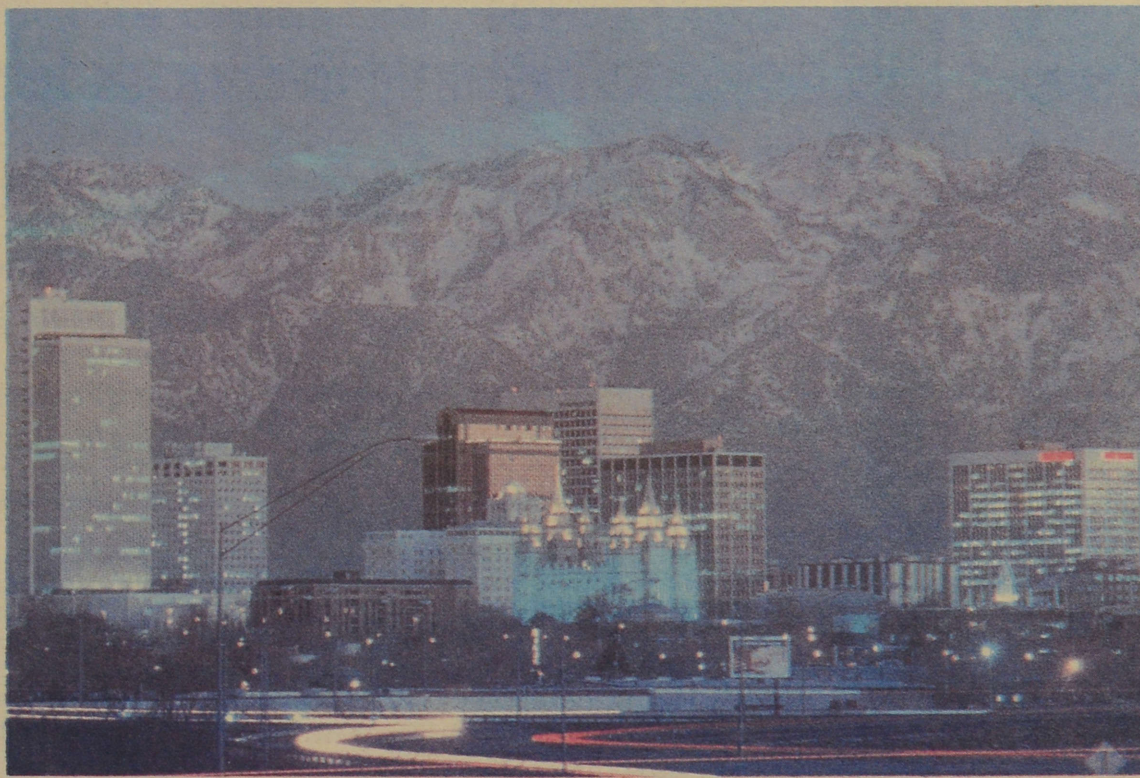


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## Celebrate Liberty!



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SALT LAKE CITY - Libertarians from across the country and around the world will be gathering in Salt Lake City, UT, Sept. 2-5, to Celebrate Liberty! at the 1993 Libertarian Party national convention. It's not too late to plan to attend. For more information, call 801-582-3318.

# Watchdogs

## LP forms Shadow Cabinet to offer public policy alternatives

**L**ibertarian Party National Chair Mary T. Gingell recently unveiled a list of distinguished policy experts who have agreed to serve as members of the Libertarian Party's shadow cabinet.

One cabinet member was a member of President Ronald Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, and another is the former chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Cabinet members also include a former congressman and a Johnson administration Pentagon official.

"These people know more about what should be done than the people now in the Clinton cabinet," Gingell said. According to Gingell, the shadow cabinet secretaries will watch closely what their counterparts in the Clinton administration do and then publicly offer advice and criticism in their specific policy areas.

Gingell said that the Libertarian Party had not been "narrowly partisan" in selecting the members of the shadow cabinet. "Many of the cabinet members are not registered Libertarians." They were chosen on "a non-partisan basis," she said, and because of "their expertise and records of achievement."

This cabinet, she said, will "put some ginger in the public dialogue" and present arguments for the Libertarian policies of "free enterprise, free trade, respect for the Bill of Rights, and not meddling overseas."

Milton Friedman, Nobel Laureate in economics and University of Chicago professor emeritus, called the Libertarian cabinet "a collection of highly knowledgeable and independent experts." He said the cabinet will provide "an authoritative evaluation" of the "likely impact of public policies on human freedom."

Professor Aaron Wildavsky, former dean of the School of Public Policy of the University of California at Berkeley and past president of the American Political Science Association, said that the Libertarian Party's shadow cabinet will present "a genuine opposition to the

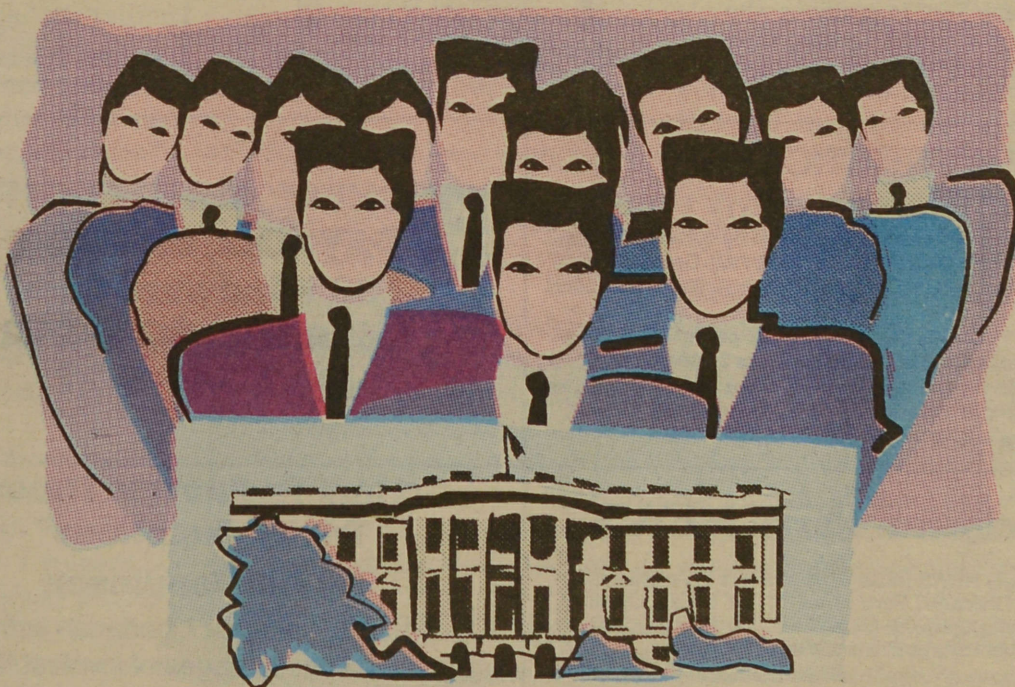


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major parties." Its members, he said, will "enliven our public debate and enrich our policy alternatives" by presenting "well-conceived and genuinely different ideas."

Professor Joseph P. Kalt, academic dean for research of the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, described the shadow cabinet as a "group of distinguished individuals." The cabinet, he said, "can, and will, do a great service for the country." According to Kalt, "the time is right for real debate on the threat to our liberty."

Stephen Chapman, *Chicago Tribune* syndicated columnist, called the Libertarian cabinet "a group of principled thinkers who know federal policy inside and out." Chapman said he expects the shadow cabinet to be "a source of daring alternatives to Washington's

usual prescriptions—alternatives combining practical wisdom with an unwavering commitment to human freedom."

Doug Bandow, Copley News Service columnist, said: "Finally a cabinet that actually knows something about policy. This group of experts should liven up America's political debate."

Joanne Jacobs, Knight-Ridder syndicated columnist, pointed to the programmatic consistency of the Libertarian cabinet in contrast with "the policy disarray" in the Clinton cabinet. She said, "This looks like a cabinet with consistent policy ideas across the board—ideas that belong in America's policy debate."

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# Distraction

## Let's put the debate behind us, work for liberty

This issue of the NEWS is probably the last issue that most of you will receive before the Salt Lake City national convention, and so I guess this wraps up the Great Debate over the platform and the member certification.

Readers have seen articles on all sides of the issues at stake and read numerous letters to the editor as well. Some of you feel strongly on one or both sides of each of these issues, and I do not intend to reiterate the arguments here. Enough is enough.

All that remains is that the delegates you have selected go to Utah and make some serious decisions on these issues. And then I suspect that the party will "shake out," to a certain degree. There will be people who will feel so strongly about a particular part of one of these issues that they will leave the party—to the extent these people are good, productive LP activists, that will be a great loss.

To the extent the people who leave are the carpers, the back-biters, the people who have spent the last eight months (and most likely months before that) griping and criticizing and not adding value to the Libertarian effort, it will be a blessing to the party to be rid of those people.

After the dust settles, the people who remain active in the party will push forward and will advance the cause of liberty. I am sure of that. Unfortunately, some of those people have been sidetracked for the last eight months over the Great Debate, and that has been unfortunate, to say the least.

Progress has been made, even under the adversity of these last eight months. Let me say "Thank You" to everyone who struggled to keep working, to keep their own spirits up, to buoy the spirits of others



From the Chair

Mary Gingell  
National Chair

in the face of this distraction. I would name names; fortunately, however, the list is too long, and I'd be sure to leave someone out inadvertently. So a general thank you will have to suffice. It comes from my heart. In fact, thank you to all who contributed to the party in a positive fashion, either financially or in other ways, during my term as national chair. You made the good things happen, in spite of some major distractions.

I love the ideals and goals of the Libertarian Party. I truly believe that we are the hope of the future. I have been torn apart watching some of the bitter, behind-the-scenes bickering that has taken place since the December National Committee meeting. Luckily, many of you have not been exposed to the worst of it. But I have, and I hope I never see such a thing happen in the LP again.

Yes, there are clearly issues to be resolved, and I know the delegates will do that. Please, I ask each member reading this column, counsel the delegates from

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your state to come to Salt Lake City ready to have serious, reasoned, calm, rational discussion, and to make wise decisions so we can get moving full speed again.

Let's get this Great Debate behind us. And let's hope that the party we have on Sept. 5 is stronger, more committed than ever to achieving individual freedom in this country, and that we don't ever let this kind of poisonous distraction happen again.

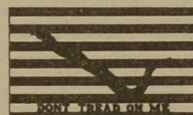
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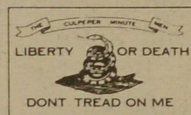
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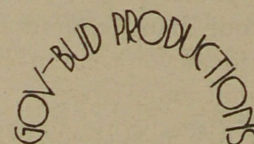
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# NatCom candidate

## Karen Allard of WA seeking national vice chair position

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"We need strong affiliate parties, and we need good local candidates who can take our message to the people in our communities and get elected," Allard said. "I believe my skills as an organizer and manager can help facilitate better communication between the national LP and the local affiliate parties. We can be the political party of the 21st century with hard work, dedicated and professional volunteers, and more political success."

Allard has been a Libertarian since 1979 and has been a member of the Libertarian Party of Washington State Executive Committee since 1984, including three terms as

chair. She served one term on the national committee as Region 1 Representative and membership chair from 1989-1991. Allard currently manages the national LP tele-marketing area and is coordinating the large donor program events at the national convention. She has been a candidate for the Washington State legislature in 1984, 1986, and 1992, and a candidate for the

Tacoma school board in 1985. Allard also organizes a successful supper club called the Puget Sound Supper Club, which she started in 1987.

