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David Brin, **David Nolan** to speak at Convention

ne of the nation's leading futurists has been confirmed as a speaker at the upcoming Libertarian National Convention — along with the man who "changed the future of American politics.'

David Brin, the author of The Transparent Society, a book that revolutionized the debate about privacy in the digital age, and David Nolan, the "visionary" who founded the Libertarian Party, have been added to the speaker line-up for the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, said LP Executive Director Steve Das-

"The future has arrived — and it will be at the National Convention," he said. "Whether you are interested in the future of privacy and its impact on your life, or the history of the Libertarian Party and its impact on American politics, you won't want to miss these speakers."

Also confirmed

Also confirmed as speakers are Steve Dillon (chairman, NORML), Harry Browne (1996 and 2000 LP

presidential candidate), Reginald Jones (radio talk show host), and Tonie Nathan (1972 LP vice presidential candidate).

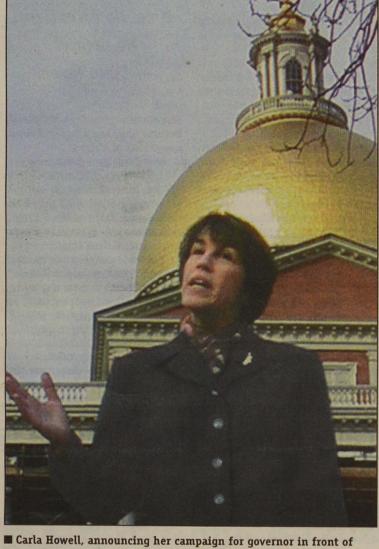


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on Drugs, outreach to minorities, marketing the Libertarian message we'll have an expert to address it," said Dasbach. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this Grade-A list of Libertarian speakers."

Heading the list of top-tier speakers is a writer who has been showered with praise for his work in two fields: David Brin.

As a science fiction writer, Brin has won all three of the field's top honors multiple times — the Nebula Award, the Hugo Award, and the See CONVENTION Page 16



the Capitol in Boston, Massachusetts on January 29. "Our goal is to make sure that nearly every voter who goes to the polls on November 5 knows three things: Libertarian Carla Howell is running for governor, Libertarians champion ending the income tax, and Libertarians actively advance small government," she said.

Carla Howell starts race for governor in Massachusetts

New campaign follows her record-setting 2000 U.S. Senate race against Ted Kennedy

arla Howell has declared her candidacy for governor of Massachusetts, promising the "biggest and best" gubernatorial campaign in Libertarian Party

Howell, whose official announcement came on January 29, said her campaign will appeal to supporters of lower taxes, pro-gun voters, and any citizen who believes "small government is beautiful.

"My campaign is going to be a major factor in this race, and it will earn national news coverage for the Libertarian Party," she said. "I am running to win, but my campaign will also strengthen the party with new members, registered voters, and donors."

Campaign coverage

Howell's announcement generated coverage from the Associated Press, the Lowell Sun, the MetroWest Daily community newspapers, WBUR radio, the Worcester Telegraph & Gazette, WTAG radio, the Andover Townsman,

and the Massachusetts News.

This is Howell's second statewide race in two years: In 2000, she garnered 12% of the vote in a six-way race for incumbent Ted Kennedy's U.S. Senate seat. It was the best-ever result for a Libertarian in such a race, and the most successful third-party U.S. Senate race in 2000, according to Campaigns & Elections magazine.

This year, she is hoping that publicity from her "Small Government Act to End the Income Tax" - an initiative to abolish the state income tax and save Massachusetts residents \$9 billion a year - will generate additional coverage and support for her

If passed by voters, the initiative See CARLA HOWELL Page 2

America's silliest laws: What were they thinking?

Please, don't give that dog a glass of whiskey. And don't give your child an 'unusual' haircut

By Bill Winter

aws are like sausages. It is better not to see them made." Or so Otto von Bismark once said.

He may be right. But it sure would have been fun to watch the debate when the Portland, Maine, city council passed a law against tickling a girl under her chin with a feather duster.

Felonious feather dusting. What were they thinking?

A similar question could be asked

of politicians in Clarendon, Texas. They made it against the law to use a feather duster to clean any public building.

And in Borger, Texas, politicians made it a crime to throw a feather

Why are lawmakers so preoccupied with feather dusters?

Why not? Feather dusters are just one of countless objects, actions, animals, utterances, and activities that politicians have banned, regulated, and (occasionally) mandated over the years.

The litany of ludicrous legislation is not surprising. There are bers of the U.S. House. Another 100 U.S. Senators. Fifty governors. A total of 7,424 state legislators. And a whopping 500,000 elected officials at the state, county, and local level, according to Campaigns & Elec-

tions magazine.

These politicians must do something to earn their pay. So they legislate. Everything. Anything.

In fact, a review of the peculiar laws on the books around the United States il lustrates that nothing — repeat, nothing — escapes a lawmaker's lust to legislate.

> In Mesquite, Texas, for example, it's a crime for children to have unusual haircuts.

In Atlanta, it's illegal to tie a giraffe to a telephone pole.

In San Francisco, it's illegal to pile horse manure See SILLY LAWS Page 19

NEWS BRIEFS

Libertarian ad runs on national cable TV

he American Liberty Foundation has run its provocative "Yard Sign" advertisement on CNN, marking the first time a non-campaign, explicitly libertarian ad has appeared on national television.



The 30-second advertisement aired on Saturday, February 2 at 8:05 am, 12:05 pm, and 2:05 pm ET at a combined cost of \$20,898.

Jim Babka, president of the non-profit American Liberty Foundation, said the ad was a "historic" event for the libertarian movement.

"This [was one of the first times], to my knowledge, that a libertarian commercial [aired] on national television without the benefit of a presidential campaign," he said. "This is the first of what we hope will be an ongoing series of TV ads on this and other issues."

The advertisement shows a "pro-gun control" couple being asked to post a sign in their front yard that reads: "Attention Criminals: We believe in gun control. We own no firearms." A voice-over says: "Think gun control is a good idea? Think again."

The ad is a "playful spoof of gun-control advocates," said Babka. The Virginia-based American Liberty Foundation was founded by former LP presidential candidate Harry Browne and campaign manager Perry Willis shortly after the 2000 presidential election.

Its stated mission is "to create and broadcast television ads which teach people about individual liberty, personal responsibility, and small, constitutionally limited government."

To view the "Yard Sign" ad online, using RealPlayer or Windows Media Player, visit: www.AmericanLibertyFoundation.org/second.htm.

Song released to honor John Perry

he New York LP is helping to publicize a song released to commemorate John Perry, the Libertarian Party member and NYC police officer who was killed during the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The song, entitled "Beyond the Call of Duty," was released as a CD single by Ken Post, a singer/songwriter and a friend of Perry's. It was first performed at the "Celebration of Life"

service held in honor of Perry in September. '[The song will help] to focus attention on

■ John Perry: the heroic life, not just the death, of John "Call of Duty." Perry," said New York LP State Chair Richard Cooper. "I hope that it shows that libertarianism does not mean a lack of caring for one's community."

On the morning of September 11, Perry rushed from police headquarters in Manhattan — where he was filing his retirement papers — to the World Trade Center to help rescue victims from the burning buildings. An officer at the 40th precinct, Perry was last seen on the Mezzanine of the South Tower shortly before it collapsed.

Reflecting Perry's libertarian beliefs and tragic death, a lyric in the song states: "Can't let our freedom go down with the building."

'[John Perry] was dedicated to defending everyone's right to life, liberty, and property," said Cooper. "[He was] a true hero.

The "Beyond the Call of Duty" CD costs \$11. All proceeds will be donated to the John William Perry Fund, a non-profit charity. To order, write: John William Perry Fund, PO Box 199, Wantagh, NY 11793.

Project seeks libertarian 'Free State'

Libertarian Party member has kicked off a project to create a "Galt's Gulch" in a yet-to-be-determined state.

The "Free State Project" is a coordinated effort to get 20,000 libertarians to move to a single state and to work to create a free society, said Jason Sorens, who is coordinating the effort.

"By concentrating our numbers, the Free State Project offers us the opportunity for success," he said.

A 25-year-old graduate student at Yale University, Sorens said after relocating to the agreed-upon state, libertarians would work to eliminate "unjust state and local laws."

There are 11 states that are "theoretically small enough" for 20,000 libertarians to win most state-level elections, said Sorens: Wyoming, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Delaware, Hawaii, Montana, Rhode Island, Idaho, and New Hampshire.

Project participants have two years to choose a state, and five years in which to gather the 20,000 people willing to relocate. After that point, there would be a five-year "grace period" for the relocation.

"With luck and perseverance, we may see one truly free society within our lifetimes," he said.

For information, visit: www.freestateproject.com.

Carla Howell officially enters Massachusetts governor's race

will end the state's current 5% tax on wages, the 5% tax on interest and dividends, and the up-to-12% tax on capital gains.

Howell, 46, is the head of the Committee for Small Government, which collected 100,000 signatures to put the initiative on the November 2002

"This initiative will give many non-voters a reason to come out to the polls," said Howell. "These individuals will not only be able to vote for the initiative to end the income tax, they will be able to cast their vote for Carla Howell as well."

10,000 signatures

To get on the ballot for governor, Howell must collect at least 10,000 valid signatures — or about 25,000 "raw" signatures — from registered voters by May 7.

'It's going to be a challenge," she said. "But after gathering over 100,000 signatures for our income tax repeal initiative, I am confident that I will be on the ballot in November."

Howell will also need to get the nomination of the Massachusetts Libertarian Party at its annual convention in Woburn on April 6. She faces no announced opposition for the

To begin her campaign, Howell said she will launch a bumpersticker

A VOTE FOR

Carla Howell is a vote for small government. Every issue. Every

time. No exceptions.

No excuses.

— Carla Howell

distribution drive at upcoming events, and has already booked speeches at gun clubs.

Howell has set a fundraising goal of \$1.5 to \$2.5 million, which will be divided between her gubernatorial campaign, the initiative to end the state income tax, and the U.S. Senate campaign of libertarian persuasion expert Michael Cloud.

The three campaigns have raised almost \$500,000 to date, said Howell.

A significant portion of campaign contributions will be spent on TV advertisements, said Howell, with additional money going to pay for 1 million flyers and 50,000 to 100,000 yard signs and bumperstickers.

"Our goal is to make sure that nearly every voter who goes to the polls on November 5 knows three things: Libertarian Carla Howell is running for governor, Libertarians champion ending the income tax, and Libertarians actively advance small government," she said.

In the November election, Howell will square off against incumbent Republican Governor Jane Swift. Frontrunners for the Democratic nomination include former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, State Senate President Tom Birmingham, and State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien.

Highlight differences

Howell said her campaign will highlight the differences between those big-government politicians and the small-government Libertarian

"A vote for Carla Howell is a vote for small government," she said. "Every issue. Every time. No exceptions.

Professionally, Howell works as a management and strategy consultant and is a resident of Wayland, Massachusetts. She has an MBA from Babson College.

From 1997 to 1999, Howell was the State Chair of the Massachusetts LP. She joined the party in 1995.

For more information, visit: www.carlahowell.org. Or write: Carla Howell for Governor, 6 Goodman Lane, Wayland, MA 01778.

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The average savings per taxpayer

Why did she send the letter to leg-

would be \$3,000 per year.

If passed by the legislature or ap-

Carla Howell issues income tax challenge

assachusetts gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell has issued a public challenge to the state legislature, asking to address legislators about her initiative to repeal the state income tax.

In an "open letter" sent to House Speaker Tom Finneran and Senate President Tom Birmingham on January 11, Howell requested permission to present her list of "nine commonsense reasons to end the income tax in Massachusetts" at a state legisla-

The letter was also sent to every member of the state Senate and House. Legislators have until May 1 to vote on the initiative to end the income tax. If no action is taken by that time, the measure will go before Massachusetts voters in November.

"How can vote responsi-

bly without knowing the facts about our Libertarian initiative to end the income tax?" asked Howell.

"An informed choice, a fair vote,

Carla Howell: the legislature Know the facts.

islators? 'Why do ranchers use cattle prods?" asked Howell. "We will send open letters to the state legislature again and again until they respond."

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The Mission Statement of the Libertarian Party: "To move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office."

Libertarian author and philosopher Robert Nozick dies

arvard University professor Robert Nozick, who helped establish the intellectual legitimacy of the modern libertarian movement, has died.

Nozick, best known in libertarian circles as the author of the National Book Award-winning *Anarchy, State & Utopia*, died of stomach cancer on January 23. He was 63.

Around the country, supporters of limited government praised Nozick's important contributions to politics and philosophy.

Libertarian Party Executive Director Steve Dasbach said, "It is no exaggeration to say that Robert Nozick's work — especially *Anarchy, State & Utopia* — helped create the philosophical and intellectual foundation that has allowed groups like the Libertarian Party, the Cato Institute, and the Advocates for Self-Government to thrive.

"Although Nozick is gone, his ideas, influence, and contributions will live forever."

Robert L. Pollock of the Wall Street Journal said, "Nozick's brilliance forced the academic establishment to take libertarian ideas seriously, and inspired America's fledgling libertarian movement and the Reaganite wing of the Republican Party."

Brian Doherty, associate editor for Reason magazine, said, "[Anarchy,

State & Utopia] was the first book to make libertarian views on the nature and legitimacy of the state respectable in academia. The world will be lacking many interesting and valuable thoughts and observations with Robert Nozick no longer in it."

Carl P. Close of the Independent Institute said, "A generation of profreedom philosophers has passed through the academic door opened by Nozick. His legacy is already being felt."

Ground-breaking

Published in 1974, Anarchy, State & Utopia was immediately hailed as an important, ground-breaking work.

It "transformed [Nozick] from a young philosophy professor known only within his profession to the reluctant theoretician of a national political movement," according to the Harvard Gazette.

Written partly in response to Harvard colleague John Rawls' Theory of Justice (1971) — which insisted that government has an obligation to redistribute wealth to help the disadvantaged — and partly in homage to the individualist-anarchist writings of Murray Rothbard, Anarchy, State & Utopia made a philosophically based argument for individual rights and a minimal state.

The book maintained that govern-



■ Robert Nozick, author of the groundbreaking *Anarchy, State & Utopia*, died in January.

ment should do no more than protect citizens from violence, theft, and breach of contract. Such a minimal state, Nozick argued, could "evolve" from a theoretical state of nature without violating individual rights.

Anarchy, State & Utopia won the prestigious National Book Award in 1975. In England, the Times Literary Supplement named it one of "The Hundred Most Influential Books Since the [Second World] War."

Legitimacy in academia

Laissez Faire Books said the book "astonished the philosophical world and made the discussion of liberty and property rights respectable again. [It] single-handedly established the legitimacy of libertarianism as a political theory in the world of academia."

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Michigan Libertarian gets city council seat

Bill Bradley appointed in South Haven

A n LP member has been appointed to the city council in South Haven, Michigan — making him the fifth Libertarian city councilman in the state.

On January 7, Bill Bradley was selected by the council to fill the position on the seven-member board. Each city council member serves a two-year term.

Bradley, who was chosen over three other contenders after an incumbent councilman vacated his seat to become the city mayor, said he is looking forward to the challenge of serving.

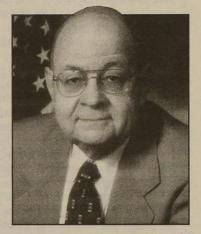
"I've been a critic of certain council activities in the past, and it's always easier to be a critic on the sidelines than an actual player in the game," he said. "But I'm glad to have an opportunity to try and move the council in a libertarian direction."

In competition

The 70-year-old Bradley was in competition with a former city council member, a retired city employee, and a local businessman for the seat.

"I think I was chosen because I've been active in local politics for a while now, so I am fairly well-known in the area," he said. "And my libertarian beliefs seemed to go over well with most of the council members."

Although he has some ideas for privatizing local government services, Bradley said he will try to settle into the seat before proposing any major



■ Bill Bradley: "I'm glad to have an opportunity" to serve on the South Haven city council.

changes to the non-partisan board.

"Changes are going to have to be gradual," he said. "But I can certainly nudge other council members toward fiscal responsibility."

Bradley joins Fred Collins (Berkley), Andy LeCureaux (Hazel Park), Mark Owen (Owosso), and Martin Howrylak (Troy) on the list of Libertarians currently serving on a city council in Michigan.

Bradley, who also serves as chair of the Van Buren County LP, ran for South Haven mayor in 1997, winning 40% of the vote. South Haven has a population of just over 5,000.

Bradley, also ran an "educational" campaign for State Representative in 1998 and U.S. Congress in 2000.

The National Convention: An unforgettable experience

There is pageantry, drama, and excitement. But what do Libertarians treasure most?

he first memory of a National Convention for most Libertarians is the main convention hall. It's a sprawling, expansive area fronted by a colorful stage, jammed with noisy delegates, and bejeweled with signs

For Libertarians from small states — who may have never before seen more than a few dozen LP members in one spot — it is an electrifying, inspiring sight.

And for a political party that once ruefully acknowledged that all the Libertarians in the nation could meet in a phone booth, it is a testimony to remarkable growth and staying power.

A sight to see

The main convention hall — Action Central for convention politicking, excitement, and activity — is a sight to see.

There is the central stage: A mas-

sive, professionally crafted, redwhite-and-blue extravaganza. It's the focal point of the day's activities.

There is the floor: Bustling with state delegations from every corner of the USA — cheering, debating, lobbying, laughing, discussing, joking, shouting, gesticulating, applauding, caucusing, and voting.

There are the signs: A painter's palette of colors, festooned everywhere, identifying state delegations, promoting candidates for LP office, and broadcasting miscellaneous political opinions.

There is the political tchochka: Balloons, confetti, campaign fliers, buttons, ribbons, flags.

There are the journalists: Television crews, panning the audience or fixated on a main stage speaker; print reporters, scribbling notes; and radio hosts, broadcasting live or tape-recording interviews.

And there are the Libertarians



■ Delegates celebrate the nomination of Harry Browne for president at the last National Convention. Past delegates said such conventions are "sheer joy," and give them a "most wonderful sense of appreciation."

"working" the floor: Candidates, lobbying for votes and meeting delegates singly or in groups; and their floor managers, shaking hands and gripping elbows as they work their way across the hall. Yes, it is a Libertarian National Convention — the live political drama that is the boldest, brashest, and most thrilling event of the year for LP members. It is pageantry and theater. It is a panorama of emotion and

passion

And it is your chance to play a personal role in American politics — and create memories that will last a lifetime.

With the 2002 National Convention just a few short months away, LP News recently asked several dozen Libertarians about their most memorable past convention experience. Here is what they had to say:

I'll never forget the inspiring speech by Peter McWilliams at the 1998 LP Convention in Washington. He was eloquent, humorous, and determined in the face of DEA harassment for his stance on medicinal marijuana. We did not know at the time that it would be Peter's last address at an LP Convention. While conducting the business of the convention is important, the best part is listening to speeches by LP activists who are making a difference. It's a great way to "recharge" your batteries.

— BRENDAN KINNEY

State Chair, Vermont LP

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POLITICAL NEWS

Gary Johnson wins LP presidential straw poll

ew Mexico Governor Gary Johnson has won the first 2004 Libertarian Party presidential candidate monthly straw poll.

Johnson — a Republican who is ineligible to seek re-election because of term limits — earned the support of 17.3% of those voting at http://cass.molp.org/polls.htm, an unofficial, unscientific straw poll hosted by the Cass County LP in Missouri.

Johnson won 182 of the 1,050 votes cast between January 1 and February 1. An outspoken critic of the War on Drugs, Johnson has debated former Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey and is schoduled to small at the Massachusetts LB conve

Gary Johnson:
Wins straw poll.

scheduled to speak at the Massachusetts LP convention in April.

Trailing behind Johnson were Republican Congressman Ron Paul from Texas (13.3%); science fiction author L. Neil Smith (9.5%);

Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell (9.0%); and 1996 and 2000 LP presidential candidate Harry Browne (8.7%).

"The response [to the poll] was far greater than we expected," said Mike Ferguson, who is coordinating the straw poll project. "We hope the project will both help LP members look ahead to future elections and also help potential candidates gain name recognition."

At the site, visitors can cast a vote for one of 24 possible presidential prospects, write in a candidate, or select "none of the above."

To be included on the list of presidential prospects, individuals do not have to be LP members, nor have expressed any interest in seeking the party's nomination, nor meet Constitutional requirements.

Big Water, Utah mayor repeals his own salary

wo months after being elected mayor of Big Water, Utah, Willy Marshall has kept a campaign promise to repeal his own salary — saving local taxpayers \$13,000 per year.

"I think this shows Libertarians are serious about our campaign promises," he said. "I thought this was a chance to cut obvious waste."

At a town meeting on January 16, Marshall and the city council voted 4-1 to repeal the salary. Marshall said the stipend was unnecessary, given the town's annual budget of less than \$250,000.

the town's annual budget of less than \$250,000. Willy Marshall:

"Most [Utah] towns do not have paid \$13,000 pay cut.

mayors," he said. "The exceptions tend to be ski

resort towns such as Alta or Brian Head, with million-dollar budgets
and lots of services. Almost all towns have volunteer mayors."

Marshall said the former Big Water mayor broke a promise to cut taxes in order to institute the salary in May 2001, inspiring Marshall to challenge her for the office in November 2001.

His next goal, said Marshall, will be to pass a budget that contains significant property tax cuts.

"I think property taxes may have worse effects on the economy and the community than other taxes," he said. "They punish people for fixing up their property or doing something constructive."

Jesse Jackson, Jr. files debate reform bill

ibertarians have an unusual ally in the quest for electoral reform: U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL).

Jackson has introduced a bill — HCR 263 — that would significantly lower the threshold for third-party presidential candidates to participate in televised debates. The bill is pending in the House.

Under HCR 263, presidential candidates could participate in the debates if they poll 5% in a nationwide survey, or if a majority of Americans support their inclusion. At present, a candidate must poll at least 15% in a nationwide survey to be invited.

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said the bill is a "major improvement" over current rules, but still sets an "unreasonably high standard."

"The most sensible proposal is to invite any candidate to participate whose name will appear on enough state ballots to have a theoretical chance of winning," he said. "Voting doesn't mean much unless a voter has the opportunity to make an informed choice about every candidate who has the potential to win."

Presidential debate rules are now set by the Commission on Presidential Debates, composed exclusively of Republicans and Democrats.

Introduced on November 6, HCR 263 was remanded to the Committee on House Administration. Committee members are: Robert Ney (R-OH), Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), John Mica (R-FL), John Linder (R-GA), John Doolittle (R-CA), Thomas Reynolds (R-NY), Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Chaka Fattah (D-PA), and Jim Davis (D-FL).

To contact your Congressperson, call the Congressional switchboard toll-free at: (888)-449-3511. Or visit: www.congress.org.

Movimiento Libertario elects four Costa Rican national congressmen

In two other Assembly races, the results are too close to call

n a victory for libertarianism in Central America, Costa Rica's Movimiento Libertario has elected at least four congressmen — and may win an additional two seats after all the votes are counted.

In the February 3 national election, Movimiento Libertario candidates polled about 9.3% of the vote, according to the party's secretary general, Raul Costales.

Under the country's complex proportional representation system, at least four Libertarian candidates will win seats in the 57-member national Legislative Assembly — up from the one seat Movimiento Libertario controlled before the election.

