony Pivetta)

■ A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.
— **G. GORDON LIDDY**
(Sent in by John T. Wenders)

■ The United States is a nation of laws, badly written and randomly enforced.
— **FRANK ZAPPA**
(Sent in by Ray Ellis)

■ Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women. When it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it.
— **JUSTICE LEARNED HAND**
(Sent in by Ray Ellis)

■ It is sobering to reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the struggle for independence.
— **CHARLES A. BEARD**
(Sent in by Ray Ellis)

■ A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves.
— **EDWARD R. MURROW**
(Sent in by Ray Ellis)

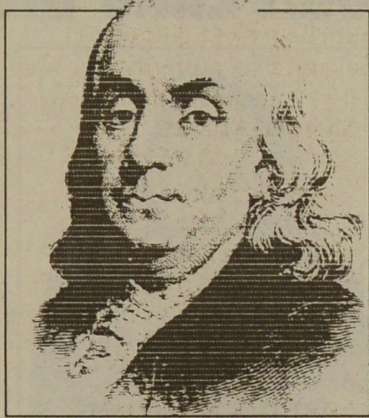
■ Can our form of government, our system of justice, survive if one can be denied a freedom because he might abuse it?
— **HARLON CARTER**
(Sent in by John Berkley)

■ It is not the responsibility of the government or the legal system to protect a citizen from himself.
— **JUSTICE CASEY PERCELL**
(Sent in by John Berkley)

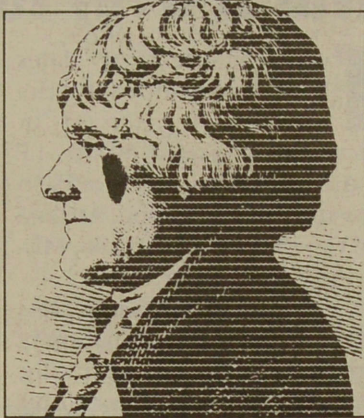
■ No one can read our Constitution without concluding that the people who wrote it wanted their government severely limited; the words "no" and "not" employed in restraint of government power occur 24 times in the first seven articles of the Constitution and 22 more times in the Bill of Rights.
— **EDMUND A. OPITZ**
(Sent in by John Berkley)

■ I believe that every individual is naturally entitled to do as he pleases with himself and the fruits of his labor, so far as it in no way interferes with any other men's rights.
— **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**
(Sent in by Thomas Gillooly)

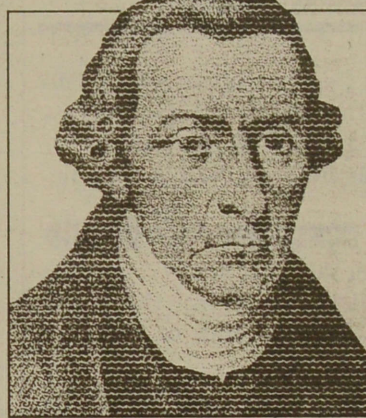
(Sent in by Harry Browne)

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■ The great virtue of a free market system is that it does not care what color people are; it



■ The whole of the Bill [of Rights] is a declaration of the right of the people at large or considered as individuals . . . It

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■ First they came for the Jews, but I did nothing because I'm not a Jew. Then they came for

(Sent in by Dr. Richard E. Pearl, Sr.)

THE ISSUES

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

Are you a terrorist? New computer will decide

The FAA wants to let a computer decide if you're a terrorist the next time you travel by plane — a scheme that could turn flying into a nightmare for thousands of innocent Americans, the Libertarian Party warned.

"Are you ready to fly the paranoid skies — and let security agents question you, inspect your luggage, and possibly strip-search you if a computer decides you fit the profile of a terrorist?" asked Steve Dasbach, the party's national director.

"That's what could happen when the new Computer Assisted Passenger Screening (CAPS) program goes online."

Scheduled to be launched on January 1, 2000, CAPS will use a computer program and information in the airlines' flight reservation system to identify possible "terrorists."

Although bureaucrats won't reveal the details, experts speculate that traveling alone, visiting unapproved foreign countries, or frequent travel could get you tagged as a terrorist.

If you fit the "profile," security agents could pull you out of line, search your luggage, or interrogate you. In a worst-case scenario, you could be x-rayed or strip-searched.

"CAPS will turn air travel into computerized Russian roulette, where a microchip will decide if security agents should detain or search you," said Dasbach.

Flag-burning amendment: A totalitarian idea

Want to make America more like Cuba, Iraq, and China? Then encourage the U.S. Senate to pass an anti-flag burning amendment, the Libertarian Party recommended.

That's because Cuba, Iran, and China — totalitarian regimes where civil liberties are nonexistent — already make "desecrating" their flag a crime.

And, unfortunately, that's the course of action the Senate may follow, in the wake of a House vote to amend the Constitution to make flag-burning a crime, said Dasbach.

"Any U.S. Senator who votes to make flag-burning a crime will be following in the shameful footsteps of Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein, and Mao Tse-tung — and will strike a blow against the liberty that makes America unique," he charged.

"The Senate has a simple choice: Do we want to live in a nation where political dissent — no matter how obnoxious and offensive it may be — is protected by the Constitution? Or do we want to live in a nation where patriotism is enforced by legislation, just like in Cuba, Iran, and China?"

New FDA warning label "lays an egg"

A new federal plan to require a cigarette-style health warning on egg cartons — that's right: *egg cartons!* — proves that government bureaucrats think Americans are too dumb to boil an egg.

"The eggheads in Washington have gone too far," charged Bill Winter, LP Director of Communications. "This regulation — which assumes that Americans can't cook breakfast without instructions from the FDA — shows what happens when bureaucrats' judgment has been fried, scrambled, and poached."

In June, the FDA announced that it wants to require all egg cartons to carry a new warning label, which would read: "For your protection: Keep eggs refrigerated; cook eggs until yolks are firm; and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly."

But Libertarians say the regulation has laid an egg.

"Think about the *real* message behind this warning label," said Winter. "Bureaucrats are saying to the American people: 'You eat 67 billion eggs a year, but we can't trust you to put them in your refrigerator, or to cook them properly. So, with our new federally mandated warning label, we're going to nag you every time you pick up an egg carton.'"

Ironically, the new warning comes when food-borne illnesses are falling: They declined by 44% from 1996 to 1998, thanks to quality-control standards implemented by the egg industry.

Success '99 adds Tucson, Biloxi dates; will travel to Salt Lake City for August

Two new Success '99 dates have been added to the schedule to make up for previously canceled events, LP National Director Steve Dasbach has announced: Tucson, Arizona on October 2-3, and Biloxi, Mississippi on October 16-17.

"Our goal is to make Success '99 — which is a combination of a political data-dump, a pep rally, and just plain fun — accessible to every LP activist," he said. "With these new dates in Arizona and Mississippi, we're another step closer to achieving that goal."

The Biloxi, Mississippi event replaces a postponed New Orleans, Louisiana Success '99, while Tucson, Arizona is a brand-new event, he said.

Salt Lake City

Meanwhile, the Success '99 "traveling road show" will move on to Salt Lake City on August 27-28 for a rare Friday-Saturday seminar.

It will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown (999 South Main Street). For directions or hotel reservations, call (801) 359-8600. Presenters include Dasbach, Ron Crickenberger, and Sharon Harris.

In September, Success '99 events will be held in:

■ **Boston**, Massachusetts (September 18-19). Speakers include Michael Cloud (creator of "The Essence of Political Persuasion"), Dasbach, and Bill Winter.

■ **Minneapolis-St. Paul** (Prior Lake), Minnesota (September 18-19). Speakers include Aaron Starr (LP campaign manager), Harris, and Dasbach.

Meanwhile, praise for previous Success '99 events continues to pile up.

■ Barbara Lockwood, who attended the event in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, said the information presented was "better than Christmas morning with a pile of new toys under the tree. It was more refreshing than an ocean cruise. I had a wonderful time."

■ J.R. Prohaska (San Jose, California Success '99), said: "Success '99 [is] a major success [with] a tremendous amount of helpful material."

■ Bruce A. Smith (South-



Photo by Doug MacDonald

■ **Barbara Goushaw** — shown here at the recent Success '99 in Michigan — will bring her "firecracker" style of speaking to the newly added event in Tucson, AZ, October 2-3.

field, Michigan Success '99), said: "Best event in years! Exciting,

informative, helpful."

