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## NJ Victory: Protecting Property

*LP lawyer wins in asset forfeiture case*

**A** Libertarian Party member in New Jersey won a major victory against asset forfeiture when a state Superior Court ruled that such laws are unconstitutional if property owners are deprived of a jury trial.

Libertarian Elizabeth Macron was the winning attorney in a case that pitted an elderly woman against the state of New Jersey, which had seized her automobile after her son used it to transport drugs.

Macron is now heading to the state Supreme Court, which will hear a final appeal of the case, perhaps as soon as December — an appeal which Macron confidently says, “I think we’re going to win.”

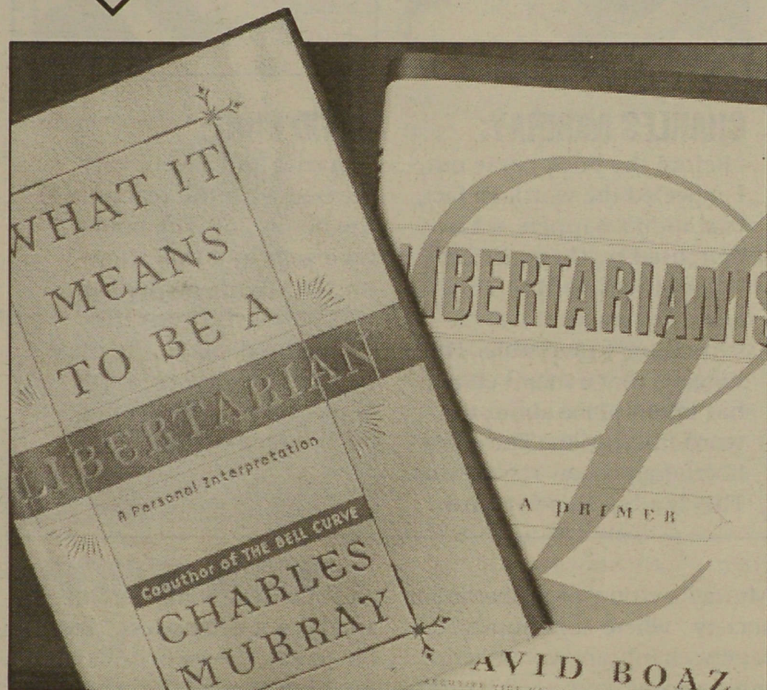
Macron, a Libertarian Party member since 1992, won the first round of the legal battle on June 16th, when the Appellate Division of the Superior Court ruled that the seizure of Lois McDermott’s car was unconstitutional because

McDermott was denied her right to a jury trial.

“This [decision] will change the way these cases are handled,” said Macron—who also noted that “people are shocked to hear that your property can be taken away from you [without a trial]. Most Americans don’t know about civil asset forfeiture.”

The case began in 1995, when police seized McDermott’s 1990 Honda Accord after her son

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■ Are Murray’s and Boaz’s books about libertarianism “just plain awful” — or a “soothing antidote” to toxic politics?

## Book Brawl

*Two books about libertarianism spark intellectual battle across USA*

By Bill Winter  
Acting Editor, LP News

**H**ear that? It’s the sound of ideologies clashing.

For the past six months, Libertarian Party members watched with delight as America reverberated with the sound of libertarian ideas colliding with conservative and liberal orthodoxy — in sharp, public, spirited intellectual debate.

The reason: The near-simultaneous publication in early 1997 of two major books about libertarianism — *What It Means To Be A Libertarian* by Charles Murray and *Libertarianism: A Primer* by David Boaz.

The battleground: Book reviews, op-ed pieces, and political columns — where the two books sparked a nationwide free-for-all about the merits of libertarianism that raged in newspapers and magazines, spilled over onto the

Internet, and even spread to foreign countries.

It was a debate about fundamental political ideas: What are the proper limits of government? What rights do individuals have? What political system will maximize human happiness?

It was a debate that featured a wide cast of colorful libertarian characters: Adam Smith, John Locke, Milton Friedman, Ayn Rand, Harry Browne, Thomas Jefferson, and Murray Rothbard.

Most importantly, it was a debate that revealed in *ideas* — not the cliched left/right debate, but the intellectual excitement of brash political upstarts (libertarians) taking on the heavyweight champs (conservatives and liberals).

The two books took dramatically different approaches to explaining and prescribing libertarianism. Murray, the bestselling

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ON THE NEWS

## LP battles 4th of July ‘martial law’

*California affiliate leads rally to celebrate a real Independence Day*

**W**hat would happen if a city tried to take the “independence” out of Independence Day . . . and declared virtual “martial law” on the 4th of July?

That’s what happened in Huntington Beach, California — so Libertarians and supporters took to the streets in a freedom march to protest what they called a “frightening disregard for the very freedom we celebrate on July 4th.”

In doing so, they generated “more press coverage than at any other time in [our] history,” said Orange County LP member and march organizer Mike Vardoulis. “Additionally, more inquiries and new visitors came to our meetings from this one event than any other local Libertarian event.”

“Stop the War”

On July 4th, between 150 and 200 Orange County LP members and supporters made a two-mile march from the center of town to the Huntington Beach pier, waving signs reading “Serf City” and “Stop the War on People,” and chanting “Ban Martial Law!”

Their goal: To draw attention to the city’s draconian 4th of July anti-drinking laws, police barricades, and the city government’s overreaction to “foreign invaders” — the Chief of Police’s phrase for out-of-towners attend-

ing the Huntington Beach weekend celebration.

The march attracted honks and cheers from city residents, the attention of numerous television camera crews, and an escort of grim, black-tee-shirted police officers.

The rally was designed to “sanely raise the issue of the police state that has occurred in [Huntington Beach],” said Richard Boddie, Chairman of the LP of Orange County and the chief spokesman during the march. “The bottom line is, they’ve gone too far.”

The fracas in the scenic coastal town — nicknamed “Surf City” by friends and “Serf City” by its detractors — occurred af-

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# Book Brawl

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author of *Losing Ground* and *The Bell Curve*, politely accused big government of crowding out "civil society" — and offered a kind of "mainstream" libertarianism as a solution. Boaz, a vice president at the Cato Institute, nimbly cataloged the damages big government has wrought and offered a more hard-line libertarian alternative.

Neither of the books managed to crack the bestseller list. But both books — whether reviewed together or separately — managed to elicit strong opinions from both liberals and conservatives.

In fact, the reception to *What It Means To Be A Libertarian* and *Libertarianism: A Primer* served as a sort of political Rorschach test, and both mirrored and foreshadowed the growing support (and animosity) that Libertarian Party candidates and spokespeople receive when they talk about the same ideas.

A survey of the reaction the two books inspired is an eye-opener for Libertarian Party members — because it's a status report on the popularity of libertarian ideas in 1997. As such, it brings both good and bad news.

Not surprisingly, in some quarters, the reaction was unrelentingly hostile.

*Kirkus Reviews* was frankly scornful, and strafed both books

with machine-gun bursts of insults. Boaz and Murray have "tunnel-vision," wrote its anonymous reviewer; they attack "straw men," are guilty of "highly selective use of statistics," have "odd omissions," suffer from a "libertarian infatuation with capitalism" — and provide, at best, "amusement value." (November 15, 1996)

Some reviews seemed to delight in deliberately misrepresenting libertarianism. Michael Kinsley wrote in *Time*: "The libertarian paradigm is the right to commit suicide. Libertarians derive a whole system of rights from this one." (February 17, 1997) Libertarianism, he thundered, "is just plain awful."

America's "house organ" for liberalism, the *New York Times*, served up the usual big-government arguments against Murray. What about the environment? What about "the tendency of business to form monopolies?"

But defending liberalism isn't as easy as it used to be. Reviewer Christopher Lehmann-Haupt was forced to grudgingly admit: "Nonetheless, his criticism of the way bureaucratic government tends to make life more difficult to its citizens is trenchant and to the point. His conclusions may be shocking, but the reasoning that takes him there is often surprisingly hard to resist." (February 10, 1997)

Reviewer Michael Tomasky in New York's *Newsday* had no problem resisting. Yes, libertarianism "seems to have been gaining currency in serious political circles in recent years," he acknowledged.

But Tomasky thinks that's bad news. Big government is needed, he explained, because "the world isn't fair or rational. Furthermore, there are those, from crooked CEOs to shyster lawyers to drunken hooligans with baseball bats in their hands, who aren't very keen on respecting the rights of others." (January 19, 1997)

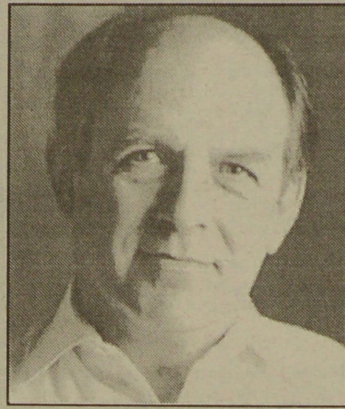
**S**uch criticism was expected from the Left. But what about the Right? The reaction was mixed.

The conservative stalwart *National Review* felt betrayed by Murray's new-found libertarianism. "Why on earth is Murray parading under the banner of libertarianism?" asked Loren E. Lomasky. (February 24, 1997).

But after accusing Murray of the usual sin against conservatism — ignoring civic virtue — Lomasky then admitted that libertarianism *did* address that particular issue: "Make individuals less free, and you make them less virtuous; it's that simple."

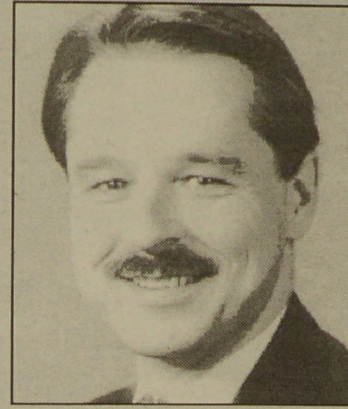
Conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer applauded

## The Authors React



### CHARLES MURRAY:

"Before the book came out, I expected the worst. In fact, that *didn't* happen — I was delighted by the reaction. [Even] the *New York Times* had a review that was surprisingly favorable. This suggests that a major change has taken place about the word libertarian. The word libertarian is now respectable. This is a big step forward."



### DAVID BOAZ:

"Charles and I were very pleased with the reaction the books got. The book reviewers and talk show hosts took libertarianism very seriously. Even the ones who disliked the ideas treated the ideas and the books very seriously. I'm encouraged by that."

Murray's vision of a libertarian society "where community and family, charity and volunteerism, good works and social intercourse of every kind flourish."

**B**ut he had one concern: When big government leaves, can liberty save the day? "That is the great question. Perhaps 60 years of centralized compassion has so destroyed the habits of community that — like the Soviet people who've forgotten after 70 years how an ordinary, honest commercial life is conducted — we've forgotten." (January 17, 1997)

Other less ideological reviewers offered a split decision about the merits of the books.

The *Chicago Tribune* paid tribute to the power of the ideas represented by Murray and Boaz: "Libertarian ideas are gaining credibility with a public that has become disillusioned with the performances of centrally planned economies. [Libertarian] ideas are coming to dominate the thinking of governments all over the world," wrote Daniel Polsby. (March 9, 1997)

But he wasn't completely convinced. Polsby took shots at libertarianism for having "many gaps" and because repealing civil rights laws might be seen as an "affirmation of Ku Kluxery rather than liberty."

In the *Baltimore Sun* (January 19, 1997), columnist Michael Pakenham cheerfully noted the "natural and common tendency of government to demean, strangle, corrupt, pillage, subjugate, starve, exploit, humiliate,

and otherwise abuse the citizenry and keep it defenseless." But the libertarian "house of cards comes crashing down," he wrote, because it relies on tort law to protect individuals against many kinds of damages. Pakenham doesn't like government — but he likes lawyers even less.

Eventually, the debate spread

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beyond the printed page onto the Internet. An essay in the electronic publication *Slate* decisively disproved the theory that cyberspace is unanimously libertarian.

While acknowledging an "accrual of credibility" to libertarian ideas, writer Jacob Weisberg argued that libertarians are

just like communists, because they both believe in utopia — despite the fact that Boaz specifically noted that libertarians don't offer a plan for a perfect society. No matter, said Weisberg breezily: Both libertarians and communists "share a wishful vision of human perfectibility."