Assured seats

Libertarians who are assured legislative seats in the upcoming legislative session are Federico Malavassi (San José province), Ronaldo Alfaro (San José province), Carlos Salazar (Alajuela province), and José Francisco Salas (Heredia province).

Carlos Herrera (Cartago province) was leading by a "small but relatively safe margin" of 277 votes, and Peter Guevara (Puntarenas province), was trailing an opposition candidate by only nine votes, with more votes yet to be counted, said Costales.

"We are pleased with the results,



■ Otto Guevara won only 1.68% in the Costa Rican presidential race, but saw at least four of his fellow Movimiento Libertario candidates elected to the Legislative Assembly.

given that our realistic goal was to increase our Congressional seats," he said. "We know we will be able to contain Big Brother much better than with just one Congressman!"

[Final results were not announced when LP News went to press.]

In disappointing news, Movi-

miento Libertario candidate Otto Guevara finished fourth out of six contenders in the presidential race, with about 1.68% of the vote.

"We knew that it was very remote at this stage that [Otto Guevara] would win the presidency," said Costales.

Best congressman

In 1996, Guevara helped found Movimiento Libertario, and was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1998. During his first two years in office, he was named the country's "best congressman" in three national surveys of journalists, and in six polls of Costa Rican voters.

However, that popularity did not translate into the kind of electoral groundswell hoped for by Movimiento Libertario.

In July 2001, the party began broadcasting television ads for Guevara's campaign. The effort boosted his name recognition from about 60% to almost 95%, said Costales, resulting in an invitation to participate in a nationally televised debate with the three other top presidential candidates.

But Guevara's support dipped after the debates, when the party shifted its focus to its slate of con-

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Spear Lancaster 'overwhelmingly' wins Maryland LP gubernatorial nomination

pear Lancaster has won the gubernatorial nomination of the Maryland LP — and is now striving to become the first third-party candidate for governor to earn a spot on the state's ballot in 36 years.

On January 27, the Maryland LP Central Committee "overwhelmingly" endorsed Lancaster for governor and Lauren Hill for lieutenant governor.

Now, the Lancaster/Hill ticket must collect about 40,000 ballot access signatures by August 5, 2002 to get on the November ballot, said Lancaster.

To accomplish that, they will need to overcome history, he acknowledged.

Only two choices

"[Maryland voters] have only had two choices for governor every election for the past [36] years," said Lancaster. "The last time a third choice was on the ballot was in 1966! Ever wonder why? [Because] the 'major' parties don't want competition, so they've made it hard to get on the ballot."

Maryland Libertarians have already collected about 16,000 ballot



Maryland LP candidate for governor, Spear Lancaster: "The 'major' parties don't want competition, so they've made it hard to get on the ballot."

access petition signatures, said Campaign Chairman Steve Boone.

"[But] we have much work to do, and the ongoing petition drive will continue," he said.

Lancaster said the goal of his gubernatorial campaign is to "give people a reason to register and show up at the polls."

He will stress educational "freedom and choice," will work to lower taxes by cutting "waste and fraud," will strive to reduce violent crime by 25% by redirecting police resources away from "non-violent, non-fraudulent offenses," and will examine the "possibilities for privatization" of government services, he said.

Yellow dog Democrat

Lancaster, 68, is the past vice chair of the Maryland LP and a past chair of the Anne Arundel County LP. After many years as a self-described "yellow dog Democrat," he was briefly a member of the Republican Party, and joined the Libertarian Party in 1996.

Now retired, he spent 30 years working for the Rubbermaid Corporation, and also owned a company that manufactured floor matting products.

Married to Doris Grace Butler for 45 years, he has two children and three grandchildren.

For information about the Spear Lancaster for governor campaign, visit: www.spear2002.com.

Grassroots Libertarian Groundswell in Massachusetts <u>End</u> the Income Tax Ballot Initiative is Red Hot

117 Grassroots Volunteers hand out the first 10,000 copies of "9 Common Sense Reasons to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts" to family, friends, and co-workers.

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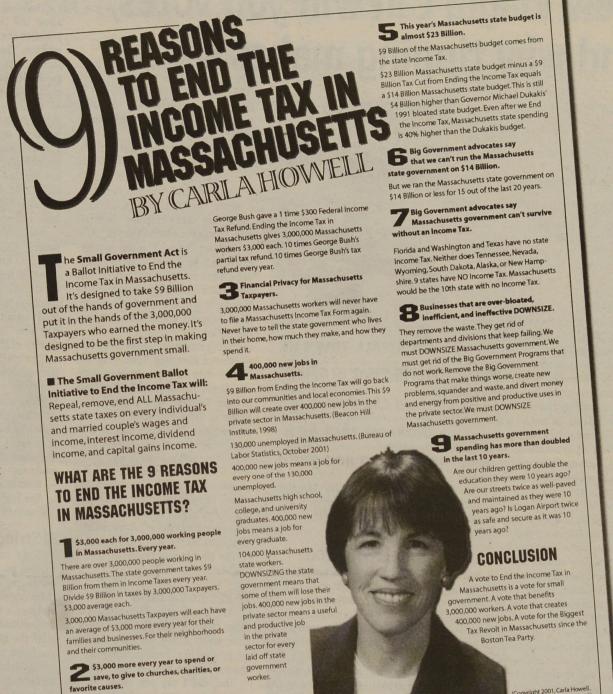
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TALKING POINTS

How Viagra can win you votes, and why tipping makes sense

War is Hell

Number of Pop-Tarts dropped on Afghanistan as part of U.S. airborne food aid in the first month of bombing: 2,400,000.

- HARPER'S, January 2002

■ CAFE of Death

Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards sound innocent enough. They have to do with federal standards requiring higher fuel-efficiency for cars, trucks, vans, and so on.

But tougher standards mean lighter and less safe vehicles, which is why CAFE and its backers threaten my four young kids.

That's because when Congress returns [in January], Senate Majority Leader and Democrat Tom Daschle will move to take up the issue of raising CAFE standards. He and his allies want to target so-called "light trucks," meaning sport-utility vehicles (SUVs), pick-up trucks, and minivans, which have always had less draconian CAFE standards.

Now CAFE backers want to force these vehicles to meet dramatically higher fuel efficiency standards. And that means that light trucks, including large vans and SUVs which have the lowest fatality rates of all passenger vehicles, would have to become much lighter and far less safe.

By 1993, CAFE standards were killing between 1,300 and 2,600 people a year who would have survived collisions in heavier vehicles, according to a recent study by the National Academy of Sciences. *USA Today* puts the total at 46,000 Americans killed as a result of CAFE regulations.

And now those same do-gooders want to take even more lives.

- BETSY HART

The Washington Times
January 24, 2002

■ Un-tattoo you

Thanks to Rep. Lois Capps [D-CA], this Congress may have hit a new low in the creation of a wasteful spending program. Capps has secured \$50,000 in federal money to fund a tattoo-removal program in her district. According to her press release:

"People with visible, inappropriate tattoos often encounter negative attitudes, stereotyping and discrimination, resulting in unemployment or the inability to move forward in their careers. This program supports people who are trying to make a change in their lives by removing those negative marks of distinction."

Dennis Rodman, phone home.

- RON UTT

The Washington Times January 10, 2002



Florida has officially

told the Prince of Darkness that he is

a persona non grata— telling him to go

to the Devil.

■ The Exorcist, 2002

If he's thinking of visiting Florida's west coast, Satan might want to steer clear of Inglis. The mayor of this small fishing village in Florida has declared the Prince of Darkness persona non grata — in essence, telling him to go to the devil.

"Satan, ruler of darkness, giver of evil, destroyer of what is good and just, is not now, nor ever again will be, a part of this town of Inglis," Mayor Carolyn Risher says in a proclamation, which was issued on official town stationery.

Risher said the events of September 11 inspired her to pursue the proclamation, which the Town Commission supports.

"We need to be ready to meet our maker," she said. "If our churches band together and pray, our nation and our town can be a godly nation and a godly town."

— **CNN.сом**, January 29, 2002

We never learn

Time for a quick pop quiz. Can you identify the speaker?

"Today, and for generations to come, America will benefit from this law, which expresses our national commitment to quality education for our children."

President Bush, who just signed a highly touted education reform bill with great bipartisan fanfare? Good guess, but it was President Ford . . . when he had just signed a highly

touted education reform bill with great bipartisan fanfare. That was in

Try another: "This year with the help of education and parent associations, we have together taken an historic step in the evolution of the federal role in education." No, that wasn't President Bush either. It was President Carter in 1978.

One last quote: "It is not an overstatement to say this is the most important reauthorization in this legislation's history. It reshapes the manner in which the federal government supports public schools across the nation."

You've no doubt caught on by now — it's not President Bush. That was Senator Edward Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, in 1994. Yes, the same Senator Kennedy who was in attendance as President Bush hailed the new education reform bill as "the most important piece of legislation most of us will ever work on."

Sounds awfully familiar.

With every new education bill comes lofty statements, more programs and higher spending — but no corresponding rise in achievement.

- KRISTA KAFER

The Washington Times January 15, 2002

■ It's not a raise

Ah, a new year. We're all a year older and the Congressmen are all that much richer. In fact, exactly \$4,900 richer because they gave themselves yet another pay raise.

Um, did I say pay raise? No, it couldn't be a pay raise, because that would clearly violate the U.S. Constitution. Oh, it was merely a cost-of-living-adjustment.

Congressmen have to eat, too, you know. And their new \$150,000 a year salaries will buy a sufficient quantity of beans and 'taters, no doubt.

During the Great Depression, law-makers actually lowered their salaries out of sympathy with the suffering people, and didn't take a single pay raise during World War II.

Boy, they must have been suckers back then

- PAUL JACOB
Common Sense
January 14, 2002

■ The tipping point

Tipping, though commonplace, is at first glance a curious phenomenon. Why isn't the tip for a waiter, say, included in the price of the meal? Or, going the other way, why aren't employees of fast food restaurants tipped? Tipping seems to be a quaint and inefficient practice.

But when we realize that market

participants do not possess the same knowledge, the practice becomes more intelligible. For example, a restaurateur would find it very difficult to keep tabs on his entire staff. As such, it wouldn't be worth the trouble to tailor the wages of waiters to their courtesy with customers.

The simple market solution is to allow the customers themselves to evaluate the service of the waiter or waitress. This not only reduces monitoring costs, but allows for the satisfaction of possibly different preferences among customers.

The phenomenon of tipping, broadly conceived, is the real-world market's response to the "missing markets" postulated in formal economic models. When transaction costs prevent the establishment of a formal institution, spontaneous exchanges still occur to the benefit of both parties.

For example, a bar patron who doesn't wish to wait between drinks may give unusually high tips to ensure that the bartender is particularly attentive. [However], it would be pointless to tip the cashier at a fast-food restaurant, since he or she does not have much discretion over the quality of the meal.

The custom of tipping is an excellent demonstration of the market's ability to solve real-world problems in order to ensure the maximum satisfaction of consumer preferences. Normally taken for granted, tipping is in fact a beautiful illustration of the power of voluntary, decentralized exchange.

- ROBERT P. MURPHY

The Ludwig von Mises Institute January 29, 2002

■ String 'em up!

Tony and Angelica Flores were thrown in jail over their Christmas lights, the *Arizona Republic* reports: "Officials say [the Floreses] last year violated a code requiring Christmas decorations to be removed 19 days after the holiday. They were still on the home in April.

"Angelica [said] the lights stayed up because neither could climb a ladder to take them down. Tony had been injured at work, and Angelica is afraid of heights. She was stunned when three officers handcuffed them.

"Despite their experience, she says, they're going to hang Christmas lights again this year."

— OPINIONJOURNAL.COM January 30, 2002

Free erections, 2002

Promising to invigorate Colombians, a presidential candidate startled drivers by handing out samples of the impotence drug Viagra.

"We want our votes to dose Colombia with Viagra, to lift and to firm up the country, make peace swell, by standing up to the corrupt, and stiffening our people," presidential hopeful Ingrid Betancourt [of the New Colombia Party said] in downtown Bogota.

Followed by nervous police bodyguards and assistants dangling plastic bags of tablets, the slightly built Betancourt — wearing a blue, Viagracolored T-shirt — darted from car to car as they stopped at red lights.

"Colombia must rise up!" exclaimed a scruffily dressed man after Betancourt gave him a pill.

- REUTERS, January 25, 2002

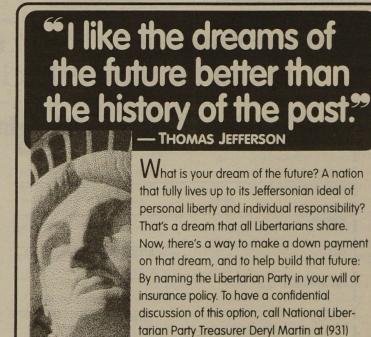
Out Reaganing Reagan

President George W. Bush's State of the Union speech may have emphasized America's commitments to the War on Terror abroad, but tax-payers could actually be shelling out more for his proposals for non-security programs here at home.

According to a line-by-line analysis by the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, President Bush proposed at least \$106.6 billion in new annual federal spending — 52% of which is largely unrelated to homeland security or national defense.

[According to] study author Tom McClusky, Bush would increase homeland security and defense spending by \$51.4 billion per year. Contrary to popular reports, this increase far exceeds what was enacted during the height of the Reagan buildup. In 1982, defense spending rose by \$26.2 billion (in 2002 dollars). Bush's proposals doubled that amount.

— NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION FOUNDATION, January 30, 2002



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AFFILIATE NEWS

Libertarians 'adopt' family, counter Medved rants, & stop riot museum

■ CALIFORNIA

East Bay LP will work to stop 'sneaky' bond plan

East Bay Libertarians will campaign against a school board plan to spend \$157.2 million on infrastructure improvements — saying proponents have a "sneaky, hidden agenda."

Buried in the plan is an "anti-student" provision that closes high school campuses during lunch periods and prevents students from leaving school grounds, said LP County Chair Mark Werlwas.

"[The trustees are trying] to put students in a pen and feed them slop like farm animals," he said. "Instead of calling this a health and safety bond, it should be called the 'Lock up the Children and Close the High Schools bond."

The measure will appear on the March 5 ballot in the Fremont Unified School District.

Libertarians hope to "mobilize disgruntled students" to encourage their parents to defeat the bond.

In addition to the anti-student provision, Werlwas said the bond was far too expensive, and would likely increase property taxes.

■ COLORADO

County chairs take part in 'how-to' workshops

Eight LP county chairs participated in a "nuts and bolts" discussion at the Denver Tech Center, sharing insights and strategies about running a successful LP organization.

Topics of discussion at the January 19 meeting included how to recruit party members and candidates, how to put on fundraising events, and how to build name recognition for the Libertarian Party.

"In order to run candidates, we must first recruit activists," said Boulder County Chair **Joe Johnson** at the meeting. "Thus, affiliates must [primarily] seek to gain new members."

Did participants gain new insights at the conference?

"Depends on the individual," said LP State Chair **John Berntson**, who moderated the event. "Representatives of some of our smaller, younger affiliates gained many new ideas they could apply in their counties. It was a good experience in general."

■ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LP peace activist: Reject anti-terrorist legislation

America's capital city is doomed unless the U.S. changes its foreign policy.

That was the message "pro-peace"



Washington Libertarian sworn into office

■ Don Vandervelde takes the oath of office as new Park & Recreation Commissioner in Peninsula, Washington state on December 26.

Vandervelde, who was elected in November 2000, will serve on the commission with fellow Libertarian Judy Byrd.

With nine victories in 2002, it "[was] a great election year for the Libertarian Party of Washington state!" said state Executive Director Jacqueline Passey Bartels. "We are getting bigger and better every year, and we plan to do even more in 2002, 2003, and beyond."

Libertarian **Carol Moore** delivered to the DC city council on January 24, while addressing a proposal to increase penalties for crimes committed during "an act of terrorism."

"Washington, DC is about as beloved as Rome was 2000 years ago," Moore told the council. "But Rome's enemies didn't have nuclear weapons."

Instead of passing a bill that has no hope of preventing terrorism, said Moore, the city council should pass resolutions calling for the U.S. government to stop bombing other countries, and call for ending all overseas military intervention and foreign aid.

"All this law will do is make it easier for police provocateurs to put innocent people in prison and stifle truly nonviolent dissent," she said.

The bill, B14-737, is currently pending in the Judiciary Committee.

■ GEORGIA

LP: Transportation plan is costly and ineffective

Governor Roy Barnes' plan to improve transportation will actually result in worse traffic congestion and poorer air quality, state Libertarians have predicted.

The proposal, which would ultimately cost taxpayers \$8.3 billion over the next 10 years, is merely another way for the state government

to raise revenue from taxpayers, said LP State Chair **Helmut Forren**.

"Governor Barnes has no interest in reducing traffic congestion or improving air quality in metro-Atlanta," he said. "Government-operated mass transit costs far more than driving while actually increasing smog and creating more gridlock."

Forren pointed out that most of the \$4 billion the government will spend over the next five years will fund express buses, light rail initiatives, and other mass transit systems — not road construction.

"Instead of giving Georgia commuters what they want — more roads — the governor is trying to [make] metro-Atlanta traffic become so bad that people will be *forced* into using mass transit," he said.

■ GEORGIA De Kalb LP 'adopts' a

family over Christmas

Over the Christmas holiday, DeKalb Libertarians adopted a family.

That is, LP activists participated in a program to give toys to a needy family. The program was run through Our House Inc., a private center that provides job training to needy parents.

LP County Chair **Tom Freese** said the program allowed Libertarians to "demonstrate a commitment to private charity instead of government programs, and make our local party more visible."

Activists gave \$500 worth of toys to the three children of Jamal and Marquita Seymour.

A former firefighter in Massachusetts, Jamal Seymour found himself out of work after the government told him he wasn't certified to work as a firefighter in the state of Georgia.

"[The family] loved it, and were quite overwhelmed with the gifts," said Freese. "It was so much fun — we are definitely going to participate in this event next year."

■ GEORGIA

Atlanta commuter tax is 'double taxation,' says LP

Libertarians have blasted a proposal that would levy a "commuter tax" on individuals who work in Atlanta, but are not city residents.

The proposal, which calls for a 1% payroll tax to pay for the police, fire, and sewer services available to noncity residents while they are at work, is a clear case of "double taxation," charged LP State Chair **Helmut Forren**.

"These services used by metro-Atlanta employees are already paid for by the businesses where they work," he said. "The suggestion that these services are not paid for is a sham."

Forren said employers already foot the bill for such services by paying property taxes, sewage fees, fees for business licenses and permits, and "an assortment of other miscellaneous taxes and fees."

"This ludicrous proposal is just another money grab by the greedy city bureaucrats who refuse to take responsibility for their wasteful spending," he said.

■ ILLINOIS

Greater Peoria LP: Vote 'no' on utility takeover

Greater Peoria Libertarians held a "public information meeting" to dissuade citizens from backing a referendum encouraging a local government takeover of a private utility company.

On January 25, LP members told a crowd of local citizens that a takeover of the Illinois-American Water Company would lead to mismanagement and higher prices for consumers. The referendum will appear on the local election ballot on March 19.

"This is a local issue that really touches the heart of libertarian prin-

ciples," said LP State Secretary **Jeff Trigg**. "We Libertarians believe in free and open trade, with Americans and other countries as well."

Trigg said the city manager had made the "protectionist proposal" after finding out that a German firm was planning to purchase the utility company. The referendum would pave the way for the council to use eminent domain powers to force a government buy-out, said Trigg.

"However, this same referendum was defeated by the voters in 2000," he said. "So I'm confident that it will be defeated again."

ILLINOIS

Library board member loses bookmobile fight

Despite putting up a "good fight," a Libertarian library board member was unable to derail a proposal to pay for a public bookmobile with taxpayer funds

On December 20, the Fountaindale Public Library board voted 4-2 to fund a bookmobile, which will deliver library books to district residents. The project will cost taxpayers about \$400,000 over three years.

Board member Austin Hough, who also serves as LP State Chair, said the plan was "fiscally irresponsible," and would have been financed with voluntary donations had citizens thought the project was a good idea.

"We had a chance to show the taxpayers of the library district that we are fiscally responsible," he said. "Instead we approved an expensive bookmobile that will be paid for by [all] the taxpayers, but which will not be used by all of the taxpayers. We dropped the ball."

The Fountaindale Library District serves about 65,000 residents in Bolingbrook and Romeoville.

MICHIGAN

LP city council member gets salaries abolished

Members of the Hazel Park city council will forego their salaries this term — thanks to the suggestion of a Libertarian city councilman.

Andy LeCureaux, who was elected to the city council in November 2001, said the salary cut is a good idea, given that the city is facing a 6% budget deficit.

"I felt it was important for the council to forego pay, because we are asking all departments to look at budget cuts," he said. "You shouldn't ask of others what you aren't prepared to do yourself."

The salary cut was instituted at a council meeting on January 8. Each city council member is paid \$50 per meeting — so the salary cut will save taxpayers \$3,000 by the end of June.

LeCureaux campaign manager **Greg Dirasian** said LeCureaux's act was
proof that electing local Libertarians
can bring credibility to the party.

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"I used to shudder when the press labeled one of my candidates 'Libertarian', knowing that it was the kiss of death," he said. "Today, it has come to mean 'advocate of common sense.' What a difference two years can make!"

MISSOURI

Libertarians call for end to charter discrimination

Libertarians have called for the St. Louis County charter to be amended, charging that it unfairly discriminates against the Libertarian Party.

LP State Chair **Bob Sullentrup** said the St. Louis County charter, which states that only Democrats and Republicans can run candidates in county special elections, is "yet another example of the two major parties using ballot access to protect their monopoly on the political system."

Libertarians discovered the charter does not permit LP candidates to run in special elections after unsuccessfully trying to run a candidate for city council in February 2001.

Sullentrup then sent a letter to St. Louis County Executive Buzz Westfall, proposing that the charter be changed to allow any political party with statewide ballot access to run candidates in a county special election. The Missouri LP has had automatic ballot access since 1992.

"Our proposed change would give county voters an opportunity to hear ideas and positions from candidates of all the established political parties," he said.

■ NEW HAMPSHIRE

'Libertarian' speed limit bill is rejected by House

A bill introduced by "Libertarian" Representative **Steve Vaillancourt** in the state legislature to raise speed limits on highways has failed.

The bill, HB1280-FN, was dubbed "inexpedient to legislate" on January 24, when it was defeated by a vote of 240-104 in the state House.

If passed, the legislation would have increased the limit to 70 mph on highways where the current limit is 65, and to 60 mph on highways where the current limit is 55.

"I strongly believe laws should reflect the will of the governed," said Vaillancourt. "When a law like this one is being routinely flouted by citizens, it is a sign that the law is a bad one and should be changed."

Vaillancourt had relinquished his House seat in 2000 to run in a Democratic primary for state senate, which he lost. Barred by the state's "sore loser" laws from running for his seat again as a Democratic candidate, he ran on the Libertarian label and won the election.

■ NEW MEXICO

Libertarians host rally for 'free, fair' elections

Libertarians hosted a demonstration in Santa Fe, where they accused state elections officials of systematically abridging the rights of voters to "free and open elections."