Success '99 is an intensive, two-day series of workshops that teach LP members the fundamentals of building effective LP organizations, communicating the Libertarian message, and running successful LP campaigns.

Each event consists of 12 hours of workshops, conducted all day Saturday and on Sunday morning. The registration fee for the seminar is \$79, and includes a Saturday lunch. Participants pay for their own transportation and lodging.

For a complete list of upcoming Success '99 events — or to request more information or register — see the full-page advertisement on page 7 of this issue of *LP News*. Or call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

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LP's Project Archimedes

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"bump" that was anticipated, said Dasbach, because the results skewed unexpectedly heavy towards contributors, and because of the large number of lapsing members that same month.

The Libertarian Party now has about 32,500 members and an additional 5,500 contributors, for a total of 38,000 supporters.

Next on the schedule for Archimedes: Further testing to drive up total response rates, and to increase the percentage who choose the "member" category, said Dasbach.

"Because we did not get as large a return as we originally estimated, we have decided to make some adjustments in our next two mailings," he said. "Our latest letter generated a lower ratio of members to subscribers than our previous letters. We will be testing a revised version of the letter, based on our previous letters, to try to persuade more people to join instead of subscribe."

Predict response

The party will also increase the size of its test mailings to new mailing lists, to try to better predict the response that larger "roll-outs" will generate.

"Several lists did not do as well as they tested," he noted. "To prevent this in the future, we are increasing the size of our test samples from 5,000 to 10,000 names."

Much of that testing will be done in the next Project Archimedes mailing, scheduled for August, said Dasbach.

"We have reduced the next mailing to 500,000 pieces and are testing several variations of our current letter — plus two new letters — against the current letter and two older letters," he said. "Our goal is to improve the response rate by at least 30% over the current letter, which an ear-

lier test this year indicates is achievable."

Then, in October, the party will drop a 1.5 million-piece mailing — "so that we will still meet our overall target of 3,000,000 [recruitment] pieces for the year, and our goal of 50,000 members and contributors by the start of 2000," he said.

Project Archimedes is the LP's direct-mail membership recruitment effort. Launched in late 1997, it is named after Archimedes' famous quote: "Give me a lever long enough and I shall move the earth."

Harry Browne fundraising

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some part of the LP convention. We hope thereafter to step up the advertising and build the pressure to get into the debates in October."

Browne's campaign is also working on a 30-minute informational that will be made available to LP members for outreach, he said, and has started a project to recruit volunteers to help with his campaign.

"We want our presidential

campaign to set a precedent for candidates in all Libertarian races to show them that an important objective must be to enlarge and enhance the party," he said.

"We have to earn the support of everyone in the party. By running a more visible presidential campaign, I hope we will demonstrate its value to all Libertarians."

For more information about the Browne campaign, visit: www.HarryBrowne2000.org.

Corrections

In the July 1999 issue of LP News:

■ An incorrect web address was listed for the Henry Hazlitt Foundation's Intellectual Matchmaker service. The correct address is: www.free-market.net/imm.

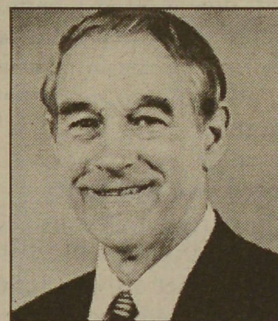
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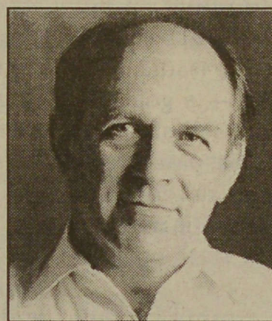
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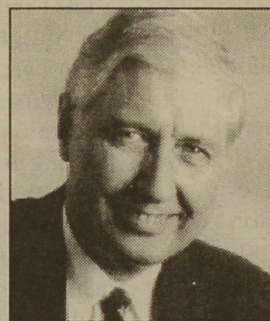
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HowTo

Be a good LP activist, not a destructive one

There are some people in the libertarian movement who are bad activists. Even though they may be "OK" ideologically, they do not forward the cause of freedom. Even if they do make positive contributions, on balance they actually harm the movement.

It is not always easy to spot a bad activist at first glance. No one is perfect and many outstanding activists slip into bad habits from time to time. None the less, the bad activist tends to be remarkably consistent.

Virtually every bad activist puts his or her personal (or factional) interests ahead of the purpose of the organization or cause. The good activist expresses his or her individuality through the choice of joining the organization if it identifies with his or her personal interests. The bad activist will sacrifice the interest of the organization for power, status, enrichment, or some other form of short-term ego gratification.

It is harder to be a good activist than a bad one. But if the Libertarian Party is going to accomplish anything, we need a real "gold standard of activists" to defeat Gresham's Law of Activists and not put up with bad behavior.

There are some ways to spot a bad activist as opposed to a good activist:

- **GOOD:** Tries to be reasonable, polite, and considerate.
- **BAD:** Tends to be argumentative, insulting, obnoxious, and is indifferent to the effect he or she has on others.
- **GOOD:** Is more concerned about getting results and is anxious to give credit to others as a way to encourage them to continue what they are doing.
- **BAD:** Tries to take credit for any accomplishments, even ones which are primarily the results of someone else's efforts.
- **GOOD:** Is basically modest and recognizes the importance of cooperation of others.
- **BAD:** Has delusions of grandeur and makes sure everyone is aware of his or her titles and status.
- **GOOD:** Wants other activists to participate in the decision process whenever possible and to understand what is being done and why.
- **BAD:** Tends to be secretive and cliquish.
- **GOOD:** Is always interested in new ideas and encourages involvement by others.
- **BAD:** Never listens to what other people have to say.
- **GOOD:** Tries to disagree without becoming personal or being disagreeable.
- **BAD:** Reacts to any disagreement with angry outbursts, condemnations, or personal attacks. Is quite willing to disrupt meetings and alienate bystanders in the process.
- **GOOD:** Is very uncomfortable with factions and is reluctant to condemn even the worst bad activist, but will do so if necessary to limit the damage.
- **BAD:** Tends toward factionalism and is inclined to purge activists who are not included in the faction.
- **GOOD:** Is inclined to recognize good work by anyone and ignore the rest.
- **BAD:** Is constantly critical of anything done by people in opposing factions.
- **GOOD:** Keeps criticism to a minimum and always has positive suggestions.
- **BAD:** Devotes considerable time and effort to criticizing other people in the organization.
- **GOOD:** Is inclined to give people the benefit of the doubt, does not get upset with inadvertent and unintentional slights, and will forgive even intentional acts if the person shows he or she regrets the action.
- **BAD:** Is constantly being "offended" and is inclined to hold grudges.

By George O'Brien

Party goal: 2,000 in 2000

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creased membership gives us a vastly improved talent pool to draw from for candidate recruiting.

"But most importantly, we have an increased emphasis on running serious campaigns at all levels, and we are starting our recruiting process much earlier than in previous election cycles. So, 2,000 in 2000 is a very aggressive, but not unreasonable goal."

Crickenberger said he was inspired to set the goal, in part, by the candidate recruitment accomplishments of the Vermont and Indiana parties last year.

"In 1998, one out of three LP members in Vermont, and one out of five in Indiana, put their principles on the line by running for office as a Libertarian," he said. "If every state were to do as well in their recruiting efforts as Vermont did in '98, we could run in excess of 10,000 candidates, based on just our current membership."

Majority

Other than running a minimum of 218 candidates for the U.S. House, which would be a majority of seats — a goal the party has set but fell short of achieving during the past several election cycles — Crickenberger said there are no specific numeric goals for various state or local offices.

"However, running 2,000 candidates will require us to recruit many more local candidates than we have in the past," he said. "There are a relatively lim-

CRICKENBERGER:
"2,000 in 2000 makes us an immediate threat to the political establishment."

ited number of Congressional and statewide offices — but hundreds of thousands of City Council, School Board, and State Representative seats are available for contesting, many of which will not have a challenger if we do not provide one."

Crickenberger also said it is too early to predict how many of those 2,000 Libertarians might actually win.

"One thing's certain: If we don't have a candidate in a race, we won't win," he said. "Going by the past ratio of campaigns to wins, we should pick up at least 40 or 50 new elected Libertarians. But with more candidates running more professional campaigns, we could do much better than that."

Votes and publicity

If the party achieves its goal of "2,000 in 2000," it will have a profound impact on vote totals and publicity, predicted Crickenberger.

