



Libertarian Party

NEWS

LPNH Going Strong Contested Governor's Race

It is obvious that the Libertarian Party has arrived in New Hampshire. One way you can tell is that two leading Libertarian activists in the state have both announced their intentions to seek the LP nomination for governor.

In the past, the party leadership has, at times, had difficulty simply trying to convince one party member to seek political office. But this year, both State Rep. Calvin Warburton (L-Raymond), who joined the LP last year after leaving the Republican Party, and Miriam Luce, the LP's 1990 gubernatorial candidate, who received over 5 percent of the statewide vote in that election and won for the LP "major party" status in the state, have decided to square off in a September primary to see who should lead the state party ticket.

In addition, 83 other Libertarians have already filed for office in New Hampshire, and more are expected to announce soon.

Although it may be a hotly contested gubernatorial primary race, Warburton predicted it would be friendly. "Miriam Luce is a great lady and would make a good governor," Warburton said. But Warburton also said he thinks he can attract more votes, and he said he has the added benefit of 14 years of legislative experience. Warburton, 82, is a seven-term state legislator. He filed for governor just a few hours before the state deadline.

In mid-June, Luce opened her campaign for governor at a rally on the steps of the state house in Concord. "I've decided to run for governor this year because enough

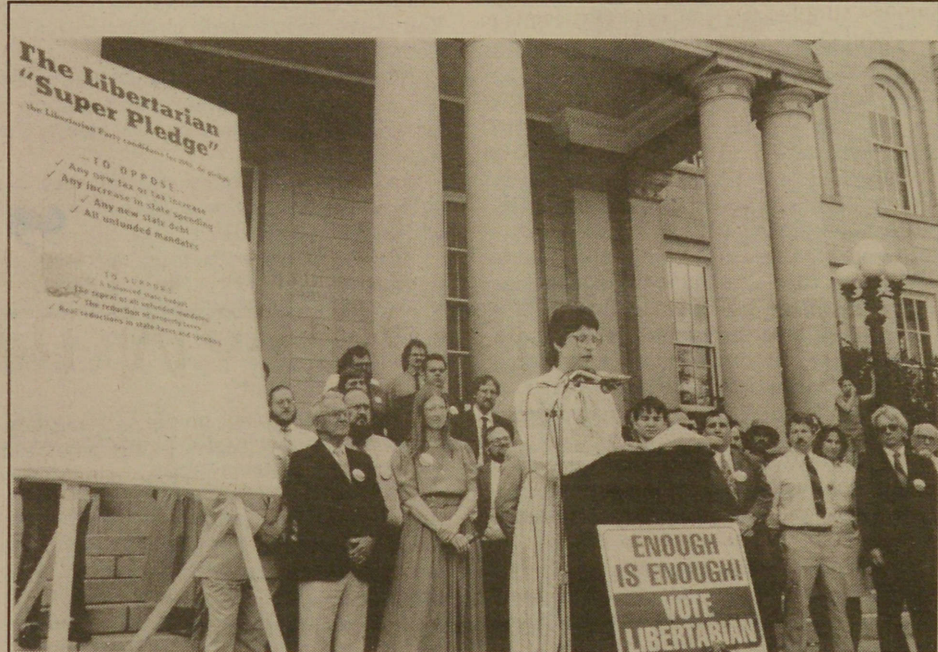
is enough!" said Luce. "I'm fed up with being lied to, cheated, and ripped off by my own government. We need to reclaim our freedom while there's still time. If you think government is too big, too corrupt, and too costly, remember this—nothing will change until we change who we vote for!"

At the rally, Luce signed the LPNH "Super Pledge," a "no loopholes, no excuses promise to reduce the cost of taxation." The pledge, prominently displayed behind her, promised that Libertarians would oppose any new or increased tax, any increase in state spending, any new state debt, and all unfunded mandates. In addition, it promised to support a balanced state budget, the reduction of the current deficit, and ongoing reductions in state spending and taxes.

Warburton has promised to seek enough write-in votes in the primary to run for re-election as Libertarian state representative in his district, just in case he loses his gubernatorial bid to Luce.

There will also be a contested primary race for the U.S. Senate seat in the state. Long-time state party activist Kate Alexander and Republican-turned-Libertarian Warren Ross have both filed as candidates.

Overall, the LP has filed the largest slate of third-party candidates in the state since 1912 when Progressive and Bull Moose candidates supporting Teddy Roosevelt ran for office, according to the New Hampshire Secretary of State.



Miriam Luce launches her bid for governor of New Hampshire against a backdrop of the LPNH "Super Pledge" and dozens of LP candidates.

Sixty-five Libertarians will be running for state representative, including Finlay Rothhaus, who is running for re-election in Merrimack following his defection from the Republican Party to the LP in 1991.

The huge lineup of LP candidates has already sparked unprecedented attention from the media and from the Republican and Democratic parties.

On a recent television program, "Close-Up New Hampshire," the state's Democratic Party chairman remarked on "hundreds running as Libertarians." On the same show, a Republican Party activist predicted that Libertarians would "be a significant drain on the other two tickets."

I think it would tend to come out of the Republican Party, but in this crazy year, God only knows where those votes are going to come. I would not disregard a significant vote coming to that column."

The Boston Globe recently commented, "The Libertarian Party has become another wild card in the deck in this year of voter anger."

Portions of this article came from the newsletter of the LPNH, *Libertarian Lines*, P.O. Box 669, Windham, NH 03087.

For more information or to support any of the LPNH campaigns, you can write to the LPNH at the above address.

National LP Hits Record Membership Level

Any way you look at it, Libertarian Party membership numbers are surpassing all previous records.

Even with so much of our time, money, and energy being sapped by petition drives, membership is growing. Once we make the ballot in all 50 states, the resulting credibility, media exposure, and released time and energy will surely make our numbers grow ever faster.

Let's take a look at how our numbers break down now.

According to National LP Bylaws, members are "those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

Based on that definition, membership

in the LP has grown by 3,866 since the 1991 National Convention. The chart below breaks down these members by their current dues-paying status.

	Members			
	Active	Lapsed	Non-Contributing	Total
9/07/91	9,305	8,531	1,310	19,146
change	490	2,420	956	3,866
7/07/92	9,795	10,951	2,266	23,012

"Active" shows the number of those who have certified in writing and have current dues status. This number has grown by 490 since the 1991 National Convention and is the highest level ever. The previous high was 9,752 on Jan. 31, 1991. Traditionally, membership levels peak during January of convention years because many state parties run membership drives at that time. The number of delegates

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awarded to each state is based on the number of active members. (Note to those involved in state membership drives: anyone that you sign up now will still be current in January 1993. You need not wait until January to start your drive.)

"Lapsed" shows the number of persons who have signed the membership pledge and paid dues within the last five years but are not currently active.

"Non-Contributing" shows the number of persons who have signed the membership certification but have never paid dues.

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	Active	Lapsed	TOTAL
9/07/91	1,433	846	2,279
change	91	531	622
7/07/92	1,524	1,377	2,901

Also of interest is the growing number of subscribers to the NEWS. Many people choose not to sign the membership certification but still contribute to the LP. Their reasons for not signing are various; several of these contributors have cited religious proscriptions against the signing of oaths. In all cases, their contributions, both in time and dollars, is greatly appreciated.

