

LP membership drive aims to reach millions

For the opening salvo of its most ambitious membership drive ever, the Libertarian Party recently mailed out 125,000 recruitment letters to libertarian movement lists and the party's own prospect list. The mailing also included a 5,000-piece test mailing to Wired magazine subscribers. And there's lots more to come.

"This is the beginning of the major membership drive of this year," LP National Director Perry Willis said. "We're expecting between 1,000 and 2,500 new members from this mailing."

The party ended the 1996 presidential campaign season with 21,075 members, according to Willis. In early June,

the membership figure was at nearly 23,000. This was good news for the Libertarian Party, since conventional wisdom has been that party membership peaks at presidential election time and then drops off, Willis said.

"Not only have we not shrunk, but we've grown by 1,849 members, which is an 8 percent increase in eight months," Willis noted. "This is very good because we have been trying to catch up on our bills from the presidential campaign, and we have done very little membership recruitment during this period."

The new 125,000-piece mailing is to lists that the party has had success with in the past, and the party expects excellent results. And, if the test results from the Wired magazine list prove it successful, Willis hopes to follow up with additional mailing to this list. "There are about 380,000 names on that list," he said.

This current mailing is just the beginning of the major membership drive the party is planning during the next see **Membership drive** on page 2

LP saving taxpayers millions of dollars

Libertarians across the country, from Ohio to California, have saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars by fighting against proposed tax increases—and the battles continue.

In May, Ohio Libertarians played a key role in defeating a proposed one-half percent sales tax increase intended to pay for a new sports arena and stadium in Columbus. It was projected that the sales tax increase would raise \$192 million in three years.

"Had it not been for the Libertarian Party, big-government politicians would have met with little opposition," LP member Dena Bruedigam said.

The Libertarians helped form a group called Voters Against Stadium Taxes (VAST). The group posted yard signs, gave speeches, and distributed literature against the stadium tax.



The voters rejected the tax increase by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin. Libertarians called the vote a victory against "corporate welfare."

In California, three Libertarian activists—Richard Rider, Pat Wright, and Chris Winkler—continue their fight against the financing of a municipal project to expand the San Diego Convention Center.

In a stunning victory for the Libertarians, the State Supreme Court voted 6-0, with one abstention, to hear a lawsuit filed by the Libertarians.

Local politicians had claimed the lawsuit was "frivolous," and the Libertarians had lost every lower court battle in the case. Public officials had even threatened to counter sue, alleging that the Libertarians' case was without probable cause.

"Landmark decisions are always an uphill fight," Rider said following the Supreme Court decision to hear the case, "and we just took a huge step up that hill."

The expansion project carries a price tag of more than \$200 million. The Libertarians claim the financing was

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Success '97 gets raves

Success '97, the Libertarian Party's series of two-day, intensive leadership seminars, is getting rave reviews from participants.

"I'd urge anyone who was thinking of attending one of these conferences to do so," said Jim "Suldog" Sullivan, a member of the LP of Massachusetts' executive committee and the state candidate recruitment coordinator.

"The nuts and bolts stuff was superb. I enjoyed the experience immensely," Sullivan said.

Sullivan and about 50 others attended the Success '97 workshop held in Andover, MA, in early June. It was the first of a series of eight workshops to be held across the country.

The workshops feature topics such as effective state and local party organizing, secrets of winning Libertarian communication, effective public speaking, fund raising, and the essentials of project planning and management.

Although presenters at individual workshops will vary, speakers include Steve Dasbach, LP national chair; Perry Willis, LP national director; Ron Crickenberger, LP national political director; Bill Win-

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NC and AK complete ballot drives

The Libertarian Party has finished ballot drives in North Carolina and Alaska—years ahead of the normal schedule.

North Carolina, a state that has long been a thorn in the side of the Libertarian Party's ballot access, will now have Libertarian Party candidates on the ballot in every election through the year 2000.

In June, the Libertarian Party of North Carolina completed a ballot drive that is not usually attempted until just prior to a presidential election. The party turned in 77,099 signatures, needing 51,324 of them to be certified valid.

"North Carolina is one of the hardest states as far as ballot access goes, and it typically costs \$80,000-\$90,000," said Candi Copas, a Libertarian Party national committee member and the guiding force behind the state's ballot drive. "This drive was completed for about \$45,000."

The state party spent about \$10,000, and the national party picked up the difference, according to Copas. In addition, "this was one of the largest volunteer efforts that we've had in the state for a really long time," Copas said. In total, volunteers gathered approximately 7,750 signatures, according to Copas.



Bill Redpath

A "legendary" one-person, one-day volunteer effort to gather signatures, Copas proudly noted, came from Virginia Libertarian and LP ballot access specialist Bill Redpath. Redpath gathered 1,141 signatures on election day last year.

"To our knowledge, that is the most signatures ever collected in any one day, and Bill

Redpath did that for us here in this state," Copas said. "Truly amazing!"

"Bill did a job that will live in infamy among us petitioners," Scott Kohlhaas, LP activist and a "legendary" petitioner in his own right, said. "It was unbelievable. It sets a whole new standard in petitioning."

Gaining ballot access now, instead of waiting a year or two, allows the party to field candidates in every election between now and 2000.

"We already have some candidates, and we have started our candidate recruiting," Copas said. "We're going to have candidates in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000."

Another welcome note for Libertarians in North Carolina is that a ballot access relief bill has passed unanimously in the State Senate and all committees of the State House. A floor vote in the see **Ballot drives** on page 2

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year. Willis is currently compiling a "list of lists" that the party wants to test.

"We're trying to put together a small capital fund from our major donors to allow us to test all of these lists," Willis said.

This testing is hoped to lead to the identification of about 8 million people to whom the party can mail recruitment material with a likely success rate of near the break-even point.

If it can successfully identify these 8 million people, the party plans to conduct a major capital fund drive, and use this capital fund to mail to this list of nearly 8 million people.

"This would allow us to recruit tens of thousands, and hopefully hundreds of thousands, of new members in a fairly short

period of time," Willis said.

"Ideally, if we can raise enough money, we would like to get all of the testing part of this done before the end of this year," Willis said. "Then we would go to work next year putting together this capital fund so that we could do all of the roll outs to the large 8 million people list, so that we could try to recruit enough members to go into 1999 with the financial ability to do a massive amount of advertising in preparation for the 2000 campaign."

The current recruitment letter deals with the "wasted vote" problem—that some have argued that voting Libertarian is simply throwing your vote away. The letter's basic theme is that if the Libertarian Party had as many members as the Democrats or Re-

publicans, or even enough members to have the same financial clout as Ross Perot had in 1992, "we could be assured of being in the 2000 debates," Willis said.

The letter, which has been tested and is the best performing recruitment letter the party has used in the past, also explains what the Libertarian Party presidential candidate would say in the debates, and how that compares with the Republican and Democratic messages.

"We use Harry Browne's basic presiden-

tial campaign platform to illustrate the kinds of things a Libertarian would talk about," Willis said.

The party plans to test other membership recruitment letters to try to find an even better appeal.

This effort comes with a price tag. "We are hoping to raise and spend as much as half a million dollars by the end of this year on the testing portion of this project," Willis said. "How successful we are at this depends on the generosity of our members."

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State House was scheduled in mid-June, and Copas anticipated passage of the bill.