"By running only a few candidates, we are not seen as much of a threat," he said. "By running

2,000 candidates, we will be contesting majorities of legislative bodies all over the country, from Congress, to several state houses, to county boards. That sets up the potential for a massive redistribution of power in the election, and makes us an immediate threat to the political establishment."

But before touting the benefits of such a large slate, the national Libertarian Party, every affiliate state party, and individual Libertarians must first pitch in to help recruit candidates and get them on the ballot, said Crickenberger.

Full-party drives

"Of course, the first step in running candidates is ballot access," he said. "[The national LP] will finish all but one of our difficult drives this year, and we have assisted with the more difficult full-party petition drives rather than individual candidate petitions for several states, which will allow them to run an order of magnitude more candidates."

The national Libertarian Party is also supplying candidate recruitment manuals to hundreds of local recruiters, giving hands-on candidate recruitment training at Success '99, and will be directly recruiting candidates in some states, he said.

At the state level, LP leaders need to make "recruiting their first priority," said Crickenberger.

"States that have not begun their recruitment for 2000 need to get started right now," he said. "A political party without candidates is not a political party."

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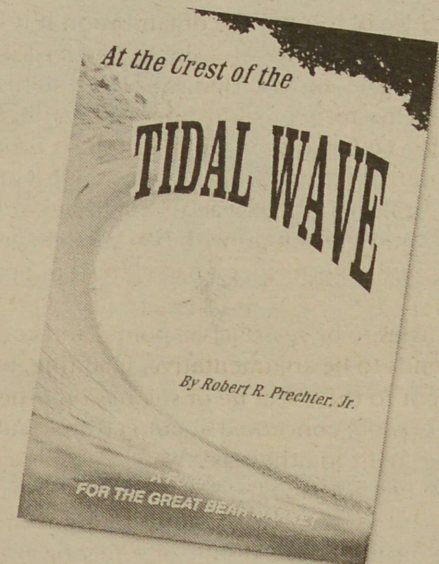
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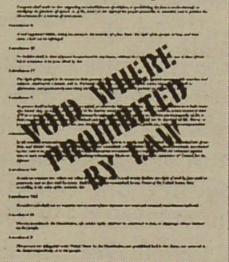
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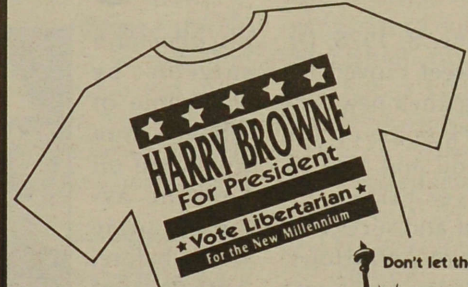
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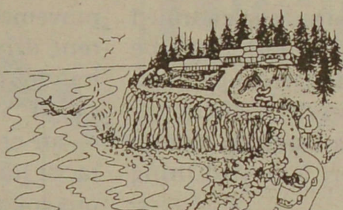
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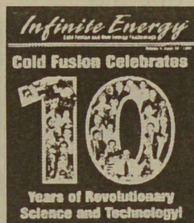
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The racist origins of America's gun laws

On September 8, 1925, Dr. Ossian Sweet moved his family into their new two-story, brick home on the corner of Garland and Charlevoix on Detroit's east side.

A prominent and successful gynecologist, the ambitious, hard-working Ossian Sweet was a graduate of Howard University medical school in Washington DC, having paid his tuition by firing furnaces, shoveling snow and waiting tables.

He also spent time studying and working in Europe — including a stint with Nobel Prize-winner Madame Curie in Paris — before settling in Detroit and starting both a family and a private practice.

Out of place

One might expect that Dr. Sweet would be out of place in the poor, working class neighborhood. And he definitely was. However, it was not so much because of his noticeably greater wealth and education than his mostly poor and illiterate neighbors, but rather because he was black and they were white.

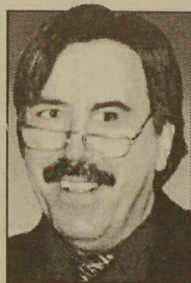
A mob of hundreds that had gathered in the schoolyard across the street grew increasingly ugly. The Waterworks Park Improvement Association, as they called themselves, had driven another

black doctor, a surgeon by the name of Turner, out of his home on Spokane Avenue some weeks before. Anticipating trouble, a dozen police officers cordoned off the area for three blocks around and walked up and down the street between the mob and the Sweet residence.

In the midst of the growing tension the Sweet family did their best to maintain an air of normalcy. Mrs. Sweet was in the kitchen preparing dinner and several family and friends were helping unpack, when the crowd started howling and stones began pelting the house.

Dr. Sweet grabbed a gun and dashed to an upstairs window to get a better — and safer — view of what was going on outside his new home. Just as he saw a car with his dentist brother, Henry, and a family friend named Davis pull up to the curb a rock smashed through the window showering him in shards.

The now terrified doctor ran back downstairs to let his brother and their friend into the house



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as the crowd was screaming: "Here's niggers! Get them! Get them!"

That's when the first shot rang out. In the ensuing pandemonium no one is exactly certain how or in what order events then unfolded. It is certain that six of the 11 people inside the house fired their weapons, as did at least one police officer outside who in fact emptied his revolver.

Arrested everyone

Two people in the mob were struck — one fatally. The police, who until gunfire erupted had been little more than spectators, stormed the house and arrested everyone inside charging them all with murder.

The sensational case polarized the city, but as chance would have it, it ended up assigned to a judge whose integrity and personal courage would one day make him a Michigan legend.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime to demonstrate sincere liberalism," remarked the presiding Judge Frank Murphy, who immediately released Mrs. Sweet on bail. Nor were the defendants wanting for high-powered legal representation.

Irrepressible champion of society's downtrodden, Clarence

Darrow, came into Detroit to handle the case. Darrow's legendary eloquence and craft were very much in evidence in his impassioned defense of the Sweets. This pioneer in the cause of "equal protection before the law" spent three weeks on jury selection alone — most of it in a painstakingly detailed recounting of the history of the black man in America. A *Detroit Free Press* reporter said at the time: "When I was assigned to cover the trial I had the average prejudice against Negroes. I give Clarence Darrow credit for de-

stroying my race hatred."

Following a seven week trial and three days of often acrimonious deliberations by the all white jury, Judge Murphy ruled that a verdict could not be reached and declared a mistrial.

Prosecutors decided to retry only Ossian's brother, Henry, who had freely admitted firing his gun.

At this second trial, attorney Darrow not only didn't deny the

fact that his sole remaining client may indeed have fired the fatal shot, but argued that the defendant was fully justified and acting in self-defense.

The second jury (also all white) took barely three hours to return a "Not Guilty" verdict.

As a consequence of all of this the Ku Klux Klan — which operated much more openly in those days — lobbied for and got the first round of restrictive gun legislation in Michigan.

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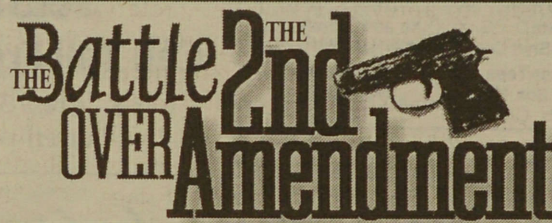
The Public Acts of 1927 included the requirement that citizens obtain government issued "purchase permits" following mandatory "safety inspections," and even then that the opportunity to legally carry the weapon be granted only at the whim of (unaccountable) county "gun boards."

Following racial unrest in major American cities across the country in the early to mid '60s — culminating in "the long, hot summer" of 1967 — the next round of restrictions came from the federal government in the form of the Gun Control Act of 1968. This legislation was actually modeled on the German

Weapons Law of 1938 enacted by the Nazi government.

A revealing feature of the contemporary gun control movement has been the persistent drive to ban inexpensive handguns often disparagingly called "Saturday Night Specials" — an epithet based on an old racist line that any kind of riotous going-on was a "Niggertown Saturday Night."

And, indeed it is pretty ob-



For gun-control advocates, it's time to put up or shut up

If those folks really think they're safer without guns, why not brag about it?

The anti-freedom folks are really beginning to bug me. I'm referring particularly to those who keep demanding more draconian gun laws. Their arguments fly in the face of all logic and common sense. Study after study confirms that the *more* freedom individuals have to defend and protect themselves, the *safer* society is.