Prospects

	Prospects	Grand Total
9/07/91	7,223	29,631
change	22,971	28,251
7/07/92	30,194	57,882

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50 States Only the Beginning

Since last fall, at times I have felt like a broken record.

50 states . . . 50 states . . . 50 states. Again and again. Asking for your help to make sure the 1992 Libertarian Presidential ticket is on the ballot in all 50 states and DC.

•Affirming my support, as National Chair, for Andre's 50-state goal.

•Emphasizing the importance of 50 states if we want to be taken seriously by the media.

•Asking you to collect signatures in your own state.

•Imploring you to send money to buy the signatures we were unable to get by volunteer efforts.

•Inviting those of you who live in states already on the ballot to sponsor a state less fortunate, such as Florida or Texas.

•Mailing out numerous letters with ballot access as the theme. Even asking non-Libertarians to send money just to give us a chance to be part of the national debate.

•Interrupting your dinner with telephone callers asking for crucial last-minute support for the West Virginia or Missouri drives.

•Offering special premiums—a ballot access t-shirt, or a mug, or a bumper-sticker—in hopes of finding a few more contributions.

•Trying to think of a new way to ask for the same things—your time and your money—both of which are undoubtedly tight—to achieve our initial goal for the 1992 campaign: 50 states.

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From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

I know you have heard these requests. You have responded, enthusiastically. Thank you.

Newspaper deadlines being what they are, as I write this column I do not know if we will still be on track for 50 states by the time you read it.

As I write, we have several very big ballot drives in the works, the outcomes for which are not yet clear:

•drives where petitioning has been particularly tough this year due to Perot;

•drives where the hoped-for volunteer signatures did not materialize, and we have had to pay for more signatures than originally budgeted;

•drives where our paid petition gatherers are falling down on the job and we've had to hire replacements;

•drives where we have turned in signatures, and are awaiting verification by state government bureaucrats, or hoping our signatures aren't challenged by other candidates.

It will take only one exception to derail us from our efforts to achieve 50 states. I know every reasonable effort is being made to stay on track. I can only hope that all those efforts pay off and we do make it. I can only hope that in the October issue of the NEWS we can confirm proudly that Andre and Nancy will be on the ballot this year for every American voter.

But let's say, for the sake of argument,

that we make it. Is there life after achieving 50 states? What's next?

I would like to take a nice vacation, and I am sure Ballot Access Coordinator Bill Redpath and his crews of paid and volunteer petitioners would, too. I am sure all of you would like a break from check-writing!

But 50 states, as daunting a task, as overwhelming a financial burden as that is, is only the tip of the iceberg. Once we are on the ballot, we have to redouble our efforts between now and Nov. 3.

We have to make the Libertarian campaign, at all levels, real to the American voter.

And that takes money, and volunteer time, and creative energy, and blood, sweat and tears from our members and supporters around the country.

We reached a new all-time high in current paid membership in July. We also have record numbers of non-member contributors and subscribers to the NEWS.

Ross Perot is dropping in the polls. The American people are desperate for a new approach to politics. We can give them that new approach.

So take a day off this month—sit in the hammock with an iced tea, or go fishing, or read a good book—whatever recharges your batteries.

Then refocus your efforts, if you haven't already, on the national campaign, or on a state or local Libertarian race. Help our candidates reach out to prospective Libertarians everywhere and make a convincing case that the Libertarian approach to living is the best, and is worth striving for.

Only a concerted effort by all of us this fall will really make our 50-state ballot access efforts worthwhile.

Corrections

In attempting to keep up with changes in the directory of state chairs and national committee members, several changes were unfortunately omitted in the July edition. The NEWS apologizes for these errors.

In Missouri, the state chair is Jeanne Bojarski, 49 E. 32nd, Kansas City, MO 64111. Her home phone number is 816-561-3596. The mailing address for the state headquarters is P.O. Box 32731, Kansas City, MO 64111. The state party's 24-hour phone number is 913-383-7777.

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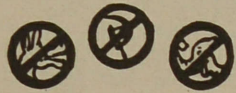
are lost every year due to bad addresses. The Federal Election Commission requires that we keep these names and their financial history on record for at least three years.

Our database total has grown by over 4,000 in June alone. We are well on our way to achieving our campaign goal of generating 100,000 new names in 1992.

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Connecticut

Dr. Howard Avory Grayson, an internist with a medical group in Hartford County, is busy campaigning for the U.S. Senate. In the past, Grayson has also served as a Lt. Commander, Medical Corps, USNR, at the Naval Submarine Medical Center in Groton. His campaign is centering on creating jobs, reducing federal spending, and in an area in which he has special expertise, protecting citizens from national health insurance. For more information write Grayson for Senate, P.O. Box 551, East Granby, CT 06026.

Georgia

Toby Nixon, a 33-year-old computer systems engineer from Lawrenceville, is the LP's candidate for state commissioner of labor.

Nixon said that he will focus on increasing employment in the state by making it easier for individuals to start their own businesses, and by improving the business climate. For more information, write Friends of Toby Nixon, 2595 Waterford Park Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30244.

Hawaii

Noted civil libertarian attorney **Jack Schweigert** recently announced his bid as the LP's candidate for the mayor of Honolulu. He had recently renounced his Democratic Party membership and joined the LP. Schweigert is well known for his defense of freedoms and he promised to respect individual liberty as mayor. For more information write Jack Schweigert, 1040 Richards St., Suite 306, Honolulu, HI 96814.

Other LP members seeking office in the fall include **Jeff Mallan** who is running for U.S. House in the 2nd District, and **Aaron Anderson** who is campaigning for mayor of Hawaii County.

Indiana

Jon R. Padfield has produced an excellent press kit for use in his campaign for state representative, District 30, in the Kokomo area. Padfield is a graduate of



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Kansas

Over 30 candidates are running for office this year, including a candidate for U.S. Senate and candidates for all four U.S. congressional seats.

Michigan

Dick Jacobs is once again running an active campaign, this time for U.S. Congress. Jacobs was the LP candidate for governor in 1982 and U.S. Senate in 1988. As executive director of the Taxpayers Association of Michigan, Jacobs has been busy overseeing the successful collection of 335,000 signatures to put term limitations on the fall's ballot. Jacobs has become well known in the state and receives frequent, and excellent, media coverage. For more information, write Dick Jacobs, 1016 Forest Hills Dr., Holland, MI 49424.

Missouri

Dean S. Hodge, LP candidate for state representative in District 80, recently spoke before the Second Amendment Coalition, a statewide gun rights organization. Hodge expressed his support for the right to keep and bear arms and his support for a state concealed weapons bill.

Nevada

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Ammunition for the Fight for Freedom

Edited by Dave Walter

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.

Issue: The L.A. Riots

"The reality that the demagogues seek to fog is that the best way to move any people into the middle class is to instill in them middle class values. This means—very importantly—that it's good to hold a job, and we should never discourage such work through such self-defeating strategies as minimum wage laws and a welfare-tax system that too often makes it desirable for parents to stay single and/or unemployed.