Held at the state capitol on Janu-



Colorado Libertarians honored with 'Lights of Liberty' awards

■ Eight members of the Boulder County LP in Colorado are honored with "Lights of Liberty" awards at a meeting on December 13. Shown here: Lori Van Buren, Greg Woods, Elizabeth Bennett, Tom Parker, Tony Middleton, Chuck Wright, Joe Johnson, Norm Olsen (presenter), Ralph Shnelvar. (Also winning awards, but not present, were Jon Ford and Judd Ptak.)

The "Lights of Liberty" award, presented by the Advocates for Self-Government, are given to Libertarians who write letters-to-the-editor, give speeches, or work an outreach booth.

"I've been a member of the Libertarian Party for 12 years, and I must say that never have I been associated with such a 'get it done' group of people," said Middleton. "Expect many more great things to come from the Boulder County LP."

ary 18, the rally was intended to draw media attention to a litany of unfair practices in the state, said LP State Chair **Joe Knight**.

"It seems to Libertarians that Democrats and Republicans are generally disinterested in any injustice not directly affecting them," he said. "It's time for New Mexicans of all political persuasions to demand integrity at the polls."

Specifically, Knight said certain state government officials have illegally kept LP candidates off the ballot, wrongfully told voters they cannot register Libertarian, refused to validate petition signatures in a timely manner, and engaged in a host of other unsavory practices.

At the event, Knight and Vice Chair **Frank Martin** were interviewed by journalists from the Associated Press, the Santa Fe New Mexican, and the Albuquerque Journal.

■ OKLAHOMA

'Race riot museum' plan killed after LP opposition

A plan to build a tax-funded "race riot museum" in Tulsa has been jettisoned, thanks in part to outspoken Libertarian opposition.

LP member **Bob Roberts** said the Tulsa mayor had called for the construction of a \$1 million museum to commemorate an outbreak of violence in 1921. The riot, which deeply divided the city along racial lines, was eventually put down by the National Guard

Although the event may have historical significance, said Roberts, the government should not be undertak-

ing such projects at the expense of local taxpayers.

"Today, if the people of Tulsa really want a Race Riot Museum, then some modern-day, profit-seeking capitalist will build one," he said. "And they'll build it so well that it will be worth paying admission to get in."

Roberts said Libertarians were in the process of organizing protests to be held at two public hearings in February when the mayor rescinded the proposal.

State party condemns

land-seizure legislation

The state LP has condemned legislation that would allow the state government to seize land held by a

private nature organization.

The bill, HB 575 requires the state secretary of natural resources to negotiate with the Nature Conservancy to acquire about 12,500 acres of the "Champion Lands," a wooded area formerly owned by the Champion Paper Company.

"A bill of eminent domain represents the worst kind of coercive state arrogance over any private landowner," said LP State Chair **Brendan Kinney**. "The [Libertarian Party's] long-held view is that the decision

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to develop a property, how to develop it, or whether to leave it undeveloped, should rest with the owner — free from coercion by the state."

If HB 575 passes, the government would likely force the Nature Conservancy to sell the land to the state, which will pay for it with taxpayer dollars, said Kinney.

"This proposed legislation is yet another example of how the state does not have the best interests of citizens in mind, and why it should refrain from purchasing and managing private lands," he said.

■ VERMONT

Flag desecration bill is 'inappropriate,' says LP

Libertarians have criticized a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment prohibiting desecration of the American flag.

Passed by the State Assembly on January 10, JRS 009 calls on the U.S. Congress to act to "ensure that proper respect and treatment will always be afforded to the United States Flag" by taking legislative action.

LP State Chair Brendan Kinney said although the Vermont Libertarian Party "abhors" the willful desecration of the American flag, the party "considers it inappropriate and inconsistent with our country's ideology of liberty to use the power of government to prevent such desecration as a means of political expression."

Although the resolution "overwhelmingly" passed by a vote of 113-23, Libertarians will remain steadfast in their opposition to incursions on the First Amendment, said Kinney.

"We in the [Libertarian] Party are just as adamant in our opposition to governmental restrictions on our inherent right of free expression as we are [regarding restrictions] on the free economic market and private property," he said.

■ WASHINGTON STATE Anti-Medved website design to counter 'rants'

A Seattle Libertarian has created the "Libertarian Medved Response Team" website — which is designed to counter the anti-Libertarian rhetoric of conservative radio commentator Michael Medved.

The site, http://go.to/medvedrt, will solicit articles written by Libertarians in response to Medved's "vocal attacks" on the party, said project coordinator Cary Thomas. Medved has frequently denounced Libertarians as "Losertarians" on his show.

The project is not intended to change Medved's political ideology, but to offer a "persuasive response to his kindergarten rants," said Thomas, and will help "turn a sour situation into some lemonade."

Libertarians can help promote the website by calling into Medved's program and steering listeners to the site prior to the fall 2002 elections — a time when Medved is likely to "step up his anti-Libertarian ranting," said Thomas.

The Michael Medved Show is broadcast on the Salem Radio Network in Seattle, and is syndicated on about 130 radio stations nationwide.



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LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

hen reformers point to the flaws and problems of the drug war, the warriors' answer is to do more of it.

"Isn't that the response of all addicts?"

So asks Bill Masters in his new book, Drug War Addiction. In this work, Masters charges that contemporary Drug Warriors are themselves addicted to waging an unwinnable war — while

ignoring its assault on the liberty, privacy, and safety of peaceful

The book is actually a compilation of essays Masters has written on the Drug War over the years. Throughout, Masters offers readers some of the wisdom he has gained during his 22-year career as the sheriff of San Miguel County, Colorado, about what he calls "America's #1 Policy Disaster."

NOTES FROM THE FRONT LINES OF AMERICA'S #1 POLICY DISASTER

by Sheriff Bill Masters

DRUG WAR

ADDICTION

A one-time Drug Warrior — he even received an award early in his career from the Drug Enforcement Administration for "outstanding achievements in the field of drug law enforcement" — Masters explains in riveting detail his motivation for eventually becoming one of the war's most vocal opponents.

For example, Masters views the militarization of local police forces as a dangerous result of drug prohibition.

Did you know that between 1995

and 1997, local police forces across

America obtained from the military 3,800 M16 fully automatic
assault rifles 73 M79 grenade launchers and 112 armored pers

assault rifles, 73 M79 grenade launchers, and 112 armored personnel carriers, largely for purposes of fighting the Drug War?

I didn't — and I feel more than a little uncomfortable knowing that local police forces have the firepower of a small army. I mean, grenade launchers? Give me a break.

Masters is also dismayed that the Drug War has negatively affected how police officers are viewed by many Americans. Instead of being considered as friends and protectors, argues Masters, officers are frequently regarded with suspicion and fear.

"The rift drug prohibition has created between the police and the public is one of the saddest results of our policies," he writes. "Peace officers across the nation feel in their hearts that something is amiss, and I believe more and more of them are realizing just how insidious prohibition really is."

Masters also devotes a chapter to addressing objections readers might have to ending the Drug War, such as the argument that legalizing drugs would "send the wrong message" to America's youth. A self-described "spiritual man," Masters takes issue with social conservatives who attempt to equate the Drug War — and the law in general — with moral righteousness.

"Morality isn't the same-thing as the law," Masters writes. "The law touches on only limited aspects of morality: protecting people and their property from physical harm and preventing theft and fraud. Morality is broader than the law. When we try to make the law as big as morality, laws become profuse, ambiguous, unknowable, flaunted, and unenforceable."

Although Masters is humble about his writing ability, I was pleasantly surprised by his natural style. Each chapter had a simplicity and clarity that made the book a pleasure to read.

In addition, Masters' personal Drug War horror stories are intriguing, and there are interesting Drug War quotes from well-known personalities on every page, from former president Abraham Lincoln to popular musician Dave Matthews.

One improvement would have been to focus exclusively on the War on Drugs — as opposed to issues such as gun control, which Masters tries to briefly address. This would have helped keep his message more concentrated and powerful. But at a mere 135 pages (including appendices), this book is certainly a concise and welcome addition to a growing cornucopia of anti-Drug War literature.

Maybe, if enough people read thoughtful books such as this one, America will finally find the courage to kick its Drug War Addiction.

Oklahoma LP member helps defeat \$3.85m bond proposals

Libertarian Party officer in Bethany, Oklahoma has helped lead a charge to defeat three local bond proposals — saving taxpayers \$3.85 million.

As the treasurer of the pro-property rights organization "Citizens for a Better Bethany," Christopher Powell played a "key role" in convincing residents to vote against the bonds in a January 8 special election.

More than 3,000 of the city's approximately 20,000 residents turned out for the election, with over 60% voting against the proposals, said Powell.

Informed decision

"I'm extremely pleased with the decision of the majority of the voters," he said. "I believe that voters ultimately examined the facts, and came to an informed decision."

The city had claimed the bonds were necessary to finance repairs in the city infrastructure, but voters rejected all three propositions:

#1: Would have allocated \$3.1 million for a new police station and municipal court building. No votes: 2,089 (61.8%). Yes votes: 1,288 (38.1%).

\$410,000 to rebuild a local animal control shelter. No votes: 2,065 (61.2%). Yes votes: 1,306 (38.7%).

■ #3 Would have allocated



■ Christopher Powell: "Voters examined the facts, and came to an informed decision."

\$340,000 to replace the roof of the Bethany City Hall and the heating and air-conditioning system. No votes: 2,069 (61.3%). Yes votes: 1,307 (38.7%).

Powell said he did not necessarily oppose the construction work, but was opposed to issuing bonds to finance the renovations.

Instead of levying what will amount to new taxes on Bethany residents, Powell said the city could pay for such projects with money it is scheduled to receive from an annuity in 2003, or from a city trust fund.

"The fact that the city is unwilling to use the money scheduled to be paid out by the annuity for the renovations shows that the renovations aren't [such a high priority]," he said.

During the campaign, Powell went door-to-door distributing anti-bond fliers. Upward of 3,000 fliers were distributed in Powell's ward, and about 10,000 were distributed throughout the city.

Powell said although the current city mayor and other local government officials charged anti-bond activists with disseminating "false information" to citizens, most voters agreed the bonds were unnecessary.

Thanks to his high-profile role in the anti-bond campaign, Powell said he is in a "great position" to challenge an incumbent city councilman in the March election.

Name and face

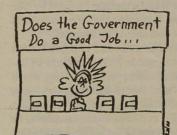
"This effort allowed me to get my name and face out in front of the voters, and showed I am concerned about the local taxpayer," he said. "My opponent in the upcoming election took no position on the issue. Being associated with such a popular issue is bound to work to my advantage."

Powell ran for state legislator as a Libertarian in 2000, and currently serves as the vice chair of the Oklahoma LP. He has been a Bethany resident for five years.

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Michael Cloud, Libertarian for U.S. Senate (MA)

Harry Browne says, "Out of 30,000 Libertarian Party members, who would you choose to present our message to 1,000,000 non-Libertarians?

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Barbara Goushaw says, "Michael Cloud is the extraordinary candidate that Libertarian campaign managers like me pray for."

Libertarian City Councilman Fred Collins says, "Michael Cloud makes libertarianism come alive. His foot-stomping, hand-clapping, heart-thumping speeches win over non-Libertarian audiences."

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Michael Cloud is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate against Democrat John Kerry.

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John Kerry was Michael Dukakis' Lt. Governor. John Kerry was on Al Gore's short list for VP choices. John Kerry is already exploring a run for President in 2004. His campaign will begin right after this U.S.

Senate campaign. The Massachusetts Republican Establishment will run a Big Government, High-Tax, Compromiser. Some-

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Only a Libertarian can show voters that a better life is possible — but possible only with small government, individual liberty, and personal responsibility.

Only a dynamic, persuasive, uncompromising

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1,000,000 Prospects

How will Michael Cloud reach 1,000,000 non-Libertarian prospects?

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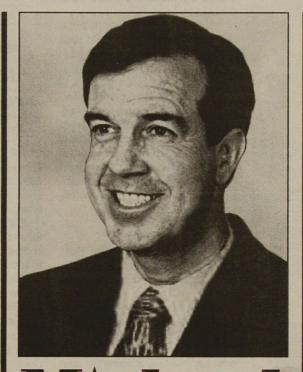
Although Massachusetts has a large population, it's a small state geographically — and Michael can be anywhere in the state within 2-1/2 hours, with no airfare or hotel costs.

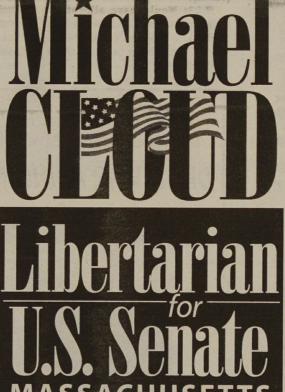
And during the next 12 months:

Michael Cloud will campaign at every gun shop, firing range, and gun club in the state of Massachusetts. The gun organizations gave terrific support to Carla Howell last year, and Michael will court them and earn their support for 2002. He is 100% Pro-Gun Freedom.

Michael Cloud will ask gun shops, firing ranges and gun clubs to stock his literature and signs promoting his proposal to "Stop the War on Guns."

(U.S. Senator John Kerry is ardently anti-gun. And the Establishment Republican candidate will undoubtedly





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support "reasonable gun control.")

Michael Cloud will give speeches and Q&A to hundreds of university political science classes throughout the state. There are more colleges per capita in Massachusetts than in any other state.

College newspaper reporters will be invited to these political science classes to cover Michael Cloud's U.S. Senate campaign for their college newspapers.

Michael Cloud's campaign team will book interviews with every newspaper in Massachusetts. He plans to begin this in January. A fast start creates momentum.

He will be interviewed by virtually every talk radio show in the state. Michael Cloud is one of the best Libertarians on Talk Radio.

Michael Cloud plans to run \$450,000 worth of Prime TV Ads

On Boston CBS, NBC and ABC stations. These stations blanket the entire state. That's 3 times as much TV advertising as Carla Howell ran in her U.S. Senate campaign last year.

Paid advertising drives free publicity, \$450,000 in Prime TV Ads on CBS, NBC and ABC in Massachusetts will generate a huge amount of free media coverage. On Nightly TV news. The Boston Globe. The Boston Herald. Newspapers across Massachusetts. Radio News and Talk Radio.

A survey has shown that only 30,000 cars in Massachusetts display bumper stickers. Michael wants to have "Michael Cloud, Libertarian for U.S. Senate" stickers on 3,000 cars — one out of every ten cars that have stickers.

In all, he can easily reach 1,000,000 prospects.

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State of the Union: Missed opportunity

eorge W. Bush missed a historic opportunity in his State of the Union address on January 29 by not refocusing the federal government on its primary function: Defending the lives and rights of American citizens.

Instead, he outlined a laundry list of 39 new government proposals, new expenditures, and expanded programs - as well as a potentially endless, worldwide "War on Terrorism," said Libertarian Party Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

'George Bush's compassionate conservatism is sounding a lot like compulsive Clintonism," he said. "Instead of using September 11 as an opportunity to limit the federal government to its core role of defending America, President Bush is using the tragic terrorist attacks as an excuse to further expand the federal government."

In fact, during his 48-minute speech, Bush proposed 39 new or expanded government initiatives, according to the Cato Institute which is almost as many on a per-minute basis as Bill Clinton proposed in his last State of the Union address.

Such a strategy not only flies in the face of what conservatives profess to believe — it also makes Americans less secure, said

"A sprawling, trying-to-do-everything federal government cannot effectively focus on protecting Americans against foreign threats," he said. "A government that tries to do too much will end up doing too little where it really matters — keeping us safe from foreign threats."

Anti-drug ads were 'Super Bowloney'

he Super Bowl advertisements claiming that Americans who use illegal drugs help finance terrorists were an outrageous waste of taxpayers' money, the Libertarian Party says.

These ads were Super Bowloney," said Ron Crickenberger, the party's political director. "For the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to claim that drug users are to blame for financing terrorists is like a maniac who kills his parents, and then throws himself on the mercy of the court because he is an orphan.

"The fact is, it's the War on Drugs that causes the very problem these ads complain about. The War on Drugs enriches terrorists, finances violence, and makes America less safe."

On February 3, the Office of National Drug Control Policy spent about \$3.4 million to run two 30-second advertisements during the Super Bowl. One of the ads, which pretended to show a terrorist buying weapons and explosives, asked: "Where do terrorists get their money? If you buy drugs, some of it might come from you."

However, in reality, the War on Drugs is responsible for funneling tens of billions of dollars into the hands of murderous terrorists, said

"The War on Drugs turns ordinary, cheap plants like marijuana and poppies into fantastically lucrative black market products," he said. "Without the War on Drugs, the financial engine that fuels terrorist organizations would sputter to a halt."

Bush's oxymoronic Freedom Corps

resident Bush's USA Freedom Corps is not only "warmed-over Clintonism," it is a waste of tax dollars, the Libertarian Party

"The USA Freedom Corps is big-government Clintonism with a fresh coat of red, white, and blue paint," said Steve Dasbach. "If Republicans really believed what they say, it would be the kind of pointless program they would abolish - not create."

In late January, President Bush hit the road to promote the USA Freedom Corps, which is an expansion of Bill Clinton's AmeriCorps. It aims to recruit an additional 125,000-200,000 government-funded "volunteers" to build homes, teach literacy, and assist police.

Bush touted the program, which will cost \$560 million next year, as a way to "fight evil with acts of goodness." But the USA Freedom Corps is not an attack on evil, said Dasbach — it's an attack on real, heartfelt, non-federal financed volunteerism.

"Bill Clinton's AmeriCorps program costs an average of \$30,000 for each two-year volunteer, according to the Heritage Foundation," he noted. "That cost included a \$7,400 annual salary and \$9,450 worth of college expenses.

"Only the government could invent a volunteer that costs \$30,000. This compares unfavorably to the \$0 per year that genuine volunteers cost taxpayers. In a new era of deficit spending, how can President Bush justify spending so much taxpayers' money on oxymoronic volunteers?"

Libertarians battle for ballot access reform in Oklahoma

ibertarians in Oklahoma have joined a third-party coalition to try to pass a bill that would dramatically lower the state's "restrictive" ballot access requirements.

The bill, HB 2654, is currently before the Oklahoma House Rules Committee.

Filed by Rep. Sue Tibbs (R-Tulsa) on February 4, HB 2654 would slash the number of signatures required to place a third-party or independent candidate on the ballot from 5% of voters in the previous statewide election - currently about 80,000 signatures — to only 5,000 signatures.

It would also reduce from 10% to 1% the vote percentage a presidential or gubernatorial candidate must receive in a statewide race to maintain ballot access status for the following election.

Spent \$50,000

In 2000, the Libertarian Party spent more than \$50,000 to get its presidential ticket on the Oklahoma

"Oklahoma has the worst ballot access laws in the nation," said LP State Chair Richard Prawdzienski. "HB 2654 will correct this by enacting a more fair standard, allowing the voter more choice at the polls.

HB 2654 is being supported by the Organization for Ballot Access Reform (OBAR), a coalition of Libertarian Party, Green Party, and Southern Party officers.

WE PLAN TO

change the status of Oklahoma from having the most restrictive ballot laws in the U.S.

-Richard Prawdzienski

The campaign to pass a ballot access reform bill kicked off in May 2000, after the state legislative session had adjourned, said Prawdzienski.

The Organization for Ballot Access Reform drafted a model bill and recruited Rep. Ray Vaughn (R-Edmond) to introduce the legislation.

However, Vaughn refused to sponsor the bill after a Libertarian candidate was perceived as having spoiled the election of a Republican legislative candidate in the November elec-

Voting record

Ironically, it is the Republicans' voting record that has made ballot access reform so urgent, said

"Oklahoma Republicans are call-

ing for tax increases and more government control," he said. "We need to give the voters of Oklahoma a choice.

In 2001, Libertarians stepped up the reform pressure, appearing on local talk radio stations, sending letters to the editor to newspapers across the state, and lobbying legislators, said Prawdzienski.

Libertarian Neil Mavis also made ballot access reform a signature issue in his campaign for U.S. House

Running out of time

However, the Organization for Ballot Access Reform is running out of time, since HB 2654 must pass out of the Rules Committee for a floor vote by February 22, or else it will be considered "dead." [LP News went to press before the deadline.]

If that happens, the bill will have to be reintroduced next legislative

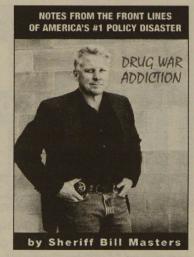
"Last year all election bills sent to this committee died in committee," said Prawdzienski. "But the assignment to rules has rallied OBAR members to fight harder — they have developed the Rocky spirit.

[We plan to] change the status of Oklahoma from having the most restrictive ballot laws in the U.S. -[and] bring rules in line with neighboring states."

For information about HB 2654, visit: www.oklp.org/ballot.html.

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Libertarian author Robert Nozick dies

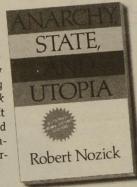
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Amazon.com said Anarchy, State & Utopia is "brilliant," and noted that it "challenges the most commonly held political and social positions of our age — liberal, socialist, and conservative."

The New York Times said Nozick "must not be accepted simply as an authority who has brilliantly rescued the old notion of laissez faire. He must be read, examined, understood,

explained, and debated."

Anarchy, State & Utopia generated a massive wave of publicity for its author, including profiles in the New York Times and Newsweek. It became an underground bestseller in then-communist Poland, East Germany, and the U.S.S.R.



The work also catapulted Nozick into star status in the libertarian movement, ranking him, along with Milton Friedman, F.A. Hayek, and Ayn Rand as perhaps the most respected libertarian thinker of the last half-century.

In his 1989 book, The Examined Life, Nozick appeared to retreat from some of his libertarian views. However, Nozick said that while he was no longer as "hardcore a libertarian" as he had been, rumors of his "deviation from libertarianism were much exaggerated."

Born in 1938 in Brooklyn, Nozick was the son of a Russian immigrant. In his teens, he was a member of the Socialist Party, and in college joined the leftist Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

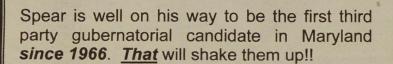
Nozick was first exposed to profree market arguments while a graduate student at Princeton, he said, and eventually decided that "capitalism is the best system."

He began teaching at Harvard University in 1969, and was chairman of the Harvard philosophy department from 1981 to 1984.

In addition to Anarchy, State & Utopia, Nozick also wrote Philosophical Explanations (1981), The Nature of Rationality (1995), Socratic Puzzles (1997), and Invariances: The Structure of the Objective World (2001).

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15-year-old Libertarian starts county LP in Georgia Trevor Southerland isn't old enough to vote — but that

revor Southerland isn't old enough to vote — but that hasn't stopped him from forming an LP affiliate in Catoosa County, Georgia.

"You don't have to be able to vote to be politically effective," said Southerland.

A 15-year-old high school student and the youngest person ever to chair a state LP chapter, Southerland said he started the county party due to his "disenchantment with the two-party system."

"The two major parties have been here for so long and they haven't changed all that much," he said. "We [Libertarians] are geared toward anybody who is committed to helping us create a freer society."

Support candidates

Southerland said the affiliate, which currently has 10 members, will work to recruit new members, build its infrastructure, and raise funds to support future candidates.

"Hopefully, we'll soon see some three-way races in Catoosa," he said.

Southerland, who is a sophomore at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School and a member of the school band, joined the Libertarian Party in November 2000.