From Professor Kleck of Florida State University to Professor Lott at the University of Chicago to most law enforcement professionals to every person who has ever had or wished they had a firearm handy in the face of an attacker, the consen-

sus is unanimous: Guns save lives!

But no matter. The anti-freedom, pro-dependent gun-control zealots continue to promote their stupid and senseless legislation. I think it's time for the gun-control freaks to put their money where their mouth is!

Here is my proposal:

I call on all gun control proponents to *identify* themselves so everyone can know who they are. I call on them to put signs on the front of their homes: "This is a gun-free home."

I summon them to canvas

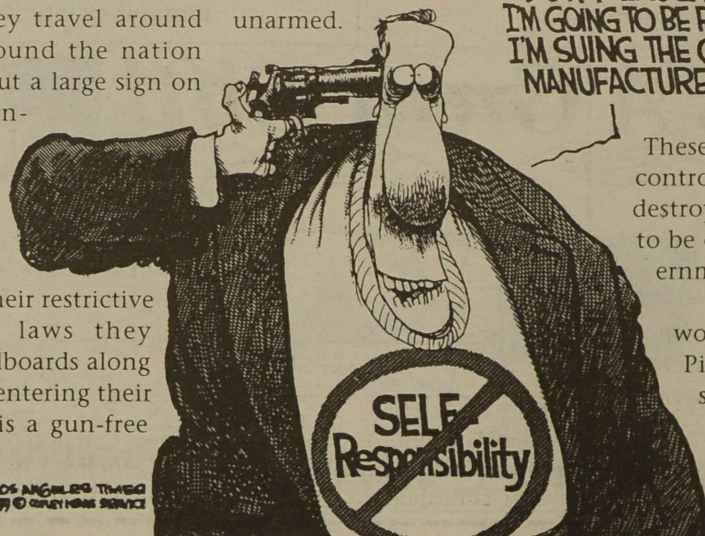
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their neighborhoods and to convince all their neighbors to rid themselves of all their firearms. When they do, I challenge them to put up signs all around their streets and driveways: "This is a gun-free neighborhood."

When they travel around town and around the nation they should put a large sign on their car window: "This vehicle is unarmed."

When city governments enact their restrictive gun control laws they should put billboards along the highways entering their towns: "This is a gun-free community."

I say it is time for the gun control fanatics to put up or shut up. Before they demand that the rest of us render ourselves defenseless, it's up to them to lead the way and show us how safe it is to be unarmed.



Beyond that, if they are so concerned about the senseless loss of life, why don't they pass legislation banning cars and bathtubs and airplanes and swimming pools?

These take far more lives than firearms.

You know the reason why.

These people are not trying to control *crime*; they are trying to destroy freedom. They want us to be dependent upon the government for our survival.

Just for the record, I would love to see these Pied Pipers of Perfidy demonstrate to the rest of us just how much *they* believe their own rhetoric — and go public with their *own* disarmament.

vious that, if not strictly minorities, it is at the very least, poor people who are being targeted by a ban on inexpensive weapons.

Of course, none of this has proven effective in stemming violent crime because criminals, by definition, do not respect the law, whatever it might say.

Nevertheless, those whose sacred cause is to finally and fully disarm the law-abiding in the deluded belief that this will somehow impact the criminal population have discovered a new tactic. Since courts have been unwilling and legislatures unable to accomplish their goal, several major cities have decided that perhaps the marketplace itself can be choked off by civil litigation — holding manufacturers responsible for the misuse of their products.

An announcement that the hometown of Dr. Ossian Sweet is following suit is expected soon. Had it come sooner, it might have provided a tragically ironic end to Black History Month. For, as Jews have already discovered, disarming a people is only the first phase in attempting to end their history entirely.

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How to deal with an 'obsolete' Amendment

Satire: Citizens for Printing Control demand 'reasonable' controls on the First Amendment

Imagine, if you will, this headline from a future issue of the *Washington Post*: "Citizen Activists Decry 18th-Century Amendment, Cite Threat To Public Safety."

And the story reads:

WASHINGTON, DC — Citizen activists continue to press for sweeping Federal legislation in the wake of the Littleton tragedy, claiming that modern technology has made the Constitutional provisions of the 18th-Century Bill of Rights obsolete in our society.

Citizens for Printing Control (CPC) activist Rosie O'Donnell said, "The First Amendment was written in the days of the quill pen and hand printing press. It's obvious that it wasn't intended to apply to typewriters, rotary presses, or computer printers."

Other activists hammered home similar points: "Today, modern printing and communications technology is capable of spewing out thousands of dangerous ideas per minute. Perhaps the First Amendment could be tolerated in a society where hand

presses might publish a controversial pamphlet once or twice a month, but today, allowing private citizens to own means of mass communication is just plain idiocy."

Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) poured contempt during today's hearings, which examined whether the First Amendment was intended to apply to individual possession of means of communication.

Official capacity

"The First Amendment was intended to protect the right of state legislators to voice their opinions to Congress and the President, while speaking in their official capacities," he argued.

Other activists derided the theory that the right of individuals to freely print and distribute opinions is necessary to defend liberty.

"Perhaps in colonial times a pamphleteer could influence the course of public opinion," they noted. "But today, individuals

with typewriters would be helpless in the face of the government's massive army of speechwriters, spin-doctors, and other trained professionals."

The history of press control in the U.S. has been fraught with controversy from the start.

At the founding of the Republic, the image of pamphleteers like Tom Paine and printers like Benjamin Franklin were central to the iconography of the Revolution. The First Amend-

ROSIE O'DONNELL:
"The First Amendment wasn't intended to apply to typewriters."

ment was widely interpreted as giving each citizen the right to print whatever they wanted.

But as printing technology advanced, most responsible citizens began to feel that some controls were necessary to prevent the irresponsible use of these

devices. New York City's Sullivan Law (1900), banning typewriters except in the offices of licensed newspapers, began the trend.

Federal controls began in the Prohibition era, when public opinion became alarmed at the use of high-speed presses by gangsters to publish clandestine advertisements for speakeasies. The Rotary Press Tax Act (1934) created a very high tax on privately owned high-speed presses, and created the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Printing (BATF) to enforce it.

However, attempts at printing control have been frustrated by the persistence of a First Amendment culture of individual typewriter, mimeograph, and printing press owners.

Claiming that the intent of the Founding Fathers was to permit every citizen to express their opinions without limit or compromise, this subculture claims to promote responsible use of printing technology.

Organized into the National Readers Association (NRA), these people, backed by the powerful lobby of the typewriter and press manufacturers, have effectively blocked all but the most token printing controls.

Sparked by a series of incidents in which students — stimulated by literature printed on unregistered presses — have killed fellow students and faculty, a growing groundswell of anti-printing sentiment has begun to chip away at the power of the typewriter lobby.

Cheap typewriters

First the import of cheap foreign typewriters was outlawed; then the sale of electric typewriters (feared for their fast, 60-word-per-minute typing rate) was severely restricted.

Subsequently, the sale of extra-long typewriter ribbons was banned, although such items are still reportedly available at book fairs where printing fanatics gather — as well as, reportedly, computer printers and other military-grade technology.

The Littleton massacre, in which two students, inflamed by reading Gothic literature, much of which was printed on unregistered presses, killed fellow students, became a catalyst for printing-control advocates.

The *New York Times* editorialized: "People have talked about alienation and other possible contributors. But this ignores the obvious. The problem is clearly the proliferation of millions of printing presses in the hands of Americans. How much longer can we afford this tragedy?"

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From THE CHAIR

2,000 opportunities in the 2000 election

National Political Director Ron Crickenberger says the Libertarian Party will run 2,000 candidates in 2000! But, it's never been done before. It's so many more than we've ever had on the ballot at one time. Can we do it? Ron says we can, and believe him. Mostly because he believes in *you*, the thousands of dedicated party activists who keep meeting our challenges. Each one of you reading this just might be one of those libertarian candidates.

But why, you may ask, would I (or anyone) want to do that? Good question. My goal is that 2000 be the breakthrough year for our party. Anticipated membership growth should make us too big for anyone — media, voters, or other politicians — to ignore.

Membership growth is crucial, but the *most* visible expression of the party's clout and credibility is our candidates. The more candidates on the ballot, the more libertarians speaking to the media, to service clubs, and other organizations. More candidates means more party growth. More candidates means pro-liberty groups (pro-gun rights, pro-private education, etc.) will find our party worth supporting because they will see us as large enough to make a difference.

