

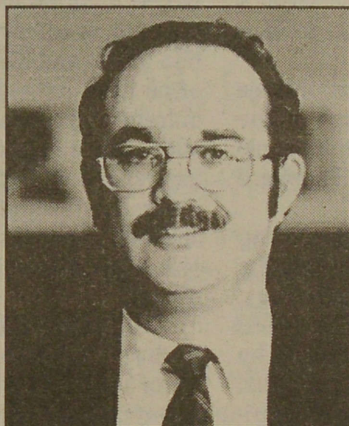
The LP at 25: What next?

By DAVID F. NOLAN

It's hard to believe that the Libertarian Party will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, but the calendar—and my graying hair—tell me that it's so.

We've come an incredibly long way since Richard Nixon's imposition of wage and price controls galvanized a bunch of young libertarians into forming what is now America's Third Party. There was a time, in the late 1960s, when I personally knew every libertarian activist in the United States. Today, I don't even know every Libertarian in Orange County, CA, where I now live!

Back in those days, the fledgling libertarian movement



David Nolan

was an amalgam of (mostly) young people who were drawn to the ideal of liberty by the writings of Ayn Rand and Robert Heinlein, the ill-fated Goldwater campaign, and organizations like Rampart College, the Young Americans for Freedom and the Liberty Amendment Committee. (The latter was a group that sought to repeal the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution, end the income tax, and get the federal government out of all activities "not specified in the Constitution.")

There was no Reason Foundation, no Cato Institute, and no Advocates for Self-Government. The only libertarian publication of any stature was *The Freeman*, published by the Foundation for Economic Education. And yet, in the face of the longest possible odds, on Dec. 11, 1971, we decided to go ahead and launch a new party dedicated to the consistent advocacy of individual liberty—the Libertarian Party.

25 years later. . .

Today, the situation has changed dramatically. While the size, cost, power, and intrusiveness of government have grown immensely, the libertarian movement has grown even faster. Congressional Quarterly, the highly respected non-partisan chronicler of political trends, recently stated that the Libertarian Party is "the most influen-

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Access

Lawsuits seek election law equality

Across the country, a wave of Libertarian Party lawsuits is pounding away at the Republican and Democratic stranglehold on the election system—with a mixed record of wins, losses, and no-decisions so far.

LP activists in nine jurisdictions—Michigan, North Carolina, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia, Arizona, New Hampshire, and West Virginia—are using the courts to battle restrictive ballot access laws and unfair election laws.

The cases involve a wide range of issues, including burdensome filing fees, unfair ballot status retention laws, the legality of state-mandated primaries, drug tests for candidates, and the right to serve as election inspectors.

"It's a shame that we have to invest so much of our resources in court, just to overcome the huge hurdles Republicans and Democrats have erected to stifle the competition," said Steve Dasbach, national chair of the Libertarian Party. "It shows that America's vision of participatory democracy is still a far cry from reality."

Here's an overview of Libertarian Party legal action:

► In North Carolina, the state party received a stunning brush-off in late March from the nation's highest court.

Filed in late January, the appeal of the case of *McLaughlin vs. N.C. Election Board* argued that North Carolina's requirement that a party must poll 10 percent for governor or president to stay on the ballot is unconstitutional. But the Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

"It's just bizarre that you've asked them 15 times [to review a lower court ballot access decision] and they've never taken you," said Ballot Access News publisher Richard Winger. "This was the fifteenth time the Libertarian Party has tried to get the U.S. Supreme Court to hear one of its ballot access appeals. All the other requests were refused, [too]."

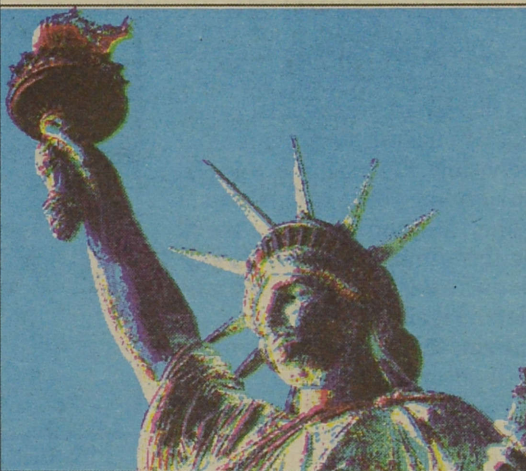
Winger noted that the Supreme Court has heard four ballot access or election law-related lawsuits from the Socialist Workers Party, three from the Communist Party, and one from the Peace and Freedom Party—but never one from the Libertarian Party. "They don't like [the LP]," he speculated.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled against the Libertarian Party in October 1995 on the 10 percent retention issue, in a decision that Winger said contained "fundamental factual errors. The issue is the constitutionality of laws which make it very difficult for parties to remain on the ballot."

However, in that decision, the lower court did overturn a 5-cent-per-petition-signature validation fee, and a require-

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Sobran to address national convention

Joseph Sobran, syndicated columnist, will address the entire Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention on Saturday, July 6. The topic of his speech will be "The U.S. as World Policeman: Not What the Founders Intended."

In 1972, Sobran went to work for *National Review* magazine for what would be a 21-year stint, including 18 years as senior editor.

From 1979 to 1991, Sobran was a regular commentator on CBS Radio's "Spectrum" series. He has been a nationally syndicated columnist since 1979, first with the *Los Angeles Times* Syndicate and now with *Universal Press Syndicate*, for which he writes two columns per week. He also writes the weekly column "Washington Watch" for *The Wanderer*, a weekly Catholic newspaper.

Sobran is the author of the book, "Single Issues: Essays on the Critical Social Questions."

In 1994, Sobran founded SOBRAN'S, a monthly newsletter of his essays and columns.

"No one so explicitly or deftly connects what is happening in the world today to the loss of our freedom and the systematic usurpations of government—absolutely no one," said Sheldon Richman of the Cato Institute. "Sobran is a cross between Mencken, Nock, and Cato's letters."



LP presidential primary results

The Libertarian Party qualified this year to hold its own presidential primaries in more states than any third party in U.S. history.

In New Hampshire, Harry Browne, with 40.3 percent, defeated Irwin Schiff, with 20.9 percent. Pat Buchanan received 10.7 percent of the vote from write-in ballots, Steve Forbes received 6.3 percent from write-in ballots, and 21.8 percent of the vote went to other, non-reported write-in candidates. Registered LP voter turnout was about 47 percent.

In South Dakota, Browne, with 63 percent of

the vote, defeated Schiff, with 37 percent.

In North Dakota, where there is no voter registration, the primary ballot listed all parties' candidates on the same sheet of paper, so any voter could vote in any party's primary. Harry Browne was the only person running in the Libertarian column. He got 145 votes.

In California, the Libertarian primary was a four-way race, with Browne, Schiff, Rick Tompkins, and Doug Ohman. Browne led with 6,730 votes, 50.2 percent; Tompkins finished second with 3,189 votes, 23.8 percent; Schiff received 2,064 votes, 15.4

percent; and Doug Ohman got 1,421 votes, 10.6 percent.

In Massachusetts, Browne received 44 percent of the vote, no preference or various write-ins got 35 percent, Tompkins received 13 percent, and Schiff got 8 percent.

In Illinois, the LP primary was a two-way race, with Browne getting 74 percent to Schiff's 26 percent.

Additional Libertarian Party presidential primaries are still to be held in Idaho, Montana, and Nebraska.

Campaign '96: Presidential nomination

Tompkins visits, supports victims of War on Drugs

"For the Libertarian Party to succeed, people must want their freedom," said Rick Tompkins, Libertarian presidential candidate hopeful. "We have to show people that liberty is indivisible. For example, we need to bring gun rights and drug re-legalization people together, and show them we are all fighting for the same thing—inalienable rights. Those who desire freedom must be willing to defend it all."

"Thomas Paine said, 'He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself.'"

Tompkins said, "You can't just pick and choose among freedoms. Freedom is indivisible—if one person is oppressed, we all are. Until we get a lot more people to accept the non-aggression principle, we will make little or no progress toward liberty." That's why Tompkins explains the fundamental principles to everyone, saying, "If Libertarians don't teach this, who will?"

Dismissed early on by some, with his all-volunteer campaign, four-time Arizona LP chairman Rick Tompkins' bid for the LP's 1996 presidential nomination now firmly grips second place, with some outright victories to its credit, said campaign manager Karen Scarborough of Virginia, former vice chair of the Michigan LP.

"We're not trying to mislead anyone: this is still an underdog candidacy,"

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TAKING AIM - Rick Tompkins on the campaign trail firing an AK-47.

Scarborough said April 8. "But this surge in support, from a reported 6 percent in on-line computer polls last fall, to 12 percent in the Massachusetts primary, to 23.7 percent March 19 in the California primary, can't be just coincidence. We're getting thousands of hits on Rick's Web page."

"Rick did even better in San Francisco and Contra Costa counties," Scarborough added, "polling 29 percent and 31 percent, while the front-runner fell to 45 percent in each case. And Rick has done all this with less than 5 percent of the money his opponent has raised, by traveling around the country talking about his dream of liberty and his vision for getting there."

These results follow Tompkins' outright victories (by 2-to-1 margins) in a straw poll among Delaware Libertarians, and in a "primary" conducted recently among the 12,000 students of Central Missouri State Univer-

sity.

Tompkins, a 20-year Vietnam-era Air Force veteran, well-known activist for the Fully Informed Jury Association, the Arizona School Choice Trust, and many other freedom-seeking projects, has campaigned in 22 states so far, with more to come, including North and South Carolina May 4 and 5, Maryland May 11, and on to Missouri, Louisiana, and Texas.

Tompkins emphasizes the importance of local activists—the front lines of the struggle for liberty. "These are the people who put our principles in action. These are the people who build this party."

Tompkins said, "Government is hurting people, and we need to talk about it. Far from ducking talk about guns and drugs, we must sound the alarm clearly. We need to talk every day about Waco and Ruby Ridge; about Donald Scott, shot and killed at his Malibu ranch during a bogus 'marijuana raid'; about Gary and Joanne Tucker, imprisoned in Georgia for selling fluorescent light bulbs; and Russian immigrant Sam Zhadanov, age 68, in federal prison for manufacturing plastic bottles that someone 'may' have used to hold cocaine. These are all local issues, and activists need support and encouragement to fight them."

Practicing what he preaches, Tompkins spent St. Patrick's Day journeying to Brighton Beach, the famed "Little Odessa" enclave in Brooklyn, NY, to visit Anna and Eli Zhadanov, Sam's wife and son.

"It was an incredible feeling, very emotional, sitting and talking with these eminently nice, respectable people," Tompkins reported. "These are not criminals, and I

reiterated to them the shame I felt for my country in its treatment of them. Anna told me, 'Libertarians were the only people who would listen to us.'"