Mark Mosely, the Executive Director of the Georgia LP, praised Southerland for having the initiative to start a county party — especially at his young age.

"It does take a measure of courage to step out and do this," he said.
"He is a very committed, intelligent, and talented young man."

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Convention Q&A: When, where, how?

ou want to attend the 2002 Libertarian National Convention - but you're not sure where to start. Here are answers to the most commonly asked questions, covering everything from becoming a delegate, to airports, to the hotel, to the first step you should take to participate in this unforgettable political experience.

■ Who can attend?

Any LP member (and guests) can attend the convention. However, to participate in official convention business, you must be a delegate from a Libertarian Party state affiliate.

■ How do I become a delegate from my state?

Every state has different rules, but most LP affiliates will select delegates at a state convention. Contact your state party leadership for more information and a convention date. (Upcoming state conventions are also listed in each issue of LP News; see pages 38 and 40.)

■ When is the Convention?

Pre-convention events — such as Platform and Bylaws Committee Meetings, Candidate-Training Seminar, LNC Meeting, and a Libertarian Party Leadership Summit — are scheduled etween July 2 (Tuesday) and July 3 (Wednesday).

The convention begins with the Opening Reception July 3 (Wednesday), and runs until July 7 (Sunday). See complete schedule at right.

■ When should I arrive?

Most delegates should plan to arrive at the convention hotel (Indianapolis Marriott Downtown) on



■ The Libertarian National Convention will be held at the spacious Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, adjacent to the Indianapolis Convention Center. For discount room reservations, call: (317) 822-3500.

Wednesday, July 3. The first convention event, the Opening Reception, begins at 8:00 p.m. that night.

Official convention business, including a special July 4 address, begins early Friday morning. LP officer elections will be held on Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 1.

■ Why does it cost anything to attend? Why isn't everything free?

The business sessions of the convention are free, so there is no cost for any delegate to attend the Platform and Bylaws debate, or the election of LP officers and the Libertarian National Committee.

However, the other events of the

convention — meals, speakers, panel discussions, and social events like the Sunday night banquet - cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to put on, and LP members who wish to attend those events are asked to cover the cost.

The Democratic and Republican parties each receive millions of dollars from the taxpayers to put on their conventions. We don't.

There are different package deals available, and LP members can choose which events they wish to attend, and how much they wish to pay. Plus, tickets for individual events are also

(Convention attendees also make

independent transportation and accommodation arrangements).

■ Where is the National Convention being held?

The convention will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown at 350 West Maryland Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225, adjacent to the Indianapolis Convention Center. Information on this hotel can be found at http://www.marriotthotels.com/ INDCC/. Or call: (317) 822-3500.

■ 0K, I've decided to attend. What do I do now?

First, make your airline reserva-

Second, reserve your room at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Call them at (800) 228-9290 or visit http:/ /www.lp.org/conv/2002/ and click on the link for the hotel's official site.

When making reservations at the Marriott website, please include: LNCLNCA under "Group Code." A special discount room rate of \$109 per night is available if reserved by

Third, send in your convention registration. (See registration form on page 18.) Or call Dianne Pilcher at (800) 272-1776. Or e-mail her at: LPCONV@hq.lp.org.

Will the convention be covered by C-SPAN?

Possibly. However, it is almost certain that C-SPAN will not provide gavel-to-gavel coverage, since 2002 is not a presidential-nominating convention. For example, at the 1998 convention in Washington, DC, C-SPAN did tape several speeches for later broadcast, but did not broad-

See Q&A Page 17

Convention Schedule

Tuesday, July 2

- ★ Campaign Training Seminar
- ★ Platform Committee Meeting
- ★ Bylaws Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 3

- ★ Campaign Training Seminar
- * Platform Committee Meeting ★ Bylaws Committee Meeting
- ★ Credential Committee Meeting
- ★ LP Leadership Summit
- * LNC Meeting
- * Registration
- ★ Opening Reception

■ Thursday, July 4

- ★ Convention Opening ★ Welcome to Indianapolis, Indiana
- ★ Independence Day Address: Otto
- ★ Opening of Convention Business Session
- * Credentials, Agenda, & Treasurer's
- Report ★ Gold Luncheon with Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- * Bylaws Committee Report & Debate
- * Breakout Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Liberty Pledge Reception
- * Forum: Candidates for National Chair
- Indianapolis
- ★ Hospitality Suites

Friday, July 5

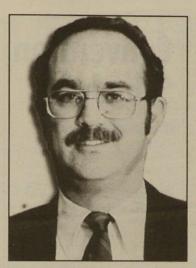
- * Bronze Breakfast of Champions: David Brin
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Platform Committee Report & Debate
- * Breakout Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Gold Luncheon with Speaker (TBA)
- * Major Speaker (TBA)
- * Platform Committee Report & Debate
- ★ Breakout Panels/Workshops/ Speakers
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- * Torch Club Reception ★ Evening Events (TBA)
- ★ Hospitality Suites

Saturday, July 6

- * Bronze Breakfast of Champions:
- * Tonie Nathan, others TBA
- * Major Speaker (TBA)
- * National Chair Nominating & Seconding Speeches
- * LNC Chair Voting
- * Major Speaker (TBA)
- * Announcement: LNC Chair results
- * Acceptance Speech
- ★ Lunch Break/Regional Caucuses
- * Major Speaker (TBA)
- * Election of LNC Officers
- * Major Speaker (TBA)
- * Announcement: LNC Officer results
- ★ Election of LNC At-Large Representatives
- * Banguet Reception
- ★ Gala Banquet & Celebration featuring Neal Boortz
- Music & Dancing until 1

Sunday, July 7

- * Bronze Breakfast of Champions (TBA)
- * Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Announcement: LNC At-Large results
- ★ Election of Judicial Committee
- ★ Major Speaker (TBA)
- ★ Announcement: Judicial Committee results
- * Resolutions
- * National Committee meeting



■ David Nolan: He founded the Libertarian Party and created the influential "Nolan Chart."



■ Harry Browne: The two-time LP presidential candidate, he wrote Why Government Doesn't Work.



■ Steve Dillon: He's the chairman of NORML — one of the nation's most effective drug reform groups.



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■ Reggie Jones: A charismatic speaker, he has his own nationally syndicated radio show.



Tonie Nathan: In 1972, she became the first woman to win a vote from the Electoral College.

David Brin, David Nolan join Convention line-up

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His libertarian-tinged novels Startide Rising (1983) and The Uplift War (1988) are considered modern science fiction classics, and his book, The Postman (1985), was made into a movie by actor/director Kevin Costner. His latest novel, The Kiln People, was published by Tor Books in 2002.

However, it was his provocative non-fiction work, The Transparent Society (1998), that catapulted Brin into the front ranks of futurists.

The book made the startling assertion that Americans are doomed to lose their privacy as surveillance, databases, and the Internet permeate society. However, that ubiquitous surveillance can actually promote freedom, he argued, as long as the "power to observe" is shared by ev-

"Brin argues that people will have nothing to fear from the watchers because everyone will be watching each other," said Amazon.com. "Brin takes some of our worst notions about threats to privacy and sets them on their ears."

Let openness rule

Kirkus Reviews wrote: "Brin argues [that] rather than vainly attempting to protect our privacy, we should strive to create a society that is ever more transparent, more exposed. Technology, no matter how we may try to regulate it, will find ever more sophisticated ways to snoop. So, says Brin, let openness rule. Have government be watched by its citizens as much as it watches.

The Transparent Society won the American Library Association's Obeler "Freedom of Speech" Award.

"Brin's speech will definitely have delegates thinking hard and questioning their premises," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger, a longtime fan of the writer's work. "You'll get a flood of thought-provoking ideas from this brilliant writer."

Also headlining at the convention will be David Nolan, the prime mover behind the formation of the Libertarian Party in 1971.

From its humble beginnings in

Nolan's living room in Colorado, the party has grown to become America's best-organized and most successful third party — and, arguably, the most influential political movement of the latter half of the 20th Century.

In addition to founding the Libertarian Party, Nolan is best known as the originator of the ground-breaking "Nolan Chart," a two-dimensional map that displays a more accurate model of political beliefs.

In 2000, Nolan was named one of the "2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by the International Biographical Center in England.

His colorful career has included work in publishing, advertising, marketing, websites, and talk radio.

"A true visionary, Nolan changed the future of American politics when he founded the Libertarian Party and that impact continues to be felt today," said Dasbach. "He is a direct link to the party's past, and a vibrant link to our future."

Other confirmed convention speakers include:

■ Harry Browne. In 2000, Browne made history by becoming the

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A TRUE VISIONARY, David Nolan changed the future of

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when he founded the Libertarian Party.

— Steve Dasbach

first man to win the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination twice. (He also ran in 1996.)

The author of two popular and influential Libertarian books, Why Government Doesn't Work (1995) and The Great Libertarian Offer (2000), he is widely considered to be one of the party's most effective communicators.

An investment advisor for over 30 years before turning to politics, Harry Browne's books — including the #1 New York Times bestseller How You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis (MacMillan, 1974) — have sold more than 2 million copies worldwide.

Browne is now the director of public policy for the American Liberty Foundation, a non-profit organization that produces and airs libertarianthemed television commercials.

■ Steve Dillon is Chairman of the Board of Directors of NORML (the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) — the nation's largest drug reform organization.

Founded in 1971, NORML runs advertising campaigns to "educate the public about marijuana policy," lobbies Congress and state legislatures, publishes research reports and a weekly media advisory, and provides legal support for victims of marijuana laws. It has an eight-person office in Washington, DC.

In addition to his work with NORML, Dillon is a longtime Indiana Libertarian Party member. In the 1990s, he ran for Secretary of State, Governor, and U.S. Senator.

He is also the co-founder and chair of the Indiana chapter of NORML, and the founder and co-director of the Fully Informed Jury Association in

■ Reginald Jones. His speech at the 2000 National Convention - entitled "Liberty is the Cure for Racism" - was greeted with "thunderous applause." And no wonder: He's one of the "libertarian movement's most charismatic, electrifying speakers, and provides a valuable African-American perspective on the problems facing America," said Dasbach.

Currently the host of the syndicated program "Generation Now" on the Radio America Network, Jones is also the founder and CEO of Reggitainment, a New York-based entertainment company. He is a frequent guest on the Fox News Channel, CNBC, and the Rush Limbaugh Show.

■ Tonie Nathan. She's made history twice: First, as the LP's 1972 vice presidential candidate, and then as the first woman in history ever to receive a vote in the Electoral College.

In 1973, Nathan founded the Association of Libertarian Feminists, a freedom-oriented alternative to leftist women's groups.

She has been a television producer and host of a public affairs show on an NBC television station, was a delegate to the National Conference on Women in 1978, and was national LP media relations director. A frequent candidate for public office, she has run for U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

Other speakers

Other speakers previously confirmed for the 2002 convention include syndicated radio host Neal

Boortz; 2002 Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell; 2002 Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson; former New Hampshire Libertarian state legislator Don Gorman; Sheriff Bill Masters of San Miguel County, Colorado; City Councilman Fred Collins of Berkley, Michigan; Costa Rica Congressman Otto Guevara; Judge John Buttrick of Maricopa, Arizona; and Mayor Willy Marshall of Big Water, Utah.

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Delegates to the 2002 National Convention will elect national party officers, debate changes to the party platform, and revise party bylaws. They can also attend workshops, luncheons, and entertainment events.

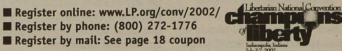
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The National Convention Experience

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At first I thought the platform business would be boring, but after a few minutes I began to want to shape the party's platform. What an exhilarating feeling to know that there is an opportunity to actually help write the platform. It gave me a taste of the excitement the writers of the Constitution must have felt.

- MARTIN RISKE

State Chair, North Dakota LP

The best experience I have had at the eight national conventions I have attended has been personally meeting people who have devoted their time and efforts to advance our cause. At the top of this list would be candidates who have devoted tremendous amounts of time to run for public office. Regardless of their vote totals, these are my personal heroes.

— STEVE GIVOT

National LP Secretary

I've attended every National Convention since 1985. What I can always count on is the sheer joy at being surrounded by so many Libertarians. From every morning until the wee hours of the next morning, I'm sure to be inspired, excited, and emotionally charged by the interaction with the huge number of those that share my principles, visions, and resolve. I always seem to leave each convention feeling five years younger than I arrive.

- GEOFF NEALE

Candidate for LP National Chair

ay-to-day life often numbs the experience of being a Libertarian. The intensity and focus of the LP National Convention is an unmistakable reminder of the strength and the excitement of the Libertarian movement. The 1998 convention was the first National Convention that I attended, and I vividly recall how moved I was by the speeches of Larry Elder and Peter McWilliams. And it is unforgettable how impressed I was by the way all of the candidates for the

ightfoot U.S. SENATE



■ Scenes from the 2000 Convention: Florida LP member Tom Regnier (l) takes notes in front of the California delegation, while Kentucky LP State Chair Donna Mancini makes a fashion statement during Platform debate.

LP presidential nomination handled themselves. My experiences of the conventions make me very proud to be a part of the Libertarian Party.

- MARK MOSLEY

Executive Director, Georgia LP

n 2000, I ran for National Chair. The 2000, I fair for fidely we Chair candidates had a great debate, got to address the convention, and tried to move the party in particular directions. I had the chance to meet vast numbers of libertarians I only knew as e-mail addresses and turn them into faces. If you want to meet your fellow Libertarians from across America, hear how they stood up for liberty in their own hometowns by running for office, campaigning ... and hear ways you can do the same with your fellow Americans in your home towns, there is no finer event than our National Convention.

- GEORGE PHILLIES

Candidate for National Chair

I f someone had told me that joining the Libertarian Party would give me a chance to meet John Lydon — aka Johnny Rotten, the lead singer

of the pioneering late-'70s punk rock band, the Sex Pistols — I would have laughed. But that's what happened at the 2000 convention in Anaheim, California. Lydon was doing an Internet radio show on Eyeada.com, and asked for press credentials. He hung around the media room before doing an interview with presidential candidate Harry Browne (who, frankly, had no idea who he was), and I had a chance to chat with him. He was sarcastic and acerbic - but with a clever, good-natured twinkle. Later, he wandered around doing on-thefloor interviews, and 20-year-old kids - who grew up listening to secondand third-generation punk bands like Black Flag, Rancid, and Blink 182 pointed and whispered, "It's Johnny Rotten!" I didn't get to see the Pistols on their ill-fated, anarchic 1978 American tour — but I did get to meet Johnny Rotten at a National Convention. It was almost as good.

— BILL WINTER

LP Communications Director

most wonderful sense of appre-A ciation almost overwhelms me at a National Convention at some point on the first day. It lasts until the next convention. I suddenly realize that I am with hundreds of other people who treasure individual liberty as much as I do. As various candidates speak, as we debate over the fine points in the platform, as many Libertarians tell their personal stories of overcoming obstacles in their own situations, I am inspired. I realize that though we may differ on some issues, the principles we hold are the same. Libertarians "get it.

LYNN ATHERTON
 Vice Chair, Oklahoma LP

The 2000 Convention was my first political convention other than the Tennessee LP. I had been active with the party less than a year, and was the newly elected State Chair. I was pretty much lost, but had a wonderful time. I met some of the "ce-

lebrities" of the LP such as David Nolan and Mary Ruwart, and other crusaders for liberty such as Sharon Harris. For people who are active in the state party, it is an eye-opening experience. Many of them, like me, have never seen so many Libertarians in one place before. For the average member, it is worth attending so they can see how the business of their party is conducted, and be able to make decisions about our direction.

- RICHARD E. PEARL, SR.

State Chair, Tennessee LP

989 in Philadelphia: I miss part 1 989 in Financipality of the Platform debate because a stunningly beautiful, dark-haired Neo-objectivist California Alternate Delegate insists that I demonstrate the proof of my thesis that the subtly-metered prose of Galt's speech has aphrodisiac qualities. She's cool at first. I whisper "A is A," and she smiles. I state that "I am a trader . . . I ask for nothing more or nothing less than what I earn." She softens and moves closer. I say, "Why is it moral to serve others, but not yourself? If enjoyment is a value, why is it moral when experienced by others, but not by you?" She begins removing her clothing. By the time I get to "An idea unexpressed in action is contemptible hypocrisy," she has handcuffed herself naked to the headboard and has engulfed me in a tidal wave of passion. I love LP conventions.

— ROBERT T. MURPHY
Past State Chair, Oklahoma LP

To attend a National Convention and be surrounded by Libertarians is to live, for a short time, in a Liber-

tarian world. When you see that, you want to grow the party so you can experience it all the time. But to me, no sound — no speaker, no music, no performance — compares to the sound of a thousand Libertarians cheering. In that sound, I hear Libertarian strength and the inevitable victory that will liberate our country. When Libertarians stick together, nothing can stop us.

- ELI ISRAEL

Candidate for National Chair

at the 1998 convention in Washington, DC. I got a chance to meet him and compliment his work. I love the man. It was a big deal to me! Also, I love Tim Slagle. Seeing him at the LP Conventions is fantastic. I love his satire, and I keep his tapes in my kitchen and watch them repeatedly when I want to hear some common sense and need a good laugh.

— DONNA MANCINI
State Chair, Kentucky LP

The highlight of the 2000 Convention was the nomination of Harry Browne as our Presidential candidate. I have never before in my life been so energized and excited, nor seen so many people so enthused. The hall literally shook, my heart raced, and

so many people so enthused. The hall literally shook, my heart raced, and it seemed that at that moment we (Libertarians) were on top of the world. My wife had spent some time watching C-SPAN on TV and noticed that compared to the Libertarians,

the Democrat and Republican stuff on

TV was really boring, almost lifeless.

— KAMAI JAIN

Exec. Director, Massachusetts LP

Convention 2002 Q&A

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cast the event live. So, if you want
to see the whole thing, you will have

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■ How much do individual tickets cost for various events?

Thursday Luncheon with speaker TBA (\$50).

Friday Breakfast with David Brin (\$27).

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Saturday Banquet featuring Neal Boortz (\$100).

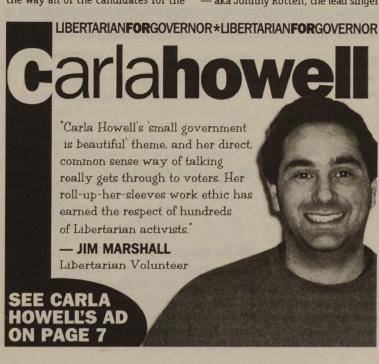
Sunday Breakfast, speaker TBA (\$27). (All packages include access to main hall speakers and breakout sessions, so there are no individual tickets for these events.)

■ How do I get from the airport to the Convention hotel?

From Indianapolis International Airport you can take a shared-ride service. Cost: \$10 one-way. Reservations recommended: Call (800) 888-INDY. Or, you can take a cab, which will cost about \$20.

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Cato Institute debuts education center

he Cato Institute in Washington, DC has launched a new Center for Educational Freedom to promote ways to "give parents, students, and teachers more choice and more freedom."

The new center, announced in mid-January, will have a staff of four, and will research and publicize non-governmental education reform policies, said Cato President Edward H. Crane.

"No policy issue is more important than the education of our children," he said. "Increased centralization, stagnant test scores, and high school graduates who know little about American history and American values all indicate deep-seated problems."

David F. Salisbury, former president of the Sutherland Institute in Utah and visiting scholar at the James Madison Institute, has been named head of the center.

""My hope is that the Center for Educational Freedom will be a national policy leader for parental choice and fundamental reform of our approach to education," he said.

The center will sponsor research, issue reports, offer expert testimony, and host educational seminars, said Salisbury. It will join similar Cato programs that focus on health care and Social Security reform.

The non-partisan Cato Institute is widely considered to be America's most influential and respected libertarian think tank. It seeks to promote "traditional American principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets, and peace."

Rick Stanley gun trial gets postponed

ue to "legal ramifications," the civil disobedience trial of U.S. Senate candiidate Rick Stanley in Denver, Colorado has been postponed to March 5.

Stanley, who was arrested and charged with violating a local anti-gun ordinance at a Bill of Rights Day rally, said his lawyer requested the postponement from the original January 30 date due to a scheduling conflict.

More time was needed to file a "severance motion" between him and another man who had been arrested on the same charge, he said. The Denver District Attorney's office is pushing to try the two men together.

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"The system tends to operate extremely slow, at least on the city or municipal level," said Stanley. "And I want a jury trial, so it might be even longer before my case is heard."

■ Rick Stanley:

Wants jury trial.

After giving a speech at a December 15 rally, Stanley had stuck a pistol into his belt. He was promptly arrested by officers.

The 46-year-old businessman had notified local police in advance of his plan to violate the ordinance, which forbids an individual to openly "carry, use, or wear" a weapon within city limits. His act of civil disobedience violated Denver Revised Municipal Code 38-117.5(b), which carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$999 fine.

Stanley said he is optimistic the ordinance will be struck down. "It clearly violates both the U.S. Constitution and the Colorado Constitution," he said. "But it's possible I could end up spending a year in jail. This could be a long process."

Stanley currently faces no opposition for the Colorado LP's nomination for U.S. Senate, which will be decided at the state convention in May. His campaign website is www.Stanley2002.org.

Prodos launches new talk radio project

rodos — the mono-monikered Australian radio personality who organized 2001's popular Walk for Capitalism — has announced a new project: Creating a new generation of "pro-capitalist" radio talk show hosts.

The effort, entitled the Rational Voice Project, "has an initial goal of training and setting up 100 new autonomous, pro-capitalism radio presenters/interviewers around the world," said Prodos.

"If your viewpoint is aligned with thinkers such as John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, Frederic Bastiat, Ayn Rand, Ludwig Von Mises, and Adam Smith, I invite you to join the project," he said.

Participants will receive "free coaching and support," and will be qualified to be on the air by the beginning of 2003, vowed Prodos.

"Isn't that a wonderful thing to look forward to? To have next year at least 100 new radio voices in the air?" he asked.

Specific details about the training are not yet available, said Prodos, but interested people can visit http://RationalVoice.org. Or, e-mail him at: prodos@RationalVoice.org.

The Rational Voice Project was announced on December 12, 2001, the centenary of Guglielmo Marconi's first transatlantic radio transmission.

Prodos conceived "Walk for Capitalism," in which participants in more than 200 cities around the globe celebrated capitalism and liberty.

Horse manure, hypnosis, and outhouses: The silliest laws on the books in America

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more than six feet high on a street corner. (Five feet high? That's OK.)

In Washington state, it's a crime to pretend your parents are rich.

In San Francisco, it's a crime to clean your car with used underwear. (So don't wash your Audi with your undies.)

In McLough, Kansas, it's illegal to wash your false teeth in a public drinking fountain.

And in Bexley, Ohio, it's illegal to install slot machines in an outhouse. (No word on whether they also banned craps.)

Some laws seem designed to deal with absurdly *trivial* problems.

In Salt Lake County, Utah, it's illegal to walk down the street carrying a violin in a paper bag. (Thus solving half the problem of too much sex and violins.)

In New York, it's illegal to knit while serving on jury duty. (If you knit, you must quit.)

And in Everett, Washington, it's illegal to display a hypnotized person in a store window. (Sure-fire legal defense: "Officer, I haven't broken the law. That's Al Gore.")

Other laws seem designed to prohibit activity that, frankly, ain't gonna happen anyway.