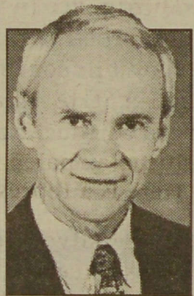
The mission of the Libertarian Party is to move society in a libertarian direction by electing libertarians to office. With 2,000 candidates, electoral success becomes more likely. Recent events demonstrate that the voters, especially younger voters, are more open to consider alternatives to the old parties. The best example is Jesse Ventura's election as Governor of Minnesota in 1998. Our opportunities are greater than ever.

You can do a great deal of good for the party, and for America, as a libertarian candidate. You can do great things for yourself. Want to make an impact? The most obvious impact I've seen is that a libertarian in the race changes the political debate. Unlike Democrats and Republicans, who usually just argue about who can bring home the most pork, libertarians raise real issues, such as the right of individuals to be free of government snooping and to keep what they earn. Libertarians raise fundamental issues in the minds of the voters and force traditional politicians to deal with them. That can be quite amusing, as they frequently are struck speechless.

The libertarian does not need to win the office (although that's the ultimate goal) to be a catalyst for change. Just imagine the effect of an articulate libertarian in the Presidential Debates. The principle is the same in every other campaign, including the one you undertake. Tens of thousands of new members will join us during the 2000 election cycle. Most will be looking for ways to help the party grow and advance its program. They'll want to take action; and there is no better vehicle for action than a campaign. Thus, every candidate is an automatic leader, someone for new activists to follow and support. Quite a challenge. Quite a responsibility.

The great payoff for libertarian candidates is in personal growth. Because you must, you become a more skilled communicator. You learn the intricacies of libertarianism, because the media and the voters never stop asking questions. You develop as a leader and team builder, working with your campaign staff and volunteers. You learn humility — many times.

And, take it from one who has been there, you learn that after all the hard work, sleepless nights and stress, liberty and your libertarian friends are worth every bit of it.



By David Bergland, LP National Chair

Non-governmental foreign aid: Trickle Up's job-creation system

It costs Trickle Up \$60 to create a job; it costs the U.S. government \$20,000

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

By BetteRose Smith

What is it that a private organization can do for \$100 that takes the government \$20,000 to do? Most Libertarians would say, "Almost anything!" Yet when asked for real-life examples, we might have a hard time coming up with one for foreign aid. The Trickle Up Program is just such an example, and has been for 20 years.

Trickle Up Program (TUP) specializes in making dreams come true with the use of \$100 grants. The program seeks out groups of people living in poverty-stricken areas of the world who want to start their own businesses — micro-enterprises. With the use of these people's own resources, skills, and knowledge and with TUP's \$100 grants, the nonprofit organization has been able to start over 75,000 businesses in 115 different countries, including (would you believe) the USA. This program has created over 400,000 jobs.

Directly to the people

So why does \$100 make so much difference in the lives of these people, when our government had been sending millions of dollars in aid to many of these same countries? I once saw a button that said, "Foreign Aid: Poor people in rich countries giving money to rich people in poor countries." Trickle Up avoids this problem by giving money directly to the people who are to benefit from it. There are no middlemen siphoning off a good share of the money. Remember, in many of these countries, \$100 is more than most people make in a year.

Another thing: Trickle Up does its homework. You won't find TUP supplying a group of women with 20 brand new industrial sewing machines in a town that has electricity only one day a week. (The U.S. government did!) Trickle Up works with volunteer agencies that are experienced in the development of the communities where the enterprises are to exist. With the help of over 1,173 volunteer co-

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ordinating agencies worldwide, Trickle Up provides grants and business training where they can be used to the fullest.

One of the volunteer agencies will find a small group of people, often a family, ready to start or expand their own business. The volunteer interviews the group to determine if it can come up with a workable business plan. The group then makes application to Trickle Up for one



QUESTION:

Is there a way to help Third World people without expensive foreign aid from the U.S. government?

of their grants. If the business is approved, Trickle Up issues \$50 to the group. The micro-enterprise guarantees it will put 1,000 man-hours and 20% of its profit into the business during the next three months. At the end of the three months, if the business holds up its end of the bargain, TUP issues the last \$50.

This program was begun in

1979 when Glen Leet and Mildred Robbins Leet, with \$1,000 of their own money, started 10 businesses in Dominica. It continues throughout the world, starting businesses from raising animals to creating crafts, from farming to making cement blocks.

Is the program successful? Just ask Grace Mbakwa of Tugi, Cameroon, who, because of her clothing business, has been able to train six seamstress apprentices; or Mrs. Chan Navy of Cambodia, who because of her fish paste business, can now send her children to school.

Middle class salaries

And the benefits of the program aren't just limited to the people who start the business. In the Philippines, a small group started making sausages. The neighbors later joined the project and now are planning to build a factory. In Ghana, three Trickle Up businesses decided to join forces. The 27 members have tripled their productivity and, because of the large number of members, have been able to sell their products in a variety of markets. It has allowed these people to generate a middle-class type salary.

How much overhead is involved with making these grants? Not much. With a budget of only \$1.7 million, Trickle Up helped start or expand 7,755 businesses in 1997 alone! That's an average of less than \$220 per business, about \$60 per job created (the average number of jobs created per business is four). It costs our government approximately \$20,000 to create one job. My money will be with Trickle Up from now on.

Does Trickle Up receive government money? Not according to the staff member I talked to. They have received no government help for over three years; before that, it was donations from the Dutch government. This program truly is an example of foreign aid without the use of government.

Trickle Up Program, Inc. is based at 121 West 27th Street, Suite 504; New York, NY 10001-6292. Their phone number is (212) 362-7958. Or visit their web site: www.trickleup.org.

■ **Editor's note:** BetteRose Smith is the State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

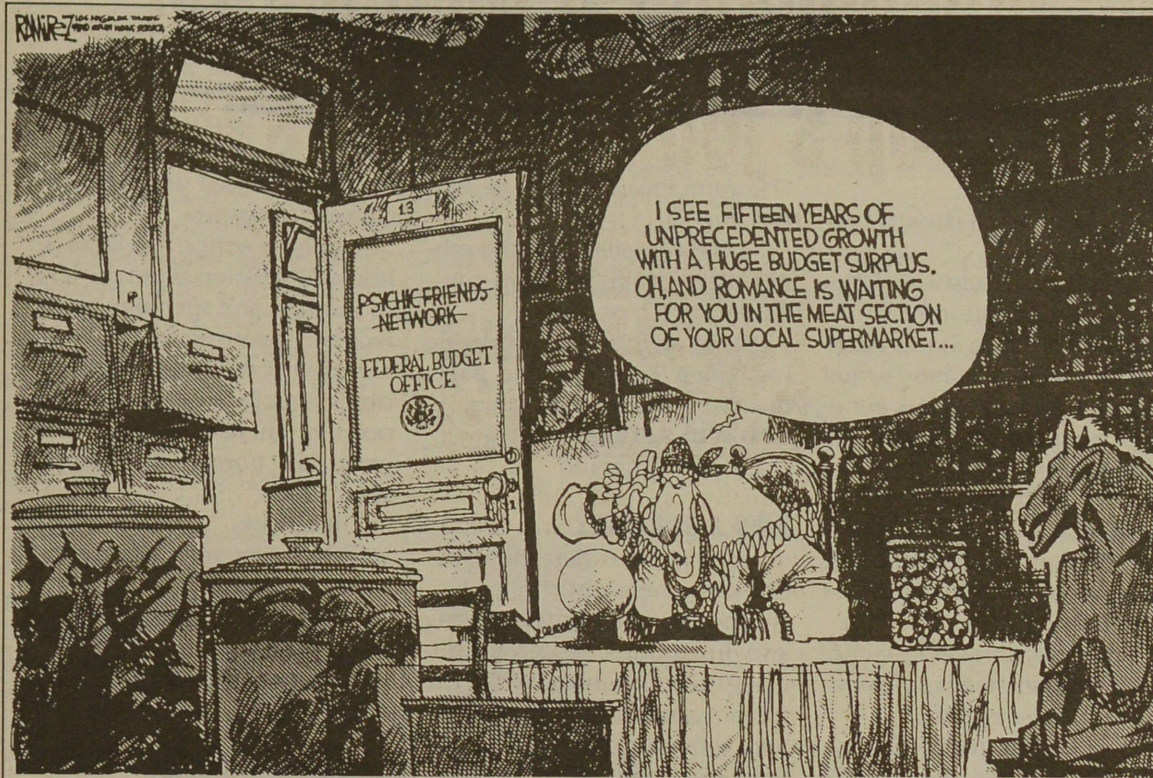
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Help from Jimmy

I was thrilled to see the story about Jimmy "Dyn-O-Mite" Walker in the July edition of *LP News*.