She and her husband, Jack, and son Gregg, are Tacoma residents. They have a 7-year-old son, Gregg, and Allard will speak at the national convention on home schooling.

Allard has a bachelor of science degree in nursing and works part-time as a nurse consultant on elder care issues for a private case management company and as a visiting nurse for a private home care agency. She is a volunteer nurse in the cardiac rehabilitation program at the local YMCA, and in her spare time enjoys boating in Puget Sound and gardening.



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## Summertime brings LP activities all across the country

### California

The LP of Santa Clara County spearheaded a drive to defeat several school-financing proposals that would have increased taxes significantly. Local Libertarians suggested that what the schools needed was not more money, but less bureaucracy, as well as a system of choice to force competition. Both measures lost in a special election in early June.

### Florida

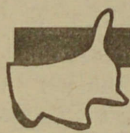
The state party recently elected the following new officers: **William P. Bragg Jr.**, chair; **Dean Crumly**, vice chair; **Susan DeBusk**, secretary; and **Douglas E. Price**, treasurer.

Statewide Libertarian voter registration increased 91.8 percent from 1990 to 1992. There are now 22 county affiliate parties statewide.

### Hawaii

In early June, the state Supreme Court decided to hear LP activist **Lloyd Jeffrey Mallan's** challenge to the state's prohibition on marijuana. His argument is built around the "privacy provision" of the state Constitution. The privacy clause disallows government from using police power against its citizens unless it can show a compelling interest.

During Mallan's campaign for a congressional seat in 1990, he was arrested in a parking lot for a very small amount of marijuana (.067 grams) found in the armrest of the car he was sitting in. No one, except Mallan, was present in the area until undercover police appeared in an unmarked car. With publicity surrounding the arrest, **Jack Schweigert**, a prominent civil rights attorney, agreed to represent Mallan. At the trial, Schweigert presented experts and information about the harmlessness and benefits of marijuana. The state presented no arguments to



### National pulse

#### News from the states

show that it had a compelling interest to prohibit marijuana. Schweigert, in 1992, ran for mayor of Honolulu as a Libertarian.

### Indiana

LP activist **Steve Dillon's** interview with **Erin T. Hollinden** about drug laws made the front cover of Nuvo, the newsweekly magazine of Indianapolis. Nuvo is read by about 120,000 people each week.

### Iowa

According to **Mark Hagerman**, past state chair, the state party has been actively growing and revitalizing. "One of the reasons for this growth is the visits to Iowa by the field organizer from the national LP, **Joseph Knight**," said Hagerman. "I hope that all states will have the opportunity to have Joseph Knight in their area. Iowa has definitely benefited from his campus organizing efforts and so will others."

### Kentucky

**Dick Dickinson** has set up "The Libertarian Net" for ham operators. The net meets Thursdays at 9 p.m. (EDT) to discuss libertarian ideas and current events from the libertarian perspective. You can tune in at 3.950 megahertz.

New state party officers include: **Jim Ridenour**, chair; **John Kilpatrick**, vice chair; **Dennis Lacy**, secretary; and **Joe Wartman**, treasurer.

### Massachusetts

Every Saturday during the summer, Libertarians **Jeff Chase** and **Geoff Weil** are conducting "Operation Politically Homeless" in Harvard Square in Cambridge.

On July 4, the LP sponsored a fund-raising road rally. Proceeds went to help **Galit Dukach** try to win a seat on the Cambridge City Council. After the rally, a picnic was held at Revere Beach.

### Minnesota

The following new state officers were recently elected: **Caryn Cohen**, chair; **Paul Streeter**, vice chair; **Jack Stecher**, secretary; and **Rich Kleinow**, treasurer.

Party members are gearing up for their "biggest outreach effort of the year," the Minnesota State Fair. The fair runs from Aug. 26 to Sept. 6, and **Logan Quinn** and **Paul Streeter** are coordinating the LP's activities.

### Mississippi

**Will Chipman**, state chair, reports in the latest state newsletter that activist **Jack Mundy** of Hattiesburg has been setting up LP booths and displaying LP material at state gun shows for some time now. **Tom Schuster** of Jackson also has been active in trying to build the state party.

At the Greenville Mainstream Arts and Crafts Festival, Catfish Race, and Chili Cook-off, a catfish named "Liberty Belle" was entered in the race in the name of the LP. Liberty Belle won its heat but lost in the finals. When race sponsor and libertarian **Ken Cazalas**, editor of the *Delta Democrat Times*, was asked the significance of this victory, he replied, "Now when someone asks how the Libertarian Party is doing in Mississippi, you can honestly say, 'We're winning races!'"

### Missouri

**Rep. Mel Hancock** (R-MO) recently spoke at a meeting sponsored by the **St. Louis Area Libertarians**. Hancock spoke against the \$315 million tax increase recently approved for education by the state legislature and signed into law by the governor.

**Ed Hoag** is the LP's candidate for state representative in a special election to be held Aug. 3. Hoag, 37, is a disabled veteran and a member of the NRA and the NAACP. "My campaign will concentrate on three issues: taxes, crime, and welfare reform," Hoag said.

LP member **Mary Lou Graham** has started a project to plant trees, shrubs, and flowers all over Galena, KS. Graham has sought volunteer support and has made sure the project is not government operated, nor are taxpayers forced to pay for this community improvement. As Graham puts it, "Environment, ecology! Yes, we care!"

### New Hampshire

Libertarian state Rep. **Calvin Warburton** "brought down the house" at a recent testimonial dinner for House Democratic Leader Rick Trombly. Warburton offered the following invocation: "Almighty God—bless this food to our needs and us to Thy service. We come tonight to praise Democratic Leader and acting Speaker Rick Trombly, but not so much to praise him as to wish him well in the future."

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# HIT 'EM WHERE THEY AIN'T: The Map

By: Jim Burns with Ray Derryberry

## DISCLAIMER

A map is merely a representation of a piece of territory. It may be a useful tool, helping you to get from point A to point B, but you cannot reach your destination by merely looking at the map. You must look at the land around you as you travel, physically acting upon what you see, and using the map as a guide to help you make decisions.

## STRATEGY

When faced by an opponent possessing superior force, you may overcome that opponent by finding his weakness, consolidating and focusing your resources at that point, and attacking using superior technology and techniques.

If we were to allocate the bulk of our presidential campaign resources into one state (New Hampshire) after the primary, and if we were to run a better campaign than the Democrats, Republicans, and Perot, we can win, or at least do very well.

The color of political blood is green. Possessing large amounts of money does not guarantee a victory (look at Perot '92), but without money you are rarely considered a player. The LP has always had the problem of never being able to obtain enough money to be considered a player in the game. In order to achieve the victory we seek, we must raise a lot of money. We cannot be under-funded as we have been in the past.

## TACTICS

1. We should begin the campaign no later than the spring of 1994.
2. We should run a team comprised of a Presidential Candidate (PC) and a Vice-Presidential Candidate (VP).
3. During the first year of the campaign, we should go on tour once a month for six days, alternating months between the PC and the VP.
4. In early spring 1995, the campaign should increase the tours to twelve days per month. The PC touring for six days and the VP touring for six days.
5. Shortly after the Presidential Primary in New Hampshire, The PC should move to New Hampshire.
6. Once the PC is settled, the PC should campaign full time, spending three weeks in New Hampshire, and one week on tour.
7. In the spring of 1996, the VP should campaign full time, touring for six days, and returning home for six days.
8. The campaign should attend as many LP conventions as possible, with either the PC or the VP in attendance. The larger conventions such as those held in California, Texas, Florida, and so forth, should be attended by both the PC and the VP.
9. We should have two Assistants, one for the PC and one for the VP. The duties of the Assistants should include (a) being responsible for overseeing the tours, (b) going on tour with their candidate, (c) introducing the candidate, (d) at LP meetings, making the pitch for money, and seeking volunteers for the campaign, (e) recording to video the presentation of the candidate, and (f) all other things necessary and proper for a second in command.
10. We should have three field coordinators. The duties of the field coordinators should include (a) arranging the tours, including but not limited to arranging interviews with the media, arranging presentations before groups outside LP circles, and for local and state LP groups, (b) phoning local LP members to invite attendance at meetings, (c) seek help from volunteers to help the campaign locally, (d) record to video the audience at presentations by candidates, and (e) all other things necessary and proper to promote the campaign.
11. We should have a direct mail coordinator.

12. We should be "evangelical" in seeking potential LP members, concentrating in New England, and New Hampshire in particular. We should seek to perfect a system such as is used by the Advocates for Self Government in order to bring new people into the LP.

13. We should actively seek Federal Matching funds, placing them in trust until all funds are received, then hire an armored truck with security guards, convert the money into one dollar bills, call the media, and deliver the money to that governmental office which accepts donations to help pay for the national debt, thereby returning that money to its rightful owners, the taxpayers. For an explanation of this tactic, please refer back to "HIT 'EM WHERE THEY AIN'T, PART IV".

14. We should target a budget of \$1.5 million: approximately five hundred thousand dollars for general campaign expenses, five hundred fifty thousand dollars for New Hampshire TV ads, one hundred fifty thousand dollars each for direct mail and radio ads, and fifty thousand dollars each for newspaper ads, outdoor ads, and hand out pamphlets.

15. We should allocate an increasing percentage of revenue to advertising as the campaign builds, and revenue increases. For example: 10% of the first \$100,000, and increasing to higher percentages as November, 1996 approaches.

16. We should only engage in paid political advertising for the last ten weeks of the campaign. Advertising spots should be purchased in advance, beginning on the last day before elections and continuing backward until all needed space is obtained. Furthermore, more money should be allocated to the end of the advertising campaign than the beginning.

17. We should divide New Hampshire into its smallest political units (precinct, ward, or borough), and work to cover the entire state in an organized fashion. The PC should do door-to-door work with a team of volunteers. We should have coffee clatches, barbecues, and town-hall-type meetings. The PC should try to meet as many of the people of New Hampshire as is possible.

18. We should not rely on our own personal views as to the most important issues of the campaign, especially for advertisements, but use volunteers to determine through polling the issues that (a) are most important to the residents of New Hampshire, (b) concur with the beliefs of the LP, and (c) to which all of the major opponents stand opposed.

19. In dealing with volunteers we should try to follow what I will call Jim's Golden Rules: (a) always remember that they are not obligated to donate their time, (b) always listen to what they have to say, (c) show them through word and deed that we are happy and grateful for their support, (d) allow them to do as they please as much as is possible, (e) do not assume that they already know what needs to be done and how, and (f) say thank you often and give what rewards we have to give.

20. A newsletter should be developed (called "Thank You") to be sent to those individuals who contribute \$25 or more to the campaign. The purpose of this newsletter will be to inform the individual of the campaign's progress and development, and invite continued support of the campaign.

## STRATEGY AND TACTICS

The word 'strategy' implies long-term goals, while 'tactics' are individual maneuvers employed to achieve a short-term goal. The strategy serves as a map, and the tactics are the physical exertions we use to get to where we are going. I will now submit some justifications for the tactics offered above.

A VP candidate is required, especially so early, in order to divide the tours between the two candidates, thus easing some of the pressure on the PC. After all, we will be asking the candidates to run a campaign from early 1994 until November 1996.