In Hawaii, for example, it's illegal to insert pennies into your ears. (Which seems to unfairly target criminals who confuse their heads with gumball machines.)

In Champaign, Illinois, it's illegal to urinate into a neighbor's mouth. (Lawmakers don't want to give a new meaning to "A Taste of Champaign.")

In Trout Creek, Utah, it's a crime for a pharmacist to sell gunpowder to cure headaches. (No word on whether it's a crime to sell aspirin to fire a gun.)

And in Florida, it's specifically against the law to have sexual relations with a porcupine. (We see the point.)

Sex Police laws

Speaking of illegal lust, if you object to politicians regulating what goes on in your bedroom — or your front lawn! — you'll be appalled at all the "Sex Police" laws on the books.

In Willodale, Oregon, it's illegal for a husband to talk dirty during sex. In Newcastle, Wyoming, it's illegal to have sex while standing in a store's walk-in meat freezer. (Favorite pick-up line in Newcastle: "Is that an icicle, or are you planning to break the law?") In Bozeman, Montana, a law bans all sexual activity from the front yard of a home after sundown.

In Liberty Corner, New Jersey, couples face jail time if they accidentally sound the horn while having sex in a car. (Designed to curb, ahem, excessive horn-iness.) And in Tremonton, Utah, it's a misdemeanor to have sex while riding in an ambulance.

Politicians in Iowa were more proactive in preventing improper procre-



ation. They made it a crime for any kiss to last more than five minutes.

Alas, humans aren't the only ones having fun. There is also the problem of — well, there is no delicate way to say this — animal sex. We mean canine copulation. Feline fornication. Wildlife whoopee.

But a million years of evolutionary imperative didn't daunt politicians. They'll make it go away by simply passing laws against it.

In Los Angeles, politicians made it a crime for dogs to mate within 500 feet of a church. The California legislature — realizing that this law was woefully inadequate — made it illegal for *any* animal to mate within 1,500 feet of a tavern, school, or church.

In Fairbanks, Alaska they had a bigger problem. So they made it illegal for two moose to have sex on city sidewalks. (Which means loose moose can still engage in legal threesomes. Call it a menagerie á trois.)

After sex — illegal or otherwise — what does every animal want? A cigarette, of course. And perhaps a nightcap.

Forget it. Politicians long ago realized that tobacco-smoking, boozeswilling animals are a *major* problem.

So in Meadville, New Jersey, it's illegal to offer cigarettes or whiskey

to animals at the local zoo. In Zion, Illinois, it's illegal to give a lighted cigar to a dog, cat, or other domesticated animal. In Chicago, it's illegal to give whiskey to a dog. In Oklahoma, it's a crime to get a fish drunk. (They prefer their whiskey with a splash of water, by the way.) And in Natchez, Missouri, it's illegal to give beer or other intoxicants to an elephant.

Elephants and camels

Speaking of elephants, politicians have passed an unusual number of laws regulating the lumbering beasts. And camels, too.

In San Francisco, it's a crime for elephants to stroll down Market Street unless they're on a leash. In Palm Springs, California, it's illegal to walk a camel down Palm Canyon Drive between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. In North Carolina, it's illegal to plow your cotton fields with an elephant. And in Arizona, it's a crime to hunt camels within state borders. (Sure-fire legal defense: "Your honor, that is one ugly deer.")

When criminals aren't trying to get animals to puff Marlboros or guzzle Jack Daniels, they're just, well, bothering them.

This must stop.

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Silly laws: Law and odor, bathtub felonies, and mandatory milk

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So, in Oklahoma, you can be arrested for making ugly faces at a dog. In Texas, it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow. In Excelsior Springs, Missouri, it's a crime to "worry" a squirrel. In Hayden, Arizona, it's a crime to bother bullfrogs. In Alabama, it's against the law to try to teach a bear to wrestle.

Meanwhile, in Galesburg, Illinois, there is a \$1,000 fine for beating rats with a baseball bat. Frankly, it's cheaper to molest butterflies in Pacific Grove, California. You face only a \$500 fine for that crime.

Legislating ice cream

Moving from animals to everyday items, politicians have recognized danger — and the urgent need for more laws - where ordinary folks don't. How else to explain the spate of laws about . . . ice cream?

Yes. Around the nation, lawmakers have passed almost as many antiice cream laws as Ben and Jerry's sells flavors.

In Newark, New Jersey, it's illegal to buy ice cream after 6:00 pm unless you have a note from your doctor. In Kentucky, it's illegal to carry ice cream in your back pocket.

In Carmel, California, it was illegal to eat ice cream on the sidewalk. That law was repealed by Clint Eastwood when he was mayor — thus burnishing his Libertarian reputation. Unfortunately for citizens in Lexington, Kentucky, Dirty Harry didn't make their day. Eating ice cream on the sidewalk is still a crime there.

But food felonies — and the hunger to regulate them — go beyond

In Memphis, Tennessee, it's illegal to take an unfinished slice of pie home from a diner. In Oklahoma, it's against the law to take a bite of someone else's hamburger. (Known as the "Hamburgler Law.") And in Ocean City, New Jersey, it's a crime to slurp your soup in a restaurant.

OK, there must be something that politicians don't regulate. How about .. bathtubs?

Try again. Seemingly innocuous, bathtubs can be used illegally as a sleeping place for donkeys (a crime in Arizona); as a location for singing (a crime in Pennsylvania), or as a storage place for alligators (a crime in Arkansas).

After bathtubs, serious criminals graduate to swimming pools, which is why politicians in Baldwin Park, California made it a crime to ride a bicvcle in one.

And, in a related law, lawmakers in West Virginia made it a crime to whistle underwater.

Bad word laws

Bad words are also a constant problem, and have been dealt with

Politicians in Logan, Utah, made it a crime for women to swear. Long Beach, California had a more specialized problem, so they banned cursing only on mini-golf courses. And in Texas, politicians decided to protect people who weren't going to complain anyway: They made it a crime to curse in front of a corpse.

Spitting is another vice that can only be dealt with by — yes! — more laws. (What did you expectorate?)

In Burlingame, California, it's a crime to spit anywhere, except on a baseball diamond. (Making you safe from the state's three-strikes law.) In Freeport, Illinois, it's illegal to spit from any second-story window. And in Lafayette, California it's a crime to spit within five feet of another per-

When it comes to music, the statutory song remains the same.

Felony melodies are a constant problem, which is why in Santa Monica, California, it's illegal to play percussion instruments on the beach. In Oneida, Tennessee, it's illegal to sing the song, "It Ain't Goin' to Rain No Mo'." In Salt Lake County, Utah, it's illegal for a trombonist to advertise a public auction. And in Cicero, Illinois, it's even a crime to hum but only on Sundays.

Fishing is another topic that tapped lawmakers' "let's-legislate"

In Utah, they made it a crime to

fish from horseback. In Kansas, it's illegal to catch fish with your bare hands. In Tennessee, it's a crime to use a lasso to catch a fish. In Chicago, it's illegal to fish while sitting on a giraffe's neck. (And don't even think about tying your giraffe to a telephone pole.)

What to wear?

Back in the days when men totally dominated politics, they spent considerable time legislating what women were allowed to wear.

In Tucson, Arizona and Sidney, Illinois, it's illegal for ladies to wear pants. In Merryville, Missouri, it's a crime for a woman to wear a corset. Meanwhile, in Norfolk, Virginia, it's a crime for a woman to appear in public without a corset.

In Cleveland, Ohio, women are banned from wearing patent-leather shoes. And in El Paso, Texas, it's ille-

gal for a woman to wear a "lewd dress" in public.

RISONER # 63342986

Trying to balance the scales a little, lawmakers in Carmel, New York, made it illegal for a man to publicly wear trousers and pants that don't match. In Blythe, California, it's a crime for a man to wear cowboy boots unless he owns at least two head of cattle. And in Nogales, Arizona, they banned men from wearing suspenders. (So you can uphold the law, but not your trousers.)

War on Bad Smells

Politicians, undaunted by the stench of corruption wafting from state capitols, also declared a War on Bad Smells. Call it Law and Odor.

In Alexandria, Minnesota, it's a crime for a man to make love to his wife if he smells of onions or sardines. In Port Arthur, Texas, it's against the law to emit "obnoxious odors" in an elevator. And in Gary, Indiana, it's a crime to get on a street car within four hours of eating garlic.

In a related law, in Houston, Texas, it's illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday.

Sometimes, politicians simply get the urge to ban something.

In Evanston, Illinois, they banned bowling. In Purdy, Missouri they banned dancing. (Calling Kevin Bacon!) In Sidney, Illinois, they banned kite flying. In Washington state they

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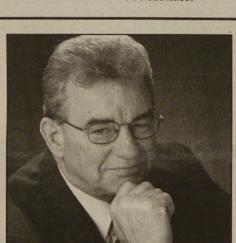






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The Lowell Sun wrote, "Freedman has only been living in Billerica since 1999, but in that short time, she has gained tremendous recognition."

Freedman faces incumbent Martin Meehan, a big government, bring-back-the-bacon Democrat who ran on a term limits pledge in 1990 but broke that pledge when he ran for his 5th term in 2000.

He claims to be a champion of "campaign finance reform" but he privately boasts to his contributors that his \$2.3 million war chest discourages opposition. His constituents have had enough of this arrogance and they are ready for change.

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Four Libertarians win election in Costa Rica

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gressional candidates, said Costales.

Guevara did not run for re-election in the Legislative Assembly because Costa Rican law forbids legislators from running in consecutive elections.

In the presidential race, neither of the two major party candidates won a majority of the vote. A run-off election between the Social Christian Unity Party and the National Liberation Party candidates will be held in April.

TheNewsMexico.com reported that Movimiento Libertario "made great strides in the election" and has become a force "to be reckoned with."

Movimiento Libertario's election triumphs also drew praise from Libertarians in the United States.

Ron Crickenberger, LP political director, said, "Costa Rica Libertarians are an inspiration to freedomlovers everywhere. Our challenge in

Silly laws: Kites,

lollipops, cheese

banned lollipops. (Which ticked off

the Lollipop Guild in no small way.)

In Lodi, California, they banned Silly

urge to mandate something.

Sometimes, politicians get the

In Acworth, Georgia, every citi-

zen is required to own a rake. In

South Carolina, fortune tellers are

required to get a business license. (Hopefully, they saw that law com-

ing.) And in Utah, it's a crime NOT to

drink milk. ("Got milk?" Better get it.)

mad at mispronunciations. In Arkan-

sas, it's a crime not to pronounce the

state's name Arkan-SAW. And in

Joliet, Illinois, you face a \$5 fine if

you pronounce it Jolly-ETTE, instead

of the proper Joe-lee-ETTE.

Then there are politicians who get

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the U.S. will be to learn from their tered defense of libertarianism" success, and try to replicate what they are obviously doing right."

Dedication, hard work

Jim Elwood, vice president of the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL), said, "Our congratulations to everyone in the Movimiento Libertario for the success gained from their dedication and hard work.

In the future, Movimiento Libertario's "principled, morally censhould lead to even greater political success, said Costales.

When we founded our party, the libertarian philosophy was unknown here," he said. "When I first approached Otto and asked him if he knew of the libertarian philosophy, he said: No, what the heck is that?" We've come a long way since then!"

Located between Nicaragua and Panama in Central America, Costa Rica has a population of about 4 million.

CORRECTIONS

Because of a production error, the page 1 photograph of Ken Cary (who was shown with the other three new Leadville, Colorado city council members) in the February 2002 LP News was distorted. A corrected photograph of Mr. Cary appears to the right. LP News regrets the error. ■ The essay, "The choice between patriotism or nat-

ionalism" bylined by David T. Terry in the February 2002 Forum, was significantly plagiarized from a column by Joseph Sobran, "Patriotism or Nationalism" (Oct. 1, 2001). Sobran's column can be found at www.sobran.com. LP News apologizes to Mr. Sobran.

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- Richard Lundquist

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY



2001 ANNUAL REPORT

A report on the party's goals, accomplishments, shortcomings, and finances in 2001

★ FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

2001: An Overview

Dear friends and colleagues:

2001 was a year of extraordinary events that saw many successes by the Libertarian Party and some setbacks. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information about the state of the LP.

I am pleased to report that through the fine work of many great activists, several positive things occurred during the past year. Of particular note:

■ A record number (for off-year elections) of LP candidates ran for office; a record number (for any year) of LP candidates were elected.

■ LP organizations and campaigns continue to generate increased attention from the media. For example, at the national level this is reflected in measures such as number of interviews conducted and op-eds printed.

The Libertarian National Committee completed its strategic planning process and is now implementing the plan. Many state parties have followed the LNC's lead and are engaged in strategic planning. In addition, national office operations are undergoing a

review to improve effectiveness.

In general, state parties continue to improve and expand their efforts. Also, certain state parties realized

expand their efforts. Also, certain state parties realized significant new accomplishments; examples include the North Carolina ballot drive, the campaigns for Governor and Lt. Governor in Virginia, and the income tax elimination referendum campaign in Massachusetts.

Several LP organizations put forth tremendous efforts to defeat assaults on our liberty. An outstanding example occurred in Tennessee, where state party members worked to stop yet another attempt by politicians to impose an income tax.

There were also some not-so-positive things:

■ The September 11 terrorist acts changed the world.

The LP must now battle more attempts by government to restrict our liberty.

Party membership decreased by roughly 5,800 during the past two years.

While disappointed at the decrease, we see no indication from the data that the non-renewal rate has increased. Rather, the decline is apparently due to

failure to recruit new members at the same pace as in the mid to late 1990s.

Some of our fundraising results were disappointing, and we do not yet know why. This shortfall greatly impacted our ability to promote the LP.

We believe some of the revenue shortfall is due to the fact that since mid-2000, the economy has been moving toward recession. (Many other nonprofit organizations have experienced contribution downturns during the past year.)

■ Also, since the LNC spent much of 2001 engaged in strategic planning, there were few new projects to generate excitement among members and potential donors. We do not know to what extent the events of Sept. 11 have affected our donors' willingness to contribute.

As you may know, the LP suffered a severe cash-flow problem in October and November due to closure of the postal facility that provides LP headquarters with mail. We do not know what we lost as a result of this; we are still receiving mail with November postmarks as I write this (in late January).

■ While several state and local LP organizations made progress during 2001, there are still too many weak state and local LP organizations.

Historians of the Libertarian Party will likely regard 2001 as an interesting year, as in the sense of the Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times." However, despite the fact the LP sailed through some rough seas in 2001, I believe we weathered the storm and are prepared for better sailing ahead.

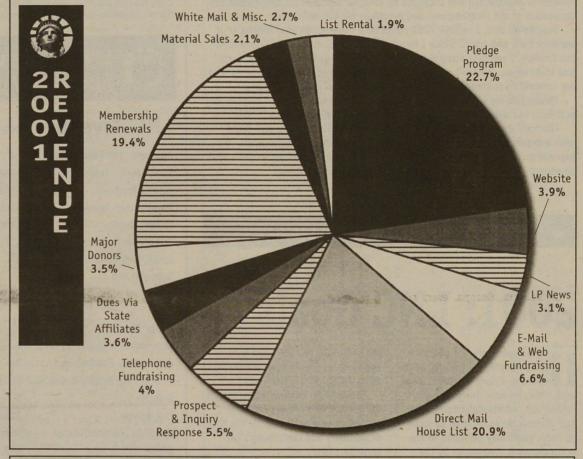
As I noted in last year's report, we must not underestimate the difficulty

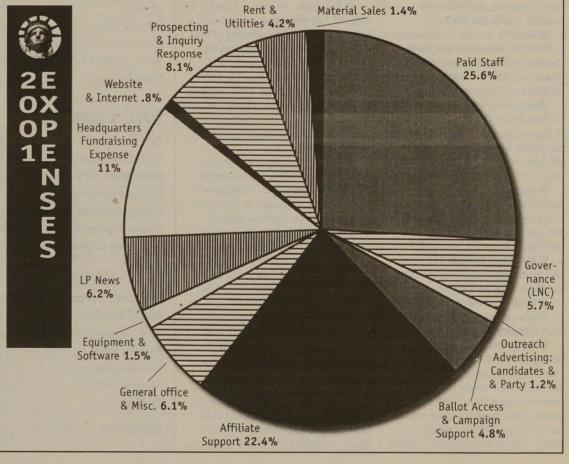
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JIM LARK

CHAIR

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★ FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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of our task. From what I can tell, most libertarians do not belong to the Libertarian Party. Many LP members rarely engage in purposeful political activity. Moreover, since many LP members do not enjoy politics, it takes relatively little disappointment to cause those members to reduce their activity.

I believe we are facing a dangerous period in our history. The "War On Terrorism" is being used to justify all manner of restrictions on our liberty; many of our fellow citizens are willing to grant greater power to government.

Moreover, the American military intervention in Afghanistan has exposed fault lines in the Libertarian movement concerning the proper use of force by the U.S. government. The LNC resolution in October regarding military intervention in Afghanistan was criticized by some LP members for being much too supportive of the intervention, and by others for not being more supportive.

Despite all this, I believe 2002 could be a tremendous year for the LP if we work hard and smart. Since I frequently travel to visit LP groups around the country, I see first-hand many of the good things taking place at local and state levels. We have an increasing number of outstanding activists who are committed to building the Libertarian Party into a majority party.

Please join me in thanking two important subgroups of those outstanding activists: our national headquarters staff and my LNC colleagues.

The staff deserve special credit for their fine work during a year filled with extraordinary events. LNC members labor at substantial personal expense to help the LP; many of them invested enormous effort in 2001 to develop a strategic plan that should help us for years to come.

It is a pleasure to work with such champions of liberty.

* REVIEW OF 2001 GOALS

2001: LNC Goals

he following are the goals for 2001 adopted by the LNC at its meeting of April 21, 2001, along with notes on how things actually turned out. Additional information and commentaries relating to some of these goals may be found in the accompanying statements by the Chair, Treasurer, and Executive Director, and in the graphs.

■ Goal: To achieve ballot access in Michigan, Nebraska, and North Carolina (drives to be certified by 30 November), and in Ohio (drive to be complete by 30 November).

■ Outcome: Nebraska was certified in June. North Carolina was certified in September. The Michigan drive was completed in October but has not yet been certified. The Ohio ballot drive is on hold pending legal action.

mumber of Libertarian candidates for an odd-year election (at least 300) and a record number of Libertarian election victories (at least 45).

■ Outcome: At least 347 Libertarian candidates ran in 2001, and there were 96 election victories.

■ Goal: To achieve a new record for media outreach (new records in each category we currently track).

average of 103.75 media contacts (down from the record 130.25 in 2000) and 52.7 media interviews (up from the record 49.4 in 2000) per month. There were 20 op-ed columns produced (up from the record 12 in 2000), 138 op-eds printed (up from

the record 46 in 2000) and 8 TV appearances (down from the record 28 in 2000) during the year.

■ Goal: To achieve a new record for number of members (at least 33,563 at year end) and for the total of members and contributors (at least 39,179).

■ Outcome: At year end there were 27,770 dues-paying members, down 5,212 from the beginning of the year, and 30,626 total dues-paying members and contributors, down 6,436 from the beginning of the year.

■ Goal: To achieve a net worth in excess of \$175,000 (at year end, with cash including reserve exceeding accounts payable by at least \$160,000).

accounting practices, the net worth figure now reported in the balance sheet is not comparable to this goal (see footnote to financial tables). Computed according to the method in use at the time this goal was adopted, at year end net worth was \$25,950.51, with an excess of cash over accounts payable of \$2,381.64, including \$25,591.97 in a CD.

■ Goal: To achieve the creation, review, and adoption of a strategic planning process and a multi-year strategic plan by the end of the December LNC meeting.

Outcome: The LNC instituted a Strategic Planning Team, reviewed and elaborated on the work of that team, and at the December 2001 meeting adopted the resulting plan.

Total Expenses

NET INCOME

\$1,876,444

\$117,027

1997-2001 LNC Balance Sheet Summary

DATE	12/31/97	12/31/98	12/31/99	12/31/00	12/31/01
Assets	\$163,419	\$571,606	\$680,016	\$723,523	\$679,165*
Liabilities	\$152,587	\$550,483	\$523,349	\$473,345	\$496,133*
Net Worth	\$10,832	\$21,123	\$156,667	\$250,178	\$183,032*
Gain (Loss)	\$96,387	\$10,291	\$135,544	\$93,511	(67,146)*

Note: Figures reported above include adjustments recommended by the LP's independent auditors, which were not included in last year's Annual Report. The most significant adjustments reflect the asset value of our monthly pledge program, our fixed assets, and the LP's liability to state parties under the Unified Membership Program. * Prior to 2001 audit adjustments.

LNC Revenue & Expense Summary 1997-2001

LNC Revenue					
LINC Reveilue	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Revenue: HQ Fundraising					
Direct Mail - House List	\$443,237	\$340,600	\$622,739	\$969,496	\$441,515
Pledge Program	\$378,846	\$493,601	\$493,811	\$502,661	\$479,545
Membership Renewals	\$243,318	\$335,277	\$434,822	\$443,710	\$409,745
Major Donors	\$308,906	\$110,584	\$166,518	\$292,003	\$74,665
Telephone Fundraising	\$173,058	\$99,331	\$72,427	\$135,793	\$83,347
Email/Web Fundraising	\$-	\$39,867	\$42,076	\$110,080	\$139,207
Subtotal HQ					
Fundraising Revenue	\$1,547,365	\$1,419,260	\$1,832,393	\$2,453,743	\$1,628,024
Other Revenue					
Convention Registration Fees	\$-	\$169,720	\$-	\$242,145	\$ —
Convention Fundraising	\$-	\$29,387	\$-	\$130,034	\$-
Prospecting/Inquiry Response	\$181,051	\$513,451	\$439,459	\$229,285	\$116,664
Website	\$-	\$-	\$47,795	\$109,880	\$82,125
List Rental	\$18,730	\$18,664	\$21,760	\$87,562	\$39,559
Dues Via State Affiliates	\$64,945	\$86,138	\$95,372	\$84,396	\$75,240
White Mail & Misc	\$99,689	\$70,154	\$132,466	\$82,095	\$56,816
LP News	\$21,119	\$47,516	\$55,200	\$80,985	\$65,415
Material Sales	\$52,860	\$75,428	\$45,877	\$76,502	\$44,953
Contract Service/Prez Campaign	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	s —
Subtotal Other Revenue	\$438,394	\$1,010,457	\$837,929	\$1,122,885	\$480,772
Total Revenue	\$1,985,759	\$2,429,716	\$2,670,322	\$3,576,627	\$2,108,796
INCE					
LNC Expenses					
Paid Staff	\$504,685	\$475,009	\$489,117	\$574,507	\$577,805
Affiliate Support	\$209,909	\$320,821	\$483,170	\$525,377	\$487,149
Ballot Access (LP & Candidates)	\$34,390	\$79,164	\$86,148	\$507,105	\$100,101
HQ Fundraising Expenses	\$396,777	\$387,379	\$249,193	\$356,602	\$240,991
Convention Organizing	\$1,389	\$160,386	\$7,425	\$314,698	\$10,562
Prospecting/Inquiry Response	\$254,118	\$705,945	\$693,661	\$335,660	\$177,325
Advertising (Candidates & LP)	\$34,226	\$25,033	\$-	\$262,273	\$27,113
LP News	\$128,231	\$105,540	\$129,026	\$135,253	\$135,491
General Office & Misc	\$111,645	\$112,548	\$125,182	\$110,099	\$122,498
Software & Equipment	\$69,009	\$99,574	\$108,002	\$90,001	\$33,360
Rent & Utilities	\$76,968	\$84,957	\$83,289	\$88,699	\$92,197
Other Campaign Support	\$2,902	\$19,503	\$6,705	\$55,549	\$4,864
Material Sales	\$17,906	\$6,240	\$38,139	\$45,952	\$29,708
Website/Internet	\$2,538	\$2,977	\$49,609	\$33,136	\$16,514
Governance (LNC)	\$31,751	\$25,813	\$30,722	\$31,401	\$123,520

\$2,579,388

\$90,933

\$2,610,890

\$(176,294)

\$3,466,310

\$110,317

\$2,179,198

(\$70,402)

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2001: The Year In Review

n extraordinary year for our nation and for the Libertarian Party: That's the only way I can sum up 2001.