In that story you wrote that Jimmy was "long rumored to have libertarian sympathies."

In fact, in my 1984 campaign for the U.S. Senate, my campaign manager Marshall Fritz persuaded Jimmy to fly to Chicago for a full day of campaigning with me. Jimmy's celebrity status helped earn me an invitation to one of the largest and best high schools in the area to address over 1,500 students.

The high school appearance was just one of several stops that day. It was covered by our several Chicago television stations. That coverage, and diligent work by Marshall, resulted in an invitation for me to appear one-on-one in a high-visibility, prime-time, weeknight interview on Chicago's PBS affiliate.

I'll never forget the doors that Jimmy opened for my campaign. Not many candidates can boast of having Jimmy Walker as their warmup act.

— STEVE GIVOT

Barrington Hills, Illinois

Informative issue

A few months ago I joined the Libertarian Party because of dissatisfaction with the Republican Party and the impeachment process and general corruption in government.

There are several articles in the June 1999 issue I found to be most informative and useful.

"NO LIBERTARIAN should be an ACLU member while they oppose the right of individuals to own firearms."

The front page article entitled "The best quotations about liberty." I plan to incorporate the quotations in my e-mails and other correspondence.

The two articles on page 24 in "The Forum," "How I became a Libertarian columnist" and "How to communicate Libertarian ideas more effectively" are excellent. Those articles give ideas that force one to think and not just spout party rhetoric. The article on page 25, "Turning blank stares into agreement," by Robert Gledt outlines clearly how to present my viewpoints. Thanks for reprinting the article.

— JOSEPH AIELLO

Livingston, Texas

Anti-gun ACLU

June's *LP News The Pulse* wrongly included ACLU among "libertarian" groups. While they may be with us on some First Amendment issues, as a matter of policy they actively oppose our fundamental Libertarian in-

terpretation of the Second Amendment.

ACLU won't publicize this, and refuses to respond to routine inquiries about it, but their national and state offices eventually confirmed to me that they support and promote a right of government to restrict and even completely prohibit all individual ownership of firearms by mentally competent, law-abiding citizens.

As a classic "Liberal" organization, whose members are driven by irrational fear of and hostility to "guns," and who blindly support Democratic presidents and legislators on this issue, their leadership refuses to review the many contrary scholarly arguments and historic facts, and opposes all Libertarian Second Amendment activities.

Thus, while our party may solicit their support when and where they agree with us, no Libertarian should be an ACLU member while they actively oppose the Constitutional right of individuals to own private firearms. Any Libertarian who is an ACLU member should suggest they reverse their policy before quitting.

— BOB MULTER

Rindge, New Hampshire

Tuna Control?

A story from Reuters News Service (June 16, 1999) reported that a California man was arrested on charges of "assault with a deadly weapon" after he beat his girlfriend with a large tuna

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The Advocates: Simply the best

When it comes to libertarian organizations, *LP News* readers advocate the Advocates for Self-Government. The Georgia-based educational organization was the easy winner of this month's unscientific Pulse survey, with 27% of the respondents selecting it as the organization that does the best work to advance the cause of liberty.

The Advocates — perhaps best known as the distributor of the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" and other tools to increase the effectiveness of libertarian communicators — was cited for its "excellent products" and for "filling in a void" in the libertarian movement.

(Like all the other groups mentioned in this column, the Advocates is a non-partisan organization that is either broadly libertarian, or supports libertarian positions on one or more important issues.)

In second place — with 11% of the vote — were the Washington, DC-based Cato Institute (arguably the nation's most influential libertarian think tank) and the Future of Freedom Foundation (the Virginia-based libertarian educational organization that proudly boasts: "We don't compromise.").

Third place (with 7% of the vote) was a three-way tie between the Institute for Justice (a legal aid group that files lawsuits for libertarian causes), the Separation of School & State Alliance (which lobbies for a completely privatized educational system), and the Ludwig Von Mises Institute (a "paleo-libertarian" public policy foundation).

Here is a representative sample of the responses:

■ The Advocates for Self-Government has given me the tools I need to successfully present the libertarian message persuasively. I know of dozens of people who have become libertarian because of the techniques I learned from the Advocates.

— GEORGE SCHWAPPACH, Abilene, Texas

■ The Institute For Justice. They are winning in court, rather than winning people over.

— JIM RICHARDSON, Flemington, New Jersey

■ The Ludwig Von Mises Institute attempts to attack the "disease" of statism at its roots . . . in the minds of the brightest young college students. This is a painstaking, but effective effort, changing one mind at a time. A strongly principled group that doesn't budge on issues of liberty.

— MIKE THIBODEAUX, Oscar, Louisiana

■ I believe Gun Owners of America to be the finest pro-Second Amendment organization in existence, and I encourage all Libertarians to become members.

— ALEX KNIGHT, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

■ The Advocates for Self-Government accomplish more by far to market the [libertarian movement] than any other group with which I have had contact.

— ABEL ASHBRIDGE, Alexandria, Virginia

■ The Future of Freedom Foundation. Why? Simply because they present the values of economic and individual freedom that are truly remarkable, and uncompromising.

— JEAN CARBONNEAU, Portland, Maine

■ The Cato Institute has the great scholarship, is philosophically consistent, intellectually rigorous, and professional.

— STU YOUNG, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

■ The ACLU works as a complement to the Libertarian Party through the judicial branch and public awareness on every liberty issue.

— KEITH GARDNER, Atlanta, Georgia

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■ The Separation of School and State Alliance. Separating children and their parents from government schools will lead to greater personal responsibility and fuel people's natural libertarian behaviors.

— MARTHA DE FOREST, Boulder Creek, California

■ The Advocates for Self-Government is my favorite. Their mission is to help bring libertarian ideas to opinion makers by providing better communication tools to all libertarians. Not only is this an exciting mission, but they have stayed true to it for 15 years. By staying focused on this task, they have produced excellent products for use by the growing libertarian movement!

— KEN BISSON, Angola, Indiana

■ ISIL [International Society for Individual Liberty]. Their 30+ pamphlet series are second to none. They use the term "libertarian" profusely, and rightfully so.

— DAVID C. ROTH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

■ The Cato Institute, hands down. It is [Cato's] publications that finally convinced me to abandon the Republican Party, of which I had been a faithful member ever since emigrating from the Soviet Union in 1974.

— DMITRI OSTROVSKY, Charlotte, North Carolina

■ The Institute for Justice. They're helping people on an individual case-by-case level, where it counts.

— SCOTT MCLENNAN, Minneapolis, Minnesota

October Question: One Sentence?

In a way, trying to describe Libertarianism (or the Libertarian Party) is like the old Miller Lite beer commercial, where opposing groups of beer-chuggers shout, "Tastes great!" "Less filling!" It's not that you can't describe it; the challenge is simply trying to narrow it down to one simple, persuasive attribute. Given that problem, what is the best *one-sentence* answer you've come up with to the question: "What is Libertarianism?" (Or: "What is the Libertarian Party?") Do you focus on philosophy? The Constitution? Non-initiation of force? Benefits? What?

■ QUESTION: What is your most *effective* one-sentence definition of Libertarianism or the Libertarian Party? (And why do you think it is so good?) Please limit definitions to 50 words, and total answers to 100 words.

■ DEADLINE: September 5, 1999

September Question: Convention speaker?

Want to have input about who's invited as a speaker at the 2000 Libertarian National Convention? *Here's your chance!* In 11 months, millions of Americans around the USA will see the LP's presidential nominating convention in Anaheim, California via C-SPAN. The question: Who should be given one of the few, coveted spots to speak at the convention?

Your suggested speaker should be someone *you* want to see (or see again), and can either be a libertarian, libertarian leaning, or just an individual with a message of interest to LP members. (Note: Results of this survey *will* be given to the Convention Planning Committee.)

■ QUESTION: What ONE speaker do you most want to see at the 2000 LP National Convention? And why? (Keep answers to 100 words.)

■ DEADLINE: August 5, 1999

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after an argument in a supermarket.

Here's my question: Does this mean the Clinton Administration will call on Congress to legislate a five-day waiting period to buy a tuna?

Here's a sample of the likely White House talking points:

- "The cult of tuna violence must end."