From the Internet, the debate moved overseas. In the UK's *Financial Times*, Michael Prowse was dubious that Boaz and Murray could sway "the majority of readers who may be instinctively hostile" to freedom.

"It's easy to see why the rich, talented and healthy might favor a laissez-faire regime," he wrote. "But what of the majority who start out life with few material assets and only modest natural ability? What reason do they have to vote libertarian?" But, like adding spice to bland food, Prowse said the books might "provide a welcome stimulant in what is a stale political climate in Europe." (March 27, 1997)

**H**owever, back in the USA, some reviewers saw libertarianism as more than a mere "stimulant" — they considered it America's political salvation.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer*, for example, presented libertarianism as *medicine*. "For those who think this nation's political discourse has grown toxic, libertarianism may be just the soothing antidote they need," wrote Frank Wilson. (February 2, 1997)

And Ronald Bailey in the *Washington Times* wrote: "Most Americans want to be left alone to work hard, to raise their children and generally to live their lives as they see fit. These books show how the rebirth of freedom will become possible in the 21st century." (March 19, 1997)

Hear that sound?

Yes, it's the sound of ideologies clashing. But it's also the noise of a healthy debate, the murmur of a new political movement growing in popularity — and perhaps even the rumble of the coming political earthquake.

Thanks to Charles Murray's *What It Means To Be A Libertarian* and David Boaz's *Libertarianism: A Primer* — which helped thrust libertarian ideas into the public spotlight — it's a sound that represents good news for the Libertarian Party.

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## What Is Libertarianism?

**I**nspired by Murray's and Boaz's books, some reviewers wrote their own descriptions of libertarianism. Ronald Bailey, in the *Washington Times* offered: "The basic insight of libertarianism is simple: If you treat people like adults, they will tend to act like adults." (March 19, 1997). Columnist Michelle Malkin in the *Seattle Times* proposed a simple but sweet definition of libertarianism: "Let us be happy. Let us be free. Leave us in peace and leave us alone." (January 21, 1997)



# Libertarians rally for July 4th

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ter several 4th of July weekends were marred by public drunkenness and vandalism.

In response, the Huntington Beach City Council passed a law against "public drinking" in a 20-block area of downtown during the three-day 4th of July weekend, and enforced it with street barricades and hundreds of police officers. According to the law, "public property" included private lawns, steps, driveways, and garages.

A similar ban had been declared unconstitutional last year, so the Council passed a new "temporary" drinking ban to get around the court decision.

## Show proof

The city also sealed off 40 intersections in the city's downtown area, forcing people to show proof of residency and identification before being allowed to enter.

The new regulations were "just not tolerable," said Vardoulis. "You can't just declare martial law. This is the United States."

Boddie, a resident of Huntington Beach, echoed his sentiments: "The City Council passed an ordinance saying your house and front lawn are now public property, and you can't drink here. That's [wrong]. You can't

tell me that my yard and garage are public property."

In response to the regulations, the Orange County LP organized the protest march — while noting that they weren't condoning the "riotous behavior or any other destructive actions" that had occurred in past years.

In a full-page newspaper ad promoting the march, organizers wrote: "We believe individuals and their property should be protected. We do not, however, be-



**RICHARD BODDIE:**

*"You can't tell me my yard and garage are public property."*

lieve that restricting the rights of individuals to enjoy a peaceful celebration is the proper way of handling the threat. The Huntington Beach City Council and its Chief of Police have shown a frightening disregard for the very freedom we celebrate on July 4th."

Vardoulis said he was personally inspired to organize the march because "forget about all the crooks who live in my nation's capital; the Nanny State was creeping right into my own front yard."

## The sake of safety

After the march was complete — and the cheering had died down and the TV camera crews had packed up and left — Vardoulis said he felt "that our point had been made in spite of the many Serf City residents who were salivating to give up their liberty for the sake of safety."

However, he said, there is still work to be done.

"Our freedom march may have had a tremendous impact, but the People's Republic of Huntington Beach is still proudly discarding freedom like so much rubbish," he said. "Wherever safety is cherished at the expense of liberty, Libertarians have work to do. Next year is an election year in Huntington Beach, and we will be ready."



■ The LP's Deputy Director of Communications, George Getz, is interviewed by Marianne Fogelson on the nationwide cable network, NET. The topic: Why the LP is urging people to boycott the race questions on the 2000 Census.

# LP's "Say No to Racial Classification" campaign wins key endorsements

*Prop. 209 Chairman supports LP efforts*

The Libertarian Party's project to stamp out "official" government racial classifications kicked into high gear over the past month — winning the endorsement of Ward Connerly, the influential Chairman of California's Proposition 209 campaign, gaining the support of the African-American group Project 21, and generating nationwide media attention.

The party also sent letters to President Bill Clinton, and the Republican and Democratic leaders of the U.S. House and Senate, urging them to use their legislative powers to eliminate racial questions from all government forms — and thereby "strike a blow for a colorblind society."

The goal of the LP's "Just Say No to Racial Classifications" (JSNTRC) campaign, launched in July, is to eliminate the U.S.'s five "official" racial categories from all government forms, and to urge Americans to refuse to disclose their race on census forms in the year 2000.

## Divide the nation

"We want to use this campaign to build public awareness of how politicians exploit racial classifications to further divide the nation on racial grounds, and to eliminate them from all government forms," said Steve Dabach, LP National Chairman.

"Every single American can strike a blow for a more tolerant, colorblind society by saying 'no' to the census takers and 'no' to racial classifications. We're all

Americans — what else does the government need to know?" he asked.

The JSNTRC campaign scored its first big breakthrough on August 8th, when Ward Connerly, one of the nation's best-known spokesmen on racial issues, endorsed the effort.

"I strongly support the Libertarian Party's campaign to remove racial classifications from U.S. census forms," said Con-

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nerly. "The elimination of these absurd little boxes is an important step toward our goal of a colorblind nation. Government-mandated racial categories will only foster division among groups of individuals who, now more than ever, are ready to call themselves simply *Americans*."

Connerly was the chairman of the Prop. 209 campaign — the California Civil Rights Initiative — which passed in 1996 and abolished affirmative action programs in that state. He is cur-

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# Libertarian lawyer wins asset case

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was caught using it to transport heroin.

Despite McDermott's plea that she never consented to any illegal use of her automobile, the car was confiscated under a state law that allows law enforcement officers to seize property — even if the owner is not convicted of any crime.

McDermott demanded a jury trial, but the Superior Court of Monmouth County denied her request, and let a single judge decide the case of "New Jersey vs. one 1990 Honda Accord and \$420."

The odd trial name was typical of property forfeiture cases, in which the government prosecutes *property* — instead of individuals. The legal theory, which dates back to 18th-century English law, holds that objects can be found guilty of a crime, and punished through seizure by the government. Since property has no Constitutional rights, no jury trial is needed, prosecutors claim.

But a divided Appellate Di-

vision of the Superior Court disagreed, ruling that a forfeiture action heard by only a single judge "does not pass constitutional muster," and violated Article 1, Paragraph 9 of the New Jersey Constitution.

## Heading back to court

However, the decision didn't get McDermott her car back; the case is now heading back to Superior Court of Monmouth County for a jury trial. And the decision didn't rule that property forfeiture laws, in and of themselves, are unconstitutional.

But the decision could have a chilling effect on the state's eagerness to seize property, said

Macron, since a longer, more expensive jury trial is now required. This could have a significant impact, because New Jersey made more than 550 property seizures over the past nine months.

"[The court decision] has changed the way the court has to function, because all the defendants are demanding a jury trial," said Macron. "It's going to make the government more careful [about seizing property]."

Macron is now preparing for a hearing before the state's Supreme Court, since state prosecutors said they will appeal the Superior Court's decision, with the backing of the state's attorney general.

Since 1985, more than 200,000 Americans have had their property seized under property forfeiture laws by federal, state, or local governments — and in 80% of those cases, no one was ever charged with a crime. In all, more than \$5 billion worth of private property has been seized by state and federal law enforcement agents.

**"ALL THE defendants are demanding a jury trial."**



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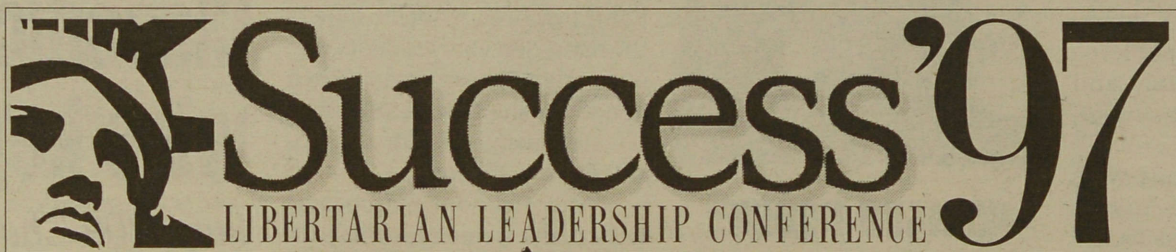
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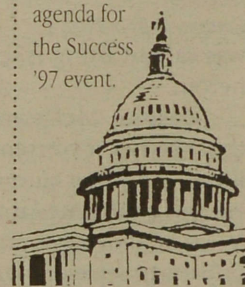
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## Philly event to focus on local success

*Elected Libertarians highlight speakers at Victory 2000 meeting*

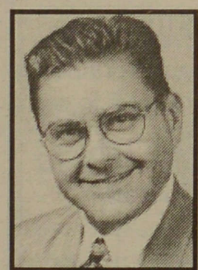
An "upbeat and motivational" gathering of Libertarian activists will be held this Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia, featuring an all-star line-up of LP office-holders and speakers designed to teach Libertarian activists "real world, hard-ball politics."

Called Victory 2000, the event includes three days of political workshops and training sessions — as well as an Awards Banquet, a special Libertarian "Comedy Cabaret," and a "Rediscovering Liberty" event at Independence Hall.

"People will come away from Libertarian Victory 2000 ready to take on all those politicians who have held us back," said Gene Cisewski, one of the main organizers of the event.

Speakers at Victory 2000 include: Moreno Valley (CA) City Council member Bonnie Flickinger; LP motivational speaker Richard Boddie; former State Representative Don Gorman (L-NH); president of the Future of Freedom Foundation Bumper Hornberger; radio talk show host and elected Libertarian Brian Thomas; and comedian Tim Slagle.

Topics covered include a Campaign Speech & Debate Workshop (Hornberger), a Campaigning To Win seminar (Cisewski and campaign consultant David Kamioner), a "Real World of Politics" forum (Flickinger, Gorman, and Thomas), and a workshop on effective organizing (Boddie).

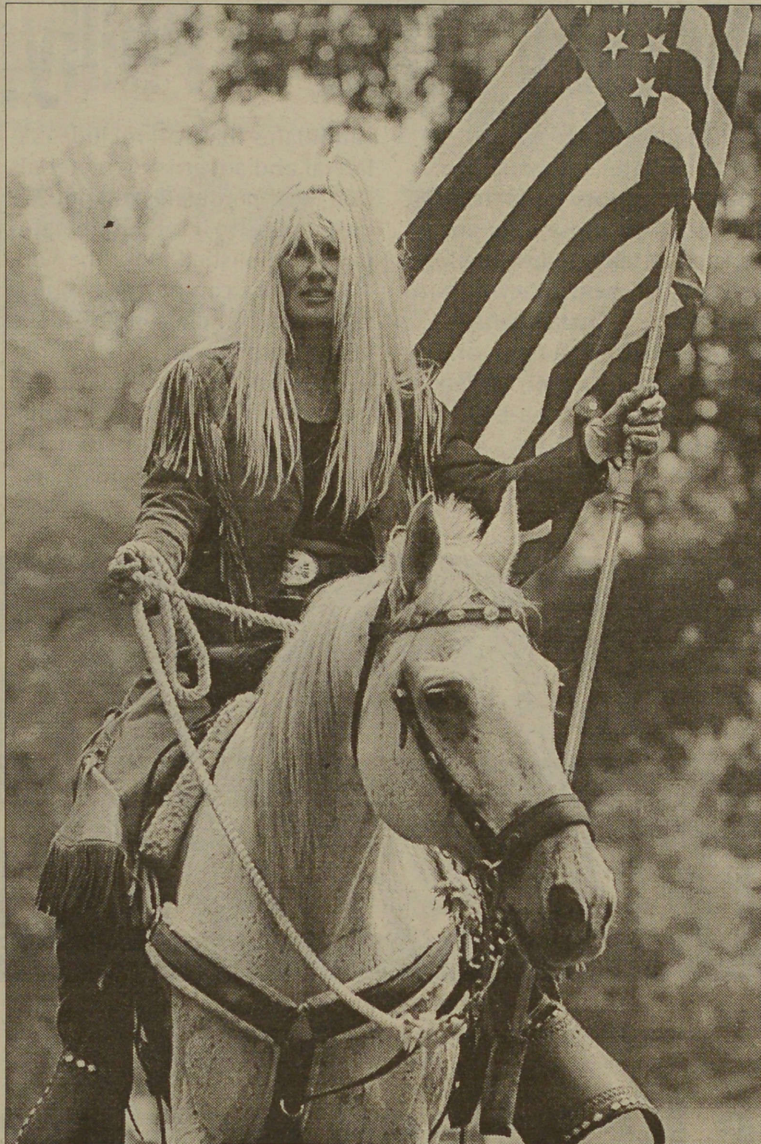


**Cisewski:** "The mechanics of politics."

"We've focused on training that Libertarians from around the country have told us would help them in running more effective campaigns; improving speaking and debating skills, raising money, organizing a team, working with the media, and being more effective as a minority party member elected to a governing body," said Cisewski.