The purpose of the tours is to generate revenue. We should actively pursue media attention which lends credibility to a campaign, which in turn helps raise money. The tours should include groups outside LP circles, allowing the campaign to make more contacts and broaden the revenue base. I believe that most of

the money raised for the campaign will be generated through direct mail. Direct mail is most effective when personal contact has been made before the letters are sent, and followed through with once the letters are received. In order for this campaign to be productive, we must raise a lot of money.

It has been my experience that successful meetings require three things: (a) an interesting speaker or subject matter, (b) an informative mailing before the meeting for notification, and (c) telephone follow-up inviting people to attend the meetings. Media interviews and outside meetings require contacts and follow-through in order to be successful. All of these things must be done, and must be done by people. I suggest that these, among other things, be done by the field coordinators.

The short-term and long-term goals of the LP include increasing LP membership. We have not, as of yet, developed an adequate recruitment program. In doing so, we would not only benefit the campaign, but also the LP in general.

In the past, LP presidential campaigns have run on budgets approximating \$700,000, but this plan calls for just over twice that amount. That is why this plan suggests that the campaign begin early. It takes money to make money, and the money spent early in the campaign will help to generate larger revenues during the entire length of the campaign.

The largest chunk of the budget is allocated to T.V. advertising. While this is important, it is not the only element crucial to the success of the campaign. Radio and Newspaper ads, as well as hand-outs are also necessary. The budget breakdowns reflect what I feel to be the best proportions for carrying out a thorough campaign.

## CONCLUSION

Knowing what needs to be done is not the same as doing it. A map, no matter how precisely accurate, will do you no good until you put one foot in front of the other and take that first step. The map outlined above does not require 100% participation from LP members, but it does require that many members do become involved. The early stages of the campaign are crucial. If you like the map, and you believe in what the LP stands for, then you are crucial to its success. Take that first step that will propel the LP to its desired destination: Victory in '96. Remember that Clinton lost New Hampshire, yet he claimed victory. If we were to win New Hampshire and get in the single digits nationally, we would be on our way. Do we turn the LP around or stay as we are? It is up to you. What will you do?

## FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS

Feedback and comments, pro and con, are greatly appreciated. If you think that the Hit 'Em Where They Ain't proposal is a good one, send me your pledge (no money, please) along with your name, address, 9-digit zip code, and phone number. If you think that the idea is flawed, tell me what's wrong with it and I'll try to correct it. If you think that the idea is totally nuts, try to convince me. If I decide that you are correct, I'll stop writing, and quit spending my hard-earned money on it.

If you would like to see me personally, I will be in the Hit 'Em Where They Ain't booth at the LP National Convention, being held in Salt Lake City, Utah in September.

In any event, let me know what you think. Write to Jim Burns, PO Box 3752, N. Las Vegas, NV 89036-3752.



# Affiliates

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We wish him good health and success in his leadership, *especially when he agrees with the Libertarians.* Amen."

## New Jersey

The party has put together an impressive list of candidates for this fall's election. Leading the ballot will be **Ken Kaplan** running for governor. Candidates for state senate are: **Joe Ponczek, Barbara Jones, Virginia Flynn, Roger Bacon, and Bill Dundas.** Candidates for state assembly are: **Scott Derby, Keith Quarles, Ben Grindlinger, and Tim Lyons.** Candidates for local elections include: **David Zarzycki, Mike Herner, James Blakey, Ed Wiessmann, and Spencer Layman.**

Libertarians sponsored "A Salute to Joe Clark" in late July in Bridgeton. Clark, the world famous educator whose exploits were chronicled in the hit movie "Lean on Me," shared his wit and wisdom concerning education and life in America. Clark was introduced by LP state legislative candidates **Joe Ponczek and Scott Derby.**

## Virginia

Virginia Libertarians have established "Virginia Liberty PAC," a political action committee to channel funds to state and local candidates. This year seven Libertarians are seeking election to the state house: **John Buckley, Bill Redpath, Rick Sincere, Tim Southern, Rob Finnegan, Gregg Harmon, and Reed Halsted.**

A new group, **Liberty Toastmasters,** has formed in the Arlington area. **Jim**

**Lathrop**, who originally brought the group together, said, "My vision for this organization is that we will not only develop a cadre of speakers who can effectively articulate the values of liberty, but also that the concept will spread to develop a broad network of similar organizations." Others involved in the group include: **Teri Murphy, Andy Murphy, Christine Bregar, Bennett Rutledge, Bryant Cochran, and Dana Johansen.**

## Washington

In early July, a new state affiliate chapter was formed in **Snohomish County.**

## Wisconsin

**Larry Boger** was the winner of the June 1 Libertarian primary for the vacant District 14 state assembly seat in suburban Milwaukee. Boger defeated his Libertarian opponent **Steve Deibert** by a vote of 21 to 8.

Although the vote totals weren't impressive, the coverage and respect given to the LP was. Articles about the LP primary were printed in *The Milwaukee Sentinel*, *The Milwaukee Journal*, and other local papers, and the story was covered by the local NBC and ABC television affiliates. Both Libertarians also appeared at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

## International

At the recent LP of Canada national convention held in Toronto, **Hilliard Cox** was elected party leader, and **Paul Geddes** was elected deputy leader. **Roma Kelmbet** was elected party president.



**WISCONSIN** - The Libertarian Party of Washington County, WI, has been defending the owner of a West Bend tattoo studio. **Bill Jones**, left, seen here with LP county chair **Kevin Scheunemann**, wanted to open a tattoo studio in West Bend, but the common council refused to issue a permit, even though Jones was willing to cooperate with all regulations.

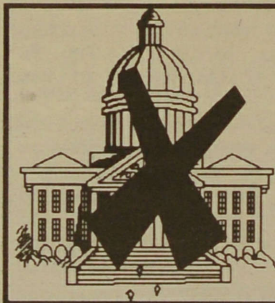
That didn't deter Jones. He went ahead and opened the studio without the council's permission. The council's reply was a ban on tattooing within the city limits, either privately given or as part of a business.

The Washington County LP staged a rally outside the studio to support Jones and his free enterprise efforts. About 40 people attended, including both a current and a former alderman. It was covered as the lead story on the local radio news, and a large picture appeared in the *West Bend Daily News*.

**Scheunemann** and county Vice Chair **Ann Kutz** testified to the common council just prior to the voting on the tattoo ban. The council's vote was 4-4, with the mayor casting the deciding "No" vote.

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# Greene update

## LP candidate in SC taking election to state Supreme Court

Steve Vandervelde, chairman of the South Carolina Libertarian Party, recently announced that Doug Greene, of Langley, SC, filed an appeal to the state Supreme Court on June 25, of the State Board of Canvassers' June 15 decision to uphold the April 27 Aiken County Council election in which the Democrat incumbent was declared the winner.

"There was a vote margin of five votes. The State Board found that at least six voters were denied the right to vote in District 3 by election officials," said James L. Leslie Jr., attorney for Greene. "According to South Carolina case law, if election officials incorrectly deny qualified voters the right to vote, those votes should be added to the losing candidate's total. In this case, there is a substantial possibility the election results would have been affected, thus invalidating the election."

The Board ignored evidence that voters, when challenged by poll managers, "insisted" in voting in District 3, and were refused a challenged ballot, said Greene, who at the hearing asked, "How much more must voters 'insist' on voting in order to be offered a challenged ballot? Grab the poll manager by the neck?"

Aiken County LP chair Tom King said, "We believe the Board's apparent interpretation of 'insist' and the lack of recourse for voters wrongly denied a challenged ballot is unconstitutional and amounts to a 'secret' voter literacy test. This law can be used throughout South Carolina by those in power to arbitrarily deny certain voters (wrong party or color), thereby altering an election."

In a strongly worded dissenting opinion, State Election Board of Canvassers Vice Chair Rodger Leaks noted, "There were major flaws in the Aiken County Council race... these flaws could have affected the outcome of this election."

Leaks further stated that "fellow commissioners offer that the discussions between the poll managers and voters should have been more demanding. Again I disagree. A poll manager is an authority figure with the power to have individuals removed from the precinct and arrested!"

"Most voters are reluctant to incessantly argue with a poll manager. I do not believe that a voter has to be overbearing, boister-

ous, or excessively aggressive, in order to be afforded all opportunities to vote freely, correctly, and unmolested. Consequently, in my search for the truth I felt obligated to vote to grant the appeal and order a new election," Leaks concluded.

"Whether we win office or not, as Libertarians, we must attempt to defend liberty where possible, no matter the odds," said Vandervelde. "What is so chilling is not only that this particular election was affected by individuals arbitrarily being de-

nied their voting rights, but that the outcome of any close election in South Carolina could now be similarly affected."

National Libertarian Party counsel Bill Hall has facilitated the case, along with attorney Robin Steward of Columbia, SC.

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# Libertarian Party Shadow Cabinet

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Walter Williams, George Mason University economist and Creators Syndicate columnist, said that it is "unfortunate for our country" that the real cabinet "is not made up of people who share the values of America's Founders." But, he said, "we can bank on this shadow cabinet—whose officers do share the Founders' values." This shadow cabinet will give Clinton's cabinet "the kind of scrutiny that would make the Founders proud."

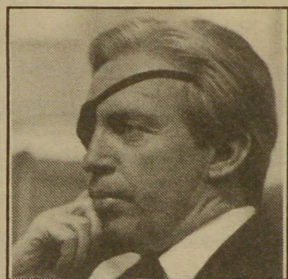
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## Secretary, Department of Agriculture: **DON PAARLVERG**

- Emeritus professor of agricultural economics, Purdue University
- Director of Agricultural Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1969-76
- Special Assistant to the President of the United States and Coordinator, Food for Peace, 1958-61
- Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1958-1959
- Economic adviser to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1953-57
- Author, "Farm and Food Policy"
- Author, "Farmers of Five Continents"
- Author, "Toward a Well-Fed World"

## Secretary, Department of Commerce: **RICHARD W. RAHN**

- President and CEO, Novecon (Washington, D.C.)
- Former Vice President and Chief Economist, Chamber of Commerce of the United States
- Former executive director, American Council for Capital Formation
- Former national executive secretary, Ripon Society



## Secretary, Department of Defense: **EARL C. RAVENAL**

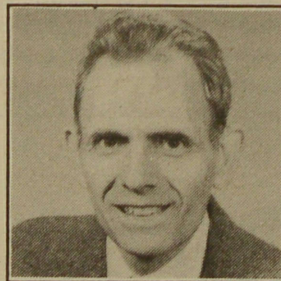
- Distinguished Research Professor of International Affairs, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service
- Former Senior Fellow, Cato Institute
- Former Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center
- Director of the Asian Division (Systems Analysis), Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1967-69
- Author, "Defining Defense"
- Author, "Never Again: Learning from America's Foreign Policy Failures"

## Secretary, Department of Education: **JOHN TAYLOR GATTO**

- 1991 New York State Teacher of the Year (Department of Education, State of New York)
- 1990 New York State Teacher of the Year (Encyclopaedia Britannica)
- 1991 New York City Teacher of the Year (New York City Alliance for Public Education)
- 1990 New York City Teacher of the Year (Resolution of the Senate, State of New York)
- 1989 New York City Teacher of the Year (Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Association of Secondary School Principals)
- Editor and Co-author, "Dumbing Us Down"
- Author, "The Exhausted School"