In a recent letter to Tompkins, Eli Zhadanov wrote:

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Letters of support may be addressed to the Zhadanovs at 2944 W. 5th St., Apt. 20J, Brooklyn, NY 11224.

Tompkins' message about how government is hurting people, and why principles

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Podiatrist. Vs. Orthopod in Wyoming

- Senator Alan Simpson (R. WY) is retiring from the U.S. Senate this year. this seat is an "open" seat (no incumbent).
- The Wyoming Libertarian Party has gotten over 10% of the vote in congressional elections in the past with less than \$500 (total) expended on the campaign!
- Libertarian congressional candidates have been endorsed by major Wyoming newspapers in the past.
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- I have been a practicing Podiatrist since 1976 and a practicing Attorney since 1987.
- I served in combat in Vietnam in 1969-1970 flying the F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft. I retired from the reserve as a Lt. Col. (Podiatrist) in 1994.
- The Republican frontrunner is John Barrasso MD an Orthopedic Surgeon. He will most likely be my major opponent in November.
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Affiliates

Four Libertarian victories in WI, three in NH elections

Alabama

The state party has instituted a "Friends and Family Program" designed to encourage party members to get "those folks we've been talking to for years about libertarian ideas to join the party," according to State Chair **Mike Probst**. The membership program is an incentive-based plan, with those members who recruit new members eligible for cash prize drawings at the state convention.

Source: state newsletter

Alaska

LP State Chair **Len Karpinski** and **Billy Toien** are the first two LP members certified as candidates for the state legislature in this year's election. Additional candidates are expected in the near future.

Last year, the state legislature changed the election laws requiring everyone who intends to run in the general election to also run in the primary election. For an unrecognized political party, such as the LP in the state, it means that the necessary petitioning must be done in the colder months, not in the summer as was done in the past, Karpinski noted.

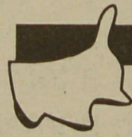
"It's not surprising that the ballot access laws seem to favor the ruling Republicrat party. Look who wrote them," Karpinski said.

Source: state party officer

Arizona

At the first meeting of the Navajo County LP, the following officers were elected: **Michael Haggard**, chair; **Fran McHugh**, vice chair; **Kat Taylor**, treasurer; and **Renee Warner**, secretary.

Source: state newsletter



National pulse

News from the states

California

A new Loomis chapter of the LP of Placer County has been formed to help return control of the political process to the community. According to a news release from the Placer County LP, "It is our aim to develop a problem-solving organization in Loomis to act as a model for Libertarians in small towns and communities all over America. To this end, we are acquiring stock in the Loomis Basin Heritage Group, a corporation formed for the preservation of the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot for use as a community center."

The new group plans to provide advice during meetings of the town council, the planning commission, the economic development commission, the business improvement district, "and all other regulatory agencies whose meetings bear on the interests of the citizens of Loomis."

For more information, contact **Bruce Daniel**, temporary Loomis chair, at 916-652-9789, or **Priscilla Falconi**, Placer County LP chair, at 916-784-1140.

Source: affiliate news release

Fourteenth District LP congressional candidate **Joe Dehn** recently joined thousands of other Internet users in a coalition that is suing to overturn the so-called "Communications Decency Act" which imposes censorship on the Internet; and he dismissed a proposal by incumbent Anna Eshoo as "just legalistic tinkering that diverts attention from the real issues."

Dehn was nominated by a caucus of the LP last October to oppose Eshoo. He will be facing Eshoo and candidates of three other parties in November.

Source: candidate

Longtime Libertarian activist **Gene Berkman** has begun his campaign for U.S. House in District 43. In 1994, Berkman received almost 10,000 votes, about 6.3 percent, on a campaign that spent about \$200. Berkman has been a libertarian activist since the late 1960s and attended the founding convention of the LP in 1972. He owns the Renaissance Bookshop in Riverside and has been chair of the Riverside County LP since 1993. Berkman won the Sons of Liberty Award from the Sam Adams Society for his 1992 campaign for Congress.

Source: candidate

Colorado

The state party has come up with a new program to help increase vote totals for the LP's presidential ticket. Members are encouraged to "adopt a precinct" by offering a \$1,000 prize to the member who adopts, for \$10, the single precinct with the highest vote total for the LP presidential ticket in November.

Campaigns Director **Doug Anderson** encourages precinct adopters to explore innovative means to get the highest vote totals for the LP. But he notes that the tried-and-true method is simply walking the precinct, distributing literature to each household.

For information on adopting a precinct, contact the state party at 303-837-9393.

Source: state newsletter

Delaware

J. Burke Morrison has announced that he will run for an at-large seat on the Wilmington City Council.

Florida

The LP ballot drive in the state is under way, with the party needing to gather about 100,000 signatures—65,596 valid signatures are needed—to achieve ballot status. The national LP is funding most of the drive, but the state party has agreed to collect at least 10,000 signatures. The petitions list "stand-in" candidates **Ed Clark** and **David Bergland**.

Source: state newsletter

Mike Shubert, Broward County LP

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NEWS photo by Richard Piotrowski

AWARD WINNER - Morrisville, PA, resident **John Podzgai**, right, received the 1996 Champion of Liberty Award at the annual LP of Pennsylvania convention in early March. Also present was his daughter, **Victoria Khoury**, left, a former representative of the Pennsylvania Landowners' Association.

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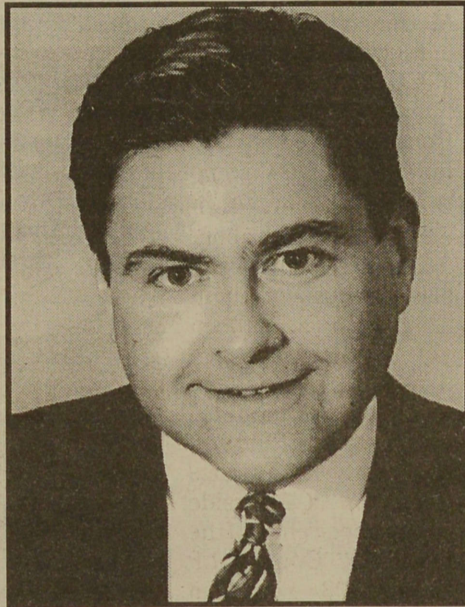
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Cisewski set to run for LP national chair

Gene A. Cisewski, head of the LP Council of State Chairs, recently announced he is seeking the office of LP national chair.

"We have to build a new paradigm to accelerate our growth and exploit the strategic opportunities now presenting themselves. We have to convert our national office into a service organization that puts its primary focus on building the grassroots of our party; giving the states and counties the skills and tools they need to be more effective. If we continue at the pace with which this party has grown over the past 25 years, it will remain nothing more than a social club."

Cisewski said there is no need to compromise any Libertarian Party principles. "We have to move into a professional marketing stage with substantially better outreach," he said. He likened the LP platform to the design plans for the internal combustion engine. "Without the platform we wouldn't have a product to offer American voters. What we need now is the marketing savvy to sell the public on the benefits of our principles. As few people want the details about how a car works, few people want to know all the details about our platform. Instead, they want to know what it



Gene A. Cisewski

will do for them. There's a lot we have to offer people, we just have to learn to speak in their language—promoting benefits not features."

As president and CEO of The Monticello Group, Cisewski provides strategic market communication services in fund raising and public relations for several state LP organizations and for clients ranging from private businesses to NORML, the Cato Institute, and the Institute for Humane Studies. His background includes seven years in radio advertising and ten years in direct mail marketing.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Cisewski was a Republican leader in the Midwest. He held party office and managed campaigns in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

He joined the LP in 1992 and has served as vice chair of Wisconsin's LP, briefly as LP national director, and as chair of the LP in DC. In October, the LP Council of State Chairs elected him to succeed Alicia Clark as its leader.

Developing relationships with the media is a key strength Cisewski believes he can offer the LP.

"Living only eight blocks from the National Press Club will give me the opportunity to drop in on a moment's notice for the LP," he said.

When asked recently by the *Orange County Register* what advice he would give the LP presidential candidate, Cisewski said, "Recognize reality. ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN won't be following our candidate around the country. So let's make a strategic decision on how to use 1996 to build this party. What we lack in national coverage will be made up to some extent by local coverage. The big city media will show up to cover local visits, if for nothing else but the human interest angle. Plan your schedule to spend time where there's an active LP organization with other LP candidates on the ballot. Use your drawing power to focus media attention on a growing grassroots party. Share the limelight with local candidates who will be working in the trenches for years to come. It'll come back to help you, after all, because there'll be local supporters standing at your side."

Vote Libertarian

LP radio jingle set for production

According to LP Council of State Chairs National Coordinator Gene A. Cisewski, enough seed money has been raised so that production is under way for an LP jingle—"We're the Libertarian Party and we're in touch with you"—that state parties may license and then give to local affiliates and candidates. The project is sponsored by the Council.

"We have found a professional studio who will give us a great deal on a Libertarian Party jingle. One that will add the power of a big budget sound to everything our grassroots parties do this year," said Cisewski. "This company has an impressive track record. Their clients include ABC World News Tonight, NBC Sports, McDonald's, the San Francisco 49ers, and the Philadelphia Eagles, just to name a few."

Last October, when the Council of State Chairs met in Washington, the grassroots leaders discussed a number of ways to help the LP grow to spread the politics of liberty. In talking about strategy and tactics—what works and what doesn't work—they noted that radio works.

Individual state party organizations may opt into the program for \$500, which gives them a two-year license for use of the music and lyrics in all media mar-

kets within their state. They can use the jingle themselves and grant the use to LP candidates and local affiliates.

"This offers us a chance to use economies of scale in contracting for quality, professional material that can be used on a local level," Cisewski said. The production will be available in a variety of 30-second and 60-second formats.

Because the Council operates to serve the grassroots and makes no direct contributions toward any federal election, the Council is allowed to accept corporate contributions as well as individual gifts for this project. There is no limit on the size of a contribution. Because of this structure, donors' names are not required to be reported to the Federal Elections Commission.

"So if somebody feels particularly generous about contributing to this great project," Cisewski said, "any extra money raised will go to licensing extra states and buying air time in the capital the day we announce our move into the electronic age of mass advertising in May."

Parties and individuals wishing to contribute to this effort may do so by sending checks made payable to "Liberty Council" to Libertarian Party Council of State Chairs, P.O. Box 12075, Washington, DC 20005-0975.