The agenda is especially geared for Libertarians, said Cisewski, who are "interested in the mechanics of politics, includ-

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■ Arizona Libertarian Kat Gallant's "Freedom Ride" made it as far as West Virginia — where the state government seized her horses. She's shown here in Kentucky, on her horse Willie.

## Lost 'Rides'

*A Libertarian's ride across the USA to highlight "lost freedoms" is interrupted — when the state seizes her horses*

When Libertarian Kat Gallant set out from Arizona on April 15th, she had a dream: To ride her horses all the way across America to Washington, DC.

The purpose of the trip: To draw attention to America's dwindling freedoms.

The result: Three months and 2,000 grueling miles later, she found herself in court in West Virginia, fighting a state government that seized her horses and charged her with cruelty to animals — a charge she passionately denies.

Now Gallant is attempting to rally public opinion to her side and clear her name. But most of all, she is trying to force the West Virginia government to relinquish control of her beloved horses, Sol and Willie.

Gallant's "Freedom Ride" began on Tax Day, when she gal-

loped out of Mesa, Arizona, with her two horses, which she rode on alternate days.

The somewhat quixotic purpose of her ride to Washington, DC, she said, was to remind Americans of the freedoms they've lost.

"My whole point of the ride: Americans, wake up!" she said. "We're losing our rights. They're shredding the Constitution. We are back where we were at the time of the [American] Revolution."

### Support team

A convoy consisting of a Ford Ranger pickup, horse trailer, and Dodge Titan RV trailed behind her, along with a three-man support team: A retired Navy SEAL, a documentary photographer, and a former rodeo cowboy.

For the next three months, Gallant rode across Arizona, New

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## Alaska Libertarian gets anti-curfew question on '98 ballot

By the Curfew — that's the rallying cry of an Alaska Libertarian who is waging a campaign to overturn a teenage curfew in the city of Anchorage.

LP member Scott Kohlhaas submitted more than 11,000 petitions to the city government on August 19th to put a curfew-repeal referendum question on the ballot, and says he hopes his campaign will educate people about the unjust nature of the curfew — and perhaps help recruit the next generation of Libertarian activists.

"We're telling people that it's a family decision — not a government decision" when it comes to deciding how late teenagers should be allowed to stay out, said Kohlhaas.

"The government has destroyed the family unit," he continued. "They tax us half of what we make, forcing both parents to work, leaving no one home to watch the kids. Thus, the government, having created the problem, comes to us and says, 'I need more power' [with a curfew]."

### Handcuffed

According to Anchorage law, anyone under age 18 can be ticketed and handcuffed if caught on the streets between 11:00 pm and 5:00 am in the winter, or 1:00 am to 5:00 am during the summer.

"There are all sorts of issues about the curfew," said Kohlhaas. "The First Amendment's guarantee of the right to assembly. Collective punishment — punishing groups for the criminal acts of individuals. And it's an issue of less government."

Alaska LP State Chair Len Karpinski agreed: "It's important because it's about prosecuting a group of people for something they might do. Curfews can be [mandated] by the government because those directly affected don't vote, or can't."

The Anchorage curfew was voted into law in 1995, and since that time, police have issued more than 2,000 curfew violation tickets — with fines ranging from \$75 to \$300.

"Government is also making money on the curfew," said Kohlhaas. "You've got to figure they've made hundreds of thousands of dollars on this."

To get the referendum question on the municipal ballot, Kohlhaas was required to submit

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at least 6,160 signatures by September 1st. Voters will decide the issue at the city-wide elections on April 2, 1998 — and the final outcome is far from certain.

"At this point, we could lose," admitted Kohlhaas. "We have a long campaign ahead of us."

Karpinski acknowledged that repealing the curfew will be an uphill battle: "Unfortunately, I don't see a big backlash to the curfew law by the voting public, because, like most Americans, if it doesn't directly affect them, they don't care. It's sad, really. But, maybe there will be enough 18 to 21-year-olds coming to vote to make a difference for us."

But Kohlhaas isn't leaving success to chance. He said he already has \$17,000 in pledges committed to wage an anti-curfew campaign, and plans to spend most of it on radio ads, as well as rallies, benefit concerts, leaflets, and a series of speeches in local high schools during the months leading up to the vote.

### Teenagers of Alaska

But even if he doesn't win, Kohlhaas said his campaign will accomplish another important goal: Bring the Libertarian message to the teenagers of Alaska.

"We need a new generation of Libertarians," he said. "If we fight for them when no one else will, they'll remember us. That's how we build a new constituency. The work we do now will pay off in 10 or 20 years. We're planting seeds now."

More than 270 major American cities have curfews, according to the National Conference of Mayors — a number which has increased by 45% since 1990.

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## Lost Ride

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Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kentucky — waving an American flag, and attracting attention from truck drivers, an occasional newspaper reporter, and "the citizens of America," who contributed hay, cash, and kindness.

Along the way, she said, she suffered heat rash, sunburn, a torn shoulder muscle, and blisters.

But the pain she suffered riding 30 to 40 miles a day was nothing compared to the "violation" she felt when she was charged with cruelty to animals in West Virginia.

The trouble began, she said, after a minor traffic accident near Charleston on June 23rd, when she was forced to board her horses in a local stable for the night.

After she left, an employee called the Humane Society to report that her horses were malnourished and maltreated. The animals were seized, and Gallant was charged with three counts of cruelty to animals. She faces a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail.

### Never arrested

Even today, Gallant said she can't believe that criminal charges were filed against her. "My heart was destroyed — I've never been arrested for anything in my life," she said. "They humiliated me in public and took my horses. I felt violated."

She also said she "absolutely did not" abuse the horses in any way—and has the photos and veterinarian's testimony to prove it.

"I loved my horses," she said. "I refused to do anything to hurt my animals. I don't even wear spurs!"

Unfortunately, because of the media attention surrounding the case, she said, she can't get a fair trial in West Virginia, and doesn't have the money to wage an expensive legal battle.

"I've got everything I need to win my case, but there's no way to win in West Virginia," she said from her home in Arizona, where she returned after a preliminary hearing. The trial is scheduled for sometime this fall.

So, in the meantime, Gallant

is turning to public pressure to get her horses returned.

"My hope is that Libertarians will write the governor, and put pressure on him to release my horses," she said. "Libertarians are the last few remaining *real* Americans in this country. Unless we unite, we will lose our rights."

■ **What you can do:** Write to Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Virginia, State Capitol Building, Charleston, WV, 25305. Urge him to release Kat Gallant's horses, and have the criminal charges against her dropped.

## Victory 2000 in Philly

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ing candidates, campaign managers, grassroots party leaders, activists, and those who are interested in taking our principles and making them policy, by winning in the political arena."

Another highlight of the event, said Cisewski, will be a new "campaign-in-a-box" for Libertarian candidates.

"This will be an affordable package designed for Libertarian

candidates that will include collateral and advertising materials that local candidates can quickly customize to give their campaigns a polished look," he said. "It includes campaign graphics, radio spots, and a couple of television commercials."

Victory 2000 will take place in Pennsylvania at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott from Friday, August 29 to Monday, September 1, 1997. Various packages

are available, ranging from \$20 for a single event, to \$99 for all the workshops, to \$175 for the entire four-day event.

"An added benefit with this program will be the media attention we capture in the Philadelphia market," said Cisewski.

Victory 2000 is sponsored by the Liberty Council PAC and the LP of Pennsylvania.

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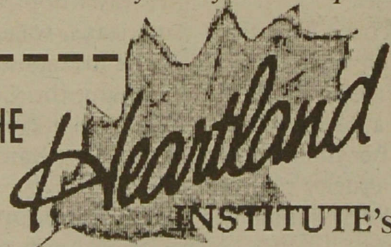
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# HowTo

## Organize an effective LP Town Committee

All politics are local. Libertarians seem to know this instinctively. Forming a Town Committee ("TC") is a proven way to bring tangible benefits of greater visibility, political influence, and more active party members to your community. It's happening all over the country — here's how you can get started.

Begin by planning an initial organizing meeting. Tell your state chair that you're forming a TC, and get a list of Libertarians in your town. Pick a date & location, and send a letter to those local members. Don't be discouraged if only a handful of names are in your town — as you'll see, much can be accomplished with few people in the beginning. Follow-up your mailing with a personal phone call to encourage attendance. If there's a "hot" local issue, you might use the formation of a position on it as a catalyst to help encourage participation.

A TC needs bylaws — the simpler the better. You can clone your state bylaws, or for a short-and-sweet example e-mail LPCT activist John Joy (jmj@lpct.org. More on Mr. Joy later.). Also, contact your Secretary of State's office and obtain information relating to financial reporting and contribution restrictions.

Since you will be "Chair Pro Tem" during the initial meeting, have a draft of the bylaws ready, make any changes needed, and vote to adopt them.

### Fax away

If you're meeting at a library, that's a good opportunity to get the contact names and fax numbers for your local newspapers and radio stations. Create a professional-looking letterhead with your trusty word processor, write up an announcement of the TC's formation, and fax away. Not sure how to do a press release? The National LP and your state organization are two good sources for examples of formats you can follow.

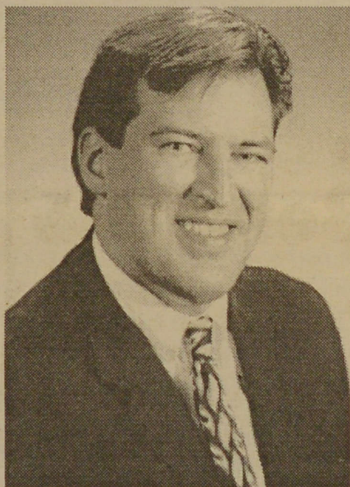
So . . . you've formed a committee, and the locality now knows of your existence. What's next?

A TC should attempt to observe, comment on, and affect municipal governance. Attend those weekly town or school committee meetings, including separate budget-related ones. Get a copy of the town budget, and, after finding it inscrutable, call the town treasurer and ask questions about it until you have a comfortable understanding of the document, as well as the process by which it is created. Get a copy of your town charter as well, so you can understand the rules of the game.

What kinds of issues should you focus on? I'll go out on a limb by suggesting taxes and spending levels as a good starting point, but you need to be more specific to be effective. Anyone can be a "crank," show up at a public hearing, and badger the town fathers about government spending or zoning gone out of control. To be effective, you must offer alternatives in a constructive, positive fashion.

Try to create opportunities to show yourselves as the good guys — a food drive for a local non-governmental charity, or similar high-profile volunteerism. Walk the walk of Libertarian volunteerism, and leverage any existing commu-

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**WRITTEN BY  
MARK TUNIEWICZ**

## Full slate of state-wide candidates creates splash for LP in Georgia

The LP of Georgia has unveiled its first-ever complete slate of statewide candidates for the 1998 election — an accomplishment that has generated pride among Libertarians, consternation among Republicans, and a buzz among journalists.

At a press conference on the steps of the Capitol in Atlanta, State Chair Montague Boyd introduced the LP's 13 candidates for office, ranging from governor to U. S. Senate to U.S. House.