The bill allows the LP "to keep our registered voters forever," Copas said. "Typically, if our gubernatorial or presidential candidate doesn't poll 10 percent, [the state] sends a letter to all registered Libertarians saying that your party no longer exists in the state anymore. With this legislation, we will be allowed to keep registered Libertarians on the roll forever."

In Alaska, LP Membership Chair Scott Kohlhaas has conducted two petition drives already this year. In April, the party turned in more than 5,000 signatures to get ballot status for the LP's presidential candidate in 2000, way ahead of the normal schedule.

And last month, Kohlhaas turned in another 5,000 signatures for state party candi-

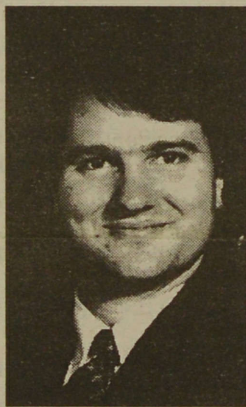
dates. Kohlhaas gathered all of the signatures by himself in a completely voluntary effort.

"I'll be the first Libertarian Party statewide candidate in Alaska—other than president—since 1986," Kohlhaas said. He will be running in the U.S. Senate race next year.

"We plan to fill the slate," he said. "It's only the beginning."

In addition, Alaska recently passed a new law that will allow a new party to qualify for the ballot if it can get 6,403 voters—3 percent of the last gubernatorial vote—to register with the party. This will be very difficult, but the state party plans to try. At its peak in 1986, the Alaska Libertarian Party had 1,598 registrants, according to Richard Winger of Ballot Access News.

Prior to the new law, a group could not qualify as a "party" in the state until after it polled 3 percent for governor.



Scott Kohlhaas

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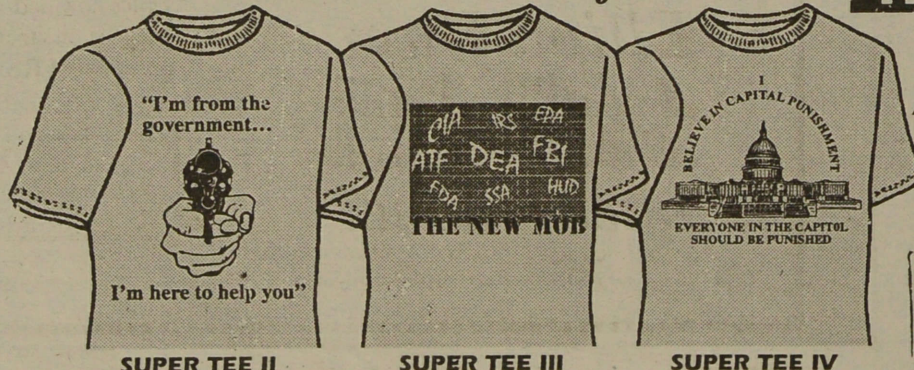
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ter, LP national communications director; and such libertarian luminaries as Barbara Goushaw, Jacob Hornberger, Gene Cisevski, Jim Lark, and Michael Cloud.

The two-day gatherings feature the workshops and a dinner, and they provide plenty of opportunities for informal discussions with the Libertarian Party's national leadership.

For more information or to sign up for Success '97, see page 9 in this issue of the NEWS.

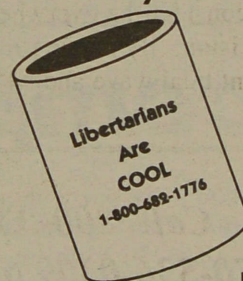
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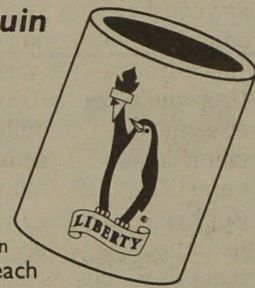


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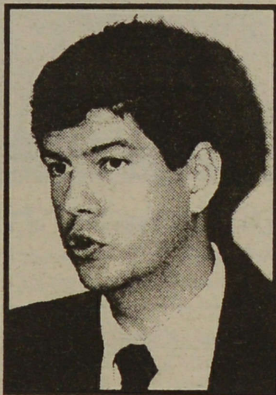
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Univ. of Virginia libertarian group celebrates 10th year of activism

By JAMES W. LARK, III

In September 1987, as Libertarians prepared to gather in Seattle for the 1987 national convention, a newly-formed libertarian group at the University of Virginia (U.Va.) sponsored an information table at the student activities fair. That group, Students for Individual Liberty (SIL), has now completed its 10th year of activity. According to former LP activist Don Ernsberger, SIL has established the record among libertarian campus groups for longevity.

SIL is an educational, non-political organization that seeks to explain and promote the libertarian perspective. I founded the organization and served as its first president during my graduate studies at U.Va., and have served as its adviser since fall 1990. SIL members have founded several brother



Jim Lark

organizations: currently, The Liberty Coalition at U.Va. consists of S.I.L., Law Students for Individual Liberty, the Classical Liberal Roundtable, Students for the Second Amendment, Law Students for the Second Amendment, University Libertarians, and Law Libertarians. (The last two organizations are Libertarian Party-oriented; the other groups are non-political.)

The Liberty Coalition groups sponsor a variety of activities during the school year, including lectures, forums, information tables, poster campaigns, and promoting various issues at U.Va. (such as elimination of the mandatory student activity fee). In particular, the S.I.L. speaker series, which usually features 12 to 16 addresses per year, is widely recognized within the community for offering excellent speakers who address a wide variety of topics. Also, SIL produces the "SIL Bulletin" three times per semester. The Bulletin provides information about SIL activities and reprints interesting articles about matters of philosophy and public policy. It appears that the Bulletin is widely read at U.Va.; our readership includes many people who disagree strongly with the libertarian perspective.

On the political front, University Libertarians assist the Libertarian Party and its candidates via ballot drives, representing the LP in debates, poster campaigns, working polling stations, and other campaign activity.

One accomplishment about which we are especially pleased is that in each year of SIL's existence, at least one SIL member has written a regular opinion column for a U.Va. student newspaper. (In 1989-90, we had four SIL columnists, which prompted complaints about how the Libertarians had taken over the campus media.) Kurt Weber, Bart Hinkle, Kelly Young, David Garland, David Brown, Karl Jahn, Hans Bader, Bill Olinger, Larry Wright, and Jamie

Plummer, among others, have done a splendid job in promoting libertarian ideas through their columns. Incidentally, many of these people are now working professionally for pro-freedom think tanks and advocacy groups.

My colleagues and I are very proud that through our efforts, many people have embraced libertarianism and thousands more have been exposed to libertarian

ideas. While U.Va. has not yet become a bastion of libertarianism, we are confident that our efforts are making a difference in the battle for liberty.

Note: We are happy to assist fellow libertarians establish groups at their high schools and colleges. If we can be of help to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following address: Students for Individual Liberty, Box 514, Newcomb Hall

Station, Charlottesville, VA 22904; 804-982-5016; <liberty@virginia.edu>; <http://darwin.clas.virginia.edu/~liberty>.