"It means we do not serve the cause of racial progress by seeking to excuse gangsters who destroy their own neighborhoods under the spurious name of justice. It means we must focus on improving the chances of the unsuccessful rather than hobbling the growth of the successful. It means we recognize that what has worked for others can (and has) worked for blacks, and that we will neither condemn nor excuse people because of the color of their skins. Anything else is demeaning, and ultimately destructive, to those for whom Los Angeles—and America—bled."

Louis Rukeyser, host of the PBS program "Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser"; Philadelphia Business Journal, May 17, 1992.

Issue: Overpopulation (and Immigration)

"In an environment of freedom, people are an asset, producing more than they consume. Hong Kong, for example, is history's most densely populated speck of real estate. It has no natural resources; it has to import even its water. Yet the city is clean and immensely prosperous."

Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr., editor-in-chief; Forbes Magazine, June 8, 1992.

Issue: Federal Spending

Some would have us believe that federal spending is decreasing or stable. In fact, the government's own data prove that federal spending is taking more and more of the Gross Domestic Product, 14 percent more just since 1989. The Federal Budget for Fiscal 1993 shows federal spending as a percentage of GDP to be: "1989—22.1 percent; 1990—22.9 percent; 1991—23.5 percent; 1992—25.2 percent (est.)." This is proof positive that the gang in Washington is deciding how to spend more and more of the wealth produced by working Americans.

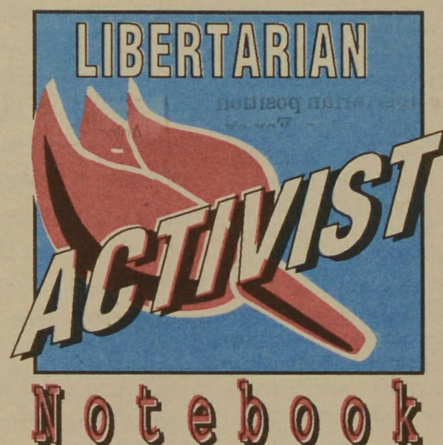
Statistics quoted in Nation's Business, May 1992.

Issue: Privatization

Libertarians, led by the Reason Foundation, have publicized and popularized privatization for years. Dismissed, at first, as some impractical way to turn away from

progressive good government, it is now embraced by influential mainstream commentators, such as Forbes editor Malcolm Forbes, who recently wrote: "There are a number of government functions that the private sector could do more efficiently, more effectively than the public. Highways are one obvious example." Note that the idea of privatizing the highways used to be greeted with hysterical laughter, and is now, to quote Forbes, "sensible thinking."

Quote from Forbes' column in Forbes, June 8, 1992.



Issue: Recessions

A new book by Lester Thurow, "Head to Head," argues for even more government intervention in and control of economic activities. In his view, he writes, "Inflation, financial panics, recessions, or depressions—all are intrinsic parts of capitalism." Libertarians believe this is a myth, spread by an elite that thinks they know better how to spend your money and order your life, but here's an economist with—believe it or not—the U.S. Senate, Joe Cobb, bursting Mr. Thurow's bubble: "Only governments can cause inflation; only central banks can manipulate interest rates and cause financial panics; and every recession in our history has been preceded by shifts in policy—tariffs, taxes, wars or the repeal of grand schemes that have caught large groups of investors out on a limb. Even today's economic cycle has its roots in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and the subsequent commercial real estate bust, which in turn hurt the capitalization of banks and thrifts and tightened the credit crunch."

From Joe Cobb's book review in a recent Wall Street Journal.

Issue: Outrage with Congress

Some members of Congress would have you believe that the outrage directed at them is unwarranted. How then do they explain the recent remarks of two respected and influential senators from both sides of the aisle? Sen. Warren Rudman (R-NH) is retiring because of frustration with Congress' failure to admit the root cause of huge deficits, namely financially unsound, but politically popular, spending programs. "In what I regret to call a conspiracy of silence among all the presidential candidates and most members of Congress, few of us are willing to talk about the real problem. Why? Because of the fear that, if you address the issues honestly, you will lose votes and possibly the elections," said Rudman. Sen. John Danforth (D-MO) also noted, "Deep down in our hearts we know we have bankrupted America and that we have given our

children a legacy of bankruptcy. We have defrauded the country to get ourselves elected."

Sen. Rudman and Sen. Danforth quoted in Nation's Business, May 1992.

Issue: Excessive Taxation

Here's a respected investment professional who is, at least, moving in the direction Libertarians want to go. In a speech for the Harvard Business School, Theodore Forstmann said, "We should throw away our 4,000 page Tax Code and start anew. The top tax rate in Hong Kong, the world's fastest-growing economy, is 15 percent, and it takes less than an hour to fill out your annual tax return. A flat tax... is the kind of plan America will have to adopt by the end of the 1990s if we are to keep pace with a world that has rediscovered entrepreneurial capitalism." Forstmann acknowledged that our tax system is "oppressive" and had "created hundreds of thousands of lobbyists, lawyers, tax accountants and politicians who jumped on the bandwagon and turned this system into the largest single service industry in the U.S."

Theodore Forstmann as quoted in Forbes, June 8, 1992.

Issue: The Welfare Problem

Eliminating the problem of a permanent, poverty-stricken underclass is difficult and long-term. Neither major political party has developed any consensus for reform of the welfare system. In fact, the call is usually to throw more money at the problem. According to Walter Olson, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, "the public, including the poor themselves, overwhelmingly supports strict work requirements as a way to help the able-bodied get back into life." While many might claim that jobs aren't available, Olson says that "fewer than one in seven urban welfare recipients says the main reason he doesn't have a job is that he can't find one." So why do six out of seven avoid taking jobs that seem to be available to them? Olson cites Lawrence Mead's new book, "The New Politics of Poverty: The Nonworking Poor in America," as providing evidence that many on welfare "scorn whole categories of jobs as small-time, menial, dead-end." Mead quotes one poverty bureaucrat as saying, "If a young woman's realistic choices are between working as a waitress... or behind the counter in a fast-food restaurant, who can blame her for choosing or just happening to have a baby?" Who can blame her? We, the working taxpayers, can blame her! We can elect Libertarian officials who will start reforming welfare programs by giving the boot to those who refuse honest jobs.

Walter Olson's book review in the Wall Street Journal, May 6, 1992.

Issue: Two-Party System

A Washington Post-ABC News Poll conducted in late June showed that Americans are fed up with the two-party system. Eighty-two percent of the respondents said that both the Republican and Democratic parties are "pretty much out of touch with the American people." The survey also found that 66 percent thought it would be good for the country "if there were a new major political party to compete with the Democrats and Republicans." Only 44 percent, however, thought that Ross Perot should form his own independent political party.

Survey reported in The Washington Post, July 8, 1992.

High Court Displays No Libertarian Leaning

The U.S. Supreme Court ended its 1992 session with a mixed record on individual liberty. Still, the court, given its "conservative" image, produced a better-than-expected series of decisions on issues of personal and economic liberty.

Individual justices were given a "libertarian rating" based on their votes in 18 separate cases. These 18 were selected, out of about 50 cases heard, because they represent the most important ones, and because they provide a fair balance of economic and personal liberty issues. All of the headline grabbing cases were included, as well as a few that libertarians will find of special interest.