"Our goal is to give the voters of Georgia a choice and a reason to vote for someone who is different," said Boyd to the assembled media and crowd of supporters on June 15th.

Topping the ticket is Jack Cashin, a 71-year-old horse farmer who won more than 80,000 votes when he ran for U.S. Senate in 1996 — possibly throwing the race that year to the Democratic candidate.

Cashin's announcement that he will run for governor caused GOP strategists to gripe about the Libertarian challengers.

Mike Bowers, a GOP pollster, grumbled: "There is no question a Libertarian candidate makes life more difficult for Republicans."

But Cashin disagreed that he — or the other LP candidates — would primarily hurt the GOP.

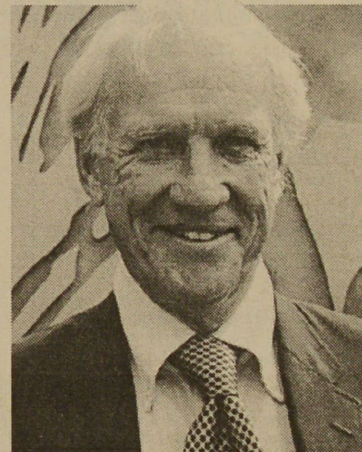
### No place to go

"I don't think we are exclusively appealing to Republicans," he said. "We Libertarians appeal to unhappy Democrats and unhappy Republicans and Independents who have no place to go."

Other LP candidates include Shirley Sokolowski (running for U.S. Congress against Newt Gingrich); Bert Loftman (U.S. Senate); Ivan Bagby (U.S. Congress); Mark Bierley (Commissioner of Agriculture); Mark Antieau (Secretary of State); and Brit Miller (Lt. Governor).

In addition, Walker Chandler, whose Supreme Court victory which abolished mandatory drug-testing for candidates made national headlines in April, is running for Attorney General.

The full slate of candidates is part of a deliberate political



■ **Gubernatorial candidate Jack Cashin:** "Republicans want to get into our beds and Democrats want to get into our pockets."

strategy for the state party, said Boyd.

"We have found that you must be in to win," he said. "We have had very strong positive reaction by running more and more candidates. If you want to look like a living, viable political party, you've got to look like it on the ballot."

Besides, he said, the goal of the LP is "to effect change in

public policy. By running candidates, we are in the debate and force some of our issues to the surface."

The complete slate of candidates also attracted the attention of the media.

### Novelty item

"The Libertarian Party, once considered a novelty item in Georgia politics, can no longer be taken lightly," wrote Hank Johnson, the Editorial Editor of the *Athens News*. "Their fundamental message of the less government the better strikes a chord with many Georgians. As Libertarians gain strength and respectability, there is an even greater likelihood they'll have more influence in the direction of Georgia politics."

And state party members saw the line-up of candidates as a milestone for the party.

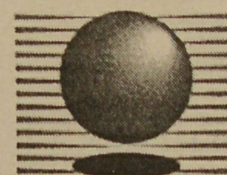
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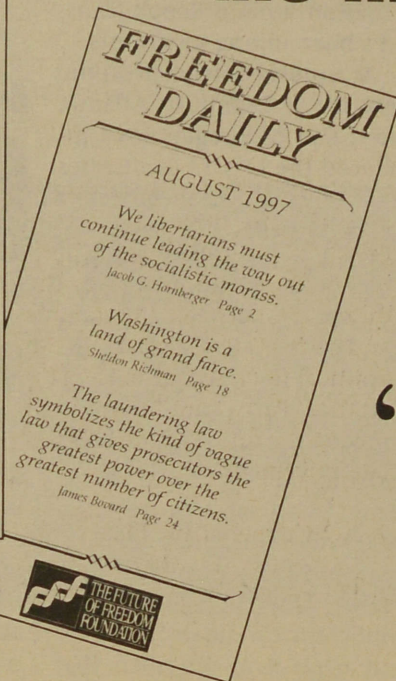
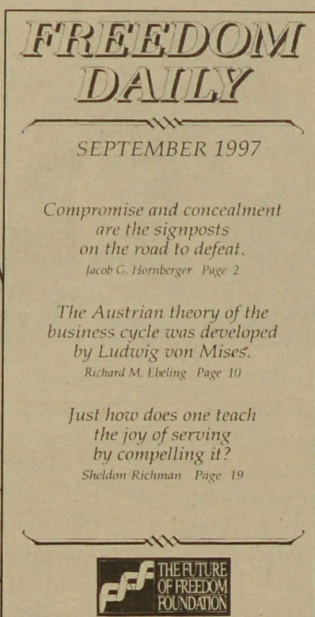
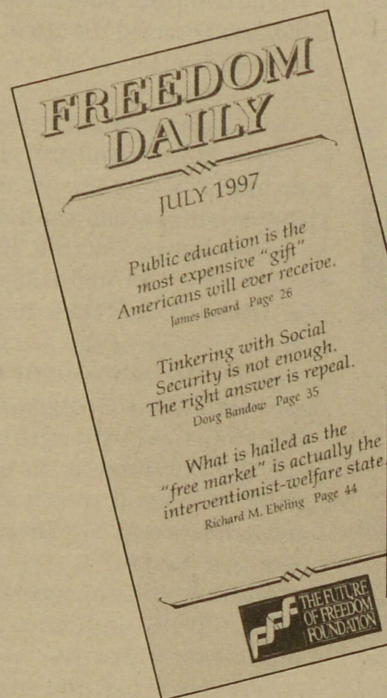
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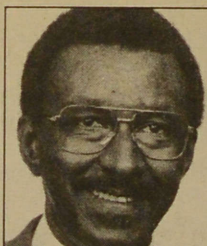
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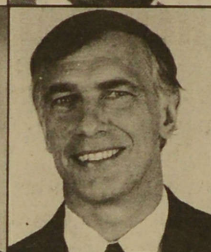
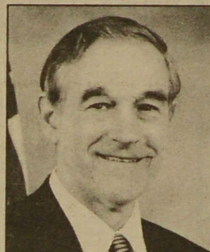


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## USA has troops in 100 nations

**F**eel threatened by Iceland? Don't worry — the U.S. military has troops stationed on the tiny island nation to protect us from danger. And just to be on the safe side, we also sent troops to Ghana, and Mozambique, and Kazakhstan, and Burma, and Namibia — and 91 other countries that most Americans can't locate on a map, the Libertarian Party noted.

"In all, our government sent troops to 100 nations over the past 90 days," said Steve Dasbach, the party's National Chairman. "From A to Z — Australia to Zimbabwe — American soldiers are roaming the world, doing everything but defending our country."

Earlier this summer, the U.S. Army boasted about reaching a "new milestone," with troops deployed in 100 nations.

"In other words, American soldiers were deployed in more than half the countries on the globe," said Dasbach. "That isn't a national defense — it's a national *offense*. It's an offense against U.S. taxpayers, who are paying huge amounts of money for a global case of military mission creep. It's time that American troops just defended the USA — and that doesn't stand for the Ukraine, Singapore, & Australia."

## The market benefit of ATM fees

**H**ate ATM fees? So do most Americans — but Senator Alfonse D'Amato's plan to make ATM fees illegal shows that he has "an account balance of zero when it comes to understanding the free market," the Libertarian Party said.

"D'Amato's scheme to prohibit ATM fees would be bad for consumers," charged LP Chairman Steve Dasbach. D'Amato, the New York Republican who chairs the powerful Senate Banking Committee, has joined forces with socialist Congressman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) to demand a federal ban on fees for automated teller machines.

However, Dasbach noted that fees make ATMs more widely available. "Orders for new ATM machines jumped by 40% last year — with new machines popping up in hotels, airports, and convenience stores," said Dasbach. "Why? Because ATM fees make the machines more profitable — making it feasible for banks to put more machines in more locations. So, the next time you find a conveniently located ATM machine, you should thank those ATM fees. It's the added profit that's giving banks the incentive to provide more ATM machines."

## New federal budget deal: A "raw deal"

**T**he new federal budget agreement will be especially popular among people who like skyrocketing government spending, a more complex tax code, and new federal welfare programs, said the Libertarian Party.

"This budget deal is a raw deal for taxpayers and a sweetheart deal for politicians," warned LP Chairman Steve Dasbach.

The deal — which President Bill Clinton and Republican Congressional leaders called "historic" because the surging economy may generate enough tax revenue to almost balance the budget — features a federal budget that grows from \$1.68 trillion in 1998 to a whopping \$1.9 trillion by the year 2002.

"Why are Republicans and Democrats so happy about this budget?" asked Dasbach. "It's because they get all their favorite things: More federal revenue to spend, more federal programs to administer, and a more complicated tax code that allows them to pick economic winners and losers."

What politicians won't admit, said Dasbach, is that the federal government is getting more expensive *faster*.

"This five-year budget increases federal spending by \$270 billion," he said. "Thanks to the GOP-controlled Congress, those increases are coming at a faster rate." Republicans increased spending in 1996 by \$48 billion, increased it in 1997 by \$63 billion, and will increase it in 1998 by \$70 billion, he noted.

# Libertarian media coverage is flying "Sky" high this summer

**L**ibertarian Party media coverage is flying sky-high this summer — literally.

A major article about libertarianism appeared in the July issue of *Sky* magazine, the in-flight publication of Delta Airlines. The magazine is available on every Delta flight, all around the world.

Entitled "What Is Libertarianism?," the three-page article briskly skips through the history of libertarianism, discusses the difference between libertarians and conservatives, examines the political track record of the Libertarian Party, and attempts to predict the future of the libertarian movement.

### Conservative bias

The piece is written by Richard Brookhiser, a senior editor at the conservative *National Review* magazine — and the article "shows his conservative biases," said LP Communications Director Bill Winter.

"Not surprisingly, Brookhiser is somewhat dismissive of libertarianism, arguing that society isn't polite enough for a system of minimal government," said Winter. "His solution: A bigger role for government in promoting what he calls good habits. But what do you expect from a conservative?"



Nonetheless, the article does provide some useful information to the general public, including a definition of libertarianism that even Libertarians would accept: "Libertarians are believers in small government who really mean it — no excuses, no exceptions. As a rule, libertarians believe that any task the state undertakes will be done badly, and only at an unacceptable cost in citizens' rights."

Brookhiser also acknowledges the "enduring appeal" of the freedom philosophy. "Libertarianism as a mood appeals to many people, and it is a recurring pattern in the grain of American life. [For Libertarians], the excesses of government are their best recruiters," he wrote.

Finally, although down-

playing the LP's chances for electoral success, Brookhiser admits that the party and the movement may have a technological ace in the hole for the future.

"The Internet looks like a better recruiting ground [for libertarians since] the online world is famously laissez-faire," he wrote — and also noted that "Harry Browne regularly tied Bob Dole and Bill Clinton in online presidential polls last year."

### Positive Development

Despite its conservative prejudices, Winter said the article is a positive development for the party.

"Somewhere on an airplane right now, there's a bored passenger reaching for a copy of *Sky* magazine with that article in it," he said. "We can't get a better captive audience than someone trapped at 30,000 feet with only one magazine!"

## CORREX

■ In the August issue of *LP News*, Bruce Coe, a member of the Kittitas County Planning Commission, was mistakenly listed as a resident of California. Mr. Coe resides in Washington state.

# Organizing a Libertarian Town Committee

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nity involvement on the part of your local members.

Eventually, a TC becomes a launching point for local candidates. Example: In Oxford, CT (pop. 10,000), a 1994 proposal to hire an Economic Development Director precipitated the formation of the Oxford Town Libertarian Committee — about three to four people to begin with.

### Mr. Joy was on a roll

Repeated public testimony on behalf of the committee was given by its Chairman, computer consultant John Joy, whose press releases helped to garner coverage of the issue. After the proposal stalled, Mr. Joy was on a roll. He got appointed to a local board. Later, his committee created a web site promoting the town, with the blessing of the Selectmen.

The following year, the TC ran a slate of five Libertarian candidates, and later packed a local

**EVENTUALLY, a town committee becomes a launching point for local candidates.**

hall to capacity for a catered fund-raiser/campaign kick-off, complete with prominent local supporters and press.

Concurrently, the nearby town of Windham, Connecticut, formally organized, and ran a local slate of 19 Libertarians. Committees continue to be organized and active in Connecticut, including Stamford and Norwich, CT.