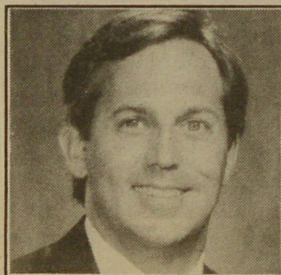
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- Author, "An Economic Analysis of World Energy Problems"
- Author, "Federal Coal Leasing Policy"
- Author, "U.S. Coal and the Electric Power Industry"
- Author, "World Coal"
- Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award, International Association for Energy Economics, 1992



## Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services: **HENRY N. BUTLER**

- Koch Distinguished Teaching Professor of Law and Economics, University of Kansas School of Law
- Former Associate Dean, George Mason University School of Law
- Co-author, "Health Care Expenditure Controls: Political and Economic Issues" (ed. Robert B. Helms)
- 1992 Republican Nominee, U.S. House of Representatives (11th Dist.—VA)



## Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development: **WILLIAM TUCKER**

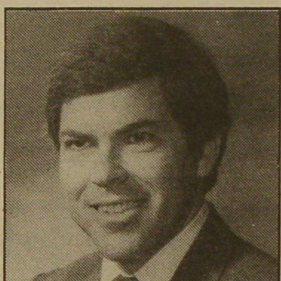
- Author, "The Excluded Americans: Homelessness and Housing Policies"
- Reporter, The Bond Buyer
- Former writer, Forbes

## Secretary, Department of the Interior: **JANE S. SHAW**

- Senior Associate, Political Economy Research Center (Bozeman, MT)
- Member, Editorial Advisory Panel, Regulation Magazine
- Senior Editor, Liberty magazine
- Former Assoc. Economics Editor, Business Week

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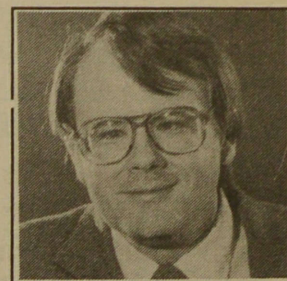
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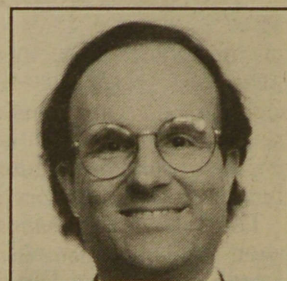
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- Co-author, "Out of Work: Unemployment and Government in Twentieth-Century America"
- Distinguished Professor of Economics, Ohio University



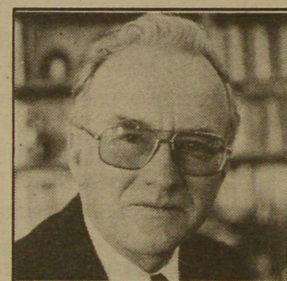
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- Professorial Lecturer, American University School of International Service
- Adjunct Scholar, Cato Institute
- Author, "Quagmire: America in the Middle East"
- Washington Correspondent, Business Times (Singapore)
- Contributor, Washington Report on Middle East Affairs
- Former New York City and U.N. Bureau Chief, Jerusalem Post



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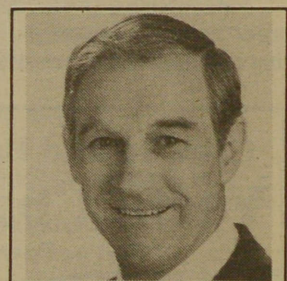
- Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
- Member, President's Council of Economic Advisers, 1985-89
- Author, "Trucking Regulation"
- Author, "Freight Transportation Regulation, Surface Freight, and the Interstate Commerce Commission"



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## Secretary, Department of the Treasury: **HON. RON PAUL**

- Member, U.S. House of Representatives (Dist. 22-TX), 1976-84
- Member, Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, 1976-84
- Taxpayers' Best Friend in Congress Award, National Taxpayers Union, 1979-84
- Libertarian Party Candidate, President of the United States, 1988
- Co-author, Minority Report, U.S. Gold Commission
- Author, "Liberty under Siege"



## Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs: **COTTON M. LINDSAY**

- Author, Veterans Administration Hospitals
- Professor, Department of Economics, Clemson University
- Supply Officer, U.S. Air Force, 1962-65



# ***Celebrate Liberty!***

## *Libertarian Party National Convention*

### **Karl Hess Institute Daily Schedule**

**The 1993 Libertarian Party national convention will be held Sept. 2-5 in Salt Lake City, UT. For more information contact Morning Glory Productions at 801-582-3318. See you there!**

#### **Thursday, Sept. 2, 1993:**

**10:30** Joe Knight, Don Ernsberger, Adam Dick  
Campus Organizing

**10:30** Dr. Val Lambson  
The Transition: Concrete Proposals for Moving Towards a Laissez-Faire Economy. Lessons from Eastern Europe. Applications to Social Security, publicly-owned infrastructure, and other governmental oppositions.

**10:30** Vince Miller  
Yugoslavia, Canada, and Now the USA: A world perspective on separatist and devolution movements.

**12:45** Dagny Sharon, Attorney and Mediator  
The Key to Productive Interpersonal and Intersocietal Relations: Resolving Conflict for Fun and Profit. Reviews the sources of conflict and mediation as a profession or hobby/A peaceful, powerful and persuasive tool which can be used to increase outreach effectiveness.

**12:45** David Bergland, David Nolan, Ed Clark  
Grand Strategy and the Future of the LP

**12:45** Dr. Larry Dodge  
FIJA into the '90s

**2:00** Robert Anton Wilson  
(To be announced)

**2:00** Dick Boddie, Perry Willis, Scott Lieberman, Bill Redpath  
Strategy Two: Ballot Access and Presidential Campaigns

**2:00** Dr. Yuri Tuvim  
America at Risk: Evolution from Democracy to Bureaucracy

**3:15** Bonnie Flickenger, Roger Gary, Alexander Joseph, Rep. Don Gorman  
Libertarian Elected Officials. A state representative, special-service district officer, mayor, and city councilwoman discuss the perils and opportunities of actually getting elected to office.

**3:15** Rick Arnold  
Initiatives, Referenda, Correspondence Campaigns

**3:15** Jeff Hummel  
The National Debt: Good, Bad, or Just Plain Ugly

**4:30** Mary Ruwart  
Liberty, Unity, Community

**4:30** Tim Rife  
Choice and Freedom

**4:30** Michael Grossberg  
(To be announced)

#### **Friday, Sept. 3, 1993:**

**9:00** Senator Orrin Hatch  
FDA Assaults on the Nutritional Supplement Industry

**9:00** Amy Lassen, Karen Allard, Kathleen Richman, Don Ernsberger  
Growing Liberty: the Next Generation. Libertarian parents discuss raising children.

**9:00** Karl Hess Jr.  
Earth & Planet: Deep Markets. An examination of the linkage of environment, liberty, and self-governance; develops a systems approach to market-liberal solutions.

**10:30** Amy Lassen, Tim Rife, Karen Allard  
Home-schooling. A practical alternative to state schools.

**10:30** Jarrett Wollstein  
Government's War on Your Life & Property: Confiscations, the Waco Massacre, and the American Police State

**10:30** Dr. Richard Stroup  
Endangered Species, Private Property, and Environmental Quality

**12:45** Dr. Walter Block  
(To be announced)

**12:45** Ron Paul  
(To be announced)

**12:45** Joan Kennedy Taylor, Mary Ruwart, Nancy Lord, Tamara Clark  
Women Into the 21st Century

**2:00** Jim Hudler, John Vernon  
AIDS: Consequences of Politicizing a Disease

**2:00** Jacob Hornberger  
Principle vs. Expediency

**2:00** Alan Boch  
Libertarians and the Media

**3:15** Henry Lamb  
Property Rights and Environmental Issues

**3:15** Bob Poole  
The Privatization Revolution: Around the World and Coming to Your Neighborhood

**3:15** Doris Gordon  
Using non-religious, Libertarian reasoning consistent with our right to make choices, Libertarians For Life explains why abortion violates rights and shouldn't receive legal protection or support.

**4:30** Adam Dick, Brian Givot, Matthew Block, (Additional participants to be announced)  
Liberty: The Next Generation

**4:30** Dave Walter  
Libertarians and the Business Community. Ideas on developing Libertarian business outreaches.

**4:30** Gus diZerega  
Deep Ecology Meets the Market.

#### **Saturday, Sept. 4, 1993:**

**9:00** Mark Skousen  
(Better Times)  
Persuasion vs. Coercion

**9:00** Jack Wheeler  
21st Century Political Boundaries: Redrawing the Map

**9:00** Randall O'Toole  
Marketizing the Forest Service

**10:15** Terree Wasley  
(Better Times)  
What Has Government Done to our Health Care?

**10:15** Chuck Olson  
Who is the Lorax? An exposition of free market environmentalism.

**10:15** Dr. George Ayittey  
Africa Betrayed. Dr. Ayittey delivers a powerful critique of the damage socialism and black neo-colonialism have done to his native continent.

**10:15** Doug Casey  
Crisis Investing in the Rest of the '90s.

**11:15** Dr. Bruce Daniel  
(Better Times)  
One of the founders of Self-Employed/Action-Connected, a political action committee presenting a voluntary alternative to the bankrupt Social Security scheme: "Freedom IRA'S"—a concept whose time has come!

**11:15** Karl and Therese Hess  
Literacy and Liberty

**11:15** James Ostrowski  
Most Likely to Succeed: Third Parties and the Future of Liberty. Examines the failure of the "reform from within the established parties" tactic and presents the third party strategy as the viable alternative.

**1:15** Durk Pearson, Sandy Shaw  
(Better Times)  
Part 1: The FDA  
Part 2: The Market for Information

**1:15** Mark Skousen, Ron Paul, Doug Casey  
Clintonomics: Economic and Financial Outlook

**1:15** Sheldon Richman  
Person and Property: A Libertarian Theory of Privacy

**2:30** Manuel S. Klausner  
Parental Choice in Education

**2:30** Carole Ann Rand  
(Better Times)

**3:45** Jane Shaw  
What Has Government Done to our Environment?

**3:45** Dr. Jonathan Wright  
FDA Terror Tactics. Victim of an FDA gestapo-style raid discusses his experiences.

**3:45** Leon Hadar  
Political Islam: A Contrived Threat

**3:45** Dan Rosenthal  
13 Ways to Keep Government Snoops Out of Your Personal Finances

**5:00** Ben and Sylvia Olson, Maury Modine, Garry King  
Hemp: The First 10,000 Years

#### **Sunday, Sept. 5, 1993:**

**9:00** Joyful Noise

**10:30** George Ayittey, Leon Hadar, Yuri Tuvim, Dean Ahmad  
Foreign Policy in the Post-USSR World. International outlook.

**10:30** Dean Ahmad, Carole Ann Rand, Jacob Hornberger, Mark Skousen  
Religion and Liberty

**10:30** Don Winfield  
Liberty, Freedom, Organization

**10:30** Karl Hess Jr., Gus diZerega, Henry Lamb, Jane Shaw, Richard Stroup  
Earth—Wind—Fire—Water—Planet

**12:00** The Butcher of Waco: Religion under Siege  
(participants to be announced)

**12:00** How to Qualify a Presidential Candidate for Federal Matching Funds

**12:00** Karen Allard, Amy Lassen, Tim Rife  
Home-schooling. A positive and practical alternative to state schools.

**1:30** Bob Waldrop  
The Democracy Project: Ballot Access, Civil Disobedience, and the Legalization of Democracy

**1:30** Dean Ahmad  
Islam and Liberty

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# Convention news notes

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## Letters to the editor project

In pursuit of excellent media coverage for the convention, MGP encourages ev-

erybody to write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper (in early August) that calls the newspaper's readers' attention to the BallotAccess/Democracy Project hearings at Celebrate Liberty!.