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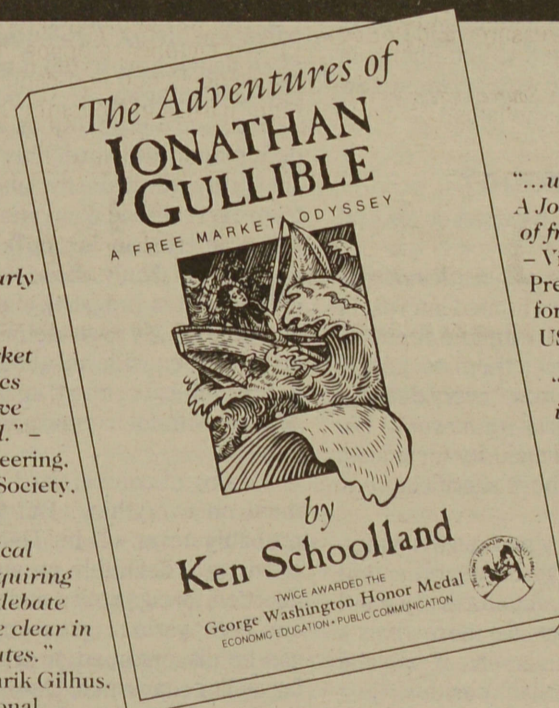
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Alternative hotels listed for national convention

Because of overwhelming demand for convention rooms, the convention hotel (Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill at 400 New Jersey Ave.) has no more rooms available at the special LP convention price—nor does the Holiday Inn across the street. Only very expensive rooms remain available.

The Hyatt generously reserved more than 1,200 room nights at the special price of \$99 per room—nearly 100 percent more space than the contract required.

We suggest that you make alternative hotel arrangements with suburban hotels

and motels that are near Metro stops, or stay at other downtown hotels and use taxis to reach the Hyatt. Taxicabs are inexpensive in Washington and, depending on the distance, may be less expensive than driving to the Hyatt's vicinity and paying to park each day. The Hyatt is only two blocks from the Union Station Metro stop, which can be reached, through transfers, from any point on the extensive Metro system.

Two chains offer several motels to consider:

DAYSINN (1-800-329-7466): "Northeast" on New York Avenue, two-mile drive to

Hyatt; "Capitol Centre" in Maryland, transportation to Metro; "Arlington" Virginia, transportation to Metro; "Crystal City/National Airport" Virginia, two blocks from Metro; and "Alexandria" Virginia, shuttle to Metro and airport.

CHOICE HOTELS (1-800-221-2222): "Quality Inn Downtown" DC near White House, walk to Metro or take taxi; "Quality Inn Central" DC Connecticut Avenue, walk to Metro or take cab; "Comfort Inn Downtown" DC H Street, five blocks from Hyatt; "Quality Inn Iwo Jima" Arlington, VA, three blocks to Metro.

Special Offers to LP Attendees:

Phoenix Park Hotel (one block from Hyatt); Rooms available Friday and Saturday only; \$99 convention rate; 202-737-9575
Best Western Roslyn Key Bridge (requires Metro ride); \$89 convention rate (one-four people); 800-539-2743 (ask for LP convention rate)

Holiday Inn Crystal City (requires Metro ride); \$89 convention rate (one-four people) 703-416-1600 (ask for LP convention rate)
EconoLodge-Ramada (taxi needed) 1600 New York Ave.; \$55 single/\$59 double 202-832-3200

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tial and successful third party in decades." Media coverage in the last 12 months has included cover stories in publications ranging from *Insight* to *USA Today*.

Discontent with the two old-line established parties is at the highest point in memory—in part because they have become more and more alike in their blatant disregard for individual liberty and the Bill of Rights.

Major turning point soon

A quick review of U.S. history shows that there have been three major epochs since the founding of the Republic, each lasting about 72 years. The first extended from the ratification of the Constitution to the Civil War. The second ran from the Civil War to the advent of the New Deal. And the third (now in its waning days) is likely to conclude sometime in the first decade of the 21st century.

This means that the next eight to 12 years are likely to be supremely important for the Libertarian Party. Whatever paradigm is adopted in these next few years is likely to remain dominant for another 70-75 years. The battle for individual liberty in America will be lost or won between now and 2004. . . or 2008 at the latest!

What is to be done?

In order to succeed, we must do several things.

First, we must *refine and distill our message*. Most people have a limited interest in politics, and an even more limited attention span. We cannot expect them to understand, and totally "buy into," every detail of a complex philosophical framework. We need to build a political majority (or at least a strong plurality) without sacrificing our principles.

If we insist that every prospective member of the party be in absolute agreement with every microscopic detail of every stand we take, we will never be more than a debating society. Conversely, if we shy away from "controversial" positions just because they are presently unpopular, we might as well disband and join the Republican Party.

It's a tough balancing act, and I don't have a final solution. The best answer I've come up with is given in an essay I wrote last year, entitled "The Essence of Liberty," which is reprinted at the right.

Facing political reality

The second thing we must do in order to succeed is realize that no Libertarian will

be elected president until long after we have a significant presence in Congress and the various state legislatures. Given a choice between 5 million votes for our national ticket and 20 Libertarians in the next Congress, I'd choose the latter in a flash. Furthermore, our chances of electing some U.S. Representatives are far better than our chances of getting 5 percent of the presidential vote... especially if Perot, Buchanan, Ralph Nader, Goofy, and Gumby are all fighting for a slice of that pie.

Is the presidential campaign important? Of course. But it's not *all-important*. And we mustn't ever lose sight of that reality.

Which brings me to my third "must": Stop fighting with each other. Fortunately, the level of internecine warfare that is cur-

rently going on is far below that of the early 1980s. And if we are to succeed, it must never be allowed to rise to that level again.

A contentious group

We Libertarians are a cantankerous lot. Each of us tends to believe that we are in sole possession of The Truth, and that anyone who opposes us is at best stupid, and at worst diabolic.

I suggest that we do our best to restrain this impulse. There are more than enough tasks at hand (435 congressional races, just for starters) that we shouldn't waste our energies sharpshooting at each other.

Harry Browne is not The Enemy. Nor is Rick Tompkins, Irwin Schiff, or anyone

else you're likely to encounter at the upcoming national convention. The Real Enemy is arrogant statism, as embodied by Bob Dole, the Clintons, Pat Buchanan, Dianne Feinstein, Ross Perot, and others too numerous to mention.

Bear that in mind as we enter the next phase of the Battle for Liberty!

Dave Nolan is best known as the principal founder of the Libertarian Party. He was the party's first national chair and the first editor of LP NEWS. He also is the creator of the two-dimensional political "map" that bears his name, and the author of the Preamble to the national platform. He is chairman of the Judicial Committee and the 1996 Platform Committee, and the publisher of California Liberty.

The essence of liberty

By DAVID F. NOLAN

As a founder of the Libertarian Party and editor-in-chief of *California Liberty*, I am often asked how to tell if someone is "really" a libertarian.

There are probably as many different definitions of the word "libertarian" as there are people who claim the label. These range from overly broad ("anyone who calls himself a libertarian is one") to impossibly doctrinaire ("only those who agree with every word in the party platform are truly anointed"). My own definition is that in order to be considered a libertarian, at least in the political context, an individual must adhere without compromise to five key points.

Ideally, of course, we'd all be in agreement on everything. But we're not, and probably never will be. Debate is likely to continue indefinitely on such matters as abortion, foreign policy, and whether, when, and how various government programs can be discontinued or privatized. But as far as I'm concerned, if someone is sound on these five points, he/she is de facto a libertarian; if he fails on even one of the five, he isn't.

What, then, are the "indispensable five"—the points of no compromise?

You own yourself

First and foremost, libertarians believe in the principle of self-ownership. You own your own body and mind; no external power has the right to force you into the service of "society" or "mankind" or any other indi-

vidual or group for any purpose, however noble. Slavery is wrong, period.

Because you own yourself, you are responsible for your own well-being. Others are not obligated to feed you, clothe you, or provide you with health care. Most of us choose to help one another voluntarily, for a variety of reasons—and that's as it should be—but "forced compassion" is an oxymoron, a contradiction in terms.

The right to self-defense

Self-ownership implies the right to self-defense. Libertarians yield to no one in their support for our right as individuals to keep and bear arms. We only wish that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution said "The right to self-defense being inalienable. . ." instead of that stuff about a "well-regulated militia". Anyone who thinks that government—any government—has the right to disarm its citizens is NOT a libertarian!

No "criminal possession" laws

In fact, libertarians believe that individuals have the right to own and use anything—gold, guns, marijuana, sexually explicit material—so long as they do not harm others through force or the threat of force. Laws criminalizing the simple possession of anything are tailor-made for police states; it is all too easy to plant a forbidden substance in someone's home, car or pocket. Libertarians are as tough on crime—real crime—as anyone. But criminal possession laws are an affront to liberty, whatever

the rhetoric used to defend them.

No taxes on productivity

In an ideal world, there would be no taxation. All services would be paid for on an as-used basis. But in a less-than-ideal world, some services will be force-financed for the foreseeable future. However, not all taxes are equally deleterious, and the worst form of taxation is a tax on productivity—i.e. an "income" tax—and no libertarian supports this type of taxation.

What kind of taxation is least harmful? This is a topic still open for debate. My own preference is for a single tax on land. Is this "the" libertarian position on taxes? No. But all libertarians oppose any form of income tax.

A sound money system

The fifth and final key test of anyone's claim to being a libertarian is their support for an honest money system; i.e. one where the currency is backed by something of true value (usually gold or silver). Fiat money—money with no backing, whose acceptance is mandated by the State—is simply legalized counterfeiting and is one of the keys to expanding government power.

The five points enumerated here are not a complete, comprehensive prescription for freedom. . . but they would take us most of the way. A government which cannot conscript, confiscate, or counterfeit, and which imposes no criminal penalties for the mere possession and peaceful use of anything, is one that almost all libertarians would be comfortable with.

Liberty on-line

Experts say Libertarians dominate on-line culture

Libertarians are the political heavyweight champions of the on-line world—dominating political polls and discussion groups in cyberspace, and setting the ideological tone for the Internet and World Wide Web, according to many political experts and journalists.

"The most common perspective of the brand of politics dominating the Net is one of radical libertarianism," reported the September 1995 issue of *Wired*, the influential, cutting-edge magazine about the on-line world. "Both the *Wall Street Journal* and *Rolling Stone* have made this claim, and pugnacious Libertarians are among the most visible regulars in Usenet discussions."

Ron Crickenberger, chair of the LP's campaign committee, said political experts seem to agree with *Wired* magazine, based on what he heard at the Campaigns & Elections seminar in Washington, DC, in early March.

At a workshop on Campaigning in Cyberspace: Using Online Services, "Jared Schutz, of Stardot Consulting, said something like, Libertarians 'dominate' cyberspace," and that "we had by far the most volume of political info on the Net," Crickenberger reported.