The only justice who earned anything approaching a libertarian rating was David Souter, who showed moderate libertarian leanings.

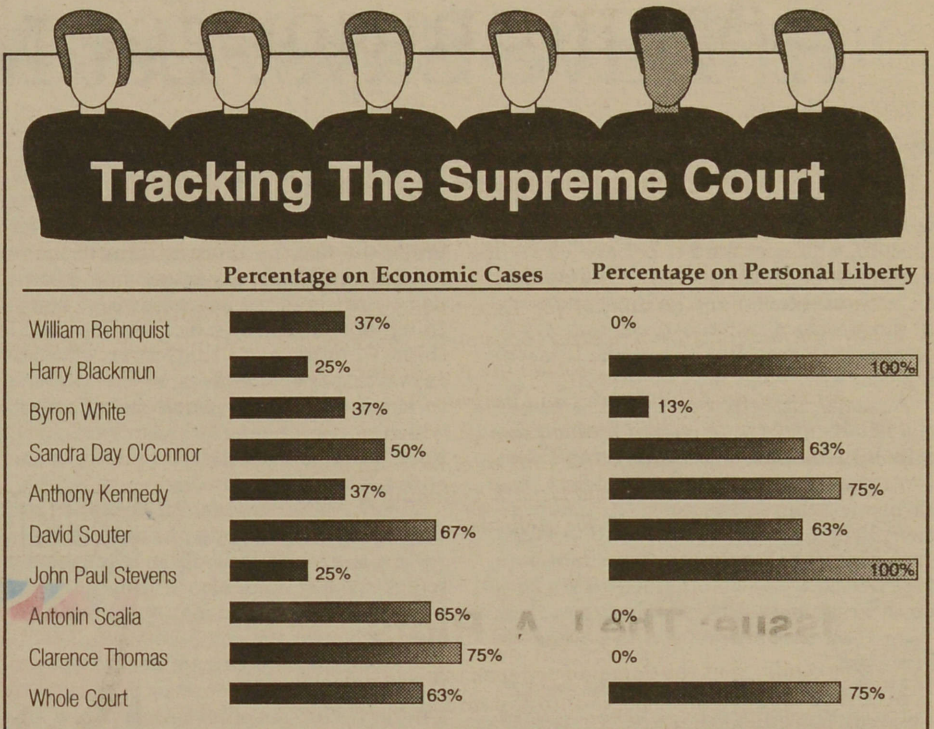
No member of the current court is a libertarian, but by plotting each justice's ratings on a Nolan Chart, we find four separate groupings with Justices Stevens, Kennedy, and Blackmun as liberal; Justices Rehnquist and White as authoritarian; Justices Thomas and Scalia as conser-

vative; and Justices O'Connor and Souter as moderate.

Of the 18 cases that were used in the rating, eight cases dealt with issues of economic liberty and eight cases dealt with personal rights issues. The other cases dealt specifically with the relationship between church and state.

The published summary of the court rulings, which was compiled by LP activist and national committee member Don Ernsberger, gives a brief recap of the court's finding, as well as the libertarian position and the individual justice's votes. For example, in *U.S. v. Alvarez*, the summary states that the court ruled "the U.S. government did have the power to pay bounty hunters to kidnap a Mexican doctor and transport him across the border to stand trial in the U.S. for the murder of an American drug agent. The court found this action within the boundaries of constitutional law." The libertarian position would have been a "no" vote, but only Justices Blackmun, Stevens, and O'Connor voted "no" on this case.

"Libertarians need to keep informed as



Graphic by Mary Kelley Crawford for The Libertarian Party NEWS

to the ideological views of the nine justices who often stand as the last defense against legislative and executive attack," said Ernsberger. "Libertarians also need to closely watch the activities of the Supreme Court in order to remain aware of the erosion of individual rights in the U.S.

today," he added.

The complete 12-page summary of court cases used in this rating, as well as the index of votes, the libertarian rating chart, and a Nolan chart of justices, is available for \$5. Write to Don Ernsberger, 865 Meadowood Lane, Warminster, PA 18974.

Douglas Offers FIJA Lesson in CA, and More

Alabama

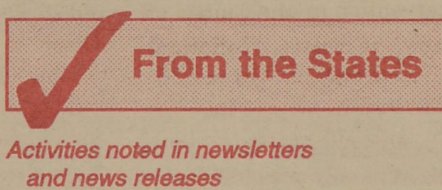
John Hix, a state party activist from Montgomery, has started a libertarian radio talk show called Liberty Forum. The show will air the third Sunday of each month from 2p.m.-3 p.m. on WACV-AM, a news talk radio station.

California

LP activist Jerry Douglas faced contempt of court charges in June from an LA County Municipal Court judge who didn't appreciate Douglas' instructing fellow jurors about the fully informed jury amendment (FIJA). Douglas was serving as foreman of a jury deciding three misdemeanor counts. Guilty verdicts were quickly rendered on two minor counts, but the jury deadlocked on the third. Jurors believed the law didn't apply in the case, but thought they must follow the judge's instructions as to the law—which would have meant a guilty verdict.

Douglas pointed out that juries have the right to judge the law as well as the facts of the case, and that if they believed the law was either wrong or didn't apply, they could acquit the defendant. The other jurors didn't believe him, and one went to the judge. The judge asked Douglas if he intended to follow the law as she gave it to him. When Douglas responded, "No," the judge dismissed Douglas from the jury and ordered him to appear later to face contempt of court charges.

Libertarians demonstrated at the Van Nuys Courthouse to show their support for Douglas and fully informed juries. The judge apparently wanted to avoid a confrontation and further publicity. After requesting and receiving Douglas' apology (his acquiescence wasn't required), the judge closed the matter.



Connecticut

The state party has an excellent new newsletter, the Connecticut Free Press, P.O. Box 551, East Granby, CT 06026. The editor is Gregg Stanley.

The "Freedom Alternative," a weekly pro-freedom cable television program, has added Groton to its large state market. Producers Peter Verderosa and Jim Davies see cable as a way around the limited coverage of libertarianism.

Georgia

The state party newsletter, The Georgia Libertarian, now has a circulation of 25,000. The editor is Henry Oliner and the advertising manager is Jack D. Aiken.

Illinois

Doug Temple and Lenny Grom have started a new Libertarian group in McHenry County. Temple is the owner of the Little Professor's Book Center in McHenry, and his store carries an abundance of libertarian material.

Indiana

The LP of Northern Indiana has recently sponsored several pistol competitions at a shooting range in Kokomo. Along with free refreshments and trophies and plaques for the best shooters, the entrants get an opportunity to meet with some of the local LP candidates for the fall election.

Kansas

Libertarian television ads have been running on the local CNN station thanks to the efforts and initial funding of Tom Knop. The ads were seen in Wichita and Lawrence and more are planned.

The state party now has a headquarters located at 711 N. Mount Karmel, Wichita, KS 67203. The telephone number is 316-269-9210.

Kentucky

In late May, Geoff Gilmore and Dick Dickinson attended a town forum on health care in Lexington. The two LP activists passed out about 400 fliers promoting a free market solution to the health care crisis.

Massachusetts

The Suffolk County Chapter of the state LP was established in May. Organizers of the group include Bill Dean, Geoff Weil, Tonya Grimes, Matthew Taylor, and Jeff Chase.