- "Women and children are the most vulnerable victims of tuna violence."

- "America will not be safe until our streets are rid of Saturday Night Special Tuna."

Will we be limited to buying only one tuna per month? Will the National Tuna Association (NTA) whip up its membership with a bumpersticker campaign: "If Tuna is outlawed, only outlaws will have Tuna!" Will CBS's 60 Minutes do a feature story next week on the "epidemic of tuna violence in America?"

Where will the madness end?

— DOUGLAS G. HARRIGAN
Salem, New Hampshire

We trust you

In less than a year, our party will consider changes to the platform. I would like to suggest a simple change to a number of planks that may improve their marketability. I propose starting those planks that deal with matters of individual responsibility with a preamble: "Because we trust you to make responsible decisions about [issue] . . ."

For example, the Energy plank might start, "Because we trust you to make responsible decisions about the source of energy you use, we oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production . . ."

The Freedom of Religion plank might say, "Because we trust you to choose a religion that fits your needs, we defend the rights of individuals to engage in (or abstain from) any religious activities . . ."

I believe that such an addition will go a long way towards reassuring the public about our motives in proposing these changes to public policy.

If you would like to suggest specific language for the preamble of a particular plank (no changes to the rest of the plank please; those should go to the Platform Committee), please e-mail them to me at: daitken@tde.com, or regular mail to: David Aitken, 1240 Ogden #4, Denver, Co 80218; please put

"Platform Preamble" in the subject line.

I will compile them and submit them to the platform committee early next year.

They will also be available for review on my home page: members.tde.com/daitken.

— DAVID AITKEN
Denver, Colorado

Why a penguin?

It is just recently that I notice the penguin in various Liberty/Libertarian Party advertising and promotions. Now it is turning up as a sort of mascot for the Linux computer operating system, which is itself a path to freedom from overpriced, bloated, and crash-prone software.

How did the penguin, of all animals, become a symbol for liberty and independence?

— DAVID J. "BEAR" MANN
Concord, California

"HOW DID THE penguin, of all animals, become a symbol for independence?"

Un-Fair Tax?

In a letter published in the July 1999 issue, Jonathan Richter writes: "The Fair Tax [national sales tax] would eliminate all Personal Income, Corporate Income, Social Security, Medicare, Capital Gains, Inheritance and Self-Employment Taxes and replace them with a 23% National Retail Sales Tax." My response: In addition to the proposed sales tax, what would prevent Congress from re-enacting any of the above robbery demands?

Richter writes: "There would be monthly rebates to those below a certain level." You are asking Libertarians to endorse welfare? When has any Libertarian made that mistake?

Richter writes: "Increased Savings Rate." Your proposal does nothing to reduce the amount of money being stolen from me every day, thus yield-

ing no increased disposable income to be saved.

Richter writes: "Enables an honest discussion about the level of taxation and spending by the federal government." It bears noting that 46 States, nine provinces and D.C. all have sales taxes of their own. Has there been "an honest discussion" about these?

Tragically, no matter how visible a tax may be, people won't complain about it if they're too busy rationalizing, as Mr. Richter proposes we do.

— STEPHEN J. BAKER
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Better and better

LP News gets better and better. (We've always liked it). A fine issue — July 1999. Keep up the good and appreciated work.

— BEN L. OLSON
Pocahontas, Iowa

NATO aggression

This is in regard to Gaylord Olsen's letter to the Mailbox [LP News, July 1999].

First, the Yugoslavian conquest was Clinton's war. It converted the NATO alliance from a defensive formation to a nascent empire.

Secondly, if Mr. Olsen would study the history of the Twentieth Century, the only reason any state does anything is for its own self-interest. [President Bill] Clinton and [British Prime Minister] Tony Blair could care less about Albanians and Serbs. What they care about is the acquisition and maintenance of power.

As far as the expulsion of the Albanians go, that only happened after NATO bombed. You can make the argument that Milosevic would have done what he did anyway. However, the trigger was NATO's aggression.

Besides all that, this is a civil war fought by a sovereign country. A country that is neither our ally nor our enemy. A country that neither attacked us nor NATO. By invading that country, we have simultaneously violated the NATO charter, the U.N. charter, and every tenet of international law on the books.

— GREGORY HARP
Oldsmar, Florida

Who is lying?

I find it rather disturbing that someone who labels himself a "long-time libertarian" would buy into the emotionalizing rhetoric which has categorized the Yugoslavian situation [The Mailbox, LP News, July 1999]. For one thing, our nation's

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founder documents incorporated the concept of avoiding foreign entanglements.

This was a civil war we were sticking our nose in. It had been going on for a very long time. Word is that the Albanians started it. However, when we became involved, it was no longer being called a "war" by our leaders. It was solely "ethnic cleansing."

Obviously, the author has the notion that the KLA are the nice sort of folks you'd like to have over for tea. In a war, there are innocent and guilty on both sides. However, if you're siding with a particular faction (and worried about popularity polls), gray areas won't do. Therefore the leader of the enemies becomes a "war criminal," the enemies become "genocidal," and everyone on the side you've taken become "innocent victims."

Who is to say who is lying? Which side has established itself as willing to mislead the American people in the name of self interests?

— **KURT SNYDER**
Warren, Michigan

Libertarian parenting?

Alas, I had to admit after reading the June, 1999 issue of the *LP News*, even my Libertarian brethren can come up with some misguided ideas in the name of Libertarianism. I read "Parenting the libertarian way" [News Briefs] and I must reject John Rosemond's philosophy. He said he believed "parents should exercise as little government as possible."

Libertarianism refers to the relationship between government and its citizens and has nothing to do with parenting styles. While I do wholeheartedly agree with the notion of small government, I think comparing parenting to governing is preposterous. Parenting correctly requires a great deal of love, involvement and guidance, none of which I want from my government.

As a teacher, I have seen too much of this supposed "libertarian" style of dealing with children and I am horrified by the results.

Once my colleagues and I were bemoaning the lack of discipline by administrators in our school. A fellow teacher who had often scoffed at my Libertarian beliefs made the comment that since I was a Libertarian I should be in favor of this laissez faire system of discipline. After all, wasn't I a big supporter of liberty? I made it quite clear that

my political leanings had nothing to do with my ideas about raising children.

Our parents and schools must set and enforce limits on our children. Please do not make the mistake of confusing the Libertarian Party's vision for how the government should conduct itself with how we should conduct ourselves in our personal lives.

— **MARYELLE SEARS**
Adrian, Missouri

Ten Commandments

As a former candidate for President under the Libertarian

banner, Representative Ron Paul (R-TX) should be ashamed of himself for the way he voted on a measure June 17. He voted to allow the Ten Commandments to be posted in schools and other state facilities.

The Ten Commandments, when taken in its entirety, is unique to Judeo-Christianity, making the passing of the measure — which it did — a clear violation of the First Amendment's establishment clause.

From what I have heard, Mr. Paul's Christian beliefs are very important to him. That may ex-

plain his action but it does not excuse it. He knows his Constitution and Bill of Rights. He might have chosen those personal interests or he may have chosen politics over principle. Either way, my view of the man has been soured.

— **BRAD WATSON**
Bedford, Texas

Just end it?