On-line presidential preference polls also show a very strong tilt toward Libertarian candidates, reported UPI writer Natasha Wanchek in February, as part of an article

that concluded that "the 1996 campaign has gone high-tech on the Internet."

For example, a Stardot Strawpoll—taken in January during the intense days leading up to the first Republican primaries—showed Harry Browne, one of the candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, winning a whopping 30.4 percent of the vote, far ahead of Republican Steve Forbes at 10.5 percent and Democratic President Bill Clinton at 9.1 percent.

And a Survey Net poll in February showed Libertarian Browne again leading the pack with 22.5 percent, ahead of Republican Phil Gramm with 21.2 percent and Clinton with 12.2 percent.

"These polls are, of course, not scientific, but taken together they demonstrate an awareness of the Harry Browne campaign [and the Libertarian Party] on the Net that goes far beyond that of any other third party," said Sharon Ayres, national director of the Browne campaign.

At least three of the active candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination—Browne, Rick Tompkins, and Irwin Schiff—have WWW sites, and are trolling the on-line world for Libertarian supporters.

But does the Internet attract Libertarians—or create them? Boardwatch magazine, which chronicles the computer bulletin board industry and the Internet, suggested that it's a little bit of both.

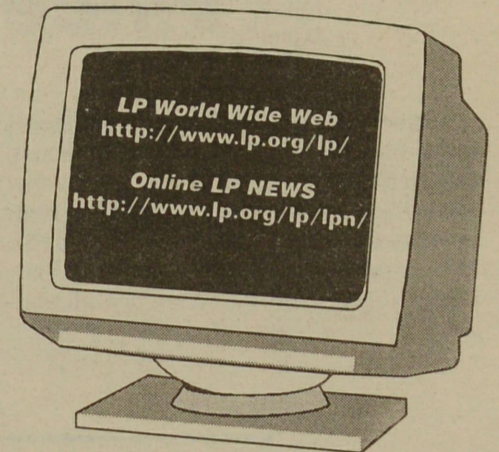
The magazine reported in August 1995, "The Internet is creating more political Libertarians every day. . . . An anonymous wag notes that 'the Internet interprets censorship as damage and routes around it.' Small wonder that Libertarians are attracted to—and perhaps born in—the online world."

Lapsing into cyberspeak, *Wired* magazine (September 1995) theorized that Libertarians and the Internet are a natural combination: "Libertarianism—with its zealous advocacy of laissez-faire capitalism, deregulation, and privatization—is a ready-made 'killer-app' for the. . . 'don't tread on me' cybercrew."

The Libertarian Party is taking advantage of this increasingly passionate relationship between its philosophy and the growing number of Web-surfers with a popular World Wide Web page, which features comprehensive information about the party.

"Users can read our introductory brochures, browse through our platform, find out who's running for office, and, in some places, get an up-to-date schedule of local meetings," reported Joe Dehn, who manages the party's WWW page. Also available are press releases, articles about the party and its positions, and articles from the NEWS.

The party's Web site—which was up and running before either the Republican or



Democrat parties nervously made their way into cyberspace—has been awarded a "3-Star" rating from the McKinley Group.

"This rating is a special mark of achievement in McKinley's comprehensive Internet directory of over 1.5 million sites and 40,000 reviews," wrote the Internet experts, praising the LP's site for its "depth of content, ease of exploration, and Net appeal."

"The Internet and the World Wide Web are the future of political campaigning," LP National Chair Steve Dasbach said. "And Libertarians were there first, best, and most intensely. It's one of our big competitive advantages over the older parties—an advantage I think we'll maintain and expand upon."

Cyber-revolution

By JOSEPH MIRANDA

Consider for a moment what a German radical said about the revolutionary nature of modern capitalism back in the early 19th century:

"The [capitalist class] cannot exist without constantly revolutionizing the instruments of production, and thereby the relations of production, and with them the whole relations of society. . . . Constant revolutionizing of production, uninterrupted disturbance of all social conditions, everlasting uncer-

tainty and agitation distinguish [this] epoch from all earlier ones. All fixed, fast-frozen relations, with their taint of ancient and venerable prejudices and opinions are swept away, all new-formed ones become antiquated before they can ossify. All that is solid melts into the air, all that is holy is profaned, and man is at last compelled to face with sober senses his real conditions of life and his relations with his kind."

Consider how true those words would be today if we substitute "cybernetics" for "capitalist." Cybernetics has already revo-

lutionized the world. Information, and not production, is what is becoming the critical factor in the post-industrial economy. Any political movement that gains control of the means of information (and not the means of production) will lead the next revolution. The new revolutionary class is composed of the scientists, operators, and utilizers of cybernetic technology.

In the past, communications were part of the hierarchical, mass based systems that had arisen parallel to industrial society (which was a hierarchical, mass mobilized system) and modern armies (which were also hierarchically organized and based on mass mobilization). Cybernetics has reversed this trend. Cybernetic communications nets, based today on the Internet and World Wide Web, arise not because of top down orders or market surveys, but due to the spontaneous actions of individuals. The implications are staggering. Political-economic-social organization no longer takes place in physical space (e.g., a meeting hall or factory or church) but in cyberspace—the common ground of cybernetic/computer operators. And with this, cyberspace has become the battleground of revolution.

The cyberspace front

Possession of a computer, a modem, and a place to link it gives the individual the following capabilities:

- a secure means of communications (through encryption);
- the ability to maintain contact with

literally millions of other individuals;

- a means to generate propaganda (through communications and printouts);
- the ability to penetrate into the enemy's computer systems and neutralize them.

In effect, the individual can become a one-person revolutionary cadre. Multiply this process by millions of similar cybernetic operators, and it becomes apparent that repressive measures based on traditional means are inevitably doomed to failure.

No longer will governments or major media corporations be able to dominate the flow of information. Control of information is one of the prerequisites for repression in the modern world, a point which is recognized by every repressive state's utilization of censorship and propaganda apparatuses.

This has implications in other fields as well. For example, encryption and the developing technology of digital cash allow people to circumvent government restrictions on currency transfers. The standard government custom of seizing people's monetary assets becomes virtually impossible as, with the execution of a single preprogrammed command, one can transfer one's accounts to any number of secure locations globally. The balance of power has shifted to the individual.

Of course, those who benefit from the current power structure will resist cybernetic innovations. These interest groups claim that cybernetics are a "threat" to see **Cyber-revolution** on page 12

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The following Web sites are some of our favorites you might want to check out. If you would like to offer your favorite 5 web pages—they don't have to be political—send them to: net.g@ins, c/o NEWS, P.O. Box 3391, Gainesville, GA 30503, or e-mail your list to lpnews@mindspring.com

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Families Against Internet Censorship

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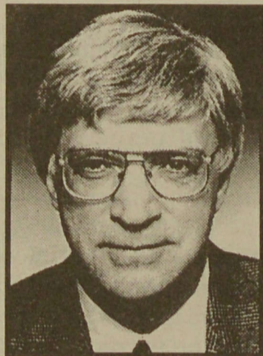
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More convention speakers announced

The list of speakers for the 1996 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention keeps growing. Here are some more speakers you won't want to miss!

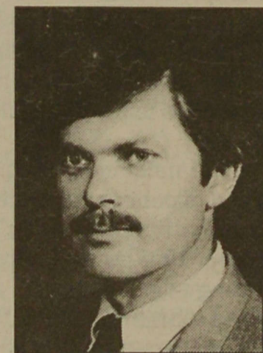
Vince Miller

Vince Miller is president of the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL). He will discuss "The Worldwide Libertarian Movement." ISIL has members in 85 countries and Miller has been instrumental in organizing libertarian movements in Africa, Russia, Europe, and South America. He is past president of the Libertarian Party of Canada, and edited Roger MacBride's Mercury International Digest magazine.



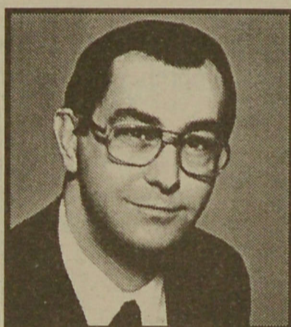
Stephen P. Halbrook

Stephen P. Halbrook is a nationally-known attorney specializing in Second Amendment cases. He will address "The Right to Bear Arms." He has testified extensively on gun control issues before the Senate and House Judiciary committees, is a member of the Virginia and DC bars, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. His law degree is from Georgetown University Law Center and he has a Ph.D. in philosophy from Florida State University.



Richard D. Fuerle

Richard D. Fuerle will address "Natural Rights and the Non-Aggression Principle." A chemical patent attorney, Fuerle is author of "The Pure Logic of Choice," a book on Austrian economics, and "On the Steppes of Central Asia," a libertarian novel set in Outer Mongolia. Fuerle holds numerous degrees, including a B.S. in mathematics, an M.A. in economics, and a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh, a B.A. in theoretical physics from SUNY, and a Ph.D. in economics from International University.



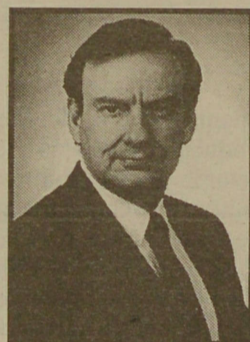
Chuck Olson

Chuck Olson's unusual presentation is titled "Why I am a Pro-Government Libertarian: On welcoming government workers into the Libertarian movement." A computer consultant, Olson has been a libertarian activist since 1978. He has run for public office five times, including three times for U.S. Congress. He particularly enjoys speaking to high school classes about liberty and is known for his use of Dr. Seuss books to convey libertarian ideas.



Michael S. Sherwood

Michael S. Sherwood's topic will be "Our Gift of Liberty from the Founding Fathers." He is a veteran of both the Army and Navy, has a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's in international relations and finance from Brigham Young University. He has studied Russian and Hebrew, lived in a kibbutz in Israel, and is headmaster of a private school, Nauvoo Academy, in Idaho, where he teaches the constitution, American history, government, and politics. He began the Constitutional Militia Association in 1975 and in 1994 created the United States Militia Association, which has members in more than 25 states.