Nevada

Long-time party activist Sandy Harmon has been appointed by the governor to a vacancy on the Tonopah Town Board. His term will expire at the end of the year, but he is already working on his re-election campaign.

New Hampshire

Boyd Quackenbush of Antrim was appointed to the town's Zoning Board of Adjustment. He has been attending state party meetings for several years, and he changed his voter registration from independent to Libertarian as soon as the LP won official status.

New Jersey

The state newsletter reports that Tommy Chong, part of the famous former comedy team of Cheech and Chong, continues to plug the LP. In April, the NEWS reported that Chong had endorsed U.S. Senate candidate Maury Modine of Utah. Now it is noted that Chong, in an interview with a local entertainment magazine in New Jersey, was asked if he would be voting in the fall. Chong responded, "There's a party called the 'Libertarian Party,' and I'm totally in favor of them, although I'm what you call a non-activist. I don't participate." Sounds to us like Chong is participating more and more.

New York

The state party's newsletter, Free New York, just keeps getting better and better. Edited by Rick Wolff, the newsletter now has a circulation of nearly 3,000.

Ohio

The Central Region of the LP of Ohio produced an excellent, and professional, activity report for the first third of 1992. The report was prepared by Tara N. Gorka, the region's media coordinator. Broken down into five sections, the report covers the areas of media outreach, media response, campus/high school outreach, publications, and computer outreach and other activities. Examples of letters, news releases, newspaper clippings, print advertisements, brochures, and other material are included in the report. Publications such as this report attest to the professional level many local Libertarian organizations are attaining.

In early June, the state party held a successful convention. State party activists Ralph Mullinger, LeRoy Lloyd, Rachel Lloyd, and Steve Serchuk coordinated

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H. Dave Says: Let Me Be Your President

By Dave Barry

The current political situation can best be summed up by the words of Abraham Lincoln, who once said (I believe he said this on the Larry King show): "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but if you nominate George Bush and Bill Clinton, the people will barf on your shoes."

As usual, Lincoln was right. The people are not happy with President Bush, despite his efforts to be the Education President, the Foreign Affairs President, the Domestic Affairs President, the Environment President, the Whatever You Want President, the Bonefishing President, and the President Who Communicates Via Sentence Fragments. The people are saying: "Hey, George, we want you to be The Ex President."

Meanwhile the Democrats, who are sick and tired of finishing second, have—against all odds—figured out a way to come in third. Their man is Bill Clinton, whose most memorable public appearance was when, in an effort to regain credibility, he told Arsenio Hall that he really did TRY to inhale. Now there's an inspiring campaign slogan for you: BILL CLINTON: "He Really Tried To Inhale."

Given the current political climate, po-

litical observers feel that the time is right for an unprecedented new force in politics. I refer, of course, to myself. Also H. Ross Perot. We are both "outsiders" running for president, and the amazing thing about us is—get ready for an astounding coincidence—we hold the same views on everything. It's uncanny. In fact, H. Ross and I think so much alike that, in an effort to save vital paper resources, we have agreed to simply share the same set of views, which we are keeping locked in a safe in H. Ross' office, along with color photos of the entire Bush Cabinet naked.

Another area in which H. Ross and I are very similar is campaign financing. He is willing to spend \$100 million of his money to get elected; I am also willing to spend \$100 million of his money to get elected. More, if necessary.

Yet another amazing similarity between H. Ross and myself concerns our views on adultery. Neither of us thinks it has any place in the Oval Office.

"You adulterers get OUT of this office!" I would tell them in no uncertain terms. "Use the Lincoln bedroom!"

Also, H. Ross never used drugs, and although I may have had syringes in my arm a few dozen times, I never pushed the plunger.

Some of you might be saying: "But H.

Dave, if you and H. Ross are so much alike, why should we vote for you, when he has important qualities that you lack, such as honesty, integrity, and no criminal record?"

True. But H. Ross also has a major drawback, namely, stature, as measured in total feet above sea level. And it does not help that he apparently gets his hair cut for free at the School for Hyperactive Children With Power Hedge Trimmers. The result is that, when you see him, you are seized by the playful urge to get him in a headlock and give him a good-natured "noogie," just to let him know that you like him both as a person and as a billionaire. This could lead to embarrassing situations at summit conferences with other world leaders:

H. ROSS PEROT: ... and so I am calling upon all of my fellow world leaders to ... HEY! (noogienoogienoogie) C'MON YOU GUYS! (noogienoogienoogie) PUT ME DOWN! (noogienoogienoogie) NOT IN THE PUNCH BOWL!!

You are saying, "Dave, I can see where you come out ahead of H. Ross in the stature department, but what about Family Values, meaning television?"

On this issue, I agree 110 percent with Vice President In Certain Respects Dan Quayle. I am opposed to television. I never watch it. When "Knots Landing" is on, I wrap my body in aluminum foil to prevent broadcast rays from entering my body. And of course I do not allow my children to watch television.

"Children!" I am constantly telling them. "Don't waste your mind on television! Do what I do! Read a book by a famous dead author such as Marcel Proust!"

"You're not reading any Marcel Proust," they reply. "You're watching a slow-motion videotape of the 'Thighmaster' commercial featuring Suzanne Somers. Also you have only one child."

This is exactly the kind of breakdown of respect for parental authority and Family

Values that makes the Vice President and me get so mad at television. This is why I am asking for your support, not just in the form of money, but also in the form of jewelry. Act now, while we still have some Cabinet posts available. Thighmaster General is taken.

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Quote of the Month

Councilman Grover Dunn speaking at a Bessemer, AL, city council meeting, discussing shortening the time allowed citizens to speak before a council hearing on a proposed landfill:

"I don't want to be here all night listening to their crap."

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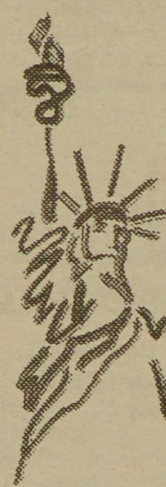
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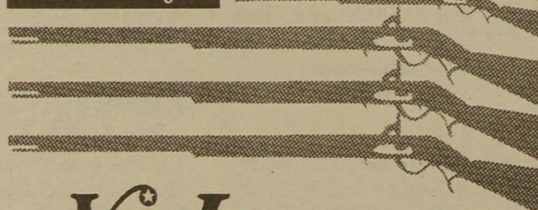
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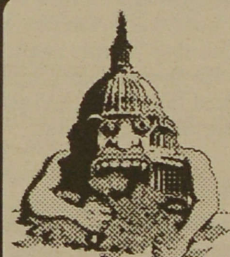


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Stanford Libertarians

Through the efforts of a few Stanford University students and the assistance of both local and nationwide LP members, the formerly dormant Stanford Libertarians was revived this year.

Beginning with just a few volunteers, the organization has grown tremendously, and the group has reached out to every one of the 6,500 students on campus by means of a mass mailing.

Over 80 man-hours were required to assemble and deliver the outreach package for the mass mailing. The group

intends to have a quarterly mass mailing during the next school year.