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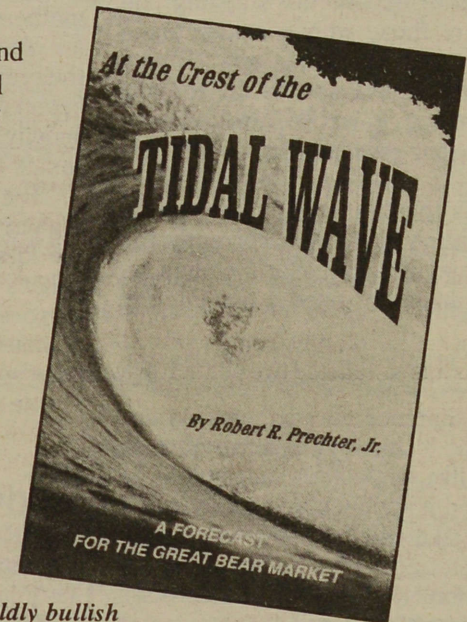
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Former Republican mayor in FL switches to LP

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Liberty Forum is the state's first and only live call-in Libertarian talk show. It was started in April 1994 by Libertarian activist **John Hix**. The show, which has been on the air every month since its inception, airs live on the third Monday of the month from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. on TCI cable channel 3 in Montgomery and Prattville. Rebroadcasts of the show are aired every Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Source: affiliate member

California

Author, publisher, and entrepreneur **Steve Kubby** has announced his intention to seek the state party's gubernatorial nomination for 1998.

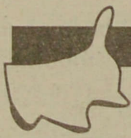
"I intend to expose the stupidity and hypocrisy of those who consider themselves to be our political masters," Kubby said. "I want Californians to be able to make a truly informed choice. We've all become tax slaves to our government. It's time for a change."

Kubby is the former publisher of *Ski West* magazine, and he is currently the editor-in-chief of *Alpine World Online*, an electronic magazine rated a top Internet site.

Kubby has survived 22 years with a cancer that once earned him a "six months to live" death sentence. He attributes his successful fight to his own positive attitude and will to live, to the love and support he has received from his family and friends, and to natural medicines—including marijuana.

His own experience using medical marijuana prompted Kubby to become one of the driving forces behind the Medical Marijuana Initiative, passed by California voters last year.

Kubby plans to run an aggressive cam-



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paign that includes many speaking engagements and radio and television talk show appearances.

Source: affiliate newsletter

Colorado

The state party recently issued a strongly worded condemnation of the City of Aurora's proposed plan to regulate the type of establishment and location that are suitable for churches. The city is considering limiting the number of "store-front" churches in certain neighborhoods.

"Not only do the Aurora city fathers and mothers think they have the responsibility for planning all economic activity within their realm of influence, they now feel competent and compelled to regulate religious activity, too," state party Chair Sandra Johnson said.

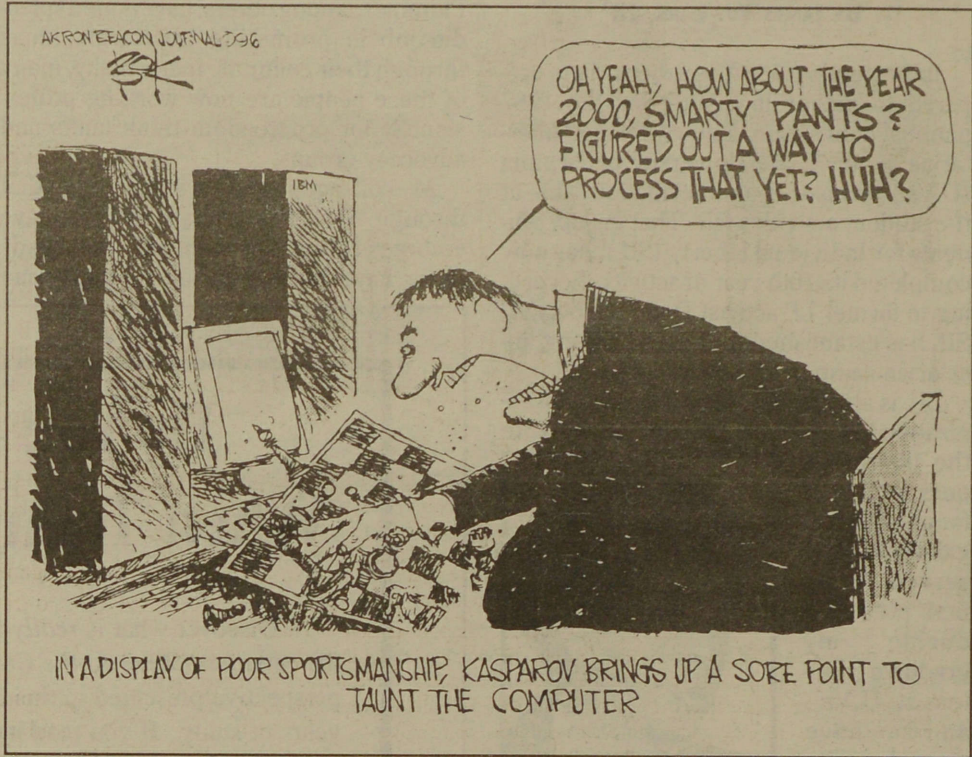
"The so-called rationale for the proposed regulation of church locations is to prevent the loss of sales tax revenue," she said. "That's unbelievable. And people criticize corporations for being greedy! As Aurora is demonstrating here, it is government that has the most insatiable appetite for other people's money."

Source: affiliate news release

Florida

Carl Strang, a former Republican mayor and city commissioner of Winter Haven has joined the Libertarian Party.

"I have been moving in this direction for some time," said Strang, as quoted in Bill Ruffy's column in the *Lakeland Ledger*. "Both major parties have developed too much tolerance of government intrusion



into private lives. There is really no difference between them anymore."

Strang served as mayor of Winter Haven from 1987-88 and as city commissioner from 1984-88. He has held many other appointed positions in local (city, county, regional) government over the years and is currently co-chair of the Polk County Citizens' Committee for Efficient County Government, a collaborative effort of all 17 of the Chambers of Commerce in Polk County.

He recently changed his voter registration from Republican to Libertarian. Up until the time he registered as a Libertarian, he was a member of the Polk County Republican Executive Committee.

Strang called for a correction of Florida's restrictive ballot access laws, described by ballot access expert **Richard Winger** as

the most oppressive of any state in the nation.

"I just hope that Florida is able to give a chance at equal access to the ballot to all who want to serve," Strang said. "Every party should be allowed the right to have its candidates on the ballot for voters to choose."

Source: affiliate news release

The state party has filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court. The party seeks high court review of a Florida Supreme Court decision from December upholding a Florida law which provides major party state executive committees with more than 50 percent of their respective state and federal candidates' filing fees, while minor

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HON. DONALD GORMAN. Don served four terms in the New Hampshire House. During the last two (1993 - 1996), he was Libertarian Leader of the House. He continues to chair the Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment, a position to which he was first elected in 1990. He has fought in the Libertarian Party trenches since joining the party in 1993, owns and operates Auld-Reekie Chimney Services, is a private pilot, Master on ocean-going tugs, Merchant Marine, scuba instructor and enthusiastic participant in Scottish, English and New England dancing who thinks that micro-breweries are the salvation of New England if not the world.

RICHARD BENJAMIN BODDIE (pronounced "body"). Dick is a dynamic communicator and leader who is emerging as one of the nation's top motivational speakers. In addition to professional speaking, training and facilitating in seminars and workshops, he is a lawyer, adjunct professor, mediator, write, and entrepreneur. Dick and his family have lived in Orange County, California, since 1977 where he now chairs the LP county party.

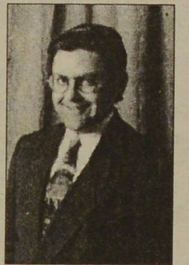
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JACOB G. HORNBERGER. Bumper has been giving speeches for more than 35 years. He was co-captain of one of the most successful debate teams in Virginia Military Institute history, where he graduated in 1972. He was a civil and criminal trial attorney for 12 years in Texas. For the last 10 years—as program director at The Foundation for Economic Education and now as president of The Future of Freedom Foundation—Bumper has delivered speeches, participated in debates, and appeared on radio and television talk shows. He was the electrifying keynote speaker at the 1996 Libertarian Party National Convention.

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DAVID KAMIONER is the president of Kamioner & Associates, a political consulting firm based in Reading, Pennsylvania. A native of Hollywood, Florida, he is a veteran of U.S. Army Intelligence, holds a Bachelor of Science degree, *Cum Laude*, from the University of Maryland's European Division. Involved in operational politics since he was nine years old, David has won races at the city, county, initiative, and state legislative levels. He has also won an ACE award for his work in cable television.

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Sabrin active in high-profile NJ race

Libertarians are actively participating in what will likely be one of the most highly visible races in 1997.

Murray Sabrin is the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor in New Jersey, and he has launched his campaign with a strong start. He already has appeared on local television and radio, and he is making a strong bid to get into the official gubernatorial debates.

Sabrin is a professor of economics, author, radio and television talk show host, and founder and president of the Alliance for a Tax Free America.

"I'm running for governor because we are at a crucial time in history," Sabrin said. "We have to decide how we want to arrange our affairs in New Jersey and the rest of the nation."

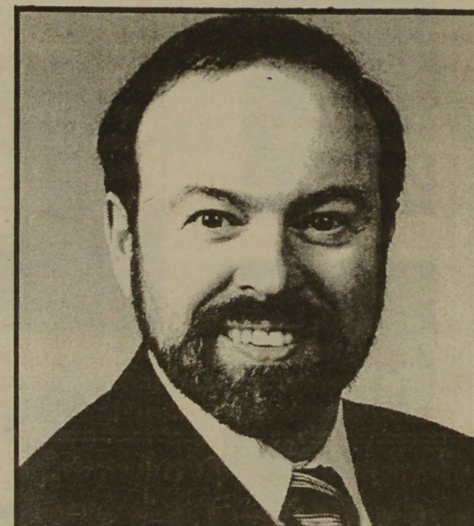
"America's social welfare system is a financial mess and an infringement upon the constitutional rights of the citizenry. It's time to return to common sense government," he said.

Sabrin will be facing well-known Republican Gov. Christie Whitman, but Whitman has run into problems recently. Whitman cut taxes in the state, but did not make cuts

in spending, according to the Sabrin campaign.

"Property taxes have increased and she funded some of her spending from unemployment insurance and pension fund monies and is desperately trying to pass a bond issue to pay back the borrowed funds," the Sabrin campaign explained. "Voters are ready for new ideas."

Sabrin's platform calls for the abolition of the state income and inheritance taxes, rescinding senseless state regulations, toughening law enforcement for real criminals, reinstating private property rights,



Murray Sabrin

eliminating government funded education, and restoring constitutional government.

"In all the issues facing the people of New Jersey and the rest of the nation, a common theme is obvious: government mismanagement is everywhere," Sabrin said.

"Whether the issue is education, automobile insurance, land use, health care, crime prevention, or any of dozens of other issues, government ineptitude continues," he said. "In many instances it is getting worse and reaching crisis proportions."

The primary objective of the Sabrin campaign is to capture the opportunity to face off with Whitman and the Democratic candidate in the televised debates in the fall.

"These debates should receive national attention," Sabrin said. "Imagine getting the Libertarian message out in televised debates. The party's 800 numbers will be ringing like never before."

To get into the debates, the Sabrin campaign must raise \$210,000 in public contributions. "We're off to a good start with over \$25,000 in contributions and pledges so far," Sabrin said.

Members of the Sabrin for Governor campaign include Campaign Manager Dan Karlan, a former LP National Committee member and past NJ gubernatorial candidate; Campaign Treasurer Mark Peterson, a state party Steering Committee member; and Press Secretary Mike Buoncrisiano, a U.S. House candidate in 1996.

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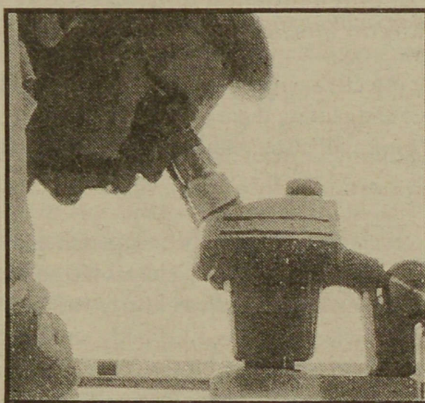
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illegal because voters were not asked to approve the \$186 million in bonds that would pay for most of the project.

"Our city charter makes clear that all bonds must come to a vote and be approved by a two-thirds majority," Rider said. "It makes no exception for revenue bonds, and excludes the City Council from making such decisions on long term debt. Show me where these City Council critters were elected on a platform of issuing hundreds of millions of dollars of debt without a vote of the people."

The court may take more than a year to rule on the Libertarians' case. In the meantime, Libertarians have put a stop to another expenditure of taxpayer money.

"If we win," plaintiffs' attorney Carl Fabian said, "it will mean that city charters will mean what they say, and that taxpayers will be in charge of their debt once again."

Libertarians in other parts of the country—from Colorado to Pennsylvania—have picked up on this issue and are working hard to save taxpayers even more money.

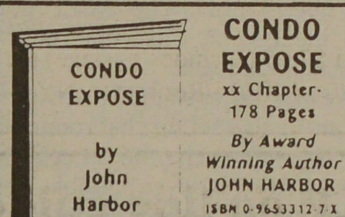
In Pittsburgh, Libertarians are playing a key role in opposing a proposed ballot referendum to raise the sales tax by one-half percent in a 10-county region to fund a new stadium for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball franchise.

The group, calling themselves "Good Sports," says that while many members are sports fans, they are "adamantly opposed to and appalled by the current trend of team owners to use a team's popularity and position against its city to extort funds from its hard-working taxpaying citizens."

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High-profile Republican says LP cost GOP seven U.S. House seats in 1996

In a surprising accusation, a former Republican congressman said the Libertarian Party caused the GOP to lose seven U.S. House seats in the 1996 election.

Interviewed on the nationally syndicated Gil Gross radio show on May 28, former U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan said, "Seven good Republicans—six of the seven charging conservatives—lost their seats because a Libertarian was in the race [in 1996]."

Dornan's accusation was significant because the Republican majority in the House dropped from 38 seats to 20 seats after the 1996 election. This means the GOP lost a net total of nine seats—seven of them at the hands of Libertarians, according to the former California congressman.

Although he didn't list all seven races, Dornan said the victims of the Libertarian congressional campaigns included: "Bill Baker of California, Andrea Seastrand [of California], myself, [and] four others across the country. Libertarians knocked off seven fiscal conservatives and replaced every one of them with a flaming liberal Democrat."

Dornan's comments left Libertarians slightly surprised, but pleased.

"We know we have a significant impact on congressional elections—but we're delighted that a leading Republican thinks we cost them so many seats," said the party's National Director Perry Willis. "Republicans apparently believe we've become very influential."

Dornan's comments were broadcast on 170 stations on the CBS Radio Network. The occasion: A debate with LP Deputy Director of Communications George Getz about consensual sex laws.

But the conversation quickly veered into electoral politics when Dornan accused Libertarian candidates of helping to defeat Republicans.

Getz immediately countered, "If you Republicans practiced what you preach, you wouldn't be losing your jobs like that. You and the Democratic Party have collaborated on running up a \$5 trillion debt. The people who voted for Libertarians are people who took Republicans at their word—but you [Republicans] lied and lied and lied. The budget this year is bigger than it has ever been, with a Republican majority [in Congress]!"

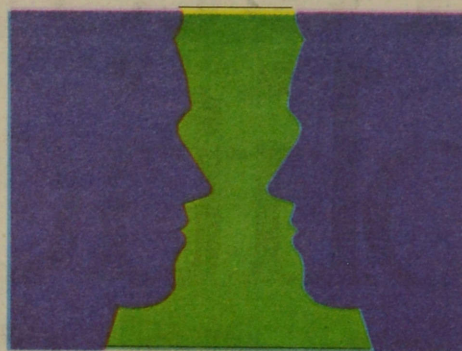
In all, the Libertarian Party contested 170 U.S. House seats in 1996, with individual candidates winning from 1 percent to more than 6 percent of the vote.

Willis agreed that Libertarian candidates have played a deciding role in numerous races throughout party history, but said Dornan's accusation represented the first time a Republican has put a specific number on the LP's impact.

"It's also the first time Republicans publicly admitted that we have the ability to affect national politics—suggesting that Libertarians have helped shape the partisan complexion of the United States Congress," he said.

In his accusation, Dornan seemed to suggest that LP candidates had won more votes than the difference between the winning and losing candidates—and that the Libertarians had pulled more votes from Republicans than Democrats.

"However, that's not necessarily the case," Willis said. "We have no evidence that Libertarians take more votes away from Republicans. If anything, the research seems to suggest that we draw votes evenly from both older parties. But if Dornan's theory is correct, maybe Republicans will



"We know we have a significant impact on congressional elections—but we're delighted that a leading Republican thinks we cost them so many seats."

— Perry Willis

start voting for smaller government—especially if they're afraid of getting bounced out of office."

Dornan served nine terms in the U.S. House, starting in 1976. He lost his most recent bid for re-election in the 38th District, but is contesting the election on the basis of voter fraud.

The feisty, bearded Californian—nicknamed "B1 Bob" for his impassioned defense of military spending—is perhaps best known for his vitriolic denunciations of homosexuals, "perverts," and the Hollywood lifestyle.

And during the discussion of consensual sex laws, Dornan's conservative opin-

ions were proudly flaunted as he argued that laws against adultery, sodomy, fornication, and cohabitation should remain in force.

"I think you should leave the laws alone because it sets an ideal, and a standard," he said. "Sometimes, even the [laws] that are not enforced are held up as an ideal and example for a society to cling to."

Besides, he said, "Look at the sodomy laws: They are hardly enforced at all. Now, if you take the sodomy laws off the books, it's telling everybody in society: This is OK now. It doesn't matter."

Dornan occasionally wandered off the subject to take a swipe at his favorite target, homosexuals, saying: "Adulterers and fornicators will always and inevitably approve of rampant homosexuality—because in the back of their minds they think they are superior to this person who is engaging in this perverted form of sex."

And Dornan couldn't resist insulting even his home state of California: "I love my state, but it sure starts a lot of sick trends."

The host of the show and a majority of the callers seemed to support the Libertarian Party's position on the issue of consensual sex laws; that such laws invade people's privacy, breed contempt for the law, and are examples of an overzealous government.

Getz summed up the Libertarian position when he asked Dornan: "If you allow government to do this—in other words, if you allow government to regulate the most intimate, personal details of a married person's life—is there anything that the government should not be able to do?"

When Dornan didn't respond, Getz continued: "We Libertarians think that if limited government is to mean anything, it must mean that government is, at the very least, out of our bedrooms."

Affiliates

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parties are denied any percentage.

"Despite the long-shot nature of seeking Supreme Court review, we believe it is necessary to fight this battle to the end," said **Nick Dunbar**, LP state chair. "We waited through the legislative session, hoping the Democrats and Republicans would change the law; they didn't. They only want to preserve the anti-competitive, anti-electoral choice laws of the Election Code. We gave them a chance to act, and they didn't. So, it's up to us."

In 1994, Libertarian Party candidate **Robert Wilson** of Santa Rosa County qualified for the general election ballot for the State House, after the party obtained enough petition signatures to earn ballot status. Wilson paid his qualifying fee, one component of which is the filing fee. The Libertarian Party of Florida received no portion of Wilson's filing fee, because under Florida law only parties with 5 percent voter registration or greater are entitled to a portion of their state and federal candidates' filing fees.

"These are dangerous times for parties

other than the Democrats and Republicans," said Libertarian attorney **Daniel Walker**. "Chief Justice Rehnquist almost enshrined the two-party system in his opinion in the recent case out of Minnesota, upholding a ban on 'fusion' candidacies, and in our case the Florida Supreme Court upheld a law which essentially punishes minor parties which earn a place on the general election ballot. The courts are reading a 'two-party' clause into the Constitution, a clause that doesn't exist."

Source: affiliate news release

Indiana

In May, the state party elected the following new officers: **Rob Shuford**, chair; **Dean Hodgkins**, vice chair; **Mike Runnebohm**, treasurer; and **Darlene Sartore**, secretary.

Source: affiliate officer

The state party launched its library outreach at the state convention in May. The library outreach is phase one of the state party's "Operation Everywhere." LP members can purchase **Harry Browne's** "Why Government Doesn't Work" and **Peter**

McWilliams' "Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do" for placement in schools and public libraries. The books will be available for placement by the state party as an ongoing project.

Source: affiliate news release

Massachusetts

Jim "Suldog" Sullivan, candidate recruitment coordinator for the state LP, is actively seeking candidates to run in 1998. Sullivan reports that 20 people have stepped forward to run as Libertarians—already the best total in state history—with 10 months to go until the filing deadline. The state party has a goal of 100 candidates on the ballot in 1998.

If you are interested in being a candidate in the state, contact Sullivan at <suldog@aol.com> or <jsullivan@lamma.org>, or call him at 617-926-4640.

Source: affiliate officer

South Carolina

Mary Lou Seymour, state LP secretary, has set up an on-line chat room where LP

members and interested people can chat on-line, in real time, without any special software.

"These rooms are easily accessible on the Web by browser," Seymour said.

Steve Smith of the North Carolina LP also has set up a similar chat room for his state party at <www.mingspring.com/~freedom/liberty.htm>. The NCLP holds an open meeting at this chat room every Wednesday at 9 p.m.

"We urge other state LPs and interested persons to also set up chat rooms—so we can 'visit' with each other in cyberspace," Seymour said. "It's even possible, if enough participate, and we coordinate our times, that we could have a Libertarian 'meeting' going on at almost any hour."

The South Carolina chat room holds an open meeting every Thursday at 9 p.m. at <www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/9129/chat.htm>.

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If you're interested in coordinating state chat rooms and times, contact Seymour at <liberty@csra.net>.

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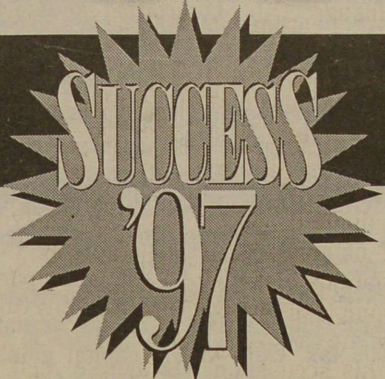
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GOP surrenders, persuasion vs. coercion, more

The budget "deal"

Social spending constitutes at least two-thirds of federal expenditures—spending for Medicare, Medicaid, school lunches, farm and business handouts, job training, education, and Social Security. It's great to want to help people, but our Constitution does not authorize Congress to do so. Its spending authority is itemized in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. A dimwitted congressman might say, "We do have authority for those spending programs under the welfare clause." Balderdash! James Madison, the father of our Constitution, said, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article in the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on the object of benevolence, the money of their constituents."

We cannot lay the entire blame, not even an important share of it, at the feet of Congress. American people are to blame for our fiscal mess. We elect congressmen who will use the power of their offices to take some other Americans' earnings to subsidize: our childrens' education, our farms and businesses, our retirement and medical needs, and a plethora of other desires. Any congressmen who'd respect, heed, and obey the letter and spirit of the Constitution would not get our votes. Our hero is the congressman who exhibits the deepest contempt for the limitations of the

Libertarian talking points

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Constitution's Article I, Section 8.

I'd suggest we heed Abraham Lincoln's admonishment: "Study the Constitution. Let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislatures, and enforced in courts of justice."

Walter Williams in The Washington Times, May 28, 1997.

A penny for your vote

Combined federal, state, and local taxes cost the average American 35.2 percent of his income, according to Tax Foundation estimates. A single, self-employed New Yorker earning \$50,000 can see 55 percent of his income vacuumed away by tax collectors.

Against this backdrop of state-sponsored theft, the paper revolutionaries of the 105th Congress and President Clinton have hatched a tax cut whose puniness would have amused the marginally more genuine Republicans of the 104th.

The GOP tax retreat seems to scuttle major reforms like a flat tax or national sales tax. Cuts in the capital gains and death taxes will be welcome if they ever arrive. But if Republicans want to be more

than just moderate Democrats in dark suits, they must fight for tax relief that will benefit all taxpayers. America needs a slash in income tax rates more than ever.

George Wallace observed that "there isn't a dime's worth of difference" between Republicans and Democrats. In fact, according to Scott Hodge of the Heritage Foundation, the budget deal's "tax measures would return less than one cent of every dollar [taxpayers] send to Washington over the next five years." By this measure, the thanks voters get for re-electing a Republican Congress amounts to less than a penny.

A dime's worth of difference? George Wallace was an optimist.

Deroy Murdock in The Washington Times, May 28, 1997.

GOP surrender

Of course some Republicans say [the balanced budget agreement] is the best they could do. But they control Congress, giving the GOP far greater power over the budget than that possessed by the president.

Rather than surrendering, the GOP should pass individual appropriations bills that cut spending and kill unnecessary programs, like foreign aid and the NEA. Congress should also condition funding—no money may be spent to promote racial

quotas, for instance, or to aid left-wing political lobbies. Finally, Republicans should slash income tax rates across the board.

Mr. Clinton might veto such measures. So what? Let the president explain that he is closing the State Department in order to protect foreign aid. Let him explain that he is closing the Justice Department in order to advance quotas. Let him explain that he is blocking real tax relief in order to enrich his favorite interest groups.

But no. Deep down, the Republicans are no more committed to limited government than are the Democrats. The word in Washington is clear: We're all for big government now.

Doug Bandow of the Cato Institute in The Washington Times, May 21, 1997.

Tragic flaw

Sometimes a tragedy can be the state's best friend. People don't like to believe in unavoidable atrocities, don't like to accept that deeply regrettable events can and will happen because the universe—or someone in it—is unpredictable, imperfect, and unmanageable. We crave control. Vain attempts to manage the unmanageable at any cost are the strongest impetus turning citizens into supplicants, begging for a government solution to every potential problem.

Brian Doherty, Reason magazine, May 1997.

Is cloning wrong?

Given all of the brouhaha, you'd think it was crystal clear why cloning humans is unethical. But what exactly is wrong with it? Which ethical principle does cloning violate? Stealing? Lying? Coveting? Murdering? What? Most of the arguments against cloning amount to little more than a reformulation of the old familiar refrain of Luddites everywhere: If God had meant for man to fly, he would have given us wings. And if God had meant for man to clone, he would have given us spores. Ethical reasoning requires more than that.

What would a clone be? Well, he or she would be a complete human being who happens to share the same genes with another person. Today we call such people identical twins. To my knowledge, no one has argued that twins are immoral. Of course, cloned twins would not be the same age. But it is hard to see why this age difference might present an ethical problem—or give clones a different moral status.

Ronald Bailey, in Reason magazine, May 1997.

Heroin chic

President Clinton accused the fashion industry of "increasing the allure of heroin among young people" and urged it not to "glamorize addiction" to sell clothes. There is no reason to expect that people attracted to the look promoted by Calvin Klein will also be attracted to heroin.

Blurring the distinction between persuasion and coercion is often the first step

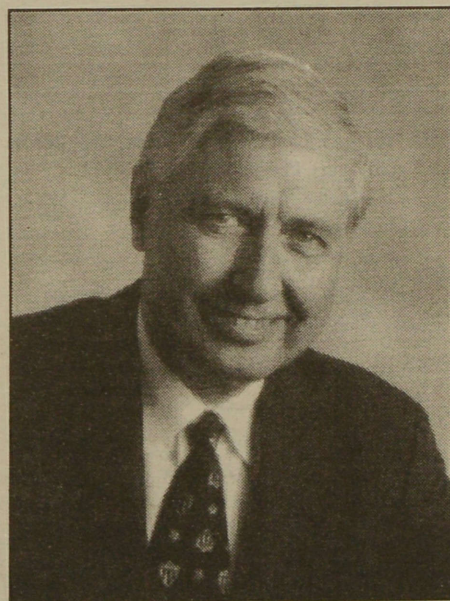
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toward censorship. In the 1950s, John Kenneth Galbraith and Vance Packard argued that corporations used advertising to manipulate consumers and create an artificial desire for their products. The federal court that upheld the 1970 ban on broadcast advertising of cigarettes was clearly influenced by such ideas, citing "the subliminal impact of this pervasive propaganda."

We see the same line of thinking today. In calling for restrictions on Web sites promoting alcohol and tobacco, the Center for Media Education, a research group in Washington, warns that "interactivity has a hypnotic and addictive quality that some analysts believe could be stronger than television."

The aim of such arguments is to portray people not as independent moral agents but as mindless automatons. It's a view of human nature that encourages the flight from responsibility to victimhood that we see all around us: the smoker who blames a cigarette maker for his lung cancer, the heavy drinker who blames the liquor company for her baby's birth defects, the mass murderer who blames dirty magazines for inspiring his crimes.

Jacob Sullum in The New York Times, May 23, 1997.

Silicon charity

In its 1996 year-in-review issue, Newsweek fumed about "The Wealth and Avarice of the CyberRich." Newsweek chides Bill Gates for giving only about one-third of 1 percent of his net worth to charity.

Free market entrepreneurs have no monopoly on money-making skills. Just a few hundred miles to the south of Silicon Valley there are lots and lots of redistributionists making piles and piles of money and giving plenty of it away, sometimes to traditional charities and just as often to trendy leftist causes. From David Geffen to Ted Turner (and Turner's wife), lots of super-rich people use their millions to push policies and ideas inimical to entrepreneurial capitalism. Those gifts buy them good press. But they also buy policies that could impoverish future generations. I don't care whether the "cyber-rich" give away their millions. Through their own good work, they've already contributed enormously to the betterment of human life. They do, however, have a "social responsibility" to take their money seriously: to resist suggestions that they should rush to

give it away without considering the effects on the very freedoms that have made them prosper.

Rick Henderson of Reason in The Washington Times, May 12, 1997.

Social insecurity

Despite growing anxiety over Social Security, three in 10 of the Americans closest to retirement say they have personally saved less than \$10,000 for the years they are no longer working. Baby boomers appear to have fared even worse.

According to a survey conducted for Fidelity Investments by the research group Public Agenda, one-third of the respondents believe Social Security's funding problems are so severe that they do not expect to receive any benefits from the system.

The heightened anxiety and the strong economy of recent years, however, don't appear to have prompted people to save more for their retirement. Overall, 46 percent of the respondents said they have squirreled away less than \$10,000 for their retirement. That included 30 percent of those closest to retirement, now aged 51 to

61, and 40 percent of baby boomers 33 to 50.

Two in three respondents, or 68 percent, acknowledged they could save more if they made the effort, although one-third believed they cannot save because of a lack of discretionary income.

From the Associated Press, May 19, 1997.

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Letters

Getting appointed, an apology, one term, and more

Get appointed

It was with the greatest pleasure that I read Mark Tuniewicz's article (June 1997 NEWS) about serving in appointed positions. Six years ago, when I was the vice chair of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, Wisconsin's Gov. Tommy G. Thompson appointed me to the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Geologists, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors. I am starting my fifth year as the chair of the Professional Engineers section. This is a state government board, not a local government board.

How did I get this exalted position? It started with a letter to my state senator that began with, "If I knew what you scallywags in Madison were up to I'd have written you sooner!" Well, he decided to turn me into a scallywag too.

I'm having fun! I've helped defeat registration legislation for new occupations. I prevented a drug treatment bureaucracy from forming within my board—I checked and in the last 20 years no cases of drug abuse have been reported for board registrants. I redesigned the board's forms and eliminated two full time



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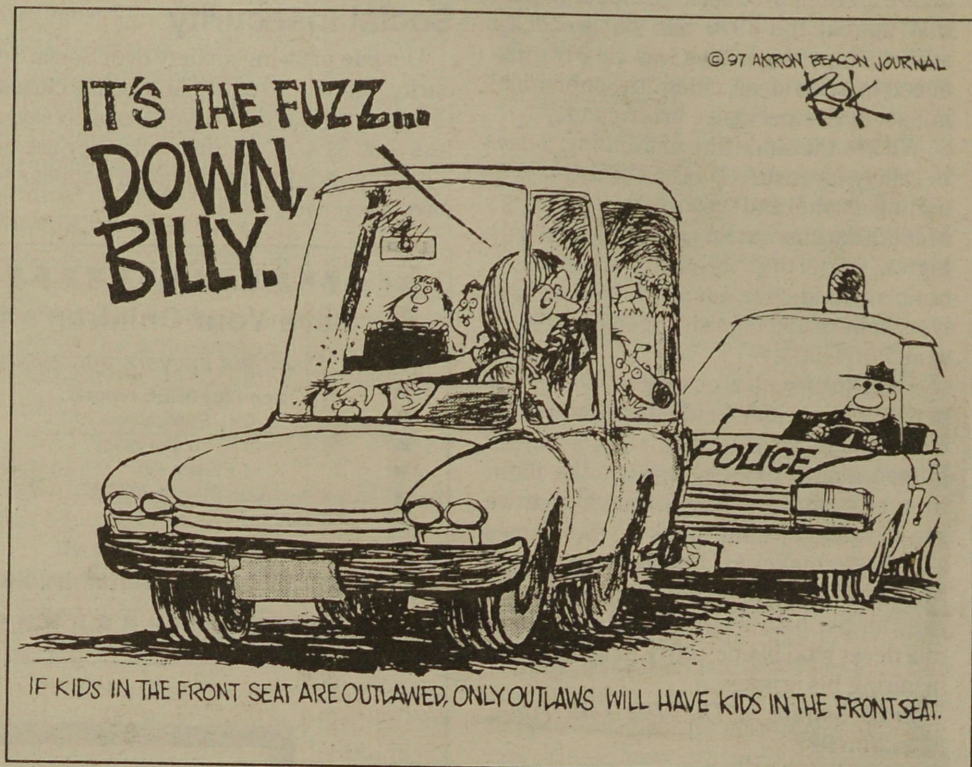
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clerical positions.

Here in Wisconsin, the governor appoints over 2,000 people to various boards and commissions and needs to fill almost 300 vacancies a year. Some boards have trouble filling positions and vacancies exist for up to 12 months.

It's relatively easy to get appointed. Call or write to your state's governor's office and ask to speak with the appointment secretary. Explain that you want to serve your government and ask what appointments are available. If that doesn't work, your state senator or representative will help you.

What's available? Here's a short representative list: Affirmative Action Council; Bicycle Coordinating Council; Controlled Substances Board; Dwelling Code Council; Equal Rights Council; Historic Preservation Review Board; Merit Award Board; Judicial Commission; Wisconsin Minnesota Boundary Commission; Governor's Council on



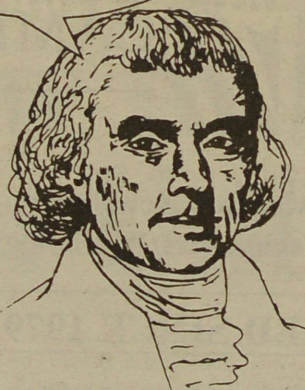
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One term only

I feel very strongly every Libertarian candidate for elected office should support the concept of serving only one term of office and accept no salary or benefits. In fact, I believe this should be a Libertarian Party policy.

I had the opportunity of serving a three-year term in the office of a township committeeman as a Libertarian in 1982, 1983, and 1984. The salary was a small one of \$1,300 per year, we only had one scheduled meeting per month, and if you accept the concept that tax dollars are stolen property, you can see why I accepted no salary while I was in office—as accepting stolen property makes you an accomplice to the act of theft.

The reason I am proposing only one term of office to be served is based upon

my personal experience of observing the Republican who was serving his second year of a three-year term, often supporting me and voting with me on very controversial issues, and then observing him in his third year of office while standing for re-election—he would not take a controversial position on anything.

When I made my decision to run for office, I also decided that it would be for one term only. That way, while in office, I would not have to worry about how my principled actions and votes would affect my running for re-election. I was able to take very strong positions against additional taxes and regulation.

I also support the idea of limiting how often the government is in session and would suggest that 90 days per year be the uniform length of time for sessions to occur. In our lives, government is a very strong and forceful agent. Let us limit the time it can affect us so negatively.

I have also been a strong supporter of the Libertarian Party running more candidates on a local level, where we have a closer parity to the resources necessary to actually elect Libertarians to offices. In my race for this position, I ran against both a Republican and a Democrat and was able to match their expenditures on campaign literature and advertising.

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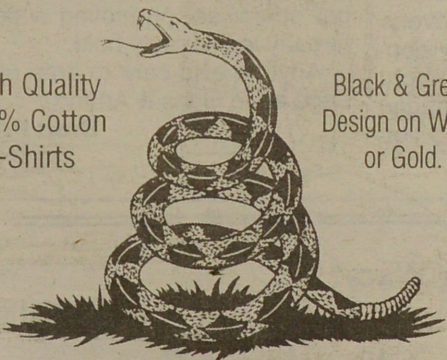
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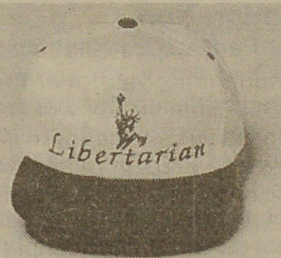


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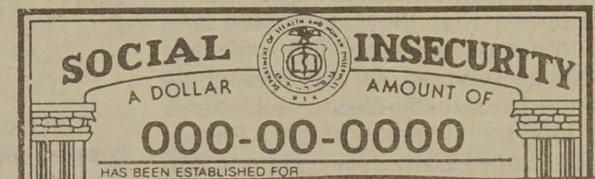
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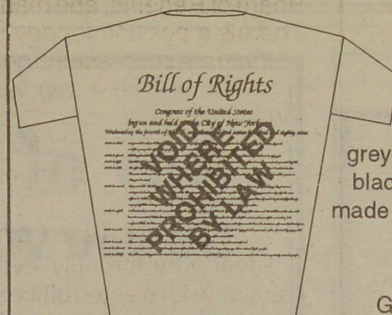
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Sorry

I apologize. As a Libertarian, I must apologize for what I did last month.

On April 14, on "Washington Journal," C-SPAN's morning call-in show, I called to propose that the Democratic and Republican parties adopt new symbols.

After all, I pointed out, who remembers what the donkey or the elephant represents any longer? (The Libertarian Party's symbol, Lady Liberty, fully comports with the LP's political philosophy.)

So, I proposed that the major parties adopt symbols that more faithfully reflect their philosophy and their attendant demand for half of the people's income. I proposed that they adopt the symbol of the carnivorous worm, the leech. I proposed the red leech for the Democrats, the gray leech for the Republicans.

For making this proposal—for associating Democratic and Republican politicians with leeches—before the C-SPAN audience last month, I am profoundly sorry. I owe a big apology to all leeches, everywhere.

The bi-partisan government long ago moved from parasite to predator.

Mike Binkley
Los Angeles, CA

Rejected

I was pleased to read of Walker Chandler's victory on drug testing (June 1997 NEWS). In the article, it stated 15 appeals by the LP had been rejected.

I am a Libertarian party member and several times a candidate for office. You may add a 16th rejection. The Court

rejected an appeal on my right as a California voter and a lawyer to vote for the judges of the state bar court when Article 6 of the state constitution says all judges shall be elected by the voters.

Howard Johnson
Los Angeles, CA

Immigration

The Libertarian Party is becoming better known. We feel that the "open border" message projected by Jacob Hornberger of the Future of Freedom Foundation and by Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute should be reconsidered. Not only because American citizens want immigration either halted or severely curtailed, but because it is an unsound policy.

Not only do Libertarians believe in the

non use of force except in self-defense, they also believe in reason and common sense.

James L. Robson
LaBelle, FL

Alliance

I'd like to second Daniel Marks' suggestion (June 1997 NEWS) that the Libertarian Party form an alliance with groups like the NRA. I was a volunteer in both of Jon Coon's campaigns. I can vividly recall an occasion on which Jon was addressing a group of Second Amendment activists, and Jon pledged to spend every cent they contributed on pro-gun television advertising. I've never seen such enthusiasm—they would have gladly charged machineguns, had he asked it of them.

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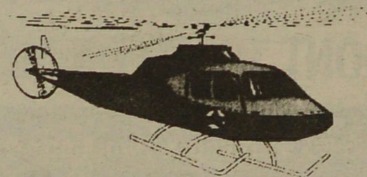
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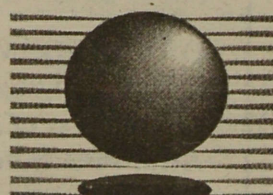
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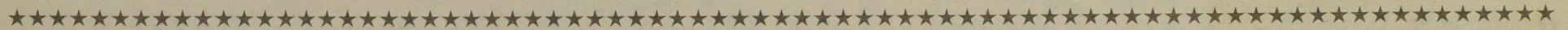
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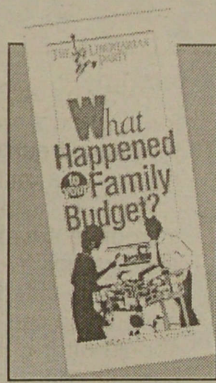
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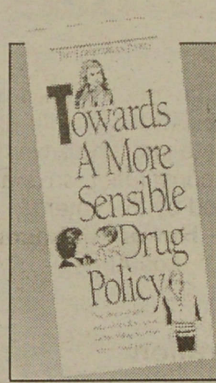
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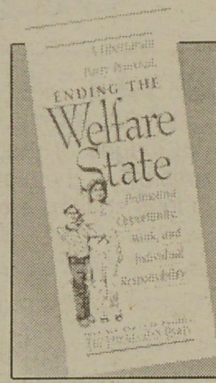
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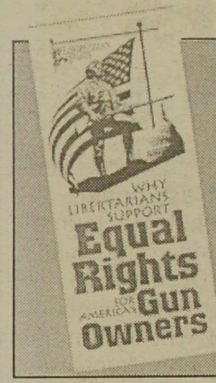
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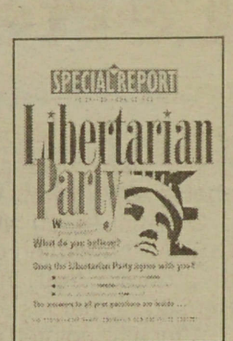
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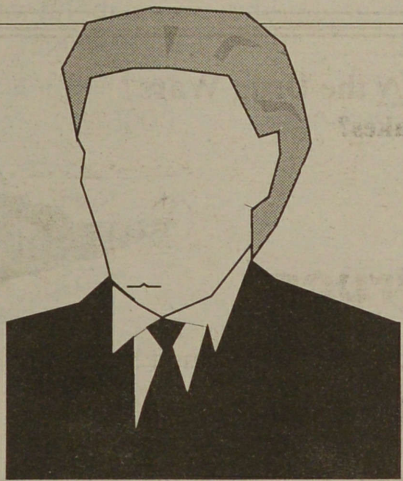


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July 10, 1997:

The Discussion Club, St. Louis, MO; for information call 314-621-2033. Guest speaker will be Jacob Hornberger of the Future of Freedom Foundation.

July 19-20, 1997:

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Aug. 9, 1997:

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Sept. 6-7, 1997:

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

Sept. 27-28, 1997:

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