Other speakers you'll want to hear

AVORY GRAYSON, M.D., will take part in panel discussion on "How Government Meddling Caused the Health Care Crisis" MARSHALL FRITZ, founder of Advocates for Self-Government, on "Why Libertarians Should Not Support School Vouchers" PROF. THOMAS DILORENZO, Loyola College of Maryland, will join panel discussion on "Reforming Welfare" NANCY LORD, the LP's 1992 VP candidate, M.D., and attorney, will join panel discussion on "The American People: Casualties of the War on Drugs" ROBERT MURPHY, M.D., will join panel discussion on "How Government Meddling Caused the Health Care Crisis"

MARY RUWART, research scientist and author of "Healing Our World," will address "Just Whose Political Ideas are Cold/Hard-Hearted" JARRET WOLLSTEIN, pamphleteer and co-founder of the Society for Individual Liberty, will talk about "The Assault on the Second Amendment and Other Constitutional Liberties" MICHAEL EDMONDSON, a history teacher, will examine the historical "Case For and Against Devolution" of federal power and responsibilities to the states STEVE DASBACH, and any other candidates for LP National Chair, will set forth "My Goals for the LP"

1996 Libertarian Party National Convention Individual Event Order Form

Please send me tickets for the following events...

Gala Awards Banquet (includes meal)	@ \$100 ea.	\$
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Individual Event Pricing Available for Convention

Many people who will not be attending the entire convention, or who have friends or relatives who will be accompanying them, have asked for pricing on individual events. The individual event prices, at left, are good through June 30, 1996.

The Presidential, 25th Anniversary Awards Gala Banquet will be \$100. Limited no-meal seating for speakers only will be available at the banquet for \$40.

Each breakfast meal will be \$25,

with limited no-meal seating or standing room for \$10.

After June 30, 1996, the prices will be higher. Please use the coupon on the left to order tickets. Individual event tickets include the right to be on the convention floor during the speeches of Nadine Strossen, Jim Bovard, or Joe Sobran. Before July 1, 1996, any cancellations of convention packages or individual event tickets will be charged a 15 percent processing fee.

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 July 2 - July 7
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The prices below are valid if payment is RECEIVED before June 27th; prices will be higher thereafter.

A la Carte prices for individual events are available, see article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bronze \$170 All panels, all speakers, floor pass, convention souvenir, program booklet, and the LP 25th Anniversary party. Excludes Breakfast meals, Presidential banquet and Jefferson Memorial.
Silver \$260 All of the above plus Presidential banquet and Jefferson Memorial event.
Gold \$320 All of the above plus three Breakfast meals.

The Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill

at 400 New Jersey Ave., NW Wash DC 20001
is within walking distance of many of the city's museums, monuments, historic sites, and excellent viewing of the giant fireworks show.
Ten minutes from National Airport and 45 minutes by shuttle from Dulles and Balt-Wash International airports, two blocks from Union Station and the Metro Subway. The hotel features a health club with swimming pool, roof top restaurant, and a five story atrium lobby open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late snacks.

The \$99 per night rooms are **sold out**; however, some may become available, so contact the Hyatt Regency directly at 1-202-737-1234.

Other rooms are available, see the article elsewhere in this newsletter for information on nearby and convenient hotels. If you need further help, please call 215-545-6994

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Affiliates

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chair, was a guest on the **Norman Kent** radio show on WFTL in mid-March.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Georgia

Neal Boortz, Atlanta radio talk show host who received the U.S. Senate nomination by the state LP, announced on the air that he would decline the nomination.

Boortz, who joined the LP in February, said that he had sent a letter to the state party stating he did not wish to be a candidate, but "thanks for the compliment."

Boortz claimed that polling data had showed that he actually had a chance of being elected. "Wouldn't that be terrible, both for the me and the country?" he said. Boortz also noted that the equal access time on the air was a major problem for him and the radio station.

Boortz said his only option was to leave the air "right now," and he said the LP "would have to pick up my paycheck."

"It's sad," Boortz said, "because it would be interesting to run," but not so interesting to actually serve.

"Although it would be kind of fun to sit up there and raise hell for a while," he said.

After his nomination was reported in national newspapers and magazines, Boortz said he decided it was time "to put this to rest before it grows teeth—FCC teeth."

The LP also chose well-known entrepreneur **Jack Cashin** for the U.S. Senate nomination.

Source: LP NEWS

Hawaii

A new Big Island Libertarian Party has been formed. Officers include: **Jim Keefe**, chair; **Kerry Browning**, vice chair; **Dave Hudson**, secretary; and **Calvin Ruskup**, treasurer.

Source: state newsletter

Illinois

In the LP's primary election for U.S. Senate, **Robin Miller** defeated **David Hoscheidt** by about 74-26 percent of the vote. This LP primary race received a lot of media attention in the state.

Source: state party officer

Iowa

The following officers were elected at the recent state party convention: **Dick Kruse**, chair; **Carl Olsen**, recorder; **Tim Hird**, treasurer.

The following U.S. congressional candidates were nominated at the convention: **Gerald Carroll**, District 1; **Al Shoeman**, District 2; **Dick Kruse**, District 3; and **Carl Olsen**, District 4.

Source: state party news release

Michigan

Music Television's "Choose or Lose" bus was on Michigan State University's campus in East Lansing in mid-March, and so were representatives of the Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan (LPMM).

LP members were on hand to inform

students of America's third-largest and fastest-growing political party. LPMM members used "Operation Politically Homeless," a libertarian recruiting tool from the Advocates for Self-Government, and distributed Libertarian Party and Harry Browne for President literature.

"If the voters feel they can only choose Bill Clinton or Bob Dole, then they will really lose," declared LPMM Chairman **Mike Brinkman**. "We knew that MTV wouldn't have the facts about the Libertarian Party, so we had to supply them ourselves. Michigan voters were excited to see that they would have a real choice in 1996, and that choice is the Libertarian Party."

Surprisingly, the Libertarian Party was the only political party to have representation at the event. "That goes to show that the two establishment parties really aren't interested in the youth vote," Brinkman said. Representatives were on hand for individual candidates but not for political parties.

Of the nearly 200 people who took the World's Smallest Political Quiz, 48 respondents' scores qualified them as libertarians. Sixty-five people qualified as centrists, 39 as liberals, 27 as conservatives, and 15 scored as authoritarian.

During the three-hour event, 35 Michigan State students expressed interest in starting a Libertarian group at Michigan State University. "Several of the quiz takers, even those who didn't score Libertarian were eager to get more information on the party," said Brinkman.

Many of the students who took the quiz were surprised with the results. "After one student, who was wearing a Bob Dole for President sticker, scored Libertarian, we gave him some information on Harry Browne. He came back a few minutes later, peeled off and crumpled up his Bob Dole sticker, and proclaimed 'Forget Dole, I'm voting for Harry Browne!'"

"In 1992, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Andre Marrou was on the ballot in all 50 states before Ross Perot, but the media still ignored him. We are here to



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BIG APPLE OUTREACH - **Blay Tarnoff**, left, LP of New York state chair, and **Dan Medbury** of Westchester were part of an Operation Politically Homeless event at Grand Central Station in New York City earlier this year. The party is scheduled to conduct four similar efforts this year.

make certain that doesn't happen again in 1996," Brinkman said.

Source: affiliate news release

Geoffrey M. Foster has announced his LP candidacy for Ypsilanti Township trustee. "Taxes are too high at all levels, and I plan to start cutting here in Ypsilanti Township," Foster said.

Source: candidate

Nationally prominent individual rights attorney **Jerry J. Kaufman** has announced his candidacy for the LP nomination for the State Supreme Court. He previously was an independent candidate for the same office.

Source: state newsletter

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Q: What are the two most crucial days for your '96 Campaign?

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"The seminar met all my expectations." —Daniel McFarling, PA

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"Sal's seminar at the 1993 National Convention was universally acclaimed by the attendees," said Ron Crickenberger, LP Campaign Chairman. "Guzzetta is a fountain of knowledge on campaign mechanics, and presents the seminar in a practical nuts-and-bolts manner. This seminar can turn any Libertarian candidate from an almost-tran to a contender."

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"I received much more than I had anticipated." —Ray Babecki, Chair, Somerset Middlesex Area Libertarians

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The seminar covers all aspects of campaigning, including strategy, election regulations, advertising, issue selection, media relations, time management, planning, budgeting, and fundraising.

"As an added bonus, since the seminar is being held in Washington, DC, Guzzetta expects to invite an expert friend or two for special presentations," said Crickenberger.

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Missouri

In late-breaking news, it was reported that **Brad Spangler** was elected to the North Kansas City City Council. Additional information will follow.

Source: state newsletter editor

Forty-three candidates have filed for office for this year, with many county and local offices still to be announced.

J. Mark Oglesby, a Springfield businessman filed for governor, and **Mary Clare McWilliams**, a St. Louis attorney, will seek the state attorney general seat.

Source: state newsletter

New Hampshire

John Lamb was the top vote-getter in the race for the Plaistow Planning Board, winning a one-year term. Lamb also serves as the LP's county coordinator in Rockingham County.

Lamb said his goal in the non-partisan office is "to limit the burden of government, and uphold property rights—which I consider to be personal rights."

In Wentworth, **Jeff Emery**, LP state chair, was elected to a six-year term as supervisor of the checklist. "This is the grassroots," said Emery. "This is where we [Libertarians] develop a reputation within our communities, which [is] invaluable when running for an office such as state representative. Townspeople can see a Libertarian taking part in the process, making it easier for them to vote Libertarian for other offices."

Also, **John Babiarz** was elected cemetery trustee in the town of Grafton.

"One of the reasons why we've been successful in New Hampshire," Emery said, "is because we are taking advantage of the [local election] opportunities; we are willing to start at the bottom, learn the process, and move up the political ladder."

Source: national party headquarters

NHLP activists **Bob Kingsbury** and **Howard Wilson** manned an LP outreach booth at the Bellows Falls Gun Show in Bellows Falls, VT, in mid-February. **Neil Randell** of the Vermont LP also helped out. Of the 240 attendees who took the political quiz, 155 placed in the Libertarian quadrant.

Source: state newsletter

New Jersey

Four members of the Sussex County LP are rocking the county seat with a lawsuit they filed against the county's Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The suit, filed in Superior Court, Newton, seeks to set aside the county's \$2.6 million sale of its administration building to the county owned community college. State law requires that two public hearings be held prior to any transfer of county owned real estate to another government body. According to the suit, the county improperly scheduled the public hearings to take place after the contract was signed.

Libertarians **Bob Heitner**, **Tony Federici**, **Don Imbriale**, and **Ed Wiessmann** are the plaintiffs in the suit and are prosecuting the case without an attorney. Wiessmann also is the vice chair of the state party.

Sussex County Freeholder Dick Durina agreed with the lawsuit, while Freeholder Director Tom Clark and Freeholder John Warren called the suit "totally frivolous."

Source: affiliate news release

The state party has posted a list of state lawyers with pending ethics complaints on the World Wide Web. Project creator **John Paff** said, "the public should know whether the attorneys that hold public office in their town or county have a checkered disciplinary record."

Although attorneys' disciplinary records were opened to the public more than a year ago, Paff was told he was the only person to ask to view the records. Lawyers are sorted by county, and the list includes general complaint categories, but not specifics of the case.