It was the year America's eightyear economic expansion stumbled into recession. The year the dot-com bubble burst. The year the stock market tumbled. The year murderous terrorists declared war on America.

The Libertarian Party wasn't immune from these historic events. As is typical in a post-presidential election year, we experienced a slowdown in donations - worsened by the growing recession, the stock market's swan dive, and the deadly attacks of September 11.

However, despite those challenges, the Libertarian Party achieved some remarkable things in 2001. We set new records in:

- Number of election victories.
- Number of candidates in an off-election year.
- Number of Libertarians serving in public office.
- Number of media interviews and op-eds published.

Here's a quick review of the year: Revenue & Expenses: Donations to the LP typically decline in the year after a presidential election, and 2001 was no exception. However, the drop in revenue was significantly larger than expected. We ultimately raised \$2.1 million of the \$3.1 million we had budgeted.

However, just as economic recessions force businesses to become more efficient, the 2001 "contribution recession" forced the LP to find ways to cut expenses and become more efficient, which will help us deliver more bang for the buck in 2002.

Membership: Our membership renewal rate in 2001 was unchanged from 2000. However, we were able to fund much less membership prospecting than we had in prior years — and thus recruited far fewer new members. But we expect to resume aggressive membership prospecting in 2002.

Internet: Our e-mail announcement list grew to 35,500+ subscribers — nearly tripling over the past two years. During the "Anthrax Mail Embargo" that hit Washington, DC in and November that e-mail list kept us financially afloat.

We also used the e-mail list to:

- Recruit candidates, petitioners, and volunteers.
- Mount lobbying campaigns.
- Promote state projects. ■ Help LP candidates raise the

money they needed to win elections. Candidates, Victories, and Officeholders: We set a new record

for the most candidates in an odd-year election (347) and the most victories in a single day (76, November 6).

In fact, a total of 96 Libertarians were elected to public office in 2001, making it the most successful year in party history. Thanks to those wins, the number of Libertarians in elective office increased to 301— a jump of 45% in one year.

In addition, several dozen more Libertarians were appointed to public office in 2001, boosting the total number of Libertarian officeholders to a record 522.

Media Coverage: Media interest usually declines in years without federal elections. Sure enough, the number of media contacts did taper off, from an average of 130 a month to only about 104.

However, the number of radio and TV interviews we did increased from 49 per month to a record 52 a

month in 2001. TV highlights included appearances on Fox News' O'Reilly Factor and

CNN's Crossfire. We also set a new op-ed record. Newspapers and political websites published 148 Libertarian opinion pieces during 2001 -



STEVE DASBACH LP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ballot Access: In 2001, the LP continued to lead the way on ballot access. We completed three grueling ballot drives - Nebraska, North Carolina, and Michigan — during a year when other third parties finished ZERO ballot drives. We ended the year qualified for statewide office in 28 states, a record for this point in the four-year ballot-access cycle.

an increase of 200% over last year.

The LP also won significant ballot access lawsuits in New Jersey, Virginia, and Arizona.

Lobbying & Initiatives: Libertarians had a powerful effect on politics with lobbying and initiatives:

- Nationally, we were part of the lition that helped defeat the dangerous Shays-Meehan campaign finance bill - which really should have been called the "Incumbent Protection Act."
- In Oregon, Libertarians helped pass two ballot access reform bills.
- In Michigan, Libertarians helped defeat an Internet sales tax bill. The savings to Michigan taxpayers: \$300 million per year.

- In Tennessee, Libertarians got public credit for helping stop a proposed state income tax. The savings to Tennessee taxpayers: \$560 million the first year alone.
- In Washington state, Libertarians helped pass I-747, an initiative requiring local governments to limit property tax increases to 1% per year (unless voters approve more). The savings to state taxpayers: \$1.8 billion over the next six years.

Libertarians also launched ambitious efforts to eliminate existing taxes.

In Massachusetts, for example, Libertarians qualified their "Small Government Act to End the Income Tax" for the November 2002 ballot. It could save taxpayers \$9 billion annually!

30th Anniversary: December 11, 2001 was the Libertarian Party's 30th anniversary, which led to a blitz of interviews featuring the LP's founder, David Nolan,

One of the points that David made in those interviews, and that I'll repeat here, is that in every major category — voter registration, number of candidates, number of elected officials, number of victories, number of state and local organizations — the Libertarian Party is the largest and best-organized third party in America.

In fact, a recent study published in Ballot Access News reported that the LP is the #1 third party of the last 50 years, based on the "bestever" vote totals for governor, U.S. House, or U.S. Senate. Libertarians got higher vote totals in more races than any other third party.

Such achievements have been noted by Sharon Harris, president of the Advocates for Self-Government. She wrote: "It's important to note" the remarkable achievements of the [Libertarian Party]. The LP has established itself as America's most successful third party. Many others have tried since the LP was founded — and failed, despite better name recognition, celebrity candidates, easier issues, more money,

"LP candidates have taken libertarian ideas to many millions. The LP has elected hundreds of candidates to office. The LP more than any other organization has smashed the Iron Curtain of discriminatory ballot access laws. In these and many other ways, the LP continues to have a profound effect on American politics."

It's nice to see that others have noticed our progress. With your continued support, we can give them even more reasons to commend us in 2002.

We appreciate all you did in 2001 to advance the cause of liberty. Thank you!

LP State-by-State Membership Numbers

ibertarian Party membership as of December 31, 2001. This chart shows "raw" membership numbers per state; the number of member in each state per million population; each state's growth/loss in 2001 in "raw" numbers; each state's growth/loss as a percentage; and each state's growth/loss per population.

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TX 1445	CO 173.6	SD 2	MA	3.0	SD 2.6
MI 1178	VT 169.6	MT -1	MT	-0.9	MT -1.1
PA 1171	NV 167.1	ND -3	ND	-7.0	ND -4.7
WA 976	WA 163.0	RI -12		-7.7	SC -6.4
NY 966	CA 144.6	DC -1:		-8.3	NY -7.2
IL 964	MA 140.3	WY -1!		-8.8	LA -9.2
OH 964	WY 137.5	DE -18		-9.3	PA -9.2
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IN 557	ME 122.0	NH -2		-13.0	NJ -11.8
AZ 503	MI 117.9	SC -2		-13.0	MS -11.9
MD 483	CT 96.3	ID -3	1 ME	-13.3	WV -12.2
OR 456	PA 95.3	KS -3		-13.7	IL -12.3
MO 438	AZ 94.8	MS -3		-13.9	KY -14.0
TN 424	KS 94.6	OK -3		-14.3	TX -14.1
MN 376	DE 91.7	LA -4		-15.6	NE -14.6
WI 354	IA 91.3	AL -4		-15.9	TN -15.7
NV 352 CT 330	IN 91.1 ID 90.1	NM -5		-16.7 -16.9	VA -16.0 NC -16.6
AL 315	MD 89.9	KY -5		-17.1	MN -16.9
SC 313	UT 89.9	NV -5		-17.2	MO -17.4
NH 288	FL 88.1	CT -6		-17.4	CT -17.8
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UT 204	MO 77.8	CO -7		-18.1	ME -18.7
OK 190	IL 77.2	MN -8		-18.1	WI -19.3
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MT 112	WI 65.5	VA -1		-19.3	DC -22.7
HI 107	ND 63.0	NC -1:		-19.7	ID -23.5
NE 107	NE 62.5	AZ -1:		-19.8	AZ -25.8
VT 104	SD 60.8	NY -1:		-19.9	UT -26.9
MS 96	RI 55.7	IL -1	53 ID	-20.7	NV -27.1
WV 92	OK 54.9	OH -20		-21.4	NM -28.4
DC 78	WV 51.1	WA -2		-22.7	CA -29.0
DE 73	NY 50.8	TX -30		-23.0	WY -30.3
WY 68	AR 49.4	FL -3!		-24.3	WA -35.9
RI 59	KY 43.8	GA -38		-26.2	VT -39.1
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Total Libertarian Party Membership

Overall density: 97.4 members per million population

Notes: 1) Because 31 December 2001 was the convention delegate allocation deadline, counts include memberships which were postmarked through that date even though received later. 2) Beginn density and growth/pop calculations are based on Census Bureau state population estimates for July 1, 2001.

27,791

LIBERTARIAN PARTY 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

★ LP TREASURER'S REPORT

A Challenging Year

inancially, 2001 may be remembered as one of the toughest in our party's recent history.

This Annual Report details the many accomplishments we were able to achieve despite the financial challenges. This should be proof that all clouds have a silver lining and that we have significant opportunities for growth in 2002.

Of particular interest is that, once again, our auditors gave us a clean audit opinion for 2000. I am certain our 2001 audit will also indicate that our financial statements continue to accurately reflect our financial condition.

2001 Cash Flow Recap

January 2001 revenue approached the quarter-million mark, which seemed to justify the proposed annual budget. However, February brought a significant revenue downturn.

Then, in April, our former Treasurer suddenly resigned from his post. To that point, we had accumulated \$75,000 in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) but were unable to complete April's planned \$25,000 CD purchase. It became obvious we would have trouble continuing toward our goal of having \$150,000 in reserve CDs by mid-year.

Revenues cycled slightly higher until June, when another shortfall occurred, slightly worse than February. We had to cash one CD in July to meet accounts payable.

A large inflow late in July allowed us to repurchase that CD in August.

Then the 9/11 attacks occurred. September cash flow fell precipitously to about 40% of January's figure. We had to cash two \$25,000 CDs in successive weeks to fund operations at a much lower level.

On top of this, October's anthrax mail embargo slowed even further our receipt of funds in the mail pipeline.

Despite these problems, revenue rebounded in the last quarter, but not up to its early 2001 totals. We ended the year with one \$25,000 CD.

Our Response

Partially in response to this slump, staff continued cutting expenses in the first quarter. Unfortunately, a first expense to cut is in the area of prospecting, and it was with the full knowledge of party officials that further postponement of large direct mail solicitations ensued.

In my opinion, this proved to be in error, for growth via new member acquisition is the lifeblood of the achievement of our goals.

For this reason, we resumed prospecting with a quarter-million

piece mailing in November.

The Executive Committee had also implemented new month-to-month monitoring and reporting procedures in March. This would provide timely information with which to determine whether the downturn was permanent and what additional steps should be taken.

Simultaneously, in late spring/ early summer, we started addressing the notion that our existing reserve policy had unintended consequences. With the old policy, our self-imposed liquidity constraints were confounded with our supposed reserve such that there was really no reserve at all.

We implemented a new reserve and liquidity policy which for the first time will give us a true reserve of funds from which we can draw, while still maintaining month-tomonth liquidity. This new policy will be implemented by convention time.

New, more stringent budgeting and reporting standards were also

DERYL MARTIN LP NATIONAL TREASURER

codified in our policy manual. Coupled with a hard threshold on accounts payable aging, these new policies should serve us better.

An emphasis on telemarketing and e-mail appeals helped fund us through the 9/11 and mail

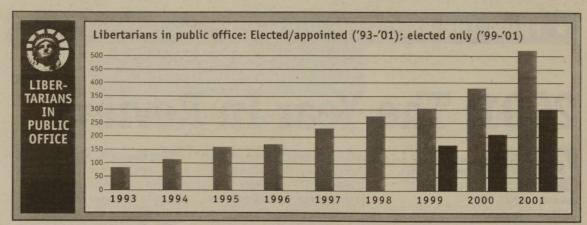
embargo emergencies. Also, for the first time, we're looking for a full-time development director.

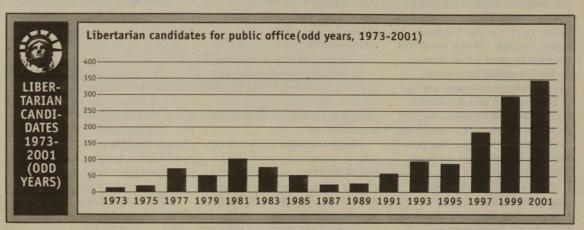
In addition to cutting expenditures, staff also began working down accounts payable. I am pleased to report that at year-end, our nearcash assets exceeded our accounts payable such that our liquidity ratio once again exceeds one.

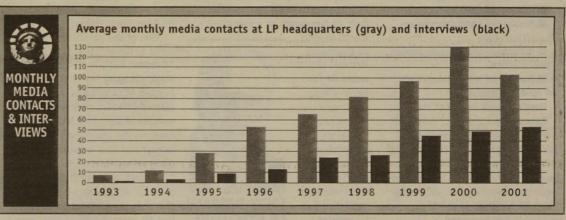
Looking Forward

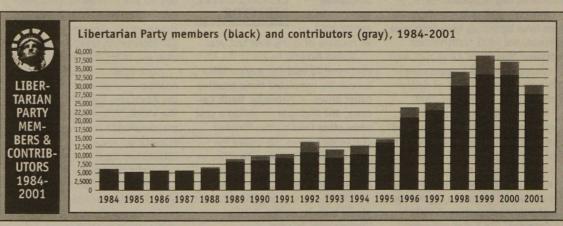
We still do not know for sure whether our revenue downturn is temporary, of intermediate length, or permanent. We are in contact with other non-profit organizations like ours to ascertain their experiences.

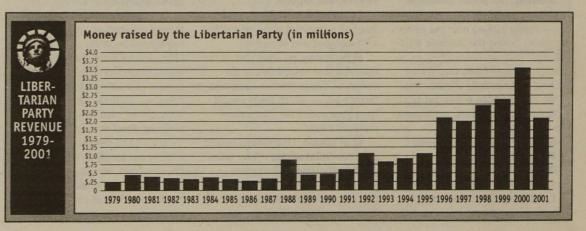
Though challenges will always emerge, 2002 should prove much better for our party financially than 2001. With the new reserve, liquidity, monitoring, and budget processes now in place, I believe the cornerstone has been laid for more efficient operations and for more successes in the future.











Alaska Libertarians lead effort to legalize "medical marijuana delivery devices."

Why Support Legalizing Marijuana Paraphernalia in Anchorage, Alaska?

Why are Libertarians choosing this battle? Why should you support them?

For just 10,000 signatures, Alaska Libertarians can put an initiative on the ballot for the April 6, 2002 Anchorage municipal election. With just 22,000 votes we can pass the initiative. However, it is our goal to ask those same 22,000 voters to elect Libertarians to the Anchorage Assembly.

Libertarian voters are out there. Unfortunately, too many aren't bothering to register or to vote because they have given up on voting as a way to change things. They realize that there isn't a dimes worth of difference between Republicans and Democrats. Many realize that the probability of their vote making a difference is less than the probability of being struck by lightning on the way to cast that vote. They also know that voting for Republicans and Democrats won't change things and they fear that voting for Libertarians is a waste of time because we can't win.

But not in Alaska. We have already proven that Libertarians can win and that they can win as Libertarians. Twenty years ago, before Libertarians were even on the ballot in every state, three Libertarians were serving in the Alaska State Legislature. They were elected as Libertarians and only as Libertarians.

Why marijuana reform? Because marijuana reform is the one issue that will get voters who have given up on politics to get registered and to go to the polls. Your money will be spent to make sure they do. When they get there, there'll be Libertarian candidates to vote for, to make sure that Republicrats and Demopublicans don't undermine reform.

Seven minutes after midnight, that's seven minutes into the year 2000, I registered an Alaskan to vote who hadn't voted since 1972 and hadn't been registered since 1975. His daughter told me he would never register. Well he registered with me because I told him marijuana legalization would be on the ballot and if he registered he'd be able to vote for it. Moreover, he could vote absentee and wouldn't even have to

leave the house. Not only did he register but his 25 year old daughter also registered for the first time in her life. That is the power of this issue to move and motivate voters.

If you help us pass marijuana reform in Alaska, not only will you be helping to elect Libertarians again in Alaska but you will be starting a juggernaut that will sweep the nation.

For the drug war to end, it has to end somewhere first. Alaska, because of our independent mindset, our libertarian instincts and our history of legal marijuana is absolutely the best state for punching the hole in the dam that unleashes the floodgates of marijuana reform which will then sweep the country.

In Alaska, we only need to persuade a few voters. A victory in Alaska can be had for tens of thousands of dollars instead of the many hundreds of thousands it will take in other states.

In liberty, Al Anders, Chair Alaska Libertarian Party

Where do I send my contribution?

To implement medical marijuana, send check or money order payable to: Citizens for implementing Medical Marijuana, 3705 Arctic, PMB 6005, Anchorage, AK 99503.

To elect Libertarians, send check or money order payable to: Alaska Libertarian Party, PMB 373, 205 E. Diamond Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99515

Paid for by Citizens for Implementing Medical Marijuana, Al Anders-Chair, 3705 Arctic Blvd. PMB 6005, Anch., AK 99503

Why donate to Alaska Libertarians?

- First state to elect Libertarians. In the 80's when other states could not even put Libertarian candidates on the ballot, Alaska elected three Libertarians to the state legislature and another Libertarian as the mayor of Kenai.
- First and only state to elect state representatives as Libertarians without cross-endorsements from other parties.
- Highest vote percentage in party history for Governor (1982 Alaska Libertarian candidate for Governor received 14.9%)
- First and only state in LP history to have over 1% of the voters registered as Libertarians. We currently have 1.57% registered as Libertarians. Registered Libertarian voters increased from 50 to 7000 in a year and a half while we put legalization on the 2000 ballot.
- Alaska has more voters registered as undeclared or non-partisan than Republican or Democrat combined. 50.5% are undeclared/non-partisan; 25% Republican; 16% Democrat. A whopping 59% are registered as something other than a Republican or a Democrat.
- A victory in Alaska can be had for tens of thousands of dollars instead of the hundreds of thousands it will take in other states.
- Our initiative is a winning issue.

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POLITICS 2002

Reprints, awards, and confusion

- In Colorado, Ralph Shnelvar, 51, has announced he is seeking the Libertarian nomination for governor. Shnelvar filed paperwork with the Secretary of State on January 16. "I'm running because freedom and liberty are being rapidly eroded," he said. "I am running to give the voters a choice." In New York, Jak Karako has announced that he will run for state senate. In Massachusetts, Ilana Freedman threw her hat into the ring for U.S. House (5th District) at a "standing room only" event on January 7 at the Billerica Wyndham Hotel.
- In Michigan, **Ghazey Aleck** has moved up to State Chair. In Indiana, **Rick Bowen** has been elected Chair of the Elkhart County LP, while **Rex Bell** was elected Chair of the Wayne County LP. In Ohio, **Matthew Terry** has been named new LP State Director.
- Media news: File this in the "Feel 10 Years Older Instantly!" category: In a mangling of an LP press release about the party's 30th anniversary, the Sun Herald in Gulfport, Mississippi reported: "Libertarians turn 40." In Houston, Texas, talk show host Chris Baker (KPRC radio) has announced: "From now on, I am voting a straight Libertarian ticket." Illinois LP State Chair Austin Hough appeared on the nationally syndicated radio/TV show Beyond the Beltway on January 13. He provided "the Libertarian perspective on the so-called War on Terrorism and the Bush education bill." In Stoney Brook, New York, Bruce Martin got his own radio show on WUCB. The one-hour show is entitled "Long Island Liberty/Radio Free Tuesday."
- In Texas, 20-year-old Joey Dauben is running for Midlothian School Board, while Robert West is running for State Representative (District 64). In Wisconsin, five candidates are running in Spring elections: Donald Carlson (Greenfield Alderman, District 1), Eric Christenson (Brown County Supervisor, District 5), Randolph I. Palmer (Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors, District 11), Kevin Scheunemann (Kewaskum Village Board), and Dan Senglaub (Green Bay Alderman, District 5). In Massachusetts, Matt Daily has started his campaign for selectman in Tewskbury. In Maryland, Dave Margolis will run for Howard County Council (District 5).
- Odds and ends: Nice words from the Daily News Tribune in Waltham, Massachusetts: "[Libertarian Party press releases] never cease to be entertaining. Their faxes are always more interesting than anything we get from Democrats or Republicans." The Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company has requested permission to reprint an LP News Libertarian Solutions column, ("Does government 'management' help or hurt the U.S. economy?", May 2001) by Staff Writer Jonathan Trager in its textbook, Economic Principles: A Facilitated Guide.



■ Jonathan Trager: Textbook example.

- Online news: North Carolina Libertarian Matt McWilliams has created an online discussion forum for LP candidates for school board. It's a "forum where Libertarian school board candidates can share ideas, strategies, and their experiences in running for school board positions," said McWilliams. To sign up, visit: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lpschoolboard.
- Hawaii LP member and International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) director **Ken Schoolland** will win the Leonard E. Read Award for Excellence in Economic Education from the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE). Schoolland won the honor for his book, *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible,* which has been published in 23 languages. The award will be presented at the first annual FEE convention in Las Vegas, (May 3-5, 2002). As of January 28, the Lindesmith Center/Drug Policy Foundation has a new name: **The Drug Policy Alliance**. Despite the name change, it will continue to promote "realistic alternatives to the war on drugs based on science, compassion, public health and human rights."
- In New Mexico, two candidates have announced they will run in 2002: Tony Seno (Magistrate Judge, Lincoln County, Division 2) and Norman Van Gorder (mayor, Carrizozo). In Oklahoma, Clarke Duffee is running for Edmond School Board. In Alabama, a flurry of candidates have launched campaigns: Lyn Curtis Adams (lieutenant governor), Larry Darby (attorney general), Mark Bodenhausen (secretary of state), Darren O'Brien (sheriff, Elmore County), and Al Driggers (State House, District #25). In New York, Scott Jeffrey has announced that he will seek the state LP's nomination for governor. In South Carolina, John Graham Altman IV has filed to run for Charleston City Council (District 2) in an April 9 special election. In Virginia, Rance Edwards is running for Blacksburg Town Council in a May election.



Matt McWilliams will 'out-work' opponents in school board race

By Jonathan Trager

politics is a lot like the game of golf, says North Carolina Libertarian Matt McWilliams.

"In golf, the biggest challenge you face is having to adapt to external conditions," he said. "You have to tune your strategy to the weather, the particular course, things like that.

"In politics, you also have to adapt to your environment and play to your strengths — an important ability of a good golf player."

McWilliams knows golf. In 1998, he was ranked 14th in the nation by *Golf Week* magazine (NCAA Division 1). In 2000, he was the Carolinas' Amateur Champion. And, he won two tournaments as a college student at the University of Tennessee.