Along with the mass mailing, the group conducted several outreach booths, had articles printed in the student newspaper, and held quarterly meetings with a number of local libertarian activists as speakers, including LP national chair Mary Gingell.

For more information or to support the Stanford Libertarians, write Stanford Libertarians, Hoskins 2B-EV, Stanford, CA 94305.

From the States

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minated the event.

State chair **Russell Osborn** says that things are looking good in Ohio. "We are running more candidates than any year since 1982. Our public awareness is growing. Official party status is within reach in 1994," he noted.

Texas

The LP of Dallas County has been sponsoring monthly candidate workshops since January. Campaigns director **Honey Lanham Dodge** said the area has the best group of candidates ever. Local activists **Sheri Hall, Bill Walker, Larry Dodge, Noel Kopala**, and others have donated their time and expertise to support the local campaigns.

The Plano Libertarian Organization of Youths (PLOY), the student group the NEWS highlighted in our June issue, put

out another newsletter aimed at young people in the Plano area. Articles in the summer issue dealt with drug legalization and the search for equality, among other topics. Writers of the articles included **Ian Weber, Jonathan Levine, Emily Johnson**, and **Chris Foster**.

Virginia

LP presidential candidate **Andre Marrou** spoke at a fund-raising dinner in early June in Arlington. The speech was taped by C-SPAN television and later shown as part of the network's "Road to the White House" series. Following the broadcast of the Marrou speech on C-SPAN, over 3,000 calls came in to the Marrou/Lord Campaign for additional information.

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Then things went awry. The ideals of the Declaration of Independence have been betrayed repeatedly.

In 1913 the income tax and the IRS were created; the most hated tax and most feared government agency in U.S. history. That same year the Federal Reserve System was established, causing more recessions, depressions, and inflations. . .

Nine of the 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights have been transgressed.

Taxes are the highest in history: Federal taxes eat up one-fourth of all income; state, county, local taxes consume another 22 percent; a total 16 times the amount that caused the Boston Tea Party. . .

Our forefathers in 1776 started a violent shooting revolution to establish a constitutional government. It took them 13 years to succeed.

We Libertarians are leading a peaceful voting revolution to restore constitutional government. We've been at it 21 years, we

will also succeed.

Don't settle for the lesser of two evils—that's still evil. It's time to vote for what we believe in, for what is right and proper.

Liberty: If it's worth fighting for and dying for, it's certainly worth voting for.

Andre Marrou

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It's time to recognize the truth—the so-called "Social Security" system is really a giant Ponzi scheme. It's a huge pyramid scam, bilking those at the bottom of the pyramid to pay off those at the top. The current payers have little chance of ever becoming recipients. If we do not rid ourselves of this insatiable cancer it will bankrupt our country within 20 years. . .

Sooner or later we have to cut the umbilical cord and declare our independence from big momma government.

Andre Marrou

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Bush's positioning of 10,000 U.S. Marines near the coast of former Yugoslavia is a blatant attempt to get America involved in another overseas war for his personal political benefit. He is trying to revive his sagging popularity by risking American lives.

In fact, neither Serbia, nor Croatia, nor Bosnia constitutes the slightest threat to the U.S. Bush is trying to produce a war this year as he did each of the last two years.

Tragic though that conflict may be, it is not a concern of the U.S. It is an internal dispute. Do we see Germany rushing to get involved? Or France? Or Britain? No. They know better; we should too. . .

What's wrong with peace, prosperity, and harmony? Let's try that for a change.

Andre Marrou

Interns Needed to Travel U.S.

Joe Knight, LP field organizer, is recruiting student interns to help organize campuses this fall.

"This is a golden opportunity for students interested in political organizing," Knight said. "If they're willing to take a semester off, they'll get to travel around the country organizing College Libertarian Clubs."

Students who are accepted as interns will train for one week with Knight before heading out to work campuses on their own. Local Libertarians will make

advance arrangements for each campus and will generally provide lodgings. Other expenses will be reimbursed.

"I envision two intern positions each semester, funding permitting," remarked Steve Dasbach, who supervises the campus organizing project. "In order to be accepted, applicants must have their own car."

Persons interested in more information should contact Dasbach at 219-432-7145, or write him at 4523 Morning Wind Pl., Ft. Wayne, IN 46804.

Marrou Memo to NatCom

Following is additional information concerning the article "NatCom Unanimously Backs Marrou in Face of Allegations" published in the May 1992, NEWS:

To: Members of the Libertarian National Committee
From: Andre Marrou
Date: June 24, 1992
Subject: 51-'92 Credit Card

One of the allegations recently made is that I applied for a "corporate" credit card under the name of Project 51-'92 and thereby somehow obligated someone other than myself.

I would like to apologize for any misunderstanding which may have resulted from my answers to questions about this topic that were asked at the April Libertarian National Committee meeting in Ann Arbor.

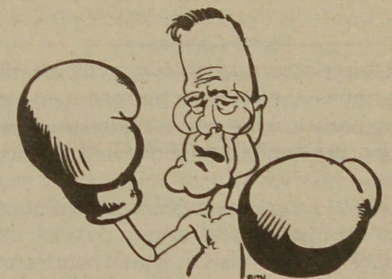
At that time I indicated that the credit card was for my personal use and that I did not and had never intended that Project 51-'92 make payments relating to this card.

However, in researching this topic my staff has obtained a copy of the original application, made April 24, 1990, which is for a "business card." On the form I identified 51-'92 correctly as a "political action committee," not a "corporation." As the director of 51-'92, I identified myself as the "authorizing officer."

No payments on this card were made by 51-'92 or anyone other than myself or a business which I solely owned. At all times I treated it as my personal card and I hold myself personally responsible for payment of all debts which resulted from its use.

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Letters: How You Can Have Some 'Hot Fun'

Hot Fun

I have come up with a way to work out and effectively promote the LP candidates at the same time. The idea struck me when I was at the California state LP convention. A speaker was saying that direct mail is one of the most effective campaign tools in the absence of decent media coverage. I thought: 29 cents a pop? No way! But then, I thought, since I could stand to lose about 15 pounds, increase my strength, and lower both my blood pressure and cholesterol level, why not deliver the fliers in person?

Using the platform, the Marrou/Lord press kit, and other sources, I drafted a campaign flier. It is legal length, both sides. The 800 number is included.

Then, I learned that although a print shop can make doorhangers complete with a hole for the doorknob, they are too small and more expensive than regular sheets. So, I am having the sheets printed and folded. Then I will roll them up and put a small rubber band around them. They can easily be attached to door handles.

I don't call this "Project Hot Fun" for nothing. It will be hot and the worst enemy is thirst. It will be fun, too, especially if you are an extrovert. You might want to do it when most people are home and strike up conversations.

On the other hand, being an introvert, I chose to go during business hours or in the very early morning hours on weekends. It was still fun; the greenery, flowers, dogs, cats, not to mention the quiet, were most refreshing.

If you would like to participate in Project Hot Fun and possibly use my flier, please write me for a copy at: 11423 Ohio Ave., #3, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

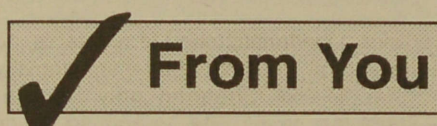
Alice Lillie
Los Angeles, CA

Perot Candidacy

Libertarians are facing a major disappointment, and I fear that too many will react badly to what may in the long run be a major opportunity. I refer of course to Ross Perot.