The site can be reached through the state party's home page at: <http://www.eclipse.net/~dimona>

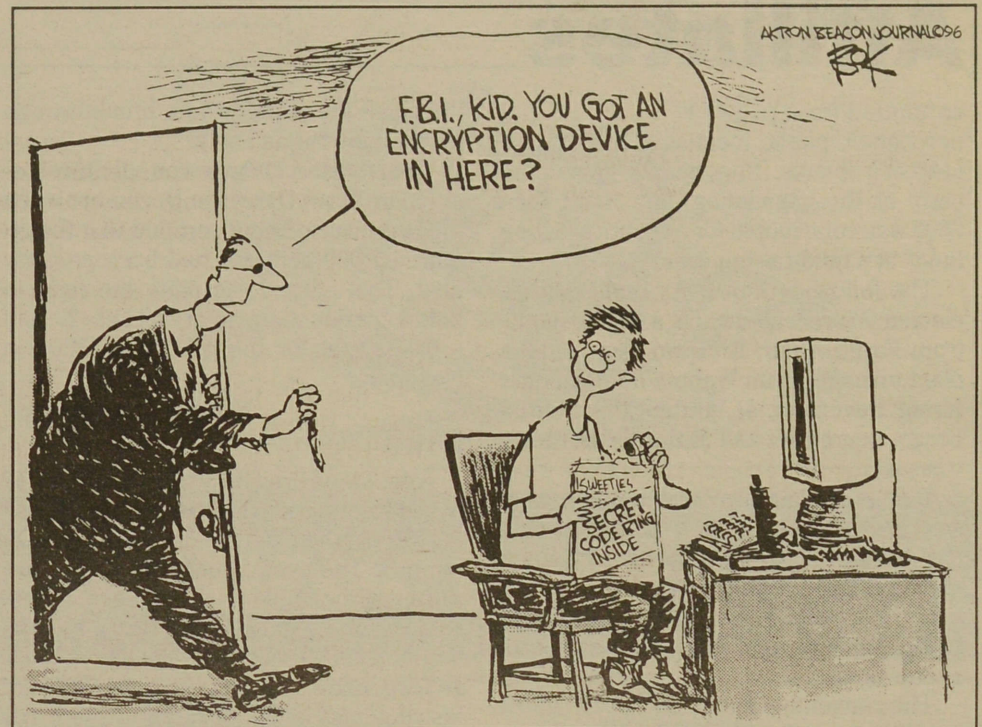
Source: newspaper clipping

North Carolina

LP activist **Mark Seiler** was selected vice chair of the Gaston County Planning and Zoning Board. The vote of the board was unanimous.

The New Hanover County LP is the newest local affiliate. Wilmington area libertarians can contact **Henry Weyerhaeuser** at 910-686-0377 for more information.

Dave Allen Walker has begun his LP campaign for U.S. House in District 4. Walker is a 28-year-old LAN support engineer and computer board operator. "Running for Congress as a third-party candidate is a major undertaking in North Carolina" because of the ballot access process, Walker said. A drive currently is under way to gather more than 75,000 signatures to ensure LP candidates will be on the ballot in November. "I have been told that my campaign will not be covered until I am



officially listed as a candidate," said Walker. "This makes it very hard for me to let people know that I am available as a choice."

Source: candidate release

North Dakota

The Libertarian Party of North Dakota held its state convention in late March—and for the first time in eight years will be running a candidate for public office in the state.

Roland Riemers, 52, was nominated to run for state representative in District 33. Riemers is a real estate investor and movie theater owner in Beulah.

"This convention marks a new beginning for the Libertarian Party," State Chair **Martin Riske** said. "We plan to get more active in the political process and run candidates for office, because North Dakota needs the Libertarian Party's message of a smaller, less expensive, less intrusive government."

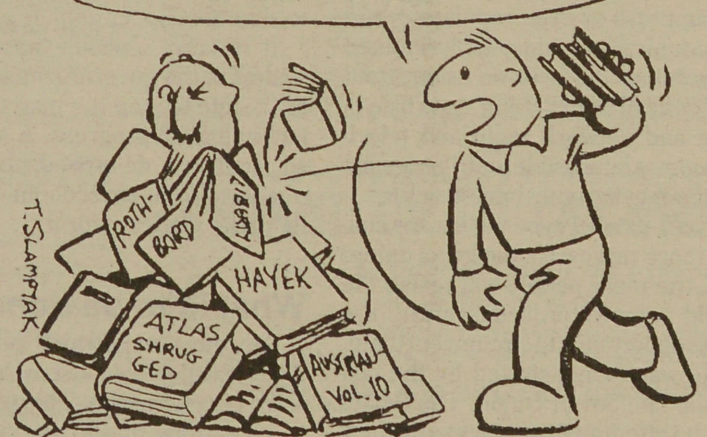
The convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Fargo and attracted more than two dozen attendees from around the state. The convention was covered by two newspapers and one television station.

Delegates agreed on a plan for LP activities for the next year, including a state

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newsletter, public meetings, and several outreach events. Five people joined the party at the convention, and more than \$800 was contributed for a "political action fund" at a fund-raising event.

The following new party officers were elected: **Martin Riske**, 54, a businessman from Fargo, chair; **Richard Ames**, 38, a plant manager from Wahpeton, vice chair; **Kraig Severson**, 31, a truck driver from Fargo, secretary; and **Roland Riemers**, treasurer.

Delegates voted to oppose a proposed sales tax increase in Fargo, which would pay for bonds to finance new parks and swimming pools. The party said it objected to the increased cost to local taxpayers—\$2.7 million per year; more than \$50 million over 20 years.

The convention featured a special guest speaker from the Libertarian Party's national office in Washington, DC. **Bill Winter**, the party's director of communications, told the delegates that the Libertarian Party is "the future of American politics. The evidence is everywhere: Voters are moving in our direction. The old two-party structure is crumbling. Americans no longer trust government to solve problems. All

the signs are pointing to a breakthrough for the Libertarian Party."

The Libertarian Party won official recognition in North Dakota in December when the secretary of state certified that the required 7,000 petitions had been properly filed. That earned the party the right to hold a presidential primary on Feb. 27, and a ballot spot for the general election in November.

Source: affiliate news release

Ohio

A debate on drug legalization, sponsored by the state party's central region, was held recently at the Cultural Arts Center in Columbus. The event, coordinated by **Tom Zuber**, drew a full-house audience. Speakers in favor of legalization or decriminalization included LP vice presidential contender **Jo Jorgensen**. Other Libertarians who were instrumental in the success of the event included **Heather Loughley**, **Dan Cosley**, **Scott Smith**, **William Kammerer**, **Linda Comstock**, **Alex Lattin**, and **Larry Sanger**.

Dr. Keith McKean is the new chair of the Mahoning Valley LP affiliate.

Source: state newsletter

Last summer Libertarians in the Cincinnati area were instrumental in a ballot drive

to gather 180,000 signatures to stop an 18 percent sales tax increase to fund two new professional sports stadiums. "I cannot thank Libertarians and the Libertarian Party enough for the tremendous assistance they have given us," said **Tim Mara**, chairman of Citizens For Choice in Taxation. "Their help was critical in the successful completion of the petition drive." **Jim Berns** was an important contributor to the LP effort.

Source: news release

Pennsylvania

Alan Kreider was appointed to the position of township supervisor of Spring Township in Bucks County. He was appointed in December 1995, and fills a vacancy until January 1998.

Source: national party headquarters

South Carolina

A new state party affiliate was formed in see **Affiliates** on page 14

Cyber-revolution

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society. They are right, but not in the way they claim in the media. The threat is not to individual citizens practicing their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The threat is to a society in which entrenched interests can dominate an otherwise free people.

Given the widescale presence of cybernetic communications equipment in the United States, any attempt of the government to suppress or even regulate cybernetic communications is inevitably doomed to failure. Since there is no centralized system of control or switching (as is true of telephone and network radio and television) it becomes impossible to strike against any insurgent cybernetic infrastructure.

By its very nature, cybernetics are chaotic. The more repressive the government becomes, the more people will resist; the more rigid security procedures are, the greater the opportunity to circumvent them. This cycle was demonstrated by the collapse of the late Soviet Union. The Soviet government attempted to suppress the new communications technology by rigidly controlling computers, faxes, and photocopying machines. But no state in the modern world can destroy its own communications infrastructure and hope to survive. The end result was a revolution which brought down the once mighty Soviet empire.

This process is also apparent in the United States. Through its prosecution of Phil Zimmermann (inventor of PGP, encryption for the masses), the clipper chip controversy, and the Communications Decency Act (censoring cyberspace), the United States government has alienated the very people on whom the future of its technological progress depends. By alienating millions of cybernetically oriented citizens, the United States government has created the groundwork for the very revolutionary situation it hoped to avoid. This is

already manifested in the widescale mobilization of the cybernetic community against further government intervention in cyberspace. The government has already been defeated in several key battles. The illegal Secret Service raid on Steve Jackson Games led to the government's comeuppance in court and the rise of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. More recently, the forces of freedom mobilized via the Internet to stop the clipper chip dead in its tracks.

It is fairly obvious that whatever the wishes of the government, it is impossible for a state to stop the march of scientific/technological progress. A nation that did so would be destroyed, for it would be unable to compete economically or militarily in the modern world.

What is to be done?

Any movement which desires to lead in American politics must mobilize the rising wave of cybernetics. This would mean:

- Learning how to use cybernetic technology.
- Abandoning policies which are past oriented; concentrate on the future instead.
- Actively recruiting cybernetically oriented people.
- Establishing advocacy and legal defense organizations to combat repressive government policies.
- Actually utilizing this technology for political protest and gaining the support of the majority of citizens.

The point is, it doesn't really matter what the forces of repression do; historically, they are doomed by the revolution in technology. The real question is how effectively can the forces of freedom grasp cybernetic technology.

Joseph Miranda is editor of California Liberty, where this article also appears.



DRUG WAR PROTEST - Rick Tompkins, center, made a campaign stop in San Francisco at a Victims of the Drug War exhibit. Appearing with Tompkins were Alan Freberg, left, a San Francisco area FIJA activist, and Mark Valverde, right, a member of ISIL and the San Francisco LP communications director.

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are critically important, along with his vision of the potential wonders of a Libertarian society, are resonant and compelling. Tompkins believes that if he continues his march and wins the nomination in July, he will bring his message to many millions of Americans. That will build the LP in the solid, lasting way that is really needed—in numbers of activists who will work for freedom with dedication to principle.

This article, although edited, was provided by the Tompkins campaign.

Bergland, Casey named co-chairs of Browne campaign

Two longtime and well-known libertarians will be heading up Harry Browne's presidential campaign effort.