But on May 7, the 22-year-old McWilliams will enter a whole new kind of competition: A primary election for a non-partisan seat on the Moore County school board.

The primary will whittle down the number of candidates in the race to six, each of whom will vie for three open seats on the eight-member board in November.

With an effective campaign, McWilliams said he has a "great shot" to be successful.

Vested interest

"Voters will be able to tell just by talking to me that I'm serious about helping their children get a better education," he said. "I have two nieces in the public school system, so I have a vested interest in making the system the best it can be."

Although McWilliams has had a longtime passion for liberty, he only recently discovered the Libertarian Party.

McWilliams met his first Libertarian in college during an anti-income tax rally at the state capitol in Nashville. A GOP stalwart at the time, he overheard a discussion in which fellow protesters were saying negative things about then-presidential hopeful George W. Bush.

"I remember I turned to them and said, 'Hey, we're all Republicans, we've got to stick together,'" said McWilliams. "But then they said 'we're not Republicans — we're Libertarians.' I didn't really know what to say. I had heard of the Libertarian Party before that, but I didn't really understand what it stood for."

The experience caused McWilliams to start reading some of the work of novelist/philosopher Ayn Rand, and to listen to syndicated Libertarian talk radio host Neal Boortz.

Finally, in August 2000, McWilliams sent in his membership dues.



■ Matt McWilliams: "I truly expect to get elected. I plan to out-work, out-think, and out-plan the opposition and hopefully out-spend if I need to. It should be a blast!"

However, McWilliams said his Libertarian affiliation has not stopped the state Republican Party from aggressively trying to woo him back. In fact, on more than one occasion the GOP has offered to endorse him to run for the state legislature, said McWilliams.

Although the platform of the state GOP is "fairly similar" to that of the state LP, said McWilliams, there is one major difference: Republicans don't follow their platform.

"I can't remember the last time I heard a Republican politician talk about getting the government out of education, or enacting real free-market reforms," he said. "But Libertarians are serious about principles."

McWilliams said he will campaign on several issues: Ensuring that the school board does not assume any taxing authority, setting performance standards on standardized test scores, increasing parental involvement, recruiting better teachers, and instituting a merit-based pay system.

To win the race, McWilliams plans to go door-to-door, distributing campaign literature and chatting with as many of the county's 42,000 voters as possible. About 20,000 to 25,000 typically cast votes in a mid-term election.

McWilliams said he will also post signs, and possibly send out a direct mailing if he raises enough funds from family, friends, and business acquaintances.

He currently has about \$1,500 of his own money to contribute to the race, said McWilliams.

Execute plan

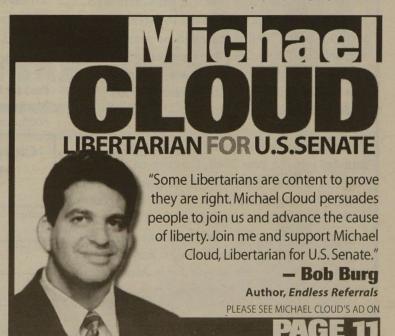
"I'm going to plan to have only a couple thousand dollars for the campaign," he said. "I think I can raise more than that, but if not, I want to be able to execute my campaign plan without being caught short.

"I truly expect to get elected, because I am already getting a lot of positive feedback. I plan to out-work, out-think, and out-plan the opposition and hopefully out-spend if I need to. It should be a blast!"

McWilliams currently works at the Knollwood Fairways Golf Course in Southern Pines, and volunteers as a reading and writing tutor at the Pinckney Academy in Carthage.

He has also been accepted to the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership, an organization designed to "produce better qualified, ethical, accessible and more representative public leaders."

For more information, visit: www.electmatt.org. Or e-mail: matt@electmatt.org. Or call: (910) 315-3018.



Eli Israel For Libertarian National Chair

Eli Israel says,

"If you elect me Libertarian National Chair, here's what I will work to do:

- 1. Double our Libertarian Party membership nationally and in each state. Double our Libertarian Party resources nationally and in each state. We must double our membership. Boost our Libertarian National Membership from 30,000 to at least 60,000. And we must help every state double their membership, too.
- 2. Double the tools, training, and funding of the national party. We must help each state double their tools, training, and funding.
- 3. Work to ensure, through positive leadership and cooperation, that national, state, and local Libertarian parties actively support both our flagship campaigns high-profile, party-building races – and grassroots campaigns - electable Libertarians in winnable races.
- 4. Promote a Libertarian Party culture of productivity, teamwork, and action.
- 5. Working together as partners, our local, state, and national parties must double the number of elected Libertarians.

Elect Eli Israel, Libertarian National Chair, and I will do everything I can to accomplish these critical objectives by Election Day 2004."

Libertarian Activism

Eli Israel is Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massa-

Before this 3-year stint as Chair, he served as Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts for 2

In 1998, Eli Israel was the Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

In the last 5 years, he's raised over \$180,000 for the Libertarian Party and Libertarian candidates.

He's a Member-At-Large of the Libertarian National Committee, the governing body of the Libertarian Party. This year, he was elected to the Executive Committee.

For 5 years, Mr. Israel has worked as an activist at all levels of the Libertarian Party. Convention organizing. Membership growth. Candidate recruitment, training, and support. Coalition building. Petitioning. Grassroots local committee organizing.

Professional Background

Eli Israel is a graduate of Brandeis University, where he arned a B.A. in Computer Science with Honors in 1985.

He's the founder of ProManage, a management consulting practice for the software industry. Prior to going into business for himself, he served as Director of Engineering for CableSoft Corporation. He has 16 years of business experience.

Eli Israel, 38, lives in Burlington, Massachusetts, with his wife of 11 years, Eve Maler. She is also a dedicated Libertarian activist.

What Activists Say About Eli Israel

"When I was state chair, one of my goals was for Oregon to become as successful as Massachusetts..."

Adam Mayer

Former State Chair,

Libertarian Party of Oregon

"...Israel, with his proven good leadership of his state LP, has displayed his effective strategic thinking - without compromising the Platform..."

Marc Montoni,

Chair, Virginia LP

"He has the proven ability to combine optimism and faith with goals and plans, a winning combination that equals party growth and success..."

Richard Prawdzienski,

Chair, Oklahoma LP

"Eli has the drive, business sense and principles that the Libertarian Party needs as we prepare for the next presidential cycle..."

Chuck Williams,

Chair, South Carolina LP

Eli Israel: A Libertarian National Chair Who Can Make a Difference

Is the Libertarian Party too big or too small?

Do we have too many Libertarian candidates or too few?

Are our candidates too well-trained or not trained enough?

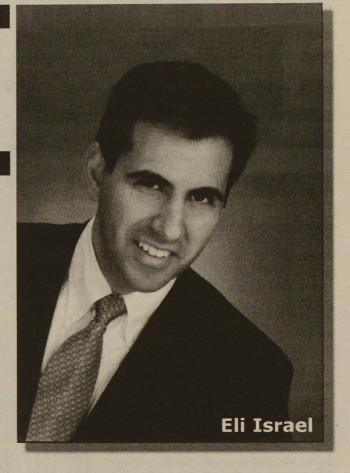
Are our Libertarian campaigns too effective or not effective enough?

Eli Israel is committed to a bigger Libertarian Party.

Eli Israel is dedicated to more and better Libertarian campaigns.

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As Libertarian National Chair, Eli Israel will work with national, state, and local Libertarian activists and leaders to



make our Party bigger, better, and stronger. To renew the Libertarian Party's extraordinary progress of 1995 to 2000.

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Door-to-door campaigning secrets: How to increase your effectiveness

oor-to-door campaigning can be an effective part of your campaign for local office in your city, county, or school district.

Here are some tips that were passed along to me; tips I put to use in a campaign for County Health Trustee. I can't guarantee that you'll win - I lost. But I made a good run in a four-candidate race against three incumbents who ran as a slate.

Unless you are running in a very small district, you probably won't be able to walk it all. Pick areas where you can talk to a lot of likely voters in a short period of time.

Voter lists are available from your county clerk or election board. From these lists, identify the neighborhoods that have a lot of regular voters. If you have the resources, develop a list of specific voters to visit in each neighborhood. If not, pick your areas and work them street-by-street.

Once you have your area identified, make a schedule and then stick to it. In the evening, after dinner and

Saturday and Sunday afternoons are good, too, especially in the spring people can often be found working in their yard. Don't let bad weather keep you in; people will be impressed if you are out in the rain.

You will want to take along your campaign literature brochures or



pamphlets if you have them, just a simple business card if not.

If you are like me, the first door will be the hardest. Take a deep until eight o'clock or so is good - breath, put a smile on your face, and

> When they answer, introduce yourself, shake their hand, and tell them what you are running for. "Hi. I'm Chip Taylor and I'm running to be your dogcatcher." Then offer them one of your business cards.

If they don't seem inclined to talk and most of them won't thank

them and then move on.

If they do want to talk, remember that

you should listen more than you talk. One question voters are likely to

By Chip

Taylor

ask is "Why should I vote for you?" You need a good short answer. This isn't the time for a long-winded sales pitch; it's mainly an opportunity to make friendly contact and let them see that you don't have a pointed tail.

If no one is home, leave your card or other literature with a handwritten note on it (but not in the mailbox). "Hi, I'm Chip Taylor. Sorry I missed you." You can write a note on some of your cards or other literature ahead of time.

If you are running a more extensive campaign, one that includes a Get Out The Vote [GOTV], you will want to gather some information. You will want to verify that the name on your voter list is correct.

Don't act like a census taker: you

can probably find out what you need to know from your introduction. "Hi, Mrs. Doe. I'm Chip Taylor . . . " If she isn't Mrs. Doe, she'll let you know.

You will also want to note whether they are for you, against you, or undecided. That will affect how you include them in your GOTV efforts.

You may want to have a helper along to make notes, while you concentrate on talking to the voters.

That's all there is to it — all the basics anyway. So get out there and burn some shoe leather. You've got nothing to lose, and votes to gain.

Happy campaigning!

■ Editor's note: This article reprinted from the January 2002 Show Me Freedom, the newsletter of the Missouri LP.

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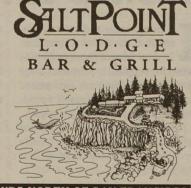
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THE FORUM

'Selling' non-interventionism to a pro-interventionism country

■ Editor's note: George Getz is the press secretary at the national Libertarian Party's office in Washington, DC. As a principal spokesman for the LP, he has had to explain the party's position on the September 11 terrorist attacks, the U.S.'s military response, proposed anti-terrorism legislation, and the overall War On Terrorism. Here is his advice about how to present Libertarian ideas in the post-September 11 world.

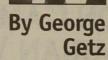
ne of the biggest challenges Libertarians face is selling non-interventionism in a prointerventionist world. Since the 9-11 attacks, a broad majority of the public supports an international version of "rounding up the usual suspects" — Libya, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan — and giving them all a dose of U.S. military might.

The public seems to support such attacks on sovereign nations without a declaration of war and without any evidence linking them to the terrorist assaults on New York and Washington. For example, a December 18 USA Today/Gallup poll asked Americans if the U.S. should "actively use military forces in other countries that harbor terrorists" — even if Osama bin Laden is captured or killed and his terrorist network in Afghanistan is destroyed — and 67% said "yes."

At a time like this, Libertarians and others who oppose promiscuously

bombing other nations risk being called isolationist, naive, foolish — or worse.

So does that mean we should zip our lips as politicians wage an undeclared, worldwide war? No, but it does mean we



have to think carefully about what we say — or risk alienating our potential supporters.

100 interviews

I've done well over 100 broadcast interviews on the 911 attacks and their aftermath, with many of them touching on the issue of interventionism. Some of the more fiery hosts (and callers) have advocated everything from kicking every foreigner out of the country, to rounding up all Arab-Americans and putting them in internment camps, to dropping a nuclear bomb on Afghanistan — and Pakistan, too, just in case some terrorists had sneaked over the border.

Nevertheless, I've found that with the proper preparation, and carefully chosen rhetoric, we can put even these opponents on the defensive long enough to make a Libertarian contribution to the debate. Herewith are a few verbal survival skills for your next foreign policy debate.

As a framework, consider the EJS strategy — Empathy, Justice, Solutions.

First, recognize that it's vital to empathize with your audience. All Americans have been traumatized by the horrific loss of innocent life that occurred on September 11, and if we don't acknowledge that up front, we risk seeming less than hu-

Second, acknowledge that the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Third, propose a Libertarian solution. (If we don't have one, why should anyone listen to our views?)

Here's an example of how I have used EJS on the air.

Question: "What's the Libertarian view of the terrorist crisis?"

Answer: "This was a horrific, savage attack, and I can't even imagine the pain that these families are experiencing right now. (Empathy.) And of course we support hunting down the terrorists responsible for this crime and punishing them. (Justice.)

"But if there's anything worse than losing 3,000 innocent people in a terrorist attack, it would be for that to happen a second, third, or fourth time. So let's ask ourselves whether we can learn something from nations like Switzerland, which has a foreign policy of neutrality and non-interventionism. Is it possible that if we revised our foreign policy in that direction, we might be just as safe from terrorist attacks as Switzerland is?" (Solution.)

Note that sometimes asking a question rather than making a statement can be an effective way to open up the audience's mind. If you raise a question, the listener has to answer it, at least in his own mind. And if that answer is yes, or even maybe, you're making headway.

Another EJS example

Question: "So are you saying that America deserved this terrorist attack because of its foreign policy?"

Answer: "Absolutely not! There's no excuse for killing innocent people, (empathy) and it's essential that these terrorists be punished (justice).

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But we also have an obligation to try to prevent more innocent people from being killed in the future. If adopting a foreign policy of non-interventionism could save American lives, shouldn't we look at that option?" (Solution, in question form.)

The EJS strategy works. When I use it on the air, most radio hosts say, "Hmmm, never thought about it that way," or, "You know, you could be right about that."

The worst thing anyone has said is: "I understand your point, but I still disagree. We're the world's only

superpower, and we have an important military role to play overseas." That's not a victory, but it's a far cry from being called a traitor.

Once you've established your credibility with EJS, you can really start to make headway. Some more tips on selling non-interventionism:

■ We're Protecting America: Let's learn something from Democrats and Republicans, who are adept at disguising their desire to control us as a desire to protect us. Social Security taxes "protect" our retirement; spying on Americans' bank accounts "protects" us from money launderers; gun control and a national ID card will "protect" us from criminals and terrorists, etc.

Libertarians want to protect America, too — from politicians. The next time someone advocates military intervention, try this: "Reckless politicians have already gotten U.S. troops mired in the Balkans, blown

> up in Beirut, and dragged through the streets of Somalia. Libertarians want to protect our troops from similar fiascoes. The best way to do that is to re-deploy them all to the USA."

Or this: "Interventionism actually weakens America, because troops that are deployed all around the globe

can't be protecting our borders at the same time. That's why Libertarians support a Protect America First policy. Is it possible that Sept. 11 wouldn't have happened if dozens of U.S. fighter jets had been patrolling our skies, instead of the skies over NATO?"

We can use similar techniques in the debate over civil liberties, in which politicians are using terrorism as an excuse to expand the Surveillance State.

■ I'll see your patriotism, and raise you one. For example, someone may say, "I'll gladly sacrifice some of my freedom in order to fight terrorism. Whose side are you Libertarians on?" Respond: "Sir, I would like to remind you that thousands of American GIs have died face down in the dirt to protect these freedoms. Anyone who would trade those freedoms away mocks their sacrifice."

■ (Don't) Question their patriotism. Ever feel the need to call someone a jerk, while simultaneously being able to deny calling them a jerk? It's simple. You say: "Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying you're a jerk. It's just that when you . . ."

Why not use the same technique in the interventionism debate? "We don't want to question the patriotism of politicians who risk the lives of our servicemen and women in faraway places totally unrelated to our national security, while leaving our nation undefended. But we do think it's fair to question their judgment."

Translation: Throw these reckless scoundrels out of office immediately, and replace them with Libertarians.

■ The Blame-the-Constitution-First crowd. On October 16, Rep. Bob Nye (R-Ohio) and I were being interviewed on radio station WWVA in Huntington, West Virginia, when a man called in to support the expanded wiretapping powers contained

See FOREIGN POLICY Page 33

The top ten budget myths in Washington DC

n an economic address on January 16 at the National Press Club, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) called for supplanting the next stage of the \$1.35 trillion tax cut, passed last year, with more federal spending on existing and new programs.

Senator Kennedy's speech echoed many of the ideas expressed recently by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD).

Here are 10 enduring myths in both senators' speeches.

- 1) Myth: Tax cuts cause budget deficits, but more spending doesn't. Reality: Spending is set to soar at least \$120 billion in fiscal 2002, much more than the Bush tax cut reduced this year's revenues.
- 2) Myth: Any unmet needs in society demand government action. Kennedy identified a national education system for 2-year-olds as an unmet need. Reality: Thomas Jefferson noted, government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have.
- 3) Myth: Politicians should be army generals exhorting the nation

with we should and we must commands. Daschle had 16 "we shoulds."

By Chris Edwards

Reality: America is a hugely diverse society of 280 million citizens with different needs, which they won't be able to meet if the federal government keeps expanding.

4) Myth: The government's interests are the same as society's. Daschle says the Bush tax cut put us in an unnecessary fiscal bind that will shortchange critical needs. Reality: The size of the federal budget and the size of private pocketbooks are inversely related. The fiscal bind and critical needs of families and businesses during a recession can be aided with lower taxes.

5) Myth: New spending programs make families better off since money grows on trees. Reality: Research shows that every \$1 of new spending costs Americans about \$1.40 due to higher compliance costs and in-

efficiencies of the tax system. So new spending, on net, makes American families worse off.

6) Myth: Failing government programs simply need more reform, coordination, and consolidation. Reality: Many government programs have been reformed repeatedly with the same bad results. The real answer for many programs is termination or privatization.

7) Myth: Tax cuts cause high interest rates. Both Kennedy and Daschle say that the Bush tax cut caused high interest rates. Reality: Both short

and long-term interest rates

are currently low, not high. These days capital markets are global, so modest U.S. budget deficits have negligible effects on interest rates.

8) Myth: Public/private partnerships combine private sector efficiency with government funding. Reality: Mixing business with politics usually leads to corruption and favoritism as private groups latch onto the government gravy train.

9) Myth: Any problem in the private sector is a crisis that will get worse without government help. Reality: Private markets and individuals are constantly solving problems and making life better for their communities. Washington's help usually makes things worse.

10) Myth: Centralization and universality in education and other industries is the wave of the future. Reality: Diversity and decentralization of power are the way for America to go in the 21st Century.

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Fixing the Libertarian Party's marketing problem

he Libertarian Party has a major marketing problem. Time and time again, LP candidates march into electoral battle armed with a mighty message — the message of political freedom.

And yet, our candidates consistently get clobbered in partisan elections. Most receive a double-digit voting percentage only when a Democrat or Republican isn't in a race.

So how can the LP become a much bigger player in the political arena?

Some party members say electing more candidates to low-level offices such as library board or school board is the answer. They claim such office holders will demonstrate that libertarian ideas work in practice, and will eventually get elected to legislative offices where they can propose significant political reforms.

Don't have power

I disagree. I'm proud of any elected Libertarian, but these office holders just don't have the power to demonstrate much of anything. Moreover, I doubt any Libertarian will ever be elected to a legislature because he or she is one heck of a soil and water district commissioner.

Instead, Libertarians should bring a big-picture business perspective to the electoral system.

The Libertarian Party is one supplier

marketplace. By Jonathan **Trager**

in that market. The party provides candidates for public office who have a pro-liberty orientation.

What the LP desperately needs is to develop a brand identity with an advertising campaign that addresses three things:

■ Product awareness: For voters to pull the lever for an LP candidate in a partisan election, they must first be able to recognize the "Libertarian" label on an election ballot.

Please understand, individuals don't need to be educated on the details of every political issue. They do need to the LP exists and have a general idea of what it represents.

A broad understanding of the party may be encapsulated in a slogan such as "More freedom. Less government. Libertarian." Or "Libertarians empower people—not politicians."

Any slogan should be simple, yet broad enough to let voters know that Libertarians stand for smaller government in general. That message must be repeated over and over, so when the LP label is staring voters in the face, most can accurately identify it.

■ Consumer need: Not only must

in the blink of an eye.

This approach would allow individual Libertarian candidates to tailor their own issues to the reality of local races, as long as they

aim to reduce the size of government.

■ Market competition: Even if voters know Libertarians want less government, and even if they do too, they may still vote Democratic or Republican.

Most voters don't pay attention to how individual politicians vote on legislation.

Thus, voters who care most about personal freedom tend to vote Democratic, while those who care most about financial freedom tend to vote Republican.

Our ad campaign must show the Libertarian Party is the only party offering to significantly reduce the size of government, and that voting for Republicans or Democrats will only take you in the other direction.

This can be accomplished by simply illustrating the trend of government growth while under Democratic or Republican control.

Respondents to the strategic plan survey overwhelmingly named "developing a brand identity" as the #1 goal the party should pursue, so it seems many Libertarians already understand that effectively marketing the party is crucial to its future success.

Consequently, the LNC has allocated \$75,000 to that end in the 2002 budget. The staff at the National LP headquarters has been charged with initiating the process.

But make no mistake — this must be a team effort. Rank-and-file Libertarian activists must help the party grow. Without a major influx of capital from new members and donors, an ad campaign such as the one described above is just a pipe dream.

If a concentrated marketing campaign helped elect even one Libertarian to the U.S. Congress, it would generate a ton of free publicity. It would also give the party some muchneeded electoral credibility, and fuel further party growth with new LP supporters all over the country.

I believe Libertarians are up to the challenge, and that great things are ahead for the Libertarian Party. So let's get to work.

Does anyone have the telephone number of that little girl from the Pepsi commercials?

■ About the author: Jonathan Trager is the staff writer at the LP office in Washington, DC. The views expressed in this essay to not necessarily reflect those of the office or the Libertarian National Committee.

Power of Just One Signature

Do you think our government has gotten too big and too powerful? Do you think a maze of bureaucrats and politicians are chipping away at the freedoms Americans used to take for granted? Do you think the Bill of Rights is being silently repealed — one precious freedom at a time?

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How to 'sell' a Libertarian foreign policy

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in the Patriot Act. The caller said: "You're darned right I'll trade away my freedom for safety. In fact, I believe the real problem is that Americans have too much freedom!"

I said, "I don't know about you, Congressman, but frankly, I'm getting sick and tired of this 'Blame the Constitution First' crowd.

Every time a terrorist act is committed, they blame the Constitution first! They say, 'If the American people didn't have so much freedom, this wouldn't have happened.' Or, 'If only the government had more power to spy on citizens, like they do in China and Cuba, this might not have

"I say it's time to stop blaming the Constitution for the crimes of terrorists. This is a free country, and I say let's keep it that way."

Rep. Nye responded, "Uh, actually, I have reservations about this bill as well, and I'm considering voting against it." Sure enough, Nye was one of only three House Republicans to

Will these strategies instantly convince the 67% of the public that believes in military interventionism? Of course not.

But if we can get them to pause long enough to hear our point, eventually, they might begin to listen.