I want to warn libertarians against relieving their frustration and anger by viciously attacking Perot. This will only alienate Perot's supporters, who otherwise might be very receptive to our ideas.

Just as in 1980, our candidate is being upstaged by an independent who has been



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made the beneficiary of a media feeding frenzy. In both cases we hoped it would be us—that the general public would gag on the Republican and Democratic candidates and turn to the LP.

Alas, it is not to be. We'll still work our butts off, but Andre Marrou is going to come in a distant fourth.

Nor is Perot anything close to being a libertarian... But what he represents (and is providing the focus for) is an electorate that is openly revolting against politics-as-usual. We may think the public has chosen the wrong man, but we should nonetheless revel in this revolt.

The immediate effect of Perot's candidacy will be an upsurge of votes for Libertarians in all our other races, as well as a jump in registration. The long term effect will be to shatter the current two-party monopoly, and end the myth that it's hopeless to challenge the Republicans and Democrats.

I'm reasonably confident that this country can survive a Perot presidency, just as it has survived others. The LP will still be around, even stronger, after he's gone.

So please, let's just stick to the issues, avoid foaming at the mouth, and at least enjoy the spectacle of Bush and Clinton and all their minions squirming in terror.

Daniel Wiener
Simi Valley, CA

The Truth

Are your words yours? The answer to that question is no. That is unless you know and understand the truth... The truth that will allow you to keep the revenue or other emoluments that you produced with your words is at hand. It is to be found in the very documents that have been written to keep us from ever knowing the truth. The Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), the sham system of law that we've been put under by our crooked-international-owned-banker-government, or should I say yours? It is not mine.

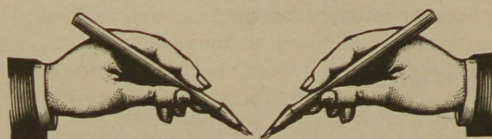
[This] nation is being administered by a

foreign, alien corporation, the Federal Reserve Board. These mostly non-resident, big-shot international bankers have formed the corporation of the IRS and the corporation of the Washington, DC, Federal Democratic United States to look out for their interest. Believe me, the interests of the FED is the only interests the federal government has.

They found a loop hole in our Supreme Law that let them put us under their fake system. However, the Constitution was hard and fast, in that it made them leave remedy and recourse. Remedy will get you out from under it, and recourse will allow you to sue them for any damages which they inflict upon you. The remedy is found in their code at UCC 1-207, and recourse is found at UCC 1-103. You can get this out of Anderson's Uniform Commercial Code.

The future of our nation depends on the majority learning this truth.

Bill Halbert
Wills Point, TX



Pornography

You may waste your money if you consider advertising in pornographic magazines since the LP NEWS has itself become a pornographic publication and is no longer fit to have around the house and children...

The filth and dirt that is now being published in the NEWS does not fit into my environment and causes me to have allergic reactions, and I hate to shell out money for things that make me sick.

And as a feminist, I find it particularly offensive to be expected to read your decadent and dirty filth in the official organ of a party which pretends to have a special affinity to the feminist agenda: Pornography is not on it! Even though, in this particular case, the squalid unkempt contributor did not direct his inane muck towards women, he covered his own despicable self with it.

I can assure you, if more such grime gets published in the NEWS, you may expect me to ask for my national dues back. I for one will not pay for pornography or anything else that is in seedy taste.

Margarethe M. Kemner
Lock Haven, PA

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Our constituency is the average American who knows that our civil liberties are based not only on law, but on morals, values, and common sense. Those within the LP who take extreme positions on the altar of principle alienate the average voter. While we should not compromise on principle, we also should not appear to condone and even embrace immoral and libertine behavior. That is, unless we always want to remain a third party.

Steve Zettle
Myerstown, PA

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In response to Clay Conrad (June 1992, NEWS) (whom I know, and like), I feel that you're just slightly off-base with your assertion that we would be harmed by exposure in "D-Cup Review". I remember in 1980, picking up a copy of Hustler, and seeing within its pages a 5 or 6 page article concerning Ed Clark's run at the presidency. I was thrilled that we were receiving such favorable and magnanimous publicity, whatever the source. Now, I realize that there is a difference here; we're talking about buying space, not getting it gratis. However, the number of voters sympathetic to our message would far outstrip the few bluenoses we would lose.

I also think it would be good for us to remember that this particular "fringe" group isn't one in actuality. They are the "over-taxed, over-regulated, criminalized, and impoverished Americans," the only difference being that they are also looked down upon because of their (legitimate) choice of entertainment. I belong to this group myself. I enjoy the occasional reading (yes, reading) of Hustler, and I would hate to see us miss out on the possibility of reaching others like myself just because we're worried about blowing the votes of those who probably would never vote for us anyway.

Jim Sullivan
Dorchester, MA

The NRA

I have been a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) for a number of years, long enough to have voting rights. At the NRA's convention in 1990, I authored a resolution [which was passed by the membership] instructing the NRA's board of directors to include Libertarian candidates in its consideration of endorsements and

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financial support. Unfortunately, the people in charge at the NRA don't seem to care about the resolutions of their membership.

During my recent campaign for California's 20th State Senate seat, I approached the NRA and the Gun Owners of CA about receiving their support...

For the primary election, the NRA endorsed Ted Dan August, an elderly Democrat, who responded to the Los Angeles Times candidate survey that he supported extending the waiting period for gun purchases to 21 days, from the current 15 days.

For the run-off election, the NRA and the Gun Owners of CA issued a joint endorsement of my Republican opponent, Carol Rowan. It was reported in the Los Angeles Times that she not only supported the Roos-Roberti Assault Rifle ban (co-authored by our mutual opponent David Roberti), but that she supported the 15-day waiting period as well.

The excuse given for this endorsement was that they "had to get rid of Roberti." The question that must be asked is, "What are you getting as a replacement?" Unfortunately, this is not a consideration the NRA seems to want to dwell upon.

The NRA has been dubbed the National Republican Association. One of my supporters from Texas has identified the NRA, the Gun Owners, and the Second Amendment Foundation as "fundsuckers." My experience with this race leads me to the conclusion that these accusations are true.

I believe in coalitions. However, I believe we need to be selective about our coalitions, and that they should be, as much as possible, based upon some mutually shared principle. I do not see the NRA operating on any clear-cut principle...

I have communicated to the NRA that I will not be renewing my membership, which expires this month, and I urge other Libertarians to do so as well. We must let them know that we will not tolerate unprincipled game-playing with our essential rights.

John Vernon
Van Nuys, CA

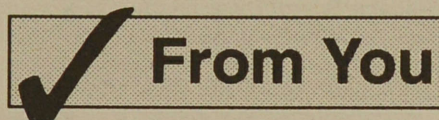
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A letter showing that the NRA is perceived by many Libertarians in a negative light because of poor performance of that organization's past leadership prompted me to set the record straight in hopes of bringing our two organizations closer together.