These hearings will present written and oral testimony and evidence of U.S. violations of the democratic rights of minority political parties. The more publicity we get, the sooner the "ballot access wall" starts to crumble.

But good publicity doesn't just happen—people make it happen. If you will take the time to write and send such a letter, you can help build a wave of publicity for the convention. The squeaking wheel gets the grease...

If you live in one of the states targeted for testimony, mention that your state is one of the human rights violators. For more information about this tactic, contact MGP.

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## Democracy project continues

We continue to solicit letters to embassies and resolutions from party committees (from the precinct level on up) regarding discrimination against the Libertarian Party, its members, candidates, and committees.

Ballot access is a critical challenge. Now is the time to take action to meet that challenge head-on. Project materials are available in English, French, Polish, Russian, Danish, Dutch, and German.

Do you live in a ballot access "problem" state? Give your letters calling for change in your state's election laws a little teeth—include copies of our foreign language materials with your letters. Contact MGP for a free project kit.

### Democracy Project Scoreboard:

#### • Ukraine:

Embassy referred information to government; requested Celebrate Liberty! Public Hearing transcript.

#### • Canada:

Embassy has referred information to Ottawa.

#### • Publicity:

Letter in upcoming Campaigns and Elections magazine.

#### • Congress:

U.S. Congress Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) requests hearing transcript and offers to meet with Democracy Project delegation.

#### • State Department:

Admits (in writing) U.S. signed the CSCE agreements in good faith, and that compliance with the agreements is of the "utmost importance" to the federal government.

#### • Translations:

Polish, French, Danish, Russian, German, Dutch

#### • GreenParty

Mike Feinstein, U.S. Green Party liaison to the world-wide Green movement, and author of a book on their European parties, has contacted us and requested

information to use with encouraging the European Green parties to build pressure in Europe for a CSCE investigation of the U.S. election system.

If the Green Party doesn't send a representative to the hearings, they will probably provide written testimony for the transcript of the event.

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## Building bridges

MGP invites you to mail us the names and addresses of prominent opinion makers whom you would like to see receive a special invitation to the convention.

In sending your suggestions, please indicate whether the person tends to be conservative, liberal, Democratic, Republican, independent, or if they have expressed some libertarian sentiments.

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## What Are The Pledge And The Platform To Us?

Most members of the Libertarian Party must be puzzled by the fight over the membership pledge and the platform.

Both sides say they are committed to Libertarian principles and to party growth. Yet CLM says the pledge and the current platform process must go, while PLEDGE says they must stay.

Why does PLEDGE defend the pledge and the platform?

The statement that each person makes to join the party creates a sense of membership. We're not customers or subscribers or observers of the Libertarian Party; we belong to it. We are dedicated to it. We participate in it.

The comprehensive, enduring, and evolving platform creates a sense of ownership. The Libertarian Party belongs to us. It reflects our views on public policy. Any member can be a delegate. Any delegate can propose changes to the platform. Any delegate can vote on every change to the platform. And that member's contribution endures.

The pledge and the platform are also our bulwarks against ideological drift. Ideological drift is the process by which an organization loses its original principles and goals, sometimes so much as to reach the opposite principles. The Democrats drifted from Thomas Jefferson to William Jefferson (Clinton). The Liberal movement once stood for liberty and now stands for the welfare state.

There are no masses of libertarians who would flock to the party if we had a "Reader's Digest" throw-away platform and no membership standards. If there were, we would know about them.

The Libertarian Party paid membership is growing 24% per year. Our finances and management are strong. The 1992 election got us more media coverage and respect than we had in 1988.

We can improve, but only if we change the right things. If we want more new members, let's be more responsive and attentive to inquirers and visitors to our meetings. If we want to keep our members active, let's be more considerate of each other. If we want to win elections, let's choose our races realistically, work as hard, and spend as much as our competition.

This summer, PLEDGE will propose a plan to build the Libertarian Party. At the national convention we will defend the institutions that keep the party libertarian. If you believe that growth and principles don't conflict, and we must have both, join PLEDGE. Declare yourself.

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# Notebook

## A closer look at privatization, the economy, and drugs

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

Readers have provided a number of interesting items this month. Thanks for your contributions, and please keep them coming.

### Issue: Privatization

There is a growing interest in the U.S. in the concept of privatization of government services—a concept long endorsed and advocated by libertarians. An article by Al Knight, "Perspective" editor of the *Denver Post*, shows how widespread that interest has become: "A 1992 study by Apogee Research found 90 percent of the state agencies surveyed are using some privatization and 85 percent 'expect privatization to be a major tool in the coming decade.' States such as California, Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Mississippi are working to develop a statewide strategy to privatize. Note that California, Michigan, and Massachusetts were on everybody's list a few years ago as encouraging more—not less—reliance on government. Political leaders in those states have reversed well-established trends."

Knight goes on to cite actual savings of \$60 million per year in Massachusetts and potential savings of \$630 million in Mississippi, and believes much could be achieved in Colorado if government officials cared to consider privatization.

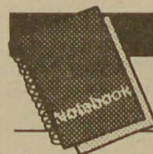
Knight concludes: "Political leaders may be able to slow down the trend toward privatization, but they can't stop it. Changes have swept across Eastern Europe and much of the rest of the world. If the present possibilities are realized here, they will be only slightly less dramatic. In a world in which competition is seen as the medicine that will cure what ails us, it is way past time that government was given a bigger dose of it."

Al Knight, *Denver Post*, May 2, 1993. Submitted by a reader in Englewood, CO.

### Issue: Government and the economy

The Clinton Administration (and many academicians looking for lucrative grants) has called for a "national industrial policy"—a partnership between government and industry and labor that can equal the success of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry. Yet, according to recent reports, the success of Japan's industrial policy is overrated.

Thomas McArdle, in a front-page article in *Investor's Business Daily*, states as much. He says, "One glaring illustration that MITI is no oracle of smart investment strategy is



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the fact that the government institution actually tried to keep Honda Motor Co. out of the automobile business." McArdle notes that what Japan does have going for it is a tax code that has no double taxation of corporate income or tax on capital gains, unlike the U.S. code.

McArdle, *Investor's Business Daily*, Sept. 10, 1992. Submitted by Melissa Ryan, Chicago.

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Karl Zinsmeister, adjunct scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, also gives poor marks to Japan's industrial policy:

"The list of industrial policy failures goes on and on. It is striking to note that many of Japan's feeblest industries are those that have been subsidized by the government. Many of its strongest businesses—such as home electronics, cameras, robotics, precision equipment, pianos, bicycles, watches, and ceramics—developed without help from MITI or other agencies. Japan achieved its economic miracle not because of government planning but in spite of it."

"The Japanese understand this and have started to discard their industrial policies, privatizing the national railway, the national airline, and the telephone monopoly. Deregulation of the oil-refining industry and banking and financial services has begun. The once tightly controlled retail and distribution sector is seeing some relaxation. And numerous government tariffs are being removed or lowered. The irony is that just as the Japanese are fleeing national business management, some Americans are edging toward it."

Zinsmeister, *Wall Street Journal*, March 10, 1993. Submitted by Greg Damian, Northville, MN.

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For decades, government has said it was taking this action or that action in order to help citizens improve their lives through more and better jobs. Free market economists have long warned that such intervention has the opposite effect; finally, the real effects are getting some attention.

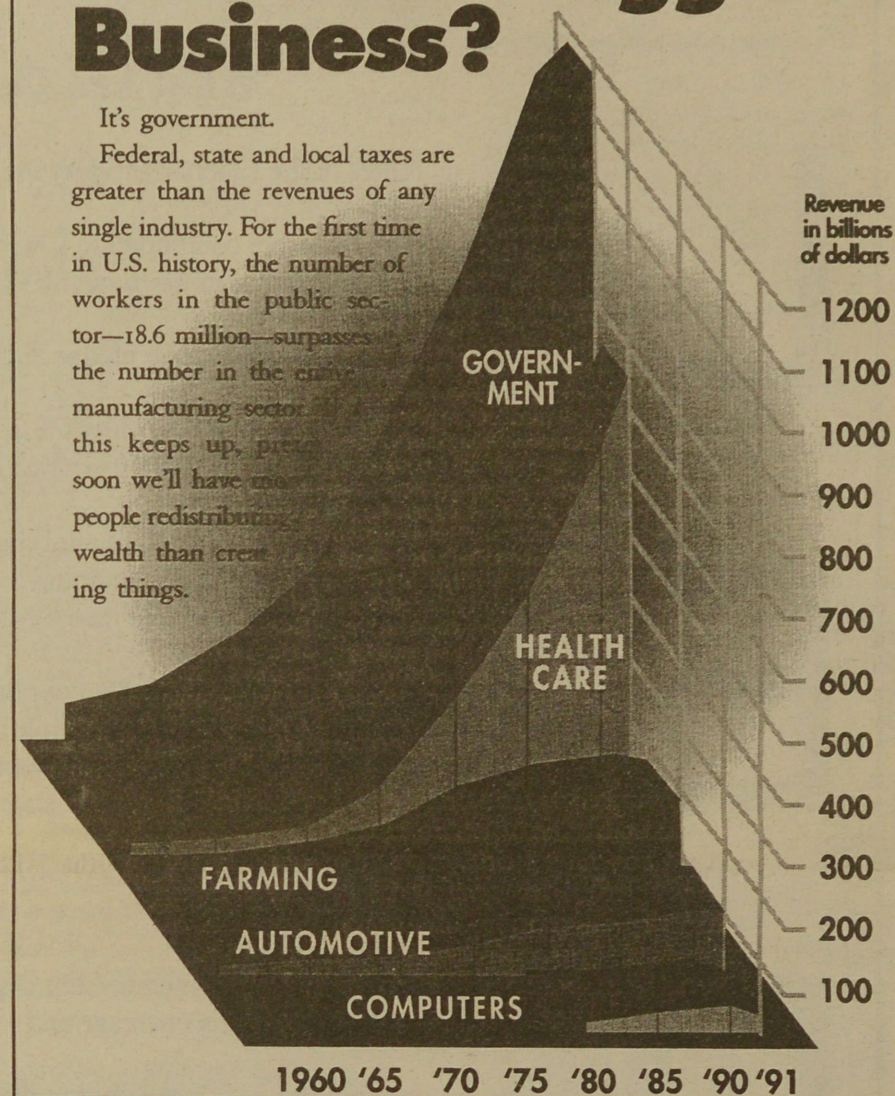
Charles Green, a Washington correspondent for *Knight-Ridder Newspapers*, admits: "Decades of government efforts to improve the lot of working men and women may be slowing down job growth and helping to create a second-tier work force with lower wages and fewer benefits." Noting Labor Department statistics that show a 162 percent increase in the number of involuntary part-time workers from 1979 to 1992, he says, "Government efforts to protect workers—everything from the minimum wage to the recently enacted family leave bill—appear to be playing an unintended role in speeding this decline of traditional full-time jobs."