By now you're getting the idea — Town Committees work.

They are a basic building block in creating a more widespread Libertarian Party presence, allowing us the opportunity to show ourselves as constructive, concerned citizens who want what's best for our towns.

If you want to attract more publicity and more members, there's nothing like an active TC to stimulate local interest in Libertarianism. And especially when you're just starting out, a few people can make a difference.

You can, too. Stand up for Liberty — make a commitment to organize your town during 1997, and get started now.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** *Libertarian National Committee member Mark Tuniewicz served as campaign manager for the Windham, CT slate of candidates, and for John Joy's Selectman's campaign.*

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# AFFILIATE NEWS

## Lawsuits, anti-tax fights, & wine

### California

The California Libertarian Party has joined in a lawsuit to prevent the state's new "Open Primary Initiative" from being enforced. Under the new law, voters at a primary election would be given one ballot listing the names of all candidates regardless of party affiliation, which would allow voters to cross party lines in making their choices.

Former State Chair **Gail Lightfoot** testified in U.S. District Court in late July, and said, "We are the Party of Principle. We don't want non-Libertarians having a choice in whom we nominate for public office. We want to be sure that our nominees, our candidates, are truly Libertarian in thought and action."

The LP was joined in the case by the Republican, Democratic, and Peace & Freedom parties.

### California

The LP of Ventura County has filed a lawsuit against a local school board, charging 10 board members with spending \$500,000 of taxpayers' money to influence the passage of an \$81 million school bond measure. The board members approved "the expenditure of illegal funds for an illegal purpose — partisan



### Rocky Mountain Outreach

Libertarian Jerry Hatch (left) greets a visitor at the party's booth at the Denver "People's Fair" on June 8th. "Hundreds of folks stopped by," reported state newsletter editor W. Earl Allen.

campaigning and advocacy," said County Chairman **Saul Rack-uaskas**.

### Colorado

Another Libertarian voice has taken to the airwaves: **Larry Hoffenberg**, the Public Information Director for the state party, has started appearing as a regular commentator on the Dan Kilo Show on KRRF radio in Denver. Each Sunday, Hoffenberg will

"help wrap up the show and provide the Libertarian perspective," he said.

### Kentucky

The Libertarian Party of Kentucky scored "a modest, but hopeful, victory" in August when **Dennis Lee Lacy**, the party's candidate for U.S. Senate, was officially recognized at the Fancy Farm Picnic — the traditional opening of the state's political season. "The Fancy Farm Picnic of St. Jerome's Catholic Church has for 117 years given a forum to political candidates [and] has become the unofficial kickoff of campaigns," said State Chair **Tom Wimmer**. "Never before has a Libertarian — and possibly any minor party candidate — been recognized at this event."

### Ohio

Columbus Libertarians have developed a spirited way to raise money: Selling wine. The city LP affiliate ran a wine concession booth at the annual Community Festival in June, and made a profit of \$2,000. An auxiliary outreach booth also collected the names of 160 prospective members.

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### Mississippi

State Libertarians celebrated a "first" for the party when **Lynn Harmount** was appointed Vice Chairman of the Southwest Madison County Fire District. "As best as we can tell, this makes Lynn the first Libertarian to hold public office in Mississippi," said the party's Secretary, Bill Fausek. The appointment follows a 263% membership increase over the past year, noted State Chair **Mark Bushman**.

### Missouri

St. Louis Libertarians are running two candidates in special State Representative elections, held on August 19th. The LP challengers for the open seats are **Richard Singer** (72nd District) and **Mike Pranka** (64th District). "Libertarians in the St. Louis area should be commended," said State Chair **Jim Givens**. "They came through with two quality candidates on short notice. This shows that the LP has developed depth at all levels."

### New Hampshire

The "Live Free or Die" state party

suffered a setback when the legislature passed a new ballot access bill that was supposed to make it easier to get on the ballot — but "actually makes it harder for the LP, the Reform Party, or any alternative to the Incumbent Party to achieve official ballot status," said party member **Brian Christeson**.

The bill originally would have increased the number of races that would let a party qualify for major status, but a last-minute legislative sleight of hand raised the vote percentage required, and set back the effective date until 1999. The effect of the bill was to "make New Hampshire one of only seven states that have only two official parties," said Christeson.

### Pennsylvania

The Allegheny County LP is organizing to fight a new 10¢ regional sales tax, which would fund a new sports facility. "Why should we use a sales tax, a very regressive tax, to transfer money from the region's poorest people to the owners of sports teams?" asked County Chair **Dan Sullivan**.

### Pennsylvania

A study of the registered voters in Allegheny County revealed that Libertarians are, on average, 13 years younger than county

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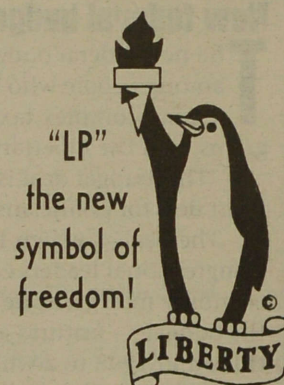
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Democrats and 15 years younger than Republicans. "The average age of registered voters in Allegheny County is: Republican, 51; Democrat, 49; [and] Libertarian, 36," reported activist Leo Alman.

## Texas

SLAM — the State Libertarian Activists' Meeting — has been scheduled for November 15th and 16th in Irving, Texas.

The meeting was organized, said Texas LP State Chair **Jay Manifold**, because of "the belief that there is a need for an independent gathering of State Chairs for the purpose of discussing our concerns among ourselves."

The two-day gathering "will consist largely of an exercise in Theory of Constraints, which was developed in the early '80s by an Israeli, Eliyahu Goldratt," he said, and is open to all State Chairs or their designated representatives.

## Vermont

Vermont Libertarian Party candidates will refuse to follow the state's new campaign finance act, which is "egregiously unconstitutional," said State Chair **Chris Costanzo**.

The new law, which limits the amount of money candidates

can spend on their campaigns, "is a blatant attack on a citizen's freedom to speak out on his own behalf," and is an "obvious attempt to stifle small parties under the guise of reform," he said.

## Washington state

State Libertarians are participating in a petition drive to get the "Washington State Civil Rights Initiative" (WSCRI) on the ballot. The initiative would ban the government from discriminating on the basis of race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin.

Libertarians are supporting the drive because "rather than treating all people as individuals, the government misguidedly lumps people into groups, and treats them differently based on group category," said state party member **Janice Moerschel**. "This is an example of group-think that Libertarians reject."

## West Virginia

For the first time in state history, West Virginia will offer its citizens a new choice, the Libertarian Party, on its voter registration forms. The new forms were printed in August.

"It's exciting to have a new, highly qualified 'lead service' for building our party," said state chair, **John Brown**.

# CT town party off to fast start

*In seven months, GLP helps defeat bond issue & recruits candidates*

A new Libertarian town affiliate party in Connecticut has gotten off to a fast start — moving from an idea to a significant force in town politics in just seven months.

Founded in January of this year, the Guilford LP (GLP) has already won praise from the local media, helped defeat a bond referendum, and recruited two Libertarian candidates to run in town elections this November.

"The road to political success has meant dedication and long hours for GLP members," said GLP Chairman Hugh Baird. "Our biggest hurdles are still ahead, but our auspicious start gives us hope."

The party held its first meeting in January, where activists elected officers and set political goals. On their to-do list: Tax relief, getting town employees to pledge to preserve and protect individual liberties, and a long-term restructuring plan for town government.

"We agreed that a new Libertarian Party here could fairly represent our largest block of in-

dependents and disenfranchised Democrats and Republicans and attempt to solve some of our major problems," said Baird.

The GLP also started a series of public forums and meetings "to build membership and develop an annual task list," said Baird, including outreach events and candidate recruitment.

The party also mailed an in-

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troductory newsletter to about 100 potential supporters, "explaining the party's purpose, encouraging membership, and featuring the GLP's theme, 'Serving People First.'"

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*The Shoreline Times* wrote: "The addition of another party broadens the choices in government. The Libertarians should be

able to sit alongside the Democrats and Republicans, voicing their views [and] their plans." (April 2, 1997)

Soon after, the party got involved in a local political issue — a referendum vote on an \$8.5 million bond issue.

"Our first real break came with the overwhelming defeat of this ill-timed and illegal referendum," said Baird. "We worked with conservatives using print and TV messages urging a 'no' vote."

Now, the party is looking to the upcoming town elections, where they plan to run two LP candidates for office: Baird for First Selectman and Frank Lowe for Selectman, who are running on a "unique" all-party ticket with one Republican, one Democrat, and one Independent.

The Libertarian candidates have "a good shot" at getting elected, said Baird.

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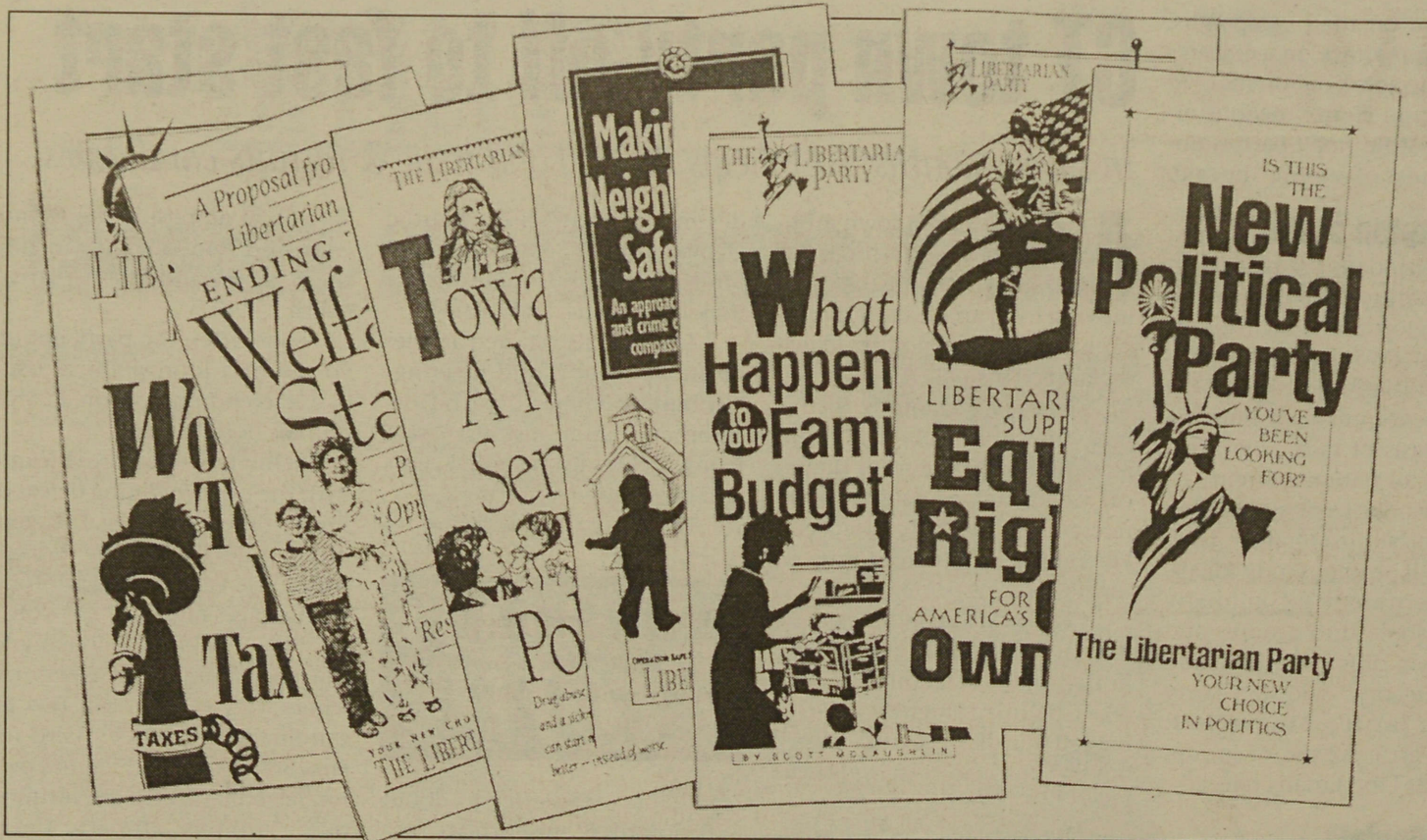
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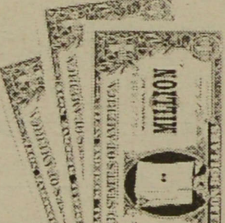
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# TALKING POINTS

## Weasel words, invisible tax cuts and those born-again Socialists

### Weasel words

When opponents attack [Social Security] privatization because they fear it would weaken "community," what they really fear is that it would take government out of the picture. The point, it would seem, is not to expand the pie of benefits for each individual retiree; the point is to keep the public pie-cutters employed.