THE DIRECTOR

The five challenges Libertarians face now

n our 2001 Annual Report (pages 23-26), we look back to examine the challenges we faced and progress attained last year. However, in this column, I'd like to look forward, to the five biggest challenges the Libertarian Party faces as we move forward. ■ Challenge #1: We must adapt to the post-September 11 world. Like it or not, the world changed on September 11. Although government failed in its primary task — to protect citizens against attack — faith in government has soared to record levels.

Democrats and Republicans alike have concluded that the era of big government is back. That opens up an opportunity for us if we can get past our traditional reluctance to concede any legitimate role for government in a free society.

We can seize this opportunity by asserting that September 11 demonstrates the need to focus the government on defending the nation from attack. It can better perform that function if it divests itself of the multitude of other tasks it has taken on. That's a winning message.

■ Challenge #2: We must recognize that becoming a major party is necessary in order to achieve our long-term objectives.

I have yet to meet a Libertarian who seriously believes either the Democrats or Republicans will ever stop the growth of government, let alone make it smaller. Our only hope is to build a competitive Libertarian Party and displace them as the

majority party in America. That means we have to build our support base. We have to match them candidate for candidate, volunteer for volunteer, dollar for dollar. And since we aren't likely to attract the support of PACs, corporations, or big labor, all vying for political influence, our support must come from individuals. In order to achieve our long-term objectives, we must ultimately build a support base of individual contributors that is larger than our rivals. It is a daunting

challenge, but one we must overcome. ■ Challenge #3: We must position ourselves to appeal to the entire libertarian quadrant.

Polls indicate that more Americans hold broadly libertarian beliefs than either liberal or CONSEIVALIVE ones. However, only a small

expense, and intrusiveness of government.

DIRECTOR percentage of those individuals support the Libertarian Party. In part, that's because a lot of people don't know who we are or what we stand for. However, I believe a contributing factor has been the tendency of some Libertarians to insist that new LP members

agree with us on every issue, and who demonstrate intolerance for differing views. This is a view that must be challenged and overcome. One option is put more emphasis on direction — to make it clear that the LP is the only party that wants to reduce the size, power,

■ Challenge #4: We must recognize and reward effort and success, and make involvement in the LP an enjoyable, positive experience.

People join organizations and remain active when that experience is enjoyable, and when their contributions to achieving the organization's mission are recognized by their peers. Without that positive reinforcement, members tend to lose interest and drop out.

Far too often, I've run into Libertarians who believe that their contribution lies in pointing out the flaws in the activities of others, instead of making positive contributions themselves.

That needs to change. We must support the activities of our fellow libertarians and foster a positive, cooperative atmosphere. If we put more emphasis on supporting projects we like, and less on criticizing projects we don't like, we will nurture a more positive libertarian culture that will be more attractive to both new and old members.

■ Challenge #5: We must build a party that reflects American diversity. Virtually any demographic group in America that isn't middle-aged white guys is underrepresented in the LP. We must make a conscious effort to reach out to the rest of America.

It is especially critical that we increase our support among young people. They are most open to new ideas and least attached to the status quo. Our campus outreach effort is a good start, but we need to do a lot more. We mustn't let another generation get bamboozled into believing that the Nanny State can solve all their problems.

Those are the challenges I see. Perhaps you see some others that I missed. Whatever you see as the most critical challenges, I hope you'll join with your fellow freedom-fighters to overcome them. Together, we can bring the blessings of liberty to America.

How to wean corporate welfare queens from federal handouts

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, LP News will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" - or interim steps in a more libertarian direction - can help improve our nation.

By Jonathan Trager

BM: \$1.4 billion. General Motors: \$833 million. General Electric: \$671 million.

No, these figures aren't the annual revenue statements for each company. They are the amounts of corporate welfare contained in the "economic stimulus package" backed by President George W. Bush.

What exactly is corporate welfare?

Corporate welfare is financial benefit given to private business by the government. It can be an outright cash subsidy, a nointerest loan, or a government grant.

Whatever the details, it is a way for politicians to enrich their wealthy friends and corporate supporters — at tax-

payers' expense. (Are targeted tax breaks or business tax credits corporate welfare? No despite the claims of Ralph Nader and other big business bashers. Corporate tax breaks may be

By Steve

Dasbach

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unfairly distributed by politicians, but they merely allow companies to keep more of their own money. That's very different from seizing money from taxpayers to dole out to corporations.)

Staggering cost

The cost of corporate welfare is staggering. All told, there are more than 100 corporate welfare programs on the books, costing taxpayers a whopping \$87 billion per year.

That's equal to the combined annual income tax paid by 60 million individuals and families, according to Public Citizen.

And according to the Cato Institute, if corporate handouts were eliminated, the federal government could provide U.S. taxpayers an / annual tax cut twice as large as the tax rebate checks mailed out in 2001.

Corporate welfare has drawn the wrath of left, right, and libertarian.

It's been called "stealing from the poor to give to the rich" by the Cato Institute.

It's been called "using tax dollars to help the rich get richer," by Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR) writer Norman Solomon.

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And it has turned the federal government into "America's biggest Sugar Daddy," according to Time magazine, and "turned politicians into bribery specialists and smart business people into con artists."

So why does it continue? Because it's a good deal for politicians and their corporate friends.

Politicians guarantee themselves a steady stream of campaign contributions from grateful

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Clinton was in office, for example, he proposed an annual average increase of 10% for corporate welfare pro-

Favorite programs of the Clinton Administration included \$3 million for whiskey exporters such as Jim Beam and Seagrams, and \$3 million to the California Raisin Board to run its "dancing raisin" ads.

And although President Bush proposed a 13% reduction in total corporate welfare spending in his 2002 budget, most of his reductions were jettisoned by Republican Congressmen in the House and the Senate.

For example, although the presi-

dent recommended an 18% cut to the \$655 million research-and-development subsidy for private energy companies, the GOP-controlled House has since trimmed it to a 3% cut, and the Senate has actually proposed a subsidy

increase of 13%. Libertarians take a different approach to corporate welfare: We support a true economy. In such a system, it would be impossible for legislators to give subsidies to pri-

vate companies.

But until enough Libertarians are elected to Congress to enact a complete "ocpa state and economy," here is a list of the most egregious types of corporate welfare that should be immediately discontinued:

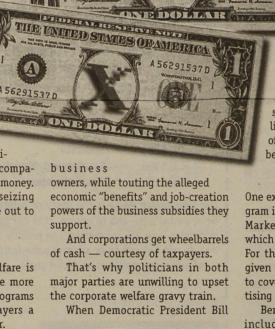
One example of such a giveaway program is the Agriculture Department's Market Access Program (MAP) which costs over \$80 million per year. For the past 16 years, the MAP has given tax dollars to food exporters to cover the costs of overseas advertising campaigns.

Beneficiaries of this program have included the Pillsbury Company (\$526,000), Ocean Spray (\$308,000), Welch's (\$730,000), and the Campbell's Soup Company (\$281,000).

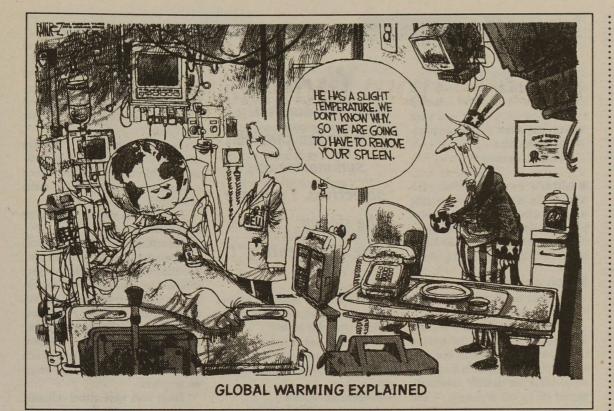
Another example: The Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles. Designed to encourage the development of more fuel-efficient vehicles, this program costs taxpayers about \$250 million per year - most of which has gone to the Big Three automakers: Ford, General Motors, and Daimler-Chrysler. None of these companies currently has such a vehicle on the market.

Research industry programs. A prime example: The Advanced Technology Program (ATP) — costing over \$200 million per year — which fun-See CORPORATE Page 38









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■ Drug War Strategy

Though I totally agree with [LP Political Director] Ron Crickenberger about the drug war issue ["Explaining the LP's Drug War Strategy," February 2002], one has to consider the following: When Ralph Nader proclaims that his Green Party is the largest third-party in America on Meet the Press, Libertarians everywhere should just stop everything they're doing and begin flooding media outlets with editorials, letters to the editor, or something to let everyone know that we're in fact the largest third-party.

Making the drug war an issue is vital, yes, but more importantly, if this party really wants to grow, we're going to have to maximize our resources in making the public aware of the LP presence.

I'm a strict proponent of legalizing all drugs, but it's a war in itself to keep fighting to legalize them. I mean, you'd also have to shut down the CIA, FBI, ATF, DEA and a plethora of other anti-drug forces that cost way too much money and way too much time.

I also believe that the LP should play a Scientology role and go after the big-name celebrities, squeezing either A) money, or B) more national coverage of the party they supposedly believe so much in.

To become credible, I believe the Libertarians should tackle more sensible issues. I know a lot of members will wholeheartedly disagree with me on this, but it's true. We need public awareness, but not radical public awareness.

Let's play by the Republicrat's game, then nail them once elected.

Let's start making the public

aware now that we are in fact a true alternative, and then play up to the presidential elections in 2004.

I'm still hoping for a Gary Johnson/Carla Howell ticket in 2004. It is highly unlikely, but a guy can dream can't he?

— JOEY DAUBEN Ovilla, Texas

THE LAST THING

we need is to further
the perception
that we are singleissue obsessives
about ending the
War on Drugs.

■ Take a survey

I challenge the leadership of the Libertarian Party to poll the membership regarding the legalization of drugs.

For or against?

— GEORGE PERKINS
Worcester, Massachusetts

Drop the wedge

I read the February edition of *LP* News with a great deal of interest.

The first thing I noticed was a tortured explanation from Ron Crickenberger as to why we should use the War on Drugs as a single wedge issue.

On the other hand, the answers to the February Pulse questions show

that better than 60% of the readership clearly do not think this is such a good idea.

First of all, though ending the War on Drugs is not something that we should run from, it is also not an issue that affects anywhere near as many citizens as issues like federal control of education or the federal income tax.

The fact that drugs consistently rank in the top five issues that concern people, nor the fact that they are dissatisfied with the current War on Drugs, does not translate into support for ending the War on Drugs.

In addition, support for decriminalizing marijuana is a far cry from support for completely ending the War on Drugs. This is also far from the most pressing issue that we face in restoring a free society.

Another problem with this approach is that there is already a large impression of the LP as a War on Drugs single-issue obsessed group. This is a perception that local affiliates have labored to overcome.

In fact, elsewhere in the newspaper is an item announcing that the former candidate for Governor of the Vermont chapter of the Grassroots Party has joined the Vermont LP. If I am not mistaken, the former Chairman of that party joined as well.

One of the major reasons for jumping ship was that the Grassroots Party is seen as a one-issue party. That issue is the legalization of marijuana. The last thing we need is to further the perception that we are single issue obsessives as well.

Let's drop the idea of a wedge issue campaign, run from the national LP, altogether. National should focus

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A platform for debate

here's an unholy trinity of "Things Libertarians Like to Argue With Each Other About" — abortion, national defense, and immigration.

All three made the list in response to this month's unscientific Pulse question, where we asked: Which one platform issue should delegates at the July National Convention add, delete, or change?

Leading the list was abortion. Almost half the responses related to that controversial topic — but the agreement stopped there.

While 21.4% of *LP News* readers said the party should be neutral on abortion, another 14.3% said the LP should be "pro-life," and 3.6% said Libertarians should remain "pro-choice." Another 7.1% said the platform should call for abortion to be a non-federal issue.

Coming in second was immigration: 17.8% of respondents said the party should alter its position on the issue — especially in light of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Tied for third place — with 7.1% — were two issues: Affirming the party's anti-war/non-interventionist position, and advocating voting reforms, such as proportional representation.

Here is a representative sample of responses:

- The LP platform should be changed to reflect a position that is at least neutral on the issue of abortion to accommodate the views of LP members and potential LP members who view abortion as infanticide, and believe the state is entitled to address the issue at the appropriate constitutional level.
 - JOHN FINERTY, JR., Alexandria, Virginia
- We should modify our abortion position to: Men and women are free from government interference to choose when, where, why, how, and with whom they have sexual relationships. However, they are responsible for the results of their choices. If the result is pregnancy, the man and woman involved may not punish the unborn, innocent child with death.
 - BILL REESIDE, East Setauket, New York
- There is no way we could ever be "pro-life." Pro-lifers have the right to choose "life" for themselves, but not to use government force on those who don't share their viewpoint.
 - BRIAN CHAPMAN, Brockton, Massachusetts
- Both Pro-Choice and Right-to-Life advocates can come together and find common values in the Libertarian Party. We should not pass a federal law or Constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion, but neither should we insist that abortion is a federal right. The federal government has too much involvement in the personal lives of the citizens. Both sides would be better off if abortion were not a federal issue.
 - ED EHRHART, Escondido, California
- We should call for a Constitutional amendment to authorize the War on Drugs, just as the 18th Amendment authorized the War on Alcohol. This finesse would expose the Congressional fiat that created the drug war, while promoting renewed respect for the Constitution. All Libertarians could support such a plank regardless of how they feel about drugs, and the "Pro-Drug" label would be avoided.
 - GENE LUNDY, Lawndale, California
- Civil Unions should be deleted from the platform. Homosexuality is not just as good as marriage, it is a perverted fixation of lust that some want to elevate to the status of some lofty ideal. From a tactical standpoint, the civil unions plank drives away the majority of the people who would otherwise be in sympathy with the party's objectives.
 - TERRY DE EULIS, Sterling Heights, Michigan
- Before Black Tuesday, our immigration plank was an albatross around our necks. Now it is a dagger in the back of the Libertarian Party, which must be removed and replaced by a rational policy if the party is to survive and grow. We must recognize our right to defend ourselves, especially in wartime, and to limit immigration to those who love liberty and can function as Americans.
 - DAVID MACKO, Solon, Ohio
- Delete the plank that says we are all pro-choice on the abortion issue. Since (as the platform also states) "libertarians can hold good-faith views on both sides" of this issue, our platform should not support either side over the other. This plank only serves to divide the party and to scare away numerous potential recruits needlessly.
 - BRADLEY BOBBS, Van Nuys, California
- A very important plank which we must affirm and keep is the non-intervention plank. After U.S. foreign intervention in over 110

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different nations in the past 113 years, it is the Party of Principle's obligation to stick to our principles.

- AARON BITERMAN, Beverly, Massachusetts
- We should adopt a proportional representation plank. It would make us more electable by getting rid of the wasted vote syndrome, and would also increase voter turnout which helps us by itself.
 - Brandon Magoon, Erie, Pennsylvania
- I would like to add in the pollution plank: "We call for polluters to pay a fee to those affected by pollution." It is time we recognize that zero pollution is not possible, nor is it desirable for 300 million Americans to sue 150 million automobile drivers for air pollution. Instead, we should charge people for how much they pollute, and give this money to those affected by the pollution.
 - PAUL L. STUDIER, Lake Forest, California
- The platform's support for legal abortion undermines liberty and should be deleted. There's no justification for its implicit two-tiered legal policy on human beings that defines a superior class with rights and an inferior class that doesn't count. Which government which libertarian has a right or a just power to deny any human being, born or preborn, due process and equal protection of the laws?
 - DORIS GORDON, Wheaton, Maryland
- The platform does not need major change. If anything, it should just be updated to call for repeal of recent fascist legislation such as the anti-terrorist "Patriot" Act. The platform should not be designed to "appeal to voters." It should be designed to state clear, solid Libertarian positions on major issues. No spinning, no waffling, no apologies, no compromise. This is what it means to be a Party of Principle.
 - CARL VASSAR, Trumbull, Connecticut

May Question: Big Challenge?

In his "From the Director" column this month, LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach laid out what he considers to be the five biggest challenges facing the Libertarian Party. Briefly, they are: Figuring out how to deal with Americans' renewed "faith in government" in the post-September 11 world; recognizing that we must become a major party to achieve our objectives; restraining the "purity police" and positioning ourselves to appeal to the entire libertarian quadrant; ending infighting and making involvement in the LP a more enjoyable, positive experience; and broadening the Libertarian Party beyond its traditional "middle-aged white guy" demographic. Do you agree? If so, let us know. If not, is Mr. Dasbach way off base? And if he is off base, what is the biggest challenge facing our party — whether political, social, marketing, structural, strategic, tactial, or whatever — over the next few years, leading up to the 2004 presidential election?

■ QUESTION: What is the single biggest challenge facing the Libertarian Party over the next few years? And why? (Keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: April 8, 2002

April Question: Party Slogan?

alling all creative Libertarians! As part of the new strategic plan adopted by the Libertarian National Committee, the LP will begin the process of researching and building a "brand identity" for the party. If things go well, that brand identity will eventually come to represent the public image of the party; in short, what voters think when they hear our name. The "brand" will have many aspects: Which issues we stress. What arguments we use. What our advertising says and looks like. What personal traits we want voters to associate with Libertarians. And, perhaps, what pithy "slogan" decorates our brochures, newspaper, advertisements, and other outreach material. That's where you come in. Right now, the unofficial slogan of the LP is "The Party of Principle." Should we stick with it? Or is it time for a new slogan that better sums up what we stand for, who we are, what we offer . . . and better "markets" the party to voters? If so, what should that new slogan be?

■ QUESTION: What should the Libertarian Party adopt as its official slogan? And why? (Keep answer to 100 words or less.)
■ DEADLINE: March 8, 2002

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in Texas might not work in Vermont.

- ROBERT MAYNARD Williston, Vermont
- Editor's note: As noted each month, The Pulse is a non-scientific survey, published for entertainment purposes. Opinions expressed there do not necessarily reflect the Libertarian Party membership as a whole.

■ Too much ado

Methinks the LP makes too much ado about legalizing marijuana.

We members of the party well understand the arguments for making this so, and agree with it, but outsiders who know very little about Libertarianism are usually absolutely turned off by our argument — and will steer away from any thoughts of joining because of this one item.

— DURON SMITH

Montgomery, Alabama

■ Platform input?

As a member of the LNC, I've been selected to be part of the Platform Committee. The thrust of my approach is to reconfirm our current platform along the lines of direction and destination.

I happen to agree in principle with everything that our Platform currently states — I understand what it means! But the fact that I understand it does not mean that our fellow Americans would understand it, given the current cultural bent of our society.

I think, and I believe that, in approaching our need for change in our government structure and cultural understanding, we have to go beyond the series of statements that condemn this, that or the other thing.

I think and I believe that if we're serious about changing the wrongheaded path of our governing bodies, we have to persuade our fellow Americans as patriots (and we Libertarians are the real patriots, in my view), to pursue policies that would lead to a governance that will protect the rights of individuals against the abuses of other individuals. Our Platform has to reflect this view.

I am asking my fellow Libertarians in the Platform Committee, and anyone at all involved in our party and our movement, to contact me with ideas concerning this process of direction and destination. This is something the Strategic Planning Team has worked very long and hard on.

We're getting together in Indianapolis for the National Convention in July. At that time, I would like to

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the slogan: "Repeal the 20th Century"!

see a groundswell from the bottom up that would be willing to follow through with this notion.

I yearn to see all views represented, but please get me your ideas by May 31 so that I will have time to process them.

- —LORENZO GAZTANAGA LNC At-Large Member Baltimore, Maryland
- Editor's note: Call Lorenzo Gaztanaga at: (410) 325-2813. E-mail him at: Diazvivar@aol.com.

■ Laugh or cry

I didn't know whether to laugh or cry when I read Lois Kaneshiki's ad in *LP News* [February 2002].

She asks if libertarian campaigns are real or just a fraud, so I assume she's leaning toward the latter. She asserts that the platform and efforts to grow the national party hurt local success, and further asks if libertarians have just "given up."

(Apparently this person doesn't read the publication she appears in, because it is chock full of positive stories about Libertarians fighting and winning in many arenas.)

Then, Kaneshiki essentially says, "I flopped in my election campaign, but follow me, because I now have all the answers!" Huh?

While there is wisdom to be gained from failure, I'll be more apt to listen to Ms. Kaneshiki when she has some success under her belt. And by that I mean success at something other than just being negative about the party and all its efforts.

- NOELLE STETTNER
Falls Church, Virginia

■ Anti-20th Century

Throughout history, slogans have been used to motivate people and generate support for a variety of causes: No Taxation Without Representation! Remember The Alamo! Fifty-Four Forty Or Fight! Remember The Maine!

We need a catchy, comprehensive slogan which can succinctly summarize our objectives in a manner which can generate support for the cause of liberty.

I propose the slogan: "Repeal The Twentieth Century!"

Let's consider it. The word "repeal" as opposed to "abolish" refers to laws. Abolition would imply that we reject the technological and medical advances of the last 100 years; the automobile, the airplane, computers, the missions to the moon, antibiotics, the artificial heart, etc. Repeal implies rejection of the laws which caused most of the problems which we now face.

These laws were either initiated or came to horrible fruition in the twentieth century: the graduated income tax, the Federal Reserve System, victim disarmament (gun control), zoning, licensing, Social Security, forced association laws, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prohibition, prostitution and pornography laws, conscription and the United Nations.

As the 21st century began, we continued to pay the price in blood and lost liberty for shunning the advice of the Founding Fathers.

— DAVID MACKO Solon, Ohio

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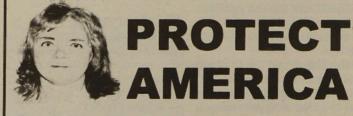
■ No tax credits

Sorry to rain on Jonathan Trager's parade, but his essay on "Fixing America's Broken Schools" (Libertarian Solutions, February 2002 issue) suffers from a fatal flaw.

That's because, despite all arguments to the contrary, there is nothing the least bit Libertarian or free market about handing out tuition tax credits to anybody, let alone to the parents involved.

Why so? Look at it this way: If it's ethically legitimate to give dollar-for-dollar tax credits to those adults who chose to become parents, then surely complete school tax exemptions must first be given to all tax paying non-parents.

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And more, if by some miracle the Libertarian ethic can be stretched to include parental tax credits, then how could such credits be denied to, for instance, any do-gooder willing to finance "educational" trips to Disneyland or Yellowstone National Park or wherever?

I mean really, how much longer is it going to take the Party of Principle to come out bluntly and state that all school costs rest with the parents involved — and nobody else?

All of which would make us Libertarians live up to our own vaunted free market standards — those which insist that real free marketing requires not only uncoerced buyers and sellers of any commodity, but uncoerced financiers as well.

Thus, we would be free to remind other persons of that wonderful old proverb which says: Take what you want from life; but having taken, don't neglect to pay for it yourself.

— JACK SIMONS

Sheffield, Vermont

■ Too much whining

The Mailbox sections from the past two or three months in *LP News* have been an amalgamation of whining and bickering regarding *LP* positions on foreign aid, the "War on Terror" and other such issues.

I propose, quite simply, that the bickering ends and LP members get to work supporting our candidates for public office.

Why is it that all the membership can do is whine and complain? Why

is it that I see no mention of a single candidate in any letter published in "The Mailbox" each month?

LP members have a lot of work to do, and unless we get our work done (which will show in November), we should stop complaining.

— AARON BITERMAN
Beverly, Massachusetts

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actual hijackers to justice through the American legal system is a pipe dream:

All