Green quotes Audrey Freedman, a New York economist and consultant: "We may be suppressing job creation and economic

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growth by clinging to this let-the-employer-pay-for-our-social-goals philosophy." He talked to Ralph Erben, president and CEO of Luby's Cafeterias, who indicated "the potential cost of health-care reform has caused his company to scale back plans to build more cafeterias and hire more workers." Adds Green, "Recent civil-rights laws giving more legal rights to women, racial minorities, and the disabled may be deterring companies from hiring full-time workers because of concerns over potential lawsuits."

Charles Green, *Akron Beacon Journal*, May 29, 1993. Submitted by Jeff Hemphill, Fairlawn, OH.

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Many Americans think that tariffs protect American jobs at little or no cost. The reality is different—in the long run, the cost to the consumer far outpaces the few jobs that may be saved.

Walter E. Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University, summed it up in "What Trade Laws Cost You" in the May 1993 issue of *Reader's Digest*:

"The U.S. tariff code lists duties on 8,862 items—from goat cheese to tarpaulins, trucks and teacups. . . this vast catalogue of special interests sheltered from competition shows we are far from truly free. In the late 1980s, when the Institute for International Economics studied the matter, U.S. consumers spent an extra \$80 billion a year on domestic and imported goods because of tariffs and quotas—more than \$1,000 per family."

"Trade meddling hits lower-income families hardest. Low-priced shoes and clothing are among the items most heavily affected by tariffs and other restraints."

"American consumers pay dearly each time protectionist measures 'save' jobs. According to a 1984 Federal Trade Commission study, import quotas on Japanese automobiles preserved 4,598 American auto jobs—but cost consumers \$241,235 per job per year, in higher prices paid for cars. When the study was done, saving a \$30,000 American steelworker job cost consumers \$114,500 annually in higher prices."

"The job-protection angle just doesn't wash. Its popularity springs from the fact

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# Testimony

## National Director Stuart Reges urges support for Penny bill

Stuart Reges, national director of the Libertarian Party, testified before the House Subcommittee on Elections on June 17, in support of H.R. 1753, a bill introduced by Rep. Timothy Penny (D-MN) that would require presidential candidates who accept federal campaign funds to participate in debates.

Under Penny's plan, third-party and independent candidates who raise at least \$500,000 and are on at least 40 state ballots would be included in the debates.

Reges discussed the fact that in 1992 the Commission on Presidential Debates included Ross Perot while excluding Libertarian candidate Andre Marrou, the only other candidate who was on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Reges argued that it is the responsibility of candidates who accept federal funding to debate and to face all viable challengers.

Following are some excerpts of Reges's testimony before the committee:

"It is probably no great surprise that our party opposes the entire system of public funding of campaigns. As a libertarian I would certainly rather be testifying today in support of the repeal of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. But that is not the subject of this hearing and I will, therefore, tell you what we think you should do to improve the existing system. . .

I think the real answer to the question of whether it is appropriate for Congress to

require candidates who accept federal campaign support to participate in debates boils down to the question of whether such funds are more like an entitlement or more like a grant. When I think about country club members like Bill Clinton and George Bush being given a check for 55.2 million dollars to fund their campaigns, it doesn't take me long to answer that question. I suspect the American people would readily agree with my answer that it is much more like a grant that carries with it a reasonable set of requirements.

Remember that we oppose the entire concept of federal funding of campaigns. We, therefore, have no problem with the idea that a candidate who accepts such money has a great responsibility to the citizens who provided those funds, including the responsibility to debate all viable challengers. . .

Although I do think full ballot status should be enough to qualify for the debates, I'm not necessarily suggesting that as the best standard to use. Another measure of a candidate's strength is fund raising, and I think that probably the best way to gauge the viability of a candidate is to combine ballot access and fund raising, as Congressman Penny has done in his bill.

We are highly supportive of Congressman Penny's proposed debates bill. We think it offers a fair and equitable balance between ballot access and fund raising. I myself am particularly impressed that, with

no prompting from us, he has created a bill that does not violate libertarian principles, which is a rare event in Congress these days.

The greatest objection I have heard to Congressman Penny's bill is the prospect that somehow it would lead to chaotic debates with dozens of candidates. In fact, the ballot access restrictions alone should be enough to preclude such an outcome. According to ballot access expert Richard Winger, before 1992 there wasn't a presidential election in this century where more than four candidates made it on 40 or more state ballots. Five candidates would have qualified in 1992: George Bush, Bill Clinton, Lenora Fulani, Andre Marrou, and Ross Perot.

The key point is that no matter what criteria you set, as long as you make it possible for us to establish our seriousness through the kind of one-on-one grass-roots politics that we do so well, we will meet that standard. If that means getting on all 50 ballots, we will get on all 50 ballots. If that means qualifying for matching funds, we will qualify for matching funds. If it means doing both, we will have a difficult time, but even then I am sure that we would succeed.

I can say this with confidence because I know that my fellow libertarians feel as I do that if only we had the chance to get our message to the average voter, we could raise the level of the debate and begin addressing the issues that are of such great

concern to us.

I hope that I have given you a clearer picture of our concerns. I also hope that I have helped to convince you that inclusion of third-party candidates has the potential to improve the quality of the presidential debates and to compensate for some of the negative results of public financing of presidential campaigns.

As a last example, I'll invoke the memory of the most legendary of all American debates and the greatest of all third-party American candidates. In 1858 Abraham Lincoln ran for Senate under a new party banner with a highly partisan press. I believe he would have felt highly frustrated at the prospect that media bureau chiefs would be able to decide his political fate and that timid major party candidates would be able to hide behind the comfortable shield of public financing to avoid debating him. We might never have had the "house divided" speech, the Lincoln-Douglas debates, or the Republican Party if we had in place our current system.

I hope that you pass Congressman Penny's bill or a similar plan that guarantees that those who fund their campaigns with the hard-earned money of American citizens agree to debate each other and all viable third-party candidates. That action on your part would go a long way towards convincing the members of my party that you are truly interested in trying to address our concerns."

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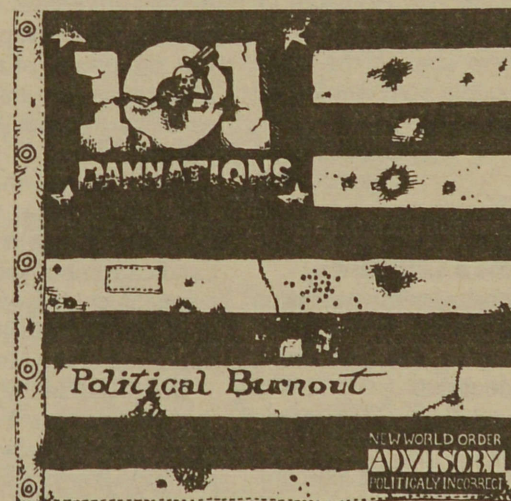
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# Letters

## Readers comment on television, the debate, taxes, and more

### Just one call

This is the story of how one quick phone call resulted in 13 hours of libertarian television time. I recently received a flyer from Ron Paul's National Endowment For Liberty (NEFL) which asked the reader to "become a local sponsor for At Issue." At Issue is the NEFL's series of 13 half-hour long television programs. Each program explores a different public policy issue from a libertarian perspective; for example, "The IRS and Taxpayers' Rights," "Casualties of the Drug Wars," "Crisis in Learning," etc. The shows are professionally produced, and feature eminent and articulate commentators such as Dr. Walter Williams.

After my first impulse, I pulled the flyer back out of the trash, thinking, "This might take just one quick phone call." And that's just about all it took. (Actually, it took two calls: One to the local cable company's programming director, and then one to NEFL. The cable company then mailed me a "local sponsor" form to sign and return.)

Each program will be shown twice, on the second and fourth Saturday of each month (9 p.m.). The viewing area includes Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Stanford, Menlo Park, and Atherton.

Thus, I got 13 hours of libertarian television time for my efforts—that's what I call "high-leverage activism."

I wish to thank Ron Paul and the NEFL for making their programming available. Below is their address and phone number, in case you also want to make "one quick phone call."

National Endowment For Liberty, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 265, Houston, TX 77058; or call 713-333-1988.

By the way, we're sharing the tapes with another local cable company for yet more "free" libertarian television time.

**Chuck Olson**  
Palo Alto, CA

### Why I became a Libertarian

Government intervention in what I listen to or read.

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Government taking away my guns.

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We can't change any of the above without electing Libertarians. We can't elect Libertarians until we get more than 50 percent of the people to vote for us. We can't get people to vote for Libertarians if everyone must agree with us 100 percent.

We need to get the Libertarian Party off of its high horse so that we can address the real problems facing America.

**Daniel Mohn**  
Bethlehem, PA



### Staying in touch

#### Letters to the editor

### Concerned

I am very disturbed by the statement in Nancy Lord's CLM ad that reads "The Libertarian Party cannot continue to be a debating club. We must become a viable, active political party. We must compete in the political arena. And, we must win!"

That is not the only choice!!!

In most counties, the LP does not have the resources and the people to win elections. However, that does not mean the LP should do nothing. In San Francisco we have successfully passed two ballot propositions and have worked with other groups to pass others. We have successfully fought bond issues and tax initiatives. We are active in working with groups such as F.E.A.R. (Forfeiture Endangers America's Rights), Citizens for Health, that is fighting the FDA regulation of vitamin supplements, Parents for Educational Choice, the Chinese Democracy Education Foundation, RAP (Residents Against Prohibition, which is opposing vigilante anti-drug groups), and NORML.

We do public speaking, letters to the editor, leaflet events, join protests, put together issues conferences such as the Aug. 14 national FEAR conference, and help with lobbying and legislative letters campaigns. We run speaker programs that are advertised widely and attract new members and the public to our meetings. We do press relations for prominent libertarians who visit San Francisco such as William Milonov from Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Yes, we do have an intellectual discussion group called the Argument Clinic where we train activists and potential candidates about how to deal with specific issues such as health care, immigration, and "what about the poor" (which was published in the May LP NEWS).

So tell me Nancy, should I stop doing all this just because it does not immediately produce electoral victories? I get tired of being insulted because I do not bow to the cross of short-term electoral victory at the expense of long-term movement building and direct political action.

**George L. O'Brien**  
Chair, San Francisco LP

### Results sought

In all candor, I can't believe that something so seemingly trivial as a non-initiation pledge is causing so much controversy within the LP. The most curious aspect of the entire debate is that I'll wager that most "pro-pledgers" would have no problem with joining the LP if the pledge were never there in the first place; it's just the removal which seems to be "compromising."

The topic of "compromising" brings me to my next point. I don't see how working

for change in a libertarian direction is ever "compromising." As long as we retain our long-term goals, I see no harm or compromise in settling for change which is less than 100 percent libertarian. For example, a long-term goal is the abolition of taxation and the IRS. A short-term goal might be for lower taxes. As long as the people supporting the long-term goals keep working for that change even after short-term goals are achieved, I see no "compromise" at all. In fact, since we would have contributed to a more libertarian society, we could be very proud of ourselves and continue fighting the good fight. In other words, merely embracing "lower taxes" in the short term is not at all compromising as long as our long-term goal—the complete abolition of the IRS—continues to be our ultimate objective. There's no reason why the objectives in our platform can't be achieved incrementally; in fact, that may be the only feasible way to inch closer to a truly libertarian society. I see nothing in the platform which demands "all-or-nothing" solutions.