When I listen to the lofty sentiments used to defend government redistribution, I reluctantly have to conclude that nowadays only criminals are honorable enough to steal without rhetorical excuses.

Political discourse has become completely corrupted. The reason is that if you tell people directly that you want to raise their taxes, transfer their wealth, [or] count them by skin color, most will object. Statists know this and therefore are obliged to obfuscate.

— THEODORE J. FORSTMANN  
*Imprimis* (May)

### Reinventing modesty

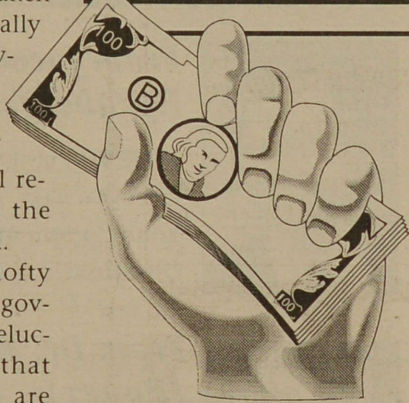
There is evidence that the practice of selfless giving actually pre-dates the Clinton years. But then, no idea or virtue ever really achieves true significance until the Clintons themselves have discovered it. And then, a new era. Time to 'celebrate' volunteerism, redefine it, analyze it, coordinate it, have Maya Angelou write a poem about it, maybe mandate and nationalize it. Having already invested compassion, public ethics, bipartisan ship, meaning in politics, and reinvented government, they have now invented private charity. Now if they would only invent modesty.

— MATTHEW SCULLY  
*National Review* (6/2)

### Born-again socialists

Most liberals don't like to be called socialists [yet] at nearly every practical juncture, they take the left turn toward centralized government. The old socialism has been a flop. It could run concentration camps when the need arose, but it spectacularly mismanaged railroads and steel mills. Today the socialist impulse

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**THE AVERAGE family of four pays more in taxes than for food, shelter, & clothing combined.**

has shifted ground. It has moved from industry to culture.

President Clinton's conception of "voluntarism" means "partnership" between big government and private charity. "Federalism" now means the federal government subsidizing state and local governments. A "pro-family" policy means, of course, federal legislation mandating benefits for children, parents and "domestic partners."

No doubt "libertarianism" will soon come to mean federally subsidized liberty.

— JOSEPH SOBRAN  
*"Cultural Socialism"* (5/1)

### What tax cut?

The average family of four now pays more in taxes than for food, shelter and clothing combined. Taxes today, as a percentage of income, are three times higher than they were just 30 years ago.

If the cost of government is measured by a fraction of an 8-hour day, today we work for government 2 hours and 49 minutes to pay taxes. The nation's effective tax rate is 35% this year. In 1900 taxes took \$1 for every \$12

from American workers; in 1950, taxes took \$1 of every \$4; today, taxes take more than \$1 of every \$3. And that does not pay for all of government, since spending has exceeded taxes for three decades, leading to a \$5.3 trillion debt.

At the rate of increase in government taxes since 1992, young taxpayers entering the work force today will work for government from Jan. 1 until Labor Day (Sept. 1st) in the year 2054!

— GEORGE MAROTTA  
*The Hoover Institution Journal of Commerce* (5/12)

### The Power of Choice

It has been said that if Thomas Edison were alive, he'd easily recognize today's electric utility service. It has changed so little despite enormous advances in technology and the broad diversity of consumer preferences. In an era of fax machines, cell phones and personal computers this \$200 billion a year industry still sends someone climbing over your back fence to read an

analog meter.

No one can seriously contend that government-enforced monopoly is better than individual choice and competition. We trample on individual rights when we let any government tell citizens that they cannot choose an electric power supplier because of where they live. The only tactic left to the utilities is delay, delay, delay. This type of foot-dragging costs money — and the American consumer is paying for it every day we delay — \$200 million a day!

— JEFFREY K. SKILLING  
President, Enron Corp.  
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources (3/6)

### NEA Rest In Peace

Could the arts survive without government funding?

What a question! The government doesn't fund the Van Cliburn Competition or the National Book Awards or the MacArthur grants. The government doesn't organize poetry slams or commission new string quartets. The government doesn't keep art galleries afloat or make the Tony Awards so popular. To adapt an old bumper sticker, arts need the National Endowment for the Arts like a fish needs a bicycle.

More novel reading will take place this year because of Oprah Winfrey than because of anything the NEA has done in its 32 years. If the endowment faded away, who would care? America's tens of millions of art-lovers, swept up in the richest, most democratic arts scene the human

race has known, would hardly notice it was gone.

— JEFF JACOBY  
*Boston Globe* columnist  
*The Washington Times* (7/8)

### Delaying the pain

Benjamin Franklin once noted that a man has three great friends: An old wife, an old dog, and compound interest.

But it takes time for compound interest to accrue. Every day that passes without [Social Security] reform diminishes the potential retirement benefits of young workers. The longer we wait, the most difficult the transition to a new system will be.

Today, Baby Boomers are in their peak earning years. Once that generation retires, any transition plan will become much more politically painful.

Public opinion polls show Americans of all ages and political philosophies recognize the need to reform Social Security. The only thing lacking is leadership from Washington. How much longer will elected officials saddle the American people with a Social Security system devised by Germany in the 19th century?

— MICHAEL TANNER  
The Cato Institute  
*The Washington Times* (7/26)

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# California radio talk show host changes registration to Libertarian

**A**nother popular radio talk show host has left the Republican Party and become a Libertarian during a live, on-air broadcast.

Rick Minyard, a #1-rated talk show host on KFIV Radio (AM-1360) in Modesto, California, announced that he had changed his registration to Libertarian during his morning show on June 17th.

"As far as I can tell, the party that represents my views on the majority of the issues is the Libertarian Party," he said about his decision.

Minyard said he made the switch — after years of close ties to the Republican Party — because of the GOP "cave-in" on the disaster relief aid bill in mid-June.

"The straw that broke the camel's back was disaster relief legislation," he said. "I was embarrassed at the Republican cave-in."

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is the Libertarian  
Party."**

disaster relief bill contained a clause that would have guaranteed federal funding during any threatened government shutdown. When President Clinton threatened to veto the bill, the GOP backed down on its demands.

"It's truly a rudderless party," Minyard said. "If this is what it means to be a Republican, then I don't want to be a Republican."

So, during a program that

focused on numerous Republican failures, Minyard announced that he had re-registered as a Libertarian. The response from his listeners, he said, was overwhelmingly positive.

"A flood of people gave me the hurrah," he said. "Dozens of my listeners have congratulated me on registering as a Libertarian and many have joined the party."

Minyard said his decision to switch was helped along by Harry Browne, whom he had interviewed during the 1996 presidential campaign.

"I read Harry Browne's campaign platform, and realized that this is all the things that Republicans promised to do, but didn't," he said.

## Maintain credibility

But even though he has changed his registration, Minyard said he hasn't officially joined the party — so he can maintain his "credibility and objectivity on the air."

But that won't stop him, he promised, from promoting the libertarian philosophy during his show. "I want less government to mean less government — not just slowing its growth," he said.

Minyard's show, the "Morning Express," is ranked #1 among adult males in its time slot. KFIV Radio is one of the top five rated stations among 27 radio stations in California's central valley, reaching from San Francisco to Sacramento.

Minyard joins a number of other prominent radio talk show hosts who have affiliated themselves with the Libertarian Party over the last several years, including Irv Homer (WWDB, Philadelphia, PA), Neil Boortz (WSB, Atlanta, GA), "Lionel" (WABC, New York, NY), Roger Libby (WNNX, Atlanta, GA), and Zoh Hieronimus (WCBM, Baltimore, MD).

## Announcement

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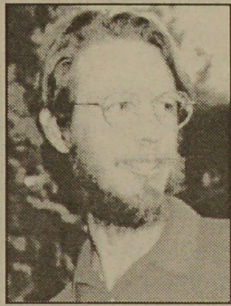
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# INTRIBUTE

## Randy Langhenry

**From 1990 to 1997, Randy Langhenry served as Editor for LP News, before stepping down last month. We ask a few Libertarians who worked with Randy to comment on his legacy — as an editor, a Libertarian, and a friend.**



**R**andy Langhenry exemplified the sense of fairness that journalists are supposed to strive for — and during his seven-year tenure as Editor, he never missed a deadline. As national chair, I have plenty of things to worry about. One of the great joys of working with Randy Langhenry was that I never had to worry about *LP News*.

— **STEVE DASBACH**, LP National Chair

**F**or years, under Randy Langhenry's editorship, *LP News* was the best thing about the party. It served to hold the party together and provided a monthly "meeting place" for Libertarians all across the country. He enhanced our individual sense that we belonged to something that was significant and enduring. He helped remind us that there were thousands of other people just like us, all with the same commitment.

— **PERRY WILLIS**, LP National Director

**R**andy Langhenry's management of *LP News* has been an integral part of the spectacular growth of the LP over these last few years. We will miss his fine work.

— **HARRY BROWNE**, 1996 LP presidential candidate

**R**andy Langhenry was the perfect successor to Karl Hess for *LP News*. His Nice Guy attitude made *LP News* a friendly paper to read and something to look forward to each month. Randy's publication of *LP News* on time every single month without fail for seven years may make him the most reliable Libertarian on the planet. He will be missed.

— **RON CRICKENBERGER**, LP Political Director

**F**or seven years, Randy Langhenry had one of the most difficult jobs in the Libertarian Party: Editing a newspaper for LP members who were sensitive to any perceived ideological misstep, bias, or lack of coverage of their favorite issue. The fact that he did it so well, for so long, with so few complaints, is a tribute to Randy not just as an editor, but as a human being.

— **BILL WINTER**, LP Director of Communications

## LP fundraising "champs" offer training sessions

*Cloud and Goushaw give workshops in California to share their how-to "recipes"*

**T**wo of the Libertarian Party's all-time champion fundraisers have hit the road to teach other LP members the secret "recipe" for raising lots of money for campaigns and LP affiliates.

Barbara Goushaw and Michael Cloud conducted how-to fundraising workshops in Orange County and San Diego, California, over the weekend of July 26th and 27th.

"Give a man a fish, feed him for a day; teach him how to fish, feed him for a lifetime — that was the rationale behind these workshops," said California LP Chair Mark Hinkle. "Libertarian activists and candidates who have fund-raising skills can generate their own funds for Libertarian projects and campaigns. They are no longer dependent on the state or national party for funding."

### Dialing for dollars

The intensive one-day seminars taught Libertarians how to raise their first \$2,500, how to raise the next \$200,000, how to make a campaign or organization "donor-worthy," tips for large donor fund-raising, "dialing for dollars" (telephone fund-raising), direct mail fund-raising, and special event fund-raising.

"Fund-raising is crucial to Libertarian campaign success," said Aaron Starr, campaign manager of two successful Libertarian candidates. "This workshop gives us the tools to raise more money more often for more Libertarian efforts."

Laura McFadden, a longtime LP event organizer who planned

and promoted both workshops, said, "We need more workshops like this and the national party's Success '97."

Cloud and Goushaw have extensive experience in LP fundraising — both from the organizational and campaigning side.

Goushaw managed Jon Coon's 1994 U.S. Senate and 1996 state legislative campaign. She raised over \$200,000 for the 1996 Jon Coon campaign alone.

Cloud organized the Harry Browne for President campaign, is the Libertarian Party's all-time champion banquet fund-raiser, and the creator of the "Essence of Political Persuasion" tapes.

"Michael Cloud and Barbara Goushaw make fund-raising as



■ **Barbara Goushaw: "How To Raise Your Next \$200,000."**

simple and predictable as following a recipe," said new Libertarian Steve Marsland, one of the 38 LP attendees at the two workshops.