Browne has announced that past LP presidential candidate David Bergland and investment adviser Douglas Casey will serve as co-chairmen of the Harry Browne for President Committee.

"It is an honor to have someone with such a distinguished Libertarian record and such a good mind as David Bergland at the head of the campaign," commented Browne, "and I have known Doug Casey for almost 20 years. He is truly an original thinker, a committed libertarian, and a good friend."

Bergland was the LP's presidential candidate in 1984, and earlier its vice presidential candidate on the ticket with Roger MacBride in 1976. A longtime Libertarian activist, he was chair of the Libertarian National Committee from 1977-81, and he has served several terms on the LNC since. He also is the author of "Libertarianism in One Lesson," which has sold more than

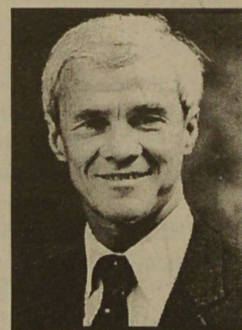
100,000 copies and is considered by many to be the best primer available on libertarianism.

He is an attorney specializing in business law in Costa Mesa, CA, where he lives with his wife, Sharon Ayres.

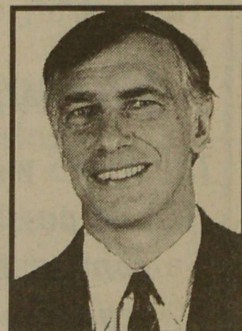
Ayres is national director of the campaign.

Casey is perhaps best known for his books. "Crisis Investing" (1979) hit number one on the *New York Times* best-seller list. His other works include "The International Man" (1976) and "Strategic Investing" (1982)—which accurately forecast the stock market boom of the '80s. His most recent book is "Crisis Investing for the '90s." Since 1980, he's written a monthly investment newsletter that has 16,000 subscribers.

Casey is a popular speaker at investment conferences, and has appeared on numerous radio and TV shows, including *Donahue*, *Letterman*, *Charlie Rose*, *Regis Philbin*, and *Merv Griffin*. He serves on the boards of several corporations and non-profit organizations, including the Fully Informed Jury Association.



David Bergland



Doug Casey

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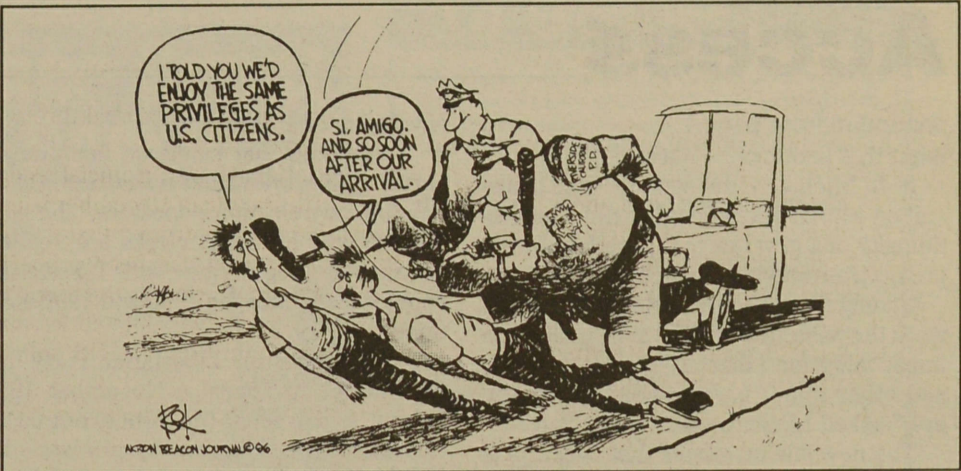
Browne also noted the depth and breadth of support on his campaign committee.

In addition to co-chairman Bergland, the committee also includes past LP presidential candidates Ed Clark and John Hospers, as well as past vice presidential candidates Nancy Lord and Tonie Nathan.

Other well-known figures among the 200-plus members of Browne's campaign committee are: the party's co-founder David Nolan; past national chairs Mary Gingell

and Alicia Clark; the Second Amendment Foundation's Alan Gottlieb; professors Walter Block, Bart Kosko, and Richard Timberlake; authors Nathaniel Branden and Covert Bailey; and investment-world figures Jim Blanchard, Mark Skousen, Adrian Day, Gary Alexander, Charles Githler, Vernon Jacobs, Victor Niederhoffer, Bob Bishop, Rick Rule, Walter Perschke, and Robert Prechter.

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ment that petitions be notarized.

► In Michigan, the state LP filed a lawsuit on March 5, challenging the constitutionality of a new law that prohibits Libertarians from serving as election inspectors.

"If only Democrats and Republicans can work the polls, how will the state guarantee impartiality for Libertarian, independent, and other minor party candidates or voters?" asked LP State Chair Emily Salvette.

The new law mandates that every local election commission "shall appoint an equal number of election inspectors from each major political party." The law specifically prohibits "known active advocates" of other political parties from serving, and requires potential inspectors to sign a statement that he/she is "not a member or known advocate" of any party other than Republican or Democrat.

"In short, a Libertarian Party member cannot serve as an election inspector, or must commit perjury when signing an application form," said Salvette, who noted that at least three Libertarians currently serve as election inspectors in Michigan, including one who has been serving for 15 years. "This law would make them ineligible to continue this public service—an obvious denial of Libertarians' civil rights."

► A similar case in New Hampshire has made it to the U.S. Court of Appeals, more than 20 months after it was first filed.

On Aug. 5, 1994, LP member Paula Werme had filed suit in Federal District Court to force the state to allow Libertar-

ians to become ballot clerks.

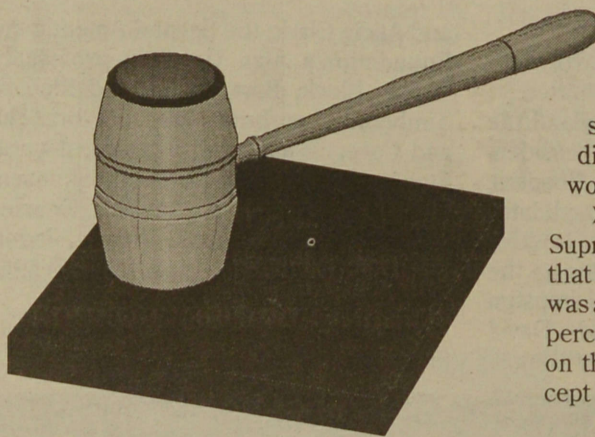
"I assumed that since we had [major party] status, we would have the right to have our own election inspectors," she said. Werme said LP ballot clerks are needed because of irregularities with Libertarian vote totals in both the 1990 and 1992 elections.

► In Illinois, the Libertarian Party has filed notice to appeal a November 1995 lawsuit, which seeks the right to nominate candidates for Congress by primary—instead of being forced to collect thousands of petition signatures to get on the ballot.

The party lost the first round in early March, when a federal judge ruled against it.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois has qualified for primaries for all statewide offices including president and U.S. Senate, but the state government says it has not qualified for primaries for other offices. So, LP candidates for Congress must collect up to 12,000 signatures to get on the general election ballot, versus a few hundred signatures for Republicans and Democrats.

"The premise of our lawsuit is simple," said Illinois LP State Chair Mike Ginsberg. "The U.S. Constitution specifies age and residency requirements [for political office]. It makes no mention of penalizing third-party candidates with onerous petitioning requirements not imposed upon the two major parties. These burdensome additional requirements for third-party candidates impairs their right to free speech [and] the associational rights of political



parties."

"This lawsuit was the first to argue that the Supreme Court's 1995 'U.S. Term Limits' decision has an impact on ballot access requirements," said Winger. "[That ruling said] states cannot discriminate against a class of candidates. Since the state has already acknowledged that the Libertarian Party has sufficient support to be qualified for the statewide ballot, it is difficult to know how the state can justify the disparate treatment [for other offices]."

► In Georgia, the Libertarian Party's 1994 candidate for lieutenant governor, Walker Chandler, has lost a lawsuit challenging a state law denying ballot status to any candidate who fails to pass a test for illegal drug usage. The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the law on a 2-1 vote in late January.

Chandler had filed the lawsuit to protect the privacy rights of all Georgians, he said. "These tests are just another step down the road to increasing Big Government intrusion into our lives. Government mandated drug testing treats innocent people like criminals. It's clearly a violation of the Fourth Amendment—a form of search without probable cause. Where will they stop? Who is next? Will we soon be testing voters?" asked Chandler, who said he plans to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

► In Washington, DC, LP National Director Perry Willis and DC Chair Gene Cisewski appeared in U.S. District Court on Feb. 12 to testify against Initiative 41, which severely limited campaign contributions.

"The law seriously infringes on free speech rights and unfairly gives incumbent parties a tremendous edge in raising money," said Cisewski. The lawsuit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

► In West Virginia, a lawsuit has been filed to overturn a burdensome petitioning law, which has been described as the most restrictive in the nation.

"In West Virginia, all petitions except for president are due before the primary," explained Winger. And, "under the law, it is illegal if a petitioner fails to say to everyone, 'If you sign my petition, you can't vote in the primary.' Very few people will voluntarily give up their right to vote in the primary, months beforehand, [even though] only about 50 percent of the registered voters ever vote in the primary."

As a result, petitioners must go through 10 or 20 voters to get even a single valid signature, making it almost impossible for third parties to get a gubernatorial candidate—or any other statewide candidate—on the ballot.

The lawsuit, Winger said, is "challenging the [pre-primary] deadline. If it suc-

ceeds, then you would be free to circulate the petition after the primary, and would be free to get signatures from everyone who didn't vote in the primary, which would be much easier."

► In a defeat in Florida, the State Supreme Court announced on Feb. 7 that it would not hear an LP lawsuit that was attempting to overturn the state's 3 percent petitioning requirement to get on the ballot for statewide offices except for president.

In 1996, that 3 percent requirement equals as many as 196,788 signatures, noted Winger. The law is so restrictive that since 1975, no statewide independent or third-party candidate has ever met the 3 percent requirement. In fact, in 1994, 20 independent and third-party candidates tried to get on the ballot for U.S. House and all failed.

This led the *Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* to call Florida ballot access laws "the worst in the nation—and virtually impossible to satisfy. The law functions as an unconstitutional poll tax, keeping an entire class of people off the ballot and out of office."

Libertarian National Committee member Gary Iardi noted, "The court missed the point that the Florida Constitution has explicit guarantees of fairness in elections." The state party is considering an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

► Also in Florida, the Libertarian Party has a lawsuit before the State Supreme Court arguing that a filing fee rebate law discriminates against third parties.