The only "compromising" I detest would be completely selling out on one issue in order to make gains in another. If we endorsed change which increases government power in one area just to reduce government in some other area, that would clearly be an unacceptable compromise. Merely pursuing short-term goals is not a compromise, provided that long-term goals continue to be pursued as well. I think we would be making a foolish mistake by scrapping the current ideals and platform; however, I think it would be a good idea if the platform had a list of short-term goals which are achievable as well. As much as libertarians despise politics as usual, it is still necessary to be a part of the political process if we want to make progress—that's just an unfortunate fact. And as long as we don't waver from our long-term positions as the desired eventual result, I don't see how we will have compromised a thing. Demanding 100 percent purity may "feel good," but I'd rather see results.

**Tim Irvin**  
San Jose, CA

### Dangerous

The Committee proposing that we do away with our Platform and Oath have certainly earned my respect—They must have seen the confrontation in Waco coming.

Prior to Waco, I actually favored retaining the Platform, but I can see now how dangerous that position could be. The media has used our Platform to portray us as a "fringe organization," and has even referred to at least some of us as "extremists." There's a very fine line between being labeled a "fringe group" and being labeled a "cult" (as in the Branch Davidian CULT), or between the labels of "extremist" and "fanatic" (as in the FANATIC CULT-leader, David Koresh). And let's not forget about those Libertarians that publicly protested the BATF's raid on the Branch Davidian's COMPOUND (no

doubt because of some misguided notion about standing on principle). Because of them, we could all end up being labeled "suicidal" by the un-biased media and those good and moderate federal agencies, the FBI and the BATF. We should read the handwriting on the wall and realize how dangerous our Platform really is.

Now is the time to abandon the fringes and head for the middle ground. Perhaps we should just disband and join the mainstream parties so that we can blend in more quickly. Maybe, if we act fast enough, instead of coming for us the feds might stick to religious groups and go after the snake-handlers next, and then the fundamentalists before they start after the "gun nuts" and the "gold nuts" and the "Constitution nuts." At least we might be safe for a while.

To Hell with principle, let's tuck our tails between our legs and join the rest of the herd before it's too late!

**Curtis Coates**  
Fairview, NC

### Some comments

As the newly elected chairperson for the Lancaster County, PA, Chapter of the LP, I'd like to say four things:

1. Congratulations to Mary Gingell for the work you've done and continue to do. Thanks Andre and Nancy for fighting the fight on the national level.

2. Let's stop bickering over the "pledge." I say keep it and let it go at that.

3. I'm really impressed with Jim Burns's foresight (Hit 'em Where They Ain't).

4. Finally—Someone nationally should read Jack Herer's book, "The Emperor Wears No Clothes." Exposing the positive qualities of hemp, for better paper/plastics/fuels/food/textiles/medicine. Let's legalize it. Mr. [Bill] Winter, do your public relations thing with the Green Party, Norml, and other environmental groups.

God bless everyone for helping spread the word. We've got less than seven years until the year 2000.

**Shawn Patrick House**  
Lancaster Co., PA

### Withholding

As a new member, I'm surprised that one of the objectives of the LP is not to repeal tax withholding. At least I've seen/heard nothing on the subject. Given our founding fathers' great concern for protecting the people from government, certainly non-consensual tax withholding stands as the single greatest measure effecting the protection of government from the people. As the time to throw the tea in the bay draws nearer, withholding ensures that will never happen.

**Bruce E. Smith**  
Vancouver, WA

### Editor's Note:

The 1992 LP national platform states: "We oppose as involuntary servitude any legal requirements forcing employers or business owners to serve as tax collectors for federal, state, or local tax agencies."



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that the beneficiaries of restrictive trade policies—vocal trade unions, for example, or embattled small businesses—are highly visible, while the victims are not. We must . . . reject the myths fostered by the protectionists. It will be better for our economy—and for the world's."

Walter E. Williams, *Reader's Digest*, May 1993. Submitted by Jeffrey Schwartz, M.D., Brookline, MA.

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Politicians, and elitist intellectuals, are always advocating further "tinkering" with the economy. Not all observers agree. Dr. Thomas Sowell, an economist and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, believes that "you cannot simply accept the benefits of a complex market economy and then decide that you will improve it by tacking on automobile mileage requirements here, special requirements for the disabled there, more regulatory red tape somewhere else, etc. and not expect it all to affect the whole system. The temptation to do good on some particular issue right under their noses is especially strong among those who do not have to pay the consequences. Intellectuals, politicians, and judges are especially susceptible to this temptation." As an example, Sowell cites those who pushed urban renewal's destruction of low income housing now being "shocked by homelessness."

Thomas Sowell, *Forbes*, April 26, 1993. Submitted by Melissa Ryan, Chicago.

## Issue: Drugs — legal and illegal

"Did you know . . . that the 26 new drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1992 required an average of 12.7

years for development and review, according to the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association?"

Arthritis Today, May-June 1993. Submitted by P.C. Elloway, Houston, TX.

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"In France, where the (pharmaceutical) industry is handcuffed by strict price regulation, research has deteriorated. French companies emphasize marginal therapeutic improvements that are useful in price negotiations with the government, eschewing high-risk original research. It's no surprise that the French drug industry discovered but three of the 66 world-class drugs brought to market between 1975 and 1989, whereas their U.S. counterparts claimed ten times as many."

New Jersey Law Journal, May 17, 1993. Submitted by John Paff, Somerset, NJ.

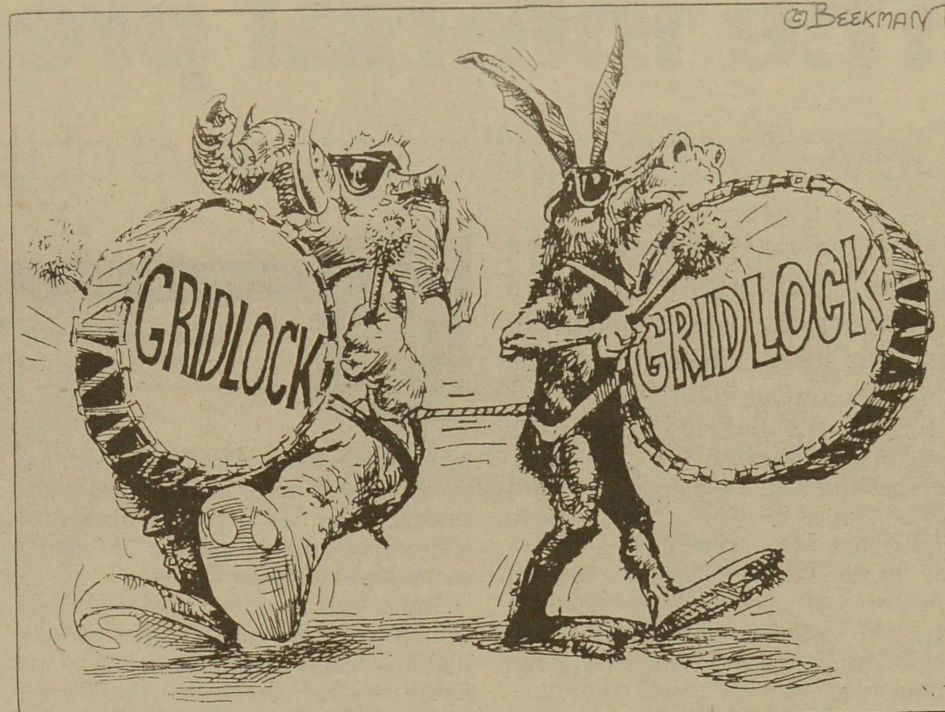
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"The most productive way for government to reduce violent crime is to legalize drugs. As alcohol prohibition did in the 1920s and 1930s, drug prohibition creates a black market in which participants settle their commercial disputes with guns rather than lawsuits. In addition, the profits earned in the black market finance the purchase of a huge number of guns. Legalizing drugs will therefore eliminate much of the demand for guns; this is far more likely to reduce violent crime than government or private attempts to limit the supply."

Jeffrey A. Miron, chairman of the economics department at Boston University, Boston Business Journal, May 14, 1993. Submitted by James Taggart, Andover, MA.

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"The illegal trade in drugs supports organized crime the world over. It pulls drug-takers into a world of filthy needles, poisoned doses, and pushers bent upon selling them more addictive and dangerous fixes. Yet most people still balk at exploring ways in which a legal regime might undermine such effects. (Under legislation), quality control is decisive, because much of the damage done by drugs bought on street corners is caused by adulterated products; in much the same way, carelessly distilled



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hooch can cause blindness.

"In opinion polls, Americans generally insist that they would not be persuaded by legalization to try drugs they are not taking now. There is some reason to believe them, despite the first instinct to be skeptical, since they already have access to plenty of mind-bending substances, from alcohol and tobacco to diet pills. Extensive experience with decriminalization in Holland shows that not only is there no accompanying surge in consumption—allowing for the inrush of addicts from more restrictive countries—but related crime falls when drugs

are legalized.

"There are signs that public instincts are changing. In recent months a growing number of federal judges and lawyers have voiced their exasperation . . . Their objections led politicians in Washington to hold a meeting . . . to rethink the country's failed drug policies. Janet Reno, the attorney-general, . . . described her doubts about America's current approach. (The meeting) ended, significantly, with a discussion of the merits of legalization."

The Economist, May 15, 1993. Submitted by Steven Riegler, Somers Point, NJ.

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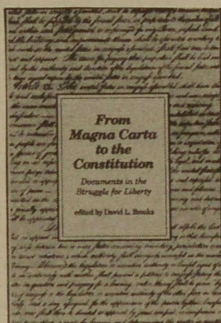
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# The infernal presidency

## Dave looks at the first days of the failed Clinton administration

The time has come for unbiased observers such as myself to make a fair and objective assessment of the first roughly 187 days of the failed Clinton administration.

I would say it did pretty well until the inauguration. There had been great excitement as "The Man From Hope Via Oxford And Of Course Yale Law School" came to Washington, bringing with him a new vision for America and numerous 18-point programs and a cat. He also brought a close-knit, battle-hardened staff of smart, tough, fiercely dedicated, loyal, savvy, gung-ho junior-high-school students, who immediately set about the task of transforming the federal government from a bloated, money-hemorrhaging bureaucracy into a bloated, money-hemorrhaging bureaucracy in which they had reserved parking spaces. They worked long hours, burning the midnight oil night after night, seven days a week, week after week, until finally, possibly as a result of inhaling oil fumes, they began displaying the shrewd political savvy of floor wax.

The unfortunate result was a series of administration blunders, culminating in the now-famous debacle wherein the President got a \$200 haircut on an airport runway. (Other presidents had done the same kind of thing, of course, but at least they had the common sense to be inside an actual air-



On the light side

Dave Barry  
Columnist

plane at the time.) Mr. Clinton also had problems with major nominations, as was evidenced by his decision—blamed on sloppy staff work—to give the U.N. ambassadorship to Gennifer Flowers.

But at least that time he MADE a decision. Most of the time he appeared to be highly indecisive, especially when he was trying to pick a Supreme Court nominee; at one point his staff leaked the names of roughly 350 simultaneous front-runners, including Raymond Burr. You had all these people convinced that they were going to get the job, which made for a pretty awkward scene when the President finally made the announcement:

PRESIDENT CLINTON: ... and so I am pleased to announce the nomination of the person I truly feel is best qualified for this critical position, and that person is ... (flip ...) Tails! It's what's her name! The little short lady with three names!