■ **Interested in sponsoring the Cloud & Goushaw fundraising workshop in your state?** For information and arrangements, call Michael Cloud at (702) 873-3107.

## Racial Classifications

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rently the head of the American Civil Rights Institute, a non-partisan organization "aimed at educating the public about the problems created by racial and gender preferences."

Meanwhile, Arturo Silva, a spokesman for Project 21, said the group "supports in spirit" the LP's goal of abolishing racial classifications.

Project 21 is a Washington, DC-based group that promotes the views of African-Americans whose views are not represented by the traditional civil rights establishment, and supports "empowering individuals and communities, rather than the government."

### Nationwide TV

The JSNTRC campaign has also started to attract media attention for the party, with LP spokespeople appearing on six radio interviews and a nationwide cable TV program to discuss the issue during the past month.

LP Deputy Director of Communications George Getz was a guest on the *Morning View* program on the NET network on July 30th, and told host Marianne Fogelson that the LP is involved with this issue because "Libertarians want a genuinely colorblind society — and we think that it ought to start with a colorblind government."

The government racial clas-

sifications — and the Census questions that collect information about them — are harmful, said Getz, "because they encourage Americans to think of themselves as members of a group rather than [individual] citizens of a country."

Getz also promoted the JSNTRC campaign via radio interviews in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Indiana, Maine, Montana, and Louisiana.

The party launched the JSNTRC campaign when the federal government, after a three-year study, decided not to abolish its five racial classifications. The five "official" racial categories, created by the Office of Management and Budget in 1977, are White, Black, American Indian/Eskimo, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic.

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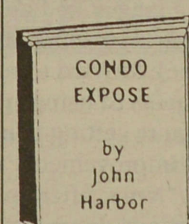
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## From THE EDITOR

# What you want in your LP newspaper

**I know what you want.** Well, I hope I know what you want . . . when it comes to your monthly Libertarian Party newspaper, that is. You see, I just spent the last three weeks reading 904 responses to our recent membership survey that ask: "How can we improve *LP News*?" You responded — and some clear trends emerged.

Here are your most popular answers, and what we're going to do to give you what you want.

### Solutions and Accomplishments

■ **First**, (and scoring highest on our poll), you want to read about Libertarian *solutions* to current problems. We all know what the party believes, you seemed to say — now, how can we put those beliefs into *practice* to help people? So, starting in this issue, we're featuring a new column entitled "Libertarian Solutions," which will explain how Libertarian-style policies can make life better for all Americans.

■ **Second**, you want *more* success stories about Libertarians in office — the 203 office-holding LP members who are cutting taxes, rolling back regulations, and so on. In other words, you want to hear about LP political *accomplishments*: The nuts-and-bolts work of transforming the LP platform from theory to practice. You want it, you got it. We'll make more of an effort to track down those stories, and report them to you.

■ **Third**, you want more "analysis" from a Libertarian perspective about important political and cultural trends. We're living in an exciting time when libertarianism seems to be gaining in popularity and influence — and you want insight on how this might impact our country . . . and what's happening in the broader libertarian movement . . . and which trends represent good (or bad) news about our prospects for freedom. Our article on page 1 (about the reaction to Charles Murray's and David Boaz's books on libertarianism) is the first in what will be a regular series of that kind of "analysis" article.

■ **Fourth**, you wanted Libertarian Party comments on current issues in the news. Some of you already get that perspective via the party's e-mail press releases — and *LP News* has certainly reprinted many of the party's commentaries in the past. However, we can do more. So, we're starting a regular column entitled "The Issues," which will feature highlights of recent LP comments on several newsworthy issues. (See page 9.)

■ **Finally**, many of you requested a better looking *LP News* — more professional, more attractive, with fewer "tacky" or "fringe" advertisements. As you can see, *LP News* has gotten a design face-lift, and we're tightening our standards about what kinds of ads we'll accept, and how they look.

### Bigger transition

All these changes are happening because we want to make *LP News* a more interesting, lively, attractive newspaper that you eagerly look forward to reading. After all, *LP News* is one of the major benefits of being an LP member — and we want you to feel that you're getting your money's worth.

But these improvements are just part of a bigger transition going on at *LP News*. After seven years as editor, Randy Langhenry stepped down last month. In mid-August (after this issue goes to press) the Libertarian National Committee will decide on the future direction for the newspaper. We'll keep you informed of what happens.

But, in the meantime, we wanted to start immediately implementing the changes you requested — and we expect these improvements to continue in the future, no matter who serves as editor. So: Do you like what you see with the "new" *LP News*? Let us know!

—BILL WINTER, Acting Editor, *LP News*

# A "license" to create fewer jobs

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Starting in this issue, *LP News* will feature a regular series of articles entitled "Libertarian Solutions," which will explain how Libertarian answers — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Chip Mellor  
& Clint Bolick  
The Institute for Justice

**A**s is true of most entrepreneurs across the USA, the dreams of New Yorker Vincent Cummins are modest. All he wants to do is transport his neighbors to and from work, affordably and reliably.

In many parts of Brooklyn, public buses are undependable, taxis difficult to find, and automobiles beyond the means of many. An enterprising individual, Cummins tried to work within the city's bureaucracy to get his company on the road. A simple enough ambition, but New York — like many other cities — makes entrepreneurs run a challenging regulatory gauntlet to pursue their dreams.

To begin with, although some 30,000 people currently use such vans daily, New York bans any service that competes with its public bus monopoly. And it permits van services to pick up passengers only on a pre-arranged basis.

Even within these restrictions, Cummins has struggled for five years to navigate the regulatory maze. He has had to prove his vans are well-maintained and insured, his drivers competent, and — the biggest obstacles of all — that the public mass transit system is "inadequate" and that "public convenience and necessity" require his service.

**C**ummins collected nearly 1,000 supportive statements from politicians and commuters, all expressing the need for his yet-to-be-licensed Brooklyn Van Lines. But bowing to pressure from the public transportation union, the City Council Transportation Committee rendered its verdict: application denied.

In a series of reports released by the Institute for Justice, we document examples from numerous cities of over-reaching government regulations that hamper honest enterprise. Consider these:

■ African hairbraiders in California face 1,600 hours of mandatory cosmetology training (none of which actually teaches hairbraiding) to obtain the license to legally braid hair. Many

cannot afford such an investment and therefore operate illegally.

■ In Boston, starting a taxi business is virtually impossible: the number of authorized taxis was set in 1930 and has remained virtually un-changed ever since.

■ In Baltimore, the city operates a public monopoly for trash pick-up. By contrast, neighboring Baltimore County allows 49 private companies to compete to provide trash removal, with high customer satisfaction.

■ In Charlotte, it is illegal to sell home-made baked goods or handicrafts.

■ Storefront businesses in inner-city Detroit that seek to improve or even slightly expand their businesses find that the permit required by the city forces them to provide off-street parking as a condition, even though there is no lack of parking in the neighborhood.

## LIBERTARIAN Solutions

Under the new welfare law, cities and states must move low-skilled people off welfare rolls into jobs. Job creation that produces a dynamic array of entry-level opportunities, particularly in America's urban areas, must be a national priority.

But before politicians seek to create new government employment programs, they would do well to adopt an economic Hippocratic oath: "First do no harm." In cities across the USA, entry-level job seekers today find that the greatest obstacles are

often erected by government. Removal of government-created barriers to honest work would unleash entrepreneurial job creation targeted to individuals of modest means.

Many licenses bear no relationship to legitimate public health and safety concerns. Some arbitrarily limit the number of people who can perform certain jobs. They become the means by which one group obtains a monopoly over an industry at the expense of both consumers and would-be competitors.

**W**hile some entry-level entrepreneurs abandon their efforts, others persevere but operate underground, where they are subject to arrest, fines, and confiscation. As long as they remain economic outsiders, they can never advertise or obtain the capital needed to expand their businesses and employ others.

We should do everything possible to foster community-based enterprises currently held hostage to archaic and arbitrary laws. Cities and states should review all licensing laws and eliminate those that are not tailored to serve public health and safety purposes. Courts should strike down those that deny essential economic liberty: The right to earn an honest living.

Welfare reform makes such efforts imperative. In a nation whose moral claim is staked on free enterprise, regulatory barriers that stand in opportunity's way must be removed.

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## THE MAILBOX

### Claim Respect!

I suggest a simple "action item" to increase the recognition of libertarianism. I get frustrated when I read about the "left-right spectrum" or see programs like *Crossfire* and *Equal Time* reinforcing the notion that there are only two political philosophies: Conservative and liberal.

I encourage libertarians to react to this mind-set whenever it occurs with letters and copies of the "World's Smallest Political Quiz."

Too many liberals think libertarians are "ultra-conservatives"

and too many conservatives think we are "ultra-liberals," which keeps them from taking a closer look at us. We need to let people know that libertarianism is a philosophy every bit as unique as liberalism and conservatism. In fact, it is more meaningful, since libertarians are a lot more consistent.

Libertarianism deserves to be recognized as a major political philosophy along with liberalism and conservatism. Let's claim the respect we deserve!

SCOTT FROST  
Seattle, Washington

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# THE MAILBOX

## Infomercial?

Has it occurred to anyone that a compelling means of getting the Libertarian message out to a broad-based public might be through the use of an infomercial?

I realize that television time is extremely expensive, but infomercials do not run in the most expensive time slots. They generally run late-night to early morning, and early on weekends. It should be financially possible to conduct a test market for feasibility by selecting an appropriate local market. And the format allows enough time to clearly explain the Libertarian option.

If televangelists can sell God and eternal salvation so successfully on TV, why can't we Libertarians sell America back to its citizens?

**SUSAN BEST**  
Beatty, Nevada

## ■ NATIONAL DIRECTOR PERRY

**WILLIS RESPONDS:** You're absolutely right. An infomercial/video tape would be a powerful outreach tool. It's also one of the things our members request most. But if we're going to do one, we need to do it right, and doing it right would cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

We did produce a 30-minute video during the Browne/Jorgensen campaign, but that fell far short of what's actually needed for the party. The good news is that as our membership recruitment plans bear fruit, we should

gain the resources to do this project. And we will! Stay tuned.

## Open Borders

Regarding Thomas Theus' comment (*LP News*, August 1997) that "the open border policy is out of touch with common sense:" I'd like to point out to him that a closed-border policy is what would be *really* out of touch with

**"I WONDER if a majority of LP members really know what it means to be a libertarian."**

common sense. After all, the only kind of closed-border policy that could really keep 'em out would be to build a Berlin-style wall, and even that wouldn't be 100% successful, as former East German government leaders can attest.

All "closing" the border would accomplish would be to make it more dangerous to help people and supplies get across anyway, while giving American manufacturers incentives to drive prices higher and while giving American labor incentives to hold employers ransom for higher wages without comparable increases in productivity.

On the other hand, an open-border policy helps keep prices down and encourages business-people to "think globally, act locally." By this I mean that American business should have to compete in a *global* marketplace, not just a parochially local marketplace.

If anything, we should open the border wider, not cut ourselves off from Mexico. Or Canada. Or anywhere else for that matter.

**WALT THIESSEN**  
Naugatuck, Connecticut

## Question Immigration

In both the July, 1997 and August, 1997 issues of *LP News*, letters appeared questioning the Libertarian Party's position on immigration. Both of these letters disturbed me greatly, because I began to wonder whether a majority of Libertarian Party members really know what it means to be a libertarian.

If the LP stands for anything, it stands in support of the natural rights of every human being on the planet, regardless of their country of birth. Common sense tells us that if an American citizen has the natural right to live and work in the U.S., then so does a Mexican citizen, or, for that matter, a citizen of any nation on Earth.

As a purely practical consideration, it is not in the long-term interest of the LP to be unprincipled. Let the Republican Party be the natural home of racist, sexist xenophobes. We can never compete with the Demopublicans by advocating the same policies they do.

**MARK W. STROBERG**  
Alameda, California

## Widespread Opinion?

Although I am confident that Mr. Robson's opinion about immigration is not widespread within the Libertarian Party, I felt compelled to respond to his letter in the July issue, in which he proposed that the party reconsider its commitment to open immigration. If the party were to abandon this commitment, it probably would lose most of its

current members. (It certainly would lose me).

I hope that Mr. Robson will read the platform and realize that its integrity depends on making each plank consistent with its stated basic principle ("all individuals have the right to . . . live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose").