"[The] law says that if a Democrat or Republican pays the enormous \$10,000 filing fee, the government rebates 53 percent of that fee back to the candidate's party," said Winger. "But when a Libertarian pays the filing fee, the government keeps it all."

► In a court victory in Arizona, a Superior Court judge ruled in early February that the Libertarian Party could not be forced to hold a presidential primary. The LP was joined in the legal action by the Democratic Party.

The Arizona LP had contended that the state had no right to tell political parties how to pick their presidential nominee, especially at taxpayers' expense. The ruling knocked LP presidential candidates Harry Browne and Irwin Schiff of a Feb. 27 primary ballot.

The decision set an interesting legal precedent, said Winger. "Never before had any court ruled that a party may insist that a primary, authorized by state law, must be canceled," he said.

► On a final positive ballot access note, the Libertarian Party has won the right through legislative lobbying in seven jurisdictions to use "stand-ins" on presidential ballot access petitions.

"The party successfully won this right in Iowa, Kentucky, DC, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Washington state, and West Virginia," Winger said. "That's why it is possible for you to have your convention as late as you're having it [in July 1996]."

The new laws permit the Libertarian Party to use "stand-in" candidates' names on petitions, and then substitute the actual presidential and vice presidential candidates, once they are selected at convention.

A lawsuit also will be filed in Florida to win the right of candidate substitution.

Affiliates

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mid-March in Anderson County. The following officers were elected: **Douglas Taylor**, chair; **Marlon Slater**, vice chair; **Charlie Comberrel**, secretary/treasurer. "Our affiliate is small but growing," Taylor said. "We are where the local Republicans were 10 years ago. I think the citizens of Anderson County will consider the Libertarian alternative soon." For more information, call Douglas Taylor at 864-847-9820.

Source: affiliate news release

Tennessee

The state party held its convention in late March, and "it was a great success with more than 100 people in attendance," State Chair **Scott Benson** said. The following officers were elected: **Benson**, chair; **Vernie Kuglin**, vice chair; **Daryl Martin**, secretary/treasurer; **Dave Carew**, communications director; **Toby Page**, Memphis city chair; **Tom Anderson**, Nashville city chair; **Roger Carrera**, Knoxville city chair; **Will Cole**, Chattanooga city chair; **Paul Schmidt**, Tri-Cities chair; and **Therese Tlappek**, membership chair.

Benson also said the state party would have some good news in mid-May when it announces its complete slate of LP candidates.

Source: state communications director

Virginia

Gary Reams of Manassas has announced his LP candidacy for U.S. House in District 10. Reams, 40, has completed coursework for an executive master's de-

gree in technology management from the University of Maryland. He is married and has two sons. Reams' first goal is to gather the 2,500 signatures necessary to get a place on the ballot.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Wisconsin

Three new Libertarian officeholders were elected in spring elections in the state, and an additional Libertarian was re-elected.

Dave Ripp easily won re-election to the Dane County Board of Supervisors for District 29. Ripp received 67 percent of the vote. His district covers all or parts of the towns of Springfield, Middleton, and Verona.

Jim Mueller won his race for supervisor in the town of Middleton. He received 57 percent of the vote.

Jerry Broitzman won his race for a seat on the Greenfield Common Council. Greenfield is a small city in the northwestern Milwaukee suburbs. Broitzman received 54.6 percent of the vote.

Randy Palmer, chair of the LP of Chippewa County, won election to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors. Palmer received 62.5 percent of the vote.

Julie Cordry was edged out in her race for Pleasant Springs Town Board Supervisor. She received 48 percent of the vote.

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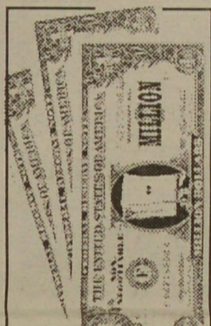
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Improved 2-color '100% Pro-Gun' Flyer!

We've upgraded our "Which Political Party is 100% Pro-Gun Rights?" flyer! It's now printed in two colors — bold red and patriotic blue — so it's even more appealing and attractive. We've also added a membership form (instead of just a subscription option), so gun-owners can immediately "sign on the dotted line" to show their support. But the message hasn't changed: It's still hard-hitting and blunt — listing 10 compelling reasons why the Libertarian Party deserves support. Have an upcoming Spring or Summer outreach to the Second Amendment community planned? Be 100% prepared and 100% effective with our "100% Pro-Gun" flyer!

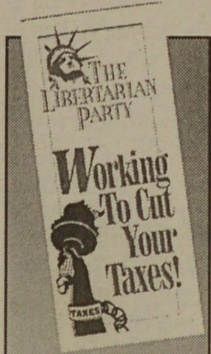
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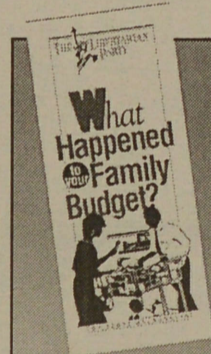
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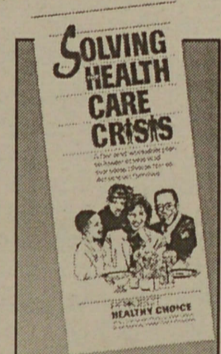
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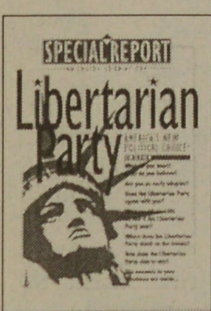
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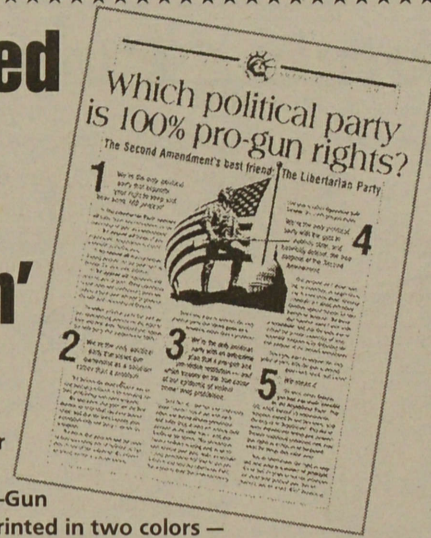
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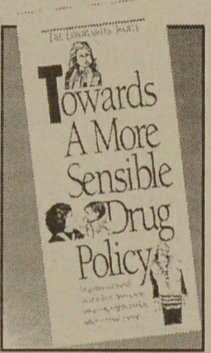
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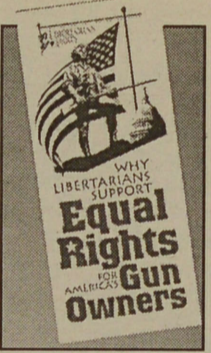
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Cost: 75¢ each (up to 99 quantity) or \$50 per 100 (in batches of 100)



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■ Equal Rights for America's Gun Owners. Brochure, 2-color (orange & black). Explains the LP's pro-Second Amendment position and defends the right to own guns.
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Other Great LP Products

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



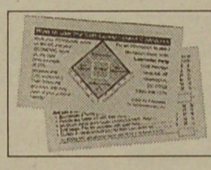
■ **LP Fact Sheets:** 2-page LP history (political highlights from 1971 to 1995) and 2-page bibliography (over 150 books about Libertarianism, from economics to history to social issues). Sold as a set only. **Cost:** Sample: 50¢ or \$10 for 100



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



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



Tools for Campaigning

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

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

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■ **Vote Libertarian** 1-800-682-1776

■ **Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything** 1-800-682-1776

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

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

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North Carolina LP Convention, The New Convention Center, Charlotte; for information call 701-518-1889. Speakers include Harry Browne, Rick Tompkins, and Jo Jorgensen.

May 4, 1996:

Utah LP Convention; for information call 801-534-8872.

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South Carolina LP Convention, Quality Inn, Columbia; for information call 803-552-9991 or e-mail: Liberty@csra.net. Speakers include Jo Jorgensen, Irwin Schiff, Rick Tompkins, and Harry Browne.

May 4, 1996:

Hawaii LP Convention, 2500 Pali Highway, Honolulu; for information call 808-597-8008.

May 10, 1996:

West Michigan LP Patrick Henry Dinner, Days Inn, Grand Rapids; for information call 616-364-6424. Speakers include State Rep. Jack Horton.

May 11, 1996:

Kansas LP Convention, Wichita; for information call 316-775-0303. Speakers include Irwin Schiff.

May 11, 1996:

Maryland LP Mini-Convention, Laurel Public Library; followed by Meet the Candidates Dinner, Seibel's Restaurant, Burtonsville; for information call 410-730-7117 or e-mail: AmyRule@aol.com.

Speakers include Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen.

May 18, 1996:

Virginia LP Convention, Best Western Admiral's Inn, Manassas; for information call 703-920-4023. Speakers include Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen.

May 18, 1996:

Minnesota LP Convention, Hopkins House, Hopkins; for information call 612-223-0995 or 800-788-2660.

May 24-26, 1996:

Florida LP Convention, Sheraton Orlando North, Orlando; for information call 407-578-3797. Speakers include Perry Willis and Michael Emerling Cloud.

May 25, 1996:

Missouri LP Convention, Ramada Convention Center, Columbia; for information call 314-874-3454 or 314-443-4883, or e-mail: hemerson@mail.coin.missouri.edu

June 1, 1996:

Louisiana LP Convention, Bentley Hotel, Alexandria; for information write Richard Johnson, P.O. Box 66301, Baton Rouge, LA 70896. Speakers include Irwin Schiff and Rick Tompkins.

June 7-9, 1996:

Texas LP Convention, Best Western Lubbock Regency, Lubbock; for information call 806-495-3884 or 806-495-2816. Speakers include Roger Gary, Larry Becraft, Larry Pratt, Jacob Hornberger, Harry Browne, Irwin Schiff, Rick Tompkins,

and Jo Jorgensen.

July 3-7, 1996:

1996 LP National Presidential Nominating Convention, Hyatt-Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

Aug. 19-24, 1996:

ISIL World Conference, Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, British Columbia, Canada; for information call 604-224-4628. Speakers include Leon Louw, Frances Kendall, Ken Schoolland, and Jarret Wollstein.

Sept. 8, 1996:

Brass Roots Rally, Capitol Building, Lansing, MI; for information call 810-399-8333 or 800-555-GUNS. Speakers include Harry Browne, Jon Coon, and Samuel Francis.

Oct. 19, 1996:

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

Nov. 24-26, 1996:

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

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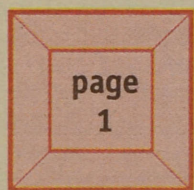
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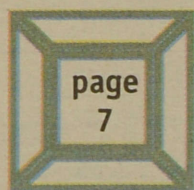
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