There are some people in the Libertarian Party who advocate the policy of "just ending" Social Security. I have a problem

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AS SEEN ON C-SPAN!*

Investigating The Federal Income Tax

BY JOSEPH BANISTER

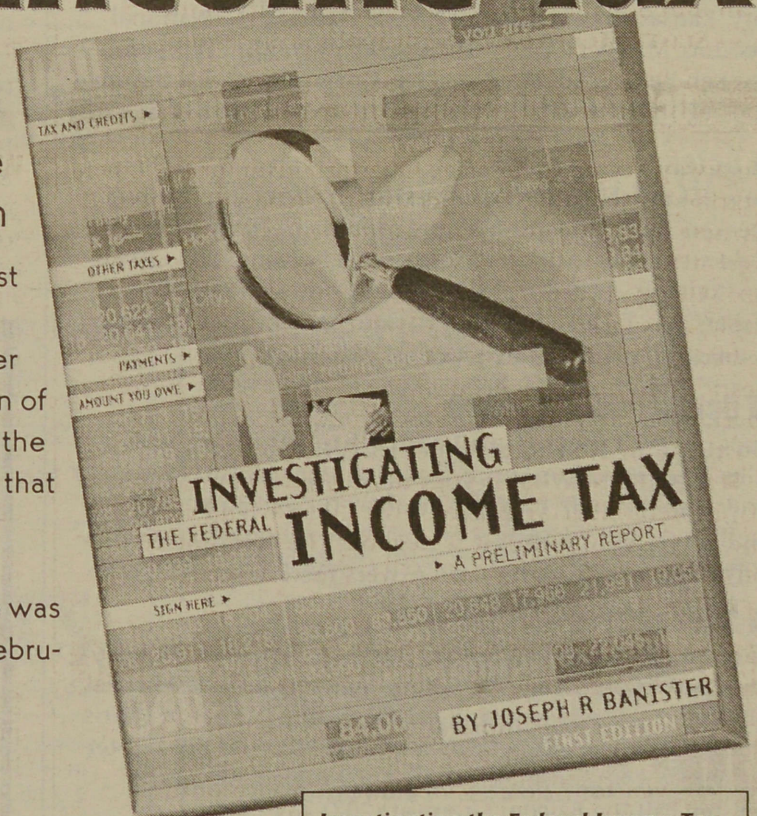
Former IRS Special Agent with the IRS Criminal Investigation Division

Joe Banister is believed to be the first Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Agent ever to discover alleged wrong-doing in the administration of the federal income tax and then confront the IRS about those allegations and his belief that taxpayer rights were being violated.

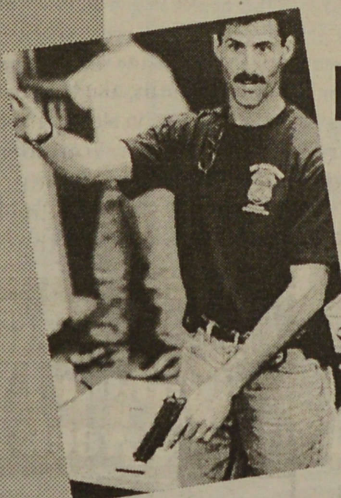
After confronting top IRS officials, his inquiries were summarily rebuffed and he was "encouraged" to resign. He resigned on February 25th, 1999.

Investigating The Federal Income Tax attempts to answer the questions:

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■ October 8-10, 1999

Florida LP Convention, Sheraton Hotel, West Palm Beach. Speakers include Michael Cloud (1998 Libertarian National Convention Keynote Speaker) and David Bergland (LP National Chair). For information, call Frank Longo: (561) 883-3357. E-mail: FLongo@bellsouth.net.

■ October 9, 1999

Hawaii LP Convention/Campaign 2000 Event, 2500 Pali Highway, Honolulu. Events include: Officer elections and candidate workshops. For information, contact Roger Taylor (808) 352-5683. E-mail: roger@pixi.com.

■ October 9-10, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Seminar, Kansas City, Kansas. Speakers include Steve Dasbach (LP National Director), Michael Cloud ("The Essence of Political Persuasion"), and Ken Bisson (Advocates for Self-Government). For information/registration, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

■ October 23, 1999

New Hampshire LP Convention, Holiday Inn, Nashua. Speakers include LP presidential candidates Harry Browne and Larry Hines; Michael Cloud (1998 National LP Convention keynote speaker); and Edmund Contoski (author of *Makers and Takers*). For information, contact Tom Kershaw at (603) 424-0100. E-mail: kersha19@IDT.net.

■ October 23-24, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Seminar, Nashville, Tennessee. Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart (author of *Healing Our World*), Barbara Goushaw (LP campaign manager), and Jim Lark (Advisor, Liberty Coalition). For information or to register, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

■ November 6-7, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Seminar, Holiday Inn Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. Speakers include Michael Cloud ("The Essence of Political Persuasion"), Sharon Harris (President, Advocates for Self-Government), and Bill Winter (LP Director of Communications). For information or to register, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

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■ May 19-21, 2000

Michigan LP Convention, Clarion Hotel, Ann Arbor. Speakers TBA. For information, call Emily Salvette at (734) 668-2607. Or e-mail: salvette@aol.com.

■ June 30-July 3, 2000

Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, Anaheim, California. Speakers and events TBA. For information, call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 227.

THE MAILBOX

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with this policy because I am a Social Security recipient due to a total disability.

One scenario offered for "just ending" Social Security is that people would rely on their children for support. I have no children. Among my two siblings, one of them has broken off all contact with me due to my political affiliation. My other sibling's willingness to help me is doubtful. Some of us have families that just won't help.

Other libertarian solutions propose some sort of charitable organization to help former Social Security recipients. That sounds OK but up until now the plans for such an organization have not been made to my knowledge. I am just supposed to have faith in the goodness of people that this will occur.

One solution offered by some libertarians is the Social Security buy-out. I am in favor of the buy-out. I need the money.

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—JOHN NEMETH
Tucson, Arizona

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I may be mistaken, but I believe that the U.S. Congress may, with a simple majority vote of both houses, call a Constitutional Convention.

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—STEPHEN F. DUNCAN
Dora, Alabama

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I ran across this bit of information in the July 4 issue of the *USA Weekend* magazine insert in my Sunday paper. I thought this bit of information should be of particular interest to Libertarians to cite to people in the quest to change the general public perception of where government should and should not stick its nose.

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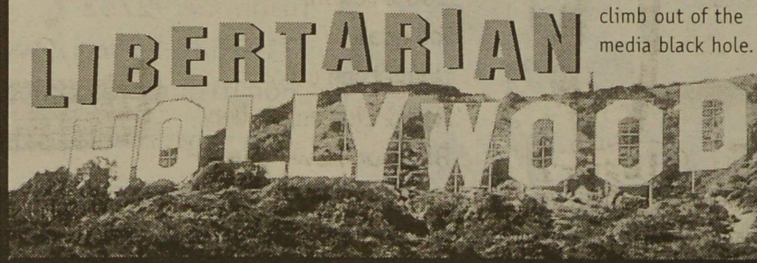
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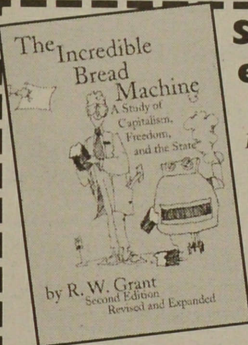


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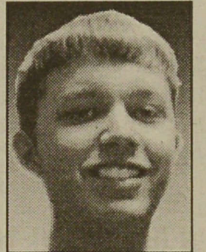
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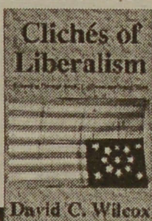
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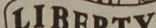
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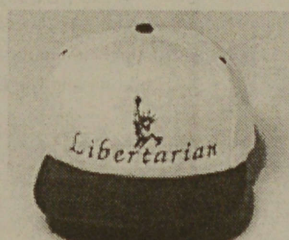
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■ August 14-15, 1999

Libertarian National Committee, Inc. meeting, Marriott Hotel, Anaheim, California. Open to all party members. For information, call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 228.

■ August 21-22, 1999

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■ August 27-28, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Seminar, Holiday Inn Downtown, Salt Lake City, Utah. Speakers include Steve Dasbach (LP National Director), Sharon Harris (President, Advocates for Self-Government), and Ron Crickenberger (LP Political Director). For information/registration, call the Balcom Group: (202) 234-3880.

■ September 17-19, 1999

1999 Gun Rights Policy Conference, Airport Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. Sponsored by The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep & Bear Arms, and the Second Amendment Foundation. For information: (425) 454-4911. Or: www.saf.org.

■ September 11-12, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Seminar, Boston, Massachusetts. Speakers include Bill Winter (LP Director of Communications), Jim Lark (Advisor, Liberty Coalition), and Michael Cloud (Creator, "The Essence of Political Persuasion"). For information or to register, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

■ September 18-19, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Seminar, Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, Prior Lake (just outside Minneapolis), Minnesota. Speakers include Steve Dasbach (LP National Director), Sharon Harris (President, Advocates for Self-Government), and Aaron Starr (Libertarian campaign manager). For information or to register, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

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FIRSTWORD

"The Republicans claim to want smaller government, but you suspect the next bill they pass will include a tax break for giant corporations and a requirement that you and your spouse sleep in twin beds. The Democrats claim they are there to help you, but you are concerned that their next legislation to help 'the common man' will take a big slice of your paycheck and give it to someone who doesn't work as hard as you or to fund a new program for left-handed performance artists.

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— Kyle Hannon, *The Elkhart Truth*, Indiana, January 31, 1999.