**KELLY RUSSELL SIMPSON**  
Redwood City, California

# THE PULSE

**W**hat's on your mind? We'll try to answer that question in *The Pulse* — a new *LP News* column which will try to keep a finger on "the pulse" of Libertarian Party members.

Actually, that's not quite right. We're going to let *you* tell us what's on your mind, by responding to a series of monthly "public opinion polls."

Every month in *The Pulse*, we'll ask an open-ended question about some political, cultural, or strategic issue of interest to Libertarians. The following month, we'll report back the results. We'll tell you which answers were most popular (with percentages), and print a dozen or so of the most interesting or representative responses.

Of course, these *Pulse* polls won't be scientifically accurate, but that's not the point. We just want to have some fun, find out which issues Libertarians agree (and disagree) on, and maybe learn a little bit from each other.

## Pulse Question of the Month:

**What is the single most important political issue that the Libertarian Party should focus on? And why?**

In other words: What *single* issue should the party and its candidates highlight — in order to win more public support and/or votes? Tell us exactly what the issue is, and briefly explain why you think it's so important. (Please keep your answers to 100 words or less.)

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**When is the deadline?** September 10th, 1997.

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**BOB ABBOTT**

Bethesda, Maryland

## Protest Criticism

As one who participated in the Atlanta tax protest recently featured in the *LP News*, I must respond to a reader's criticism of the event.

I take issue with the assertion that a libertarian's tolerance must include "a tolerance for people working as tax collectors." Tolerance is reserved for those with opposing views, not for those who initiate force.

Can the letter-writer forget that force is what the IRS and its armies of tax collectors use every day to extract the fruits of our labor from us? This point is not debatable. IRS agents carry guns to separate you from your money if necessary.

I'm sorry that the letter writer was bothered by the protest, but I do not intend to stop participating in such events. I'm sure that there were those who urged the colonists not to dump tea into Boston harbor. No doubt many urged the allies to leave Nazi Germany to its fascist ways. But I would hope that Libertarians' innate tendencies toward tolerance and fairness would not lead to them to be tolerant of tyranny.

**NOELLE STETTNER**

Arlington, Virginia

## Mindless Consumers

I frowned while reading Jacob Sullivan's reprint "Heroin Chic" in the Talking Points section of the July 1997 *LP News*.

He rightfully states that people should be portrayed as independent moral agents rather than mindless automatons. The problem, as I see it, is we can be mindless consumers. The corporate elite and their advertisers set consumption standards above and beyond what the average person can handle.

To economists, "standard of living" means essentially "more stuff;" technology or the latest style means a better life and people spend their lives working to buy more of it without looking at the long-term, hidden environmental costs. It's a form of addiction which liquidates the

planet's irreplaceable natural capital for short-term gain. How close we are to the moment of truth is anybody's guess but, as with heroin, why take chances?

**KIM R. KOTHEIMER**

Boardman, Ohio

## No Abortion Stand

I think it would be a good idea if the LP removed the pro-choice stand on the abortion issue. Although I am pro-choice myself, I think that taking a pro-choice position alienates the anti-abortionists and prevents many of them from joining the LP.

Taking no stand on the issue would mean that the LP does not think the government should take one side or the other, and that it is up to individuals to decide for themselves based on their own view of morality. To take a pro-choice stand means that the LP doesn't respect the moral values of all of its members, and that protecting unborn fetuses is not a morally valid position. I think this is hurting the growth of the party.

**JOSH CORN**

Redlands, California

## Where's the Proof?

In the June 1997 *LP News* (p.1), party Chair Steve Dasbach is quoted as saying "third graders still can't read." I was shocked to find this out!

It seems to me that whenever such extreme statements are made, your reporters should request the evidence behind such remarks and if the evidence is not forthcoming, refuse to print them.

Such unsubstantiated statements, I submit, make it more difficult for those of us who try to urge others to join the Libertarian Party.

**JOHN D. HANCOCK**

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■ **EDITOR'S RESPONSE:** In April, President Clinton called for one million volunteers to "help every student read by the end of the third grade" — strongly suggesting that current government schools haven't been able to accomplish that goal. (*The Washington Times*, April 28, 1997).

A Walter Williams column (August 1, 1997) reported that 33% of Washington DC's third-graders failed the reading portion of the Stanford Achievement Tests. One grade later, 40% of the nation's fourth-graders "read below the basic level," reported the *Washington Post* (August 8, 1997).

In all, *The Washington Times* reported, 15 million American children are considered "at-risk"

for illiteracy. (February 26, 1997).

## The Anti-Party?

"I am an American — now, foremost, and forever!"

I have just been wondering recently how many people in this country would subscribe, even sign their name to, this tenet.

All of our ancestors traveled to this new land in search of dreams and personal freedoms, from every other country on earth. They risked so much to enable themselves and their descendants to work out their problems and aspirations in their own individual ways without the interference of dictatorial governments. I am proud of my ancestors courage and sacrifice. Yes, I honor their memory.

We are a people so diverse in culture, in race, in religion, in beliefs, in economic desires, in dreams, goals, and life priorities. And this diversity can be a great strength for us — or it can be a great weakness. For if we focus only upon our differences or only upon one's individual group, we forget to respect all others around us as fellow human beings, fellow Americans.

I've been a Libertarian for the

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last two years. It has been a good experience. I just believe we should be a party focusing on some positives — like being Americans first, personal freedom to make our own choices of life, treating everyone equally on benefits and taxes, respect for all persons everywhere at all times — not a party just being anti-government, anti-taxes, anti-this, and anti-that. We need to be for something, too.

**STEVEN C. RUSSELL**

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## Just Say Yes

Here's an idea: Instead of defying the 2000 Census racial question ("LP urges nationwide

boycott of government's 'official' racial categories," August *LP News*), let's steal a page from Ghandi — fill in *all* of the racial classifications!

Let's tell our country that we are *all* white, black, Hispanic, Islander, Native American, because *we really are!*

**KEN PARMALEE**

Rex, Georgia

## Recruit Gun Owners

I would like to state my support for Brett Bellmore's suggestion in the July 1997 *LP News* that we actively recruit gun owners.

My only objection is that groups like the NRA are too tied to the Republicans. The NRA leadership would vote for Hitler if he ran as a Republican, which is why I no longer contribute to the NRA. A lot of other gun owners feel the same way, as evidenced by the 20% drop in NRA membership over the last few years.

On the other hand, the growing disfavor with the large groups is our opportunity to recruit individual gun owners. A full page ad in *Guns & Ammo* was suggested. I think this is a great idea.

**CHRISTOPHER MINA**

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# News flash: 32,000,000 "Libertarians"

Get the sense that you're seeing the word "Libertarian" more frequently in the media these days?

It's not wishful thinking: The "L-word" has appeared in print in the United States at least 32 million times over three previous months, according to figures from the Libertarian Party's clipping services.

"We're getting closer to the day when Americans will be able to pick up a newspaper *every day* and read about the libertarian movement," said LP Deputy Director of Communications George Getz.

According to Bacon's Information, Inc., a clipping service that tracks newspaper and magazine stories for the Libertarian Party, during April, May, and June, the word "Libertarian" was mentioned in 18 magazines and 177 newspapers with a combined circulation of 32,209,461. Total readership is probably higher, since most publications have additional pass-along readers.

Included in that total were LP press releases; LP op-ed pieces (which appeared in nine newspapers with a combined circulation of over 1 million); and news stories about Libertarian affiliate

parties, legal action, and Libertarians' political campaigns.

"Our clipping service sends us any story that mentions the word 'Libertarian' — so some of those stories were about libertarian organizations like the Cato Institute, or civil-libertarian issues, or about general political trends," said Getz. "But a majority of the stories specifically mentioned the Libertarian Party."

## Daily Rocket-Miner

Publications with libertarian coverage ran the gamut from media powerhouses like the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and *USA Today* to small newspapers like the *Daily Rocket-Miner* (circulation: 7,809) in Rock Springs, Wyoming and the *Neosho Daily News* (circulation: 4,775) in Montana.

Stories about libertarianism also cropped up in unlikely places — like *Backwoods Home Magazine*, the *Daily Legal News* magazine, *Database* magazine, and *Creative Loafing* newspaper.

"When everyone from the *New York Times* to *Backwoods Home Magazine* is writing about us, you know we're making progress!" said Getz.

If current trends keep up, the word "Libertarian" should appear in print more than 100 million times this year, Getz noted.

# The real third party?

Which political party is America's real third party? The Libertarian Party, says a source that ought to know: *The World Almanac of U.S. Politics*.

In its new 1997-1999 edition, the *Almanac* writes that despite the media attention lavished on Ross Perot's Reform Party, "In truth . . . the most complete third party currently is the Libertarian Party."

The *Almanac* acknowledged that the LP has yet to achieve a breakthrough at the presidential level, but notes: "It got its presidential and vice-presidential candidates on all state ballots in 1996 and has been successful in fielding slates of candidates for offices other than president."

LP Chairman Steve Dasbach responded: "For years, we've been arguing that we're America's only credible third party. It's nice that the *World Almanac of U.S. Politics* — a respected, impartial source — now confirms that fact."



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September 6-7, 1997:

Success '97, Kansas City, MO. For information call 202-333-0008.

## September 27-28, 1997:

Success '97, Austin, Texas. For information call 202-333-0008.

## October 18-19, 1997:

**Maryland LP Convention** and Campaign Workshop,  
Gaithersburg, Maryland. For information call 410-239-0396.

## October 18, 1997:

**New Hampshire LP Convention**, Holiday Inn, Nashua. For  
information call 603-627-3666. Speakers include Nadine  
Strossen, Jacob Hornberger, and Barbara Goushaw.

## October 18-19, 1997:

Success '97, Los Angeles, CA. For information call 202-333-0008.

## October 25, 1997:

**Hawaii LP Convention**. For information call 808-487-4959.  
Speakers include Marshall Fritz and Jacob Hornberger.

## October 25, 1997

**Defender of Liberty Awards Banquet**. Featuring David  
Boaz of the Cato Institute, Jon Coon, and Michael Cloud. Ad-  
vance reservations required. At the Northfield Hilton in Troy,  
Michigan. Call Dianne Szabla for tickets at 248-626-6322. Or e-  
mail Barbara Goushaw at BGoush@aol.com.

## October 30, 1998:

**Heartland Institute's 13th Anniversary Benefit & Dinner**,  
at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois. For informa-  
tion, call 847-202-3060.

## November 8-9, 1997:

Success '97, Denver. For information call 202-333-0008.

## November 15-16, 1997:

**SLAM! State Libertarian Activists' Meeting**, Las Colinas  
Wingate Inn, near Dallas/Fort Worth airport. For more informa-  
tion call Texas LP Chairman Jay Manifold at 972-405-8634.

## January 24, 1998

**Mississippi LP convention** at the Ramada Inn in Jackson.  
Speakers: To be announced. For information, call 601-894-1110.

## April 17-19, 1998:

**Indiana LP Convention**. For information, call 800-814-1776.

## May 9, 1998:

**West Virginia LP Convention**, Charleston. For information call  
John Brown at 800-950-3421. Speakers include Jacob Hornberger,  
Mary Ruwart, Steve Dasbach, & Wallace Johnson.

## July 2-5, 1998:

**Libertarian Party National Convention**, Washington, DC;  
for information call 202-333-0008.

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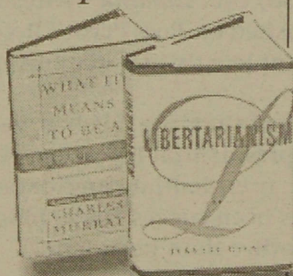
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# FIRST WORD

**A**merica is essentially a Libertarian country; one based on democracy, pri-  
vate property, personal liberty and free markets. We were the *first* nation  
ever founded on those ideals. The vast majority of Americans are at least  
selectively libertarian. But libertarianism is more than a vague, occasional  
impulse. It's also a coherent and hard-headed political philosophy that offers  
persuasive answers to a range of problems."

— STEPHEN CHAPMAN, *The Chicago Tribune* (Illinois), January 26, 1997

**T**he truth of the matter is that this country's founding fathers were on the  
libertarian scale of the political continuum. And the country is swinging  
back to those core principles."

— DAN E. WAY, *Delta Democrat Times* (Greenville, Mississippi), June 22, 1997