BRUCE BABBITT (lunging out of the crowd): Let me see that coin! You can't DO this, you son of a BOOOFF. (He is felled by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who fortunately happens to be armed with her Top Secret

5,364-page, 71-pound plan to simplify the U.S. health-care system.)

To make matters worse, Mr. Clinton was not getting along with the White House press corps, as could be detected by the outwardly respectful, yet subtly negative tone of the questions he was asked ("Mr. President, sir, with all due respect, sir, are you a big hiney-head, or what?"). The press corps tends to be testy, and you would understand why if you saw the White House press facility. It's nothing like the Green Room or East Room; it's more like the Dumpster Room. It's cramped and grungy, and there are reporters in there who have been sitting around since the Lincoln administration, surviving on vending-machine food that looks like the result of unsuccessful attempts to clone plywood.

So the reporters were already in a cranky mood when this new president came swooping in and started yammering day and night about his economic package. Reporters believe there is nothing more boring than an economic package. The press corps had grown accustomed to George Bush, who did not take his packages seriously; and Ronald Reagan, who believed deeply in his packages but could not remember what they were.

So whenever President Clinton tried to talk about the economy, the press corps, to be ornery, asked questions about something else. If the Clinton strategists had been smart, they'd have used reverse psy-

chology to trick the press corps into asking the right kinds of questions:

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I'd like to start by announcing that last night I lost \$3.7 billion and a naval base playing golf with Michael Jordan. Naked. I'll take your questions now.

PRESS CORPS MEMBER (suspiciously): What about your economic package?

CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT (following up): Eh?

Anyway, the bottom line is that it has not been a great first 187 days. But it's getting better. The White House has a new direction and purpose, which is being provided by David Gergen, the same man who provided direction and purpose for the Reagan White House (he's also available for weddings and bar mitzvahs). Gergen has turned the administration around via the shrewd tactic of having President Clinton meet with reporters only while standing in front of a very loud helicopter while Nancy Reagan, who has graciously come out of retirement, plucks at his sleeve.

So once again the country appears to be headed in the right direction. There's even talk that some time this fall, if conditions are right, we're going to invade Grenada. And here's another piece of good news: For some unknown reason, we're suddenly VERY popular in the U.N.

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## INTERVIEWS

### Irwin Schiff

Irwin Schiff was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1928. After graduating from college where he majored in economics and accounting, he was inducted into the Army. Assigned to Army Finance, Schiff saw the Army "disburse funds in violation of its own regulations." His attempts to prevent this proved futile, and he learned "early on how federal agencies don't really care how they spend taxpayers' money."

In 1953, he opened his own agency specializing in estate planning and group insurance.

Schiff went on to write a number of books, the most famous of which is "How Anyone Can Stop Paying Income Taxes," which was published in 1982 and sold over 400,000 copies.

After a number of years of spreading the word that the income tax is voluntary and no one has to pay it, Schiff was convicted of tax evasion in 1986. He served about 20 months, but was soon after arrested for violating his parole, for failing to pay income taxes for the years 1980-1982. He was just released after being held by the federal government since 1989.

Schiff believes one of the main reasons he was held in jail was to halt the distribution of his latest book, "The Federal Mafia, How It Illegally Imposes and Unlawfully Collects Income Taxes." He claims this book "will convince you that organized crime in America begins with the federal government." Schiff says his book is "completely documented with 55 Internal Revenue Code sections, eight Treasury Department regulations, 23 startling government admissions reproduced in their original form, 32 court exhibits, and much more!"

"The Federal Mafia" is published by Freedom Books, 60 Skiff St., Suite 300, Hamden, CT 06517; 203-281-6791.

The following interview was conducted in two parts. Schiff was interviewed on Feb. 9, 1993 by Jim Russell. At the time, Schiff was being held at the Allenwood Federal Correctional Center in Montgomery, PA. A follow-up interview, conducted by Randy Langhenry, took place in early June while Schiff was assigned to a halfway program in New York City.

**NEWS:** How long are you in prison?

**Schiff:** I was in prison for probation violation. Without being paranoid, I was absolutely framed. I was sentenced for allegedly committing tax evasion, which I never committed, for three years, and three years on probation. When I was released, I finished my probation. They said I violated my probation and they recommitted me to serve two years in jail. So I started that sentence Jan. 17, 1992.

Just to give you an example of how they have punished me, I allegedly evaded \$49,000 worth of taxes for the years 1980-1982. Now after my sentence the government came out with guidelines, and the parameters for sentencing someone who committed tax evasion of \$49,000 was from 10-15 months. Even if someone got 15 months, they would get at least a month off, so they would probably do 14 months. I have done—confined—45 months I've been in prison, and about 24 months I was on parole, probation. For almost 80 months I've had my liberty restricted for allegedly evading taxes.

Of course, I was never convicted of evading taxes.

It is important for people to understand that the entire collection of income tax is done illegally by the government. The government has labeled people like myself 'tax protesters'. So people who have never looked into this believe that we are protesting taxes in some manner. The fact of the matter is, as my latest book called "The Federal Mafia" shows, that each and every facet of the government's

collection of taxes is illegal. I'm not a tax protester, I'm not protesting taxes, I'm revealing the fact that there is no law that says anybody has to pay income taxes. There is no law making anybody liable for income taxes. There is no law that allows the government to seize property in payment of income taxes. There are no laws that allow government to prosecute people for alleged income tax crimes. All of these things are illegal.

**NEWS:** How is it that you were put in jail? We have these safeguards, don't we?

**Schiff:** We have no safeguards. Courts are totally corrupt when it comes to income taxes. And if a district court wants to misstate the law, and if the appellate court goes along with it, there is nothing you can do about it, because the Supreme Court won't even hear these cases.

**NEWS:** How do you relate what has happened to you to the First Amendment?

**Schiff:** The First Amendment is dead, as is the Fifth Amendment, the Fourth Amendment—the Constitution is dead.

**NEWS:** I understand your claims that the federal government illegally imposes and unlawfully collects income taxes, but if as you say the Constitution is dead, what can the public do about it?

**Schiff:** The present judiciary knows that the law does not require the payment of income tax. It never dawned on me that the federal government, especially the judiciary, could be as criminal as they are in totally disregarding the law.

What can people do? I really don't know. At this point there is nothing they can do. If they are ever on jury duty and it's a tax case, they just vote not guilty. There is a law called 'jury nullification,' as a matter of fact there is an organization now trying to promote the understanding of the fact that jurors have the right to vote with their conscience. When the judges say, 'You must accept the law as I give it to you,' that's not true. What they should do is simply vote not guilty. The second thing they can do is call up talk shows. There are a lot of talk shows in the country now, I don't want to sound commercial now, but they can mention my book. Because my book proves that you are not required to file income taxes.

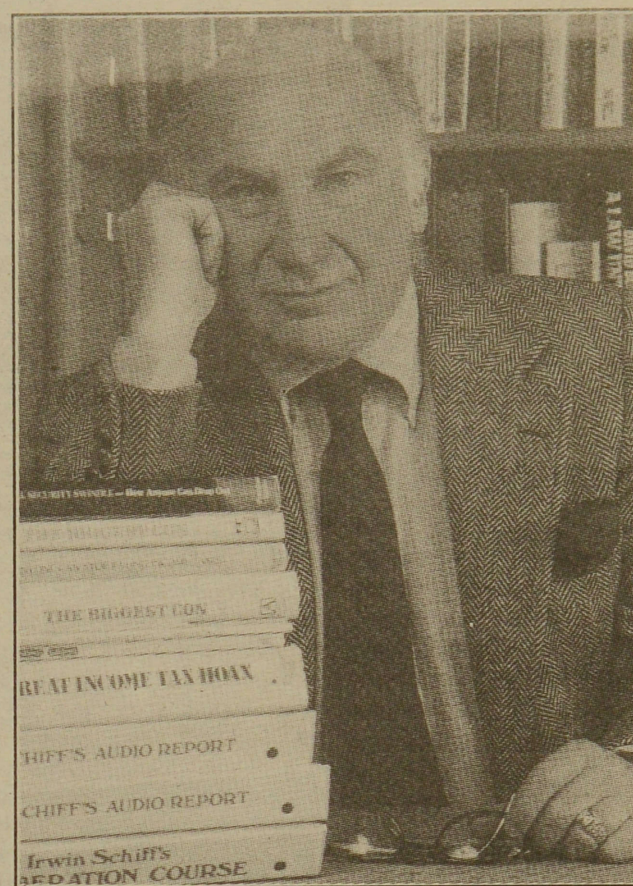
Another thing they can do is get the organizations that are normally associated with the libertarian movement, like Cato, they know about my books, but I guess they are all afraid to say that I'm right. Either they are afraid to say [that people don't have to pay income taxes] because they are afraid people might stop paying income taxes and then get into trouble because of it, or they just can't believe it. A lot of people say, 'How can all these judges and lawyers be wrong?' Well, they are wrong.

The simplest thing is you just call up the IRS and say, 'Tell me what section of the code makes me liable for taxes or states you have to pay a tax.' There is no such section. Income tax is based on self-assessment.

**NEWS:** Do you believe that you're a political prisoner?

**Schiff:** Well, absolutely I was a political prisoner. They kept me in jail for seven years.

But getting back, what can people do? They can read my book which will convince them. People say to me, 'Well, that's your interpretation of the law.' Well, it's not my interpretation. It's clear what the law says and it's clear



what is not in the law.

The Libertarian Party could be a big help, but even the Libertarian Party, and I've spoken in front of at least five Libertarian state organizations, they haven't really tried to promote the idea that the whole income tax is being collected illegally.

Now, libertarians understand that the federal government is undermining the American standard of living. Why don't they, at the same time, say that [the federal government is] doing it illegally. . .

I'm really disappointed in the libertarian movement in not attributing illegality to what the federal government is doing. They are undermining the American way of life not by simply enlarging the bureaucracy, but they are using two tools to do it—the collection of income tax and the creation of paper money. Both of which are illegal, unconstitutional. And the real culprits here are the federal judges. The federal judges have allowed the government to usurp power.

**NEWS:** Do you think it is too late to even elect new representatives?

**Schiff:** I'll tell you what is going to happen. When Clinton got elected, I said it's not going to make any difference. The federal debt today is reported at around \$4 trillion. The federal debt is closer to \$20 trillion. What is going to happen is they are either going to repudiate the debt or the government's going to print money to pay the debt and we are going to have runaway inflation as they had in Germany in 1922, and that must come. You say to me, 'Well, how do you know the debt is \$20 trillion?' When the government reports the debt at \$4 trillion, that is only the debt for which they have issued bonds. It is only the bonded debt. That does not take into consideration unfunded liabilities, like Social Security payments, what they promise to pay veterans and government employees, and disability pensions. The government reports now that there is a surplus in the Social Security trust fund, but that's bullshit. The surplus is made up of government bonds. When a surplus of Social Security money comes into the government, they spend it, and they give themselves an IOU for the money they've spent. So there is no excess, there's not a quarter.

**NEWS:** What are your plans following your additional month in the halfway house and your month on parole?

**Schiff:** Well, they are going to try to put me back in jail. I would like to promote "The Federal Mafia." That contains information that people aren't going to get anywhere else. There is a lot of false information that circulates. The government has created a word called 'tax protester,' and that serves the government very well. Because it sounds as though I'm protesting. But it's not that I'm protesting the tax, it's that I'm not required to pay. When you know something to be true it is very difficult not to want to shout it from the housetops.



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