First, "a couple of years ago" the NRA was having the same kind of leadership problems that many organizations in this country seem to have fallen victim to. The difference is, gun owners are a maverick lot and we reared up on our hind legs and threw out the petty tyrants who were out of step with the beliefs and ideals of the membership and put in a bunch of guys who are fighting to reduce crime and save the Bill of Rights while working hard to promote your personal, moral right to defend your own life...

Okay, I get mad when anyone tells me I don't have the right to defend myself. If you do too, you should get in touch with the NRA to find out what that organization is all about today. A toll-free call to 1-800-438-4NRA will get you information. We really are all on the same side.

Dale Cauthen
Midland, MI



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Government Ethics?

Glancing at the Budget of the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1993 to understand where my tax dollars are spent/wasted, I came across the Office of Government Ethics. This office spent \$3.6 million in 1991, an estimated spending of \$6.4 million in 1992, and a budget of \$8.6 million in 1993. This astronomical growth for common sense, individual integrity, moral duty and principles demonstrates how both the Republican and Democratic parties are out of touch with the American people and very self serving. What is even worse is the borrowing of money to pay for something that should come automatically with well paid service to our country.

To make an impact, people need to register to vote, be active in politics, and throw out all the incumbents from office.

John Kasner
Grayslake, IL

Sheehan and the Military

Paul Sheehan has spoken up publicly against the U.S. part in the Gulf War (July 1992, NEWS) and fallen in with Ramsey Clark of extreme-leftist fame. Clark fits the George Canning description of a Jacobian: A steady patriot of the world alone, The friend of every country but his own.

Yet five years ago, Sheehan signed up with the Air Force, apparently not understanding what obligations he took on. He now wants to select his own wars rather than those picked by our elected representatives. He is ignorant of the loyalty demanded and expected since time immemorial to whomever pays his salary. Such open disloyalty hurts in any work place but more so in the Armed Forces where it has the effect of lowering morale and sabotaging the very purpose of their existence. He should have been a civilian before he spoke out.

For the LP to proselytize among anti-war activists in uniform as Sheehan suggests would be the death knell for our party and rightly so.

Bo Thott
Cutler, ME

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I find the conduct of Sheehan to be inconsistent with his rhetoric. He should get out of the military if he doesn't like the way they do things and he should have done this as soon as he realized his beliefs were in conflict (like around the time of the Panama action)...

The Commission of Inquiry for the International War Crimes Tribunal is a kangaroo court run by court jesters. Ramsey Clark is an apologist for Saddam Hussein and spent the war touring cities destroyed in the Iran-Iraq war trying to make it look like a result of coalition action...

The U.S. participation in the UN-led coalition to remove Iraq from Kuwait is perfectly in tune with LP protocols of not initiating force. Saddam Hussein started the war, and we helped end it...

I'd like to remind other Libertarians that we should shun those who would use our party to further their own agenda, whether they come from the right or the left of U.S.

politics. Libertarians need to use facts, not propaganda, in order to be taken seriously.

People like Sheehan only hurt the Libertarian cause. He is entitled to his opinions, and the rights to express them, but they do not align with the reality of Libertarianism.

Brett Kottmann
Centerville, OH

A Word for Our Sponsors

I ask that the readers of the NEWS begin writing letters now to the commercial sponsors of the network TV news departments telling those sponsors we will reconsider purchasing products that sponsor programs that lock out a significant segment of the population—libertarians. Emphasize we are not trying to slant the news, but are concerned about discrimination against a large segment of the population...

I ask the NEWS to please print the addresses and consumer contact people for each sponsor of a network news program as well as data we can quote to make the point.

Michelle Kurtz
Simi Valley, CA



Boddie on the Riots

Richard Boddie's article (July 1992, NEWS) implied that the Rodney King verdict was an authoritarian insult that justified the Los Angeles riots, whereas anyone interested in the truth knows the jury had all the facts—not merely what TV news chose to report endlessly.

Libertarian attitudes on foreign and domestic policy are amply justifiable without the use of misinformation. In fact such devices weaken our arguments.

Grant Hansen
Philadelphia, PA

Sacrilegious?

Mea culpa, I guess. You tell me. My kind of libertarianism fits pretty well with our official party line, which seems to welcome diversity, but it is clearly at odds with views so often expressed in the NEWS. Am I sacrilegious or just a lonely freak?

I believe in free enterprise, but without governmental coddling of corporate capitalism through limited liability laws, which some of our libertarian authors advise us to exploit. I believe in an essentially free market economy, but realize that Adam Smith's so-called invisible hand (of God?) is scant protection for the vulnerable consumer, and that abuses sometimes call for regulations (that odious word!) imposed by an outraged public. I believe in the sanctity of certain private property such as toothbrushes and family heirlooms, but generally feel better about sharing than accumulation or retention. I believe in enlightened self interest, but to me enlightenment consists largely of love and compassion, and I utterly reject Ayn Rand's brand of callous objectivity. I share the view that we should avoid military

adventurism, but go beyond that to assert that I will not kill people for any reason whatever.

Might there be other Libertarians even a little like me? If so, let's find out through your pages. If not—well, perhaps you should rip off my buttons.

C. J. Swet
Mt. Airy, MD

Psychiatry

At this very moment, hundreds of thousands of Americans are cruelly deprived of both freedom and dignity by organized psychiatry. Over one million citizens who have never been convicted of any crime are imprisoned in psychiatric institutions, not free to leave even if they have entered "voluntarily." An even greater number are forcibly injected with or deceived in taking highly toxic drugs such as Haldol, Prolixin, and Clozapine, which cause permanent neurological damage. Many thousands more are sent writhing, convulsing, and hemorrhaging in agony from electroshock "therapy" on order of probate court, leaving them with dead brain cells and permanent memory loss...

And what are most LP candidates saying about psychiatric oppression? And what do the brochures and other literature produced by the LP have to say about these crimes against humanity? In both cases, precious little. Psychiatric violence is too important an issue to be relegated to a back burner of our platform.

I am currently the LP candidate for the 26th assembly district here in Connecticut. I intend to make coercive psychiatry a primary focus of my campaign...

Unlike the major parties, our party is already on the right side of this crucial issue. We could easily gain many new activists (especially among my fellow psychiatric survivors), win votes, perhaps supplant one of the major parties the way the Republicans supplanted the Whigs when chattel slavery was the great moral issue—if only we were not so silent.

Stephen Mendelsohn
New Britain, CT

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September 18-20, 1992:

FIJAconII (FIJA Convention), LeBaron Hotel, Dallas, TX;
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November 11-14, 1992:

Drug Policy Foundation's Sixth International Conference
on Drug Policy Reform, Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel,
Washington, DC; 202-895-1634.

April 24-25, 1993 (tentative):

Region 6 Caucus and Activist's Conference, Framingham,
MA; 508-922-9251.

New District HQ in Alabama



On June 22, a press conference was held to unveil the new District 2 LP headquarters in Alabama. The building is a free standing house on a busy four-lane road leading into downtown Montgomery. Glynn Reeves, who is the district chairman and candidate for U. S. House, and is an independent sign contractor, hosted the ceremony. He designed an impressive 4 foot by 16 foot red, white, and blue sign, complete with Statue of Liberty logo. The sign has a three line space for changeable letters. LP vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord attended the event, as did a large group of media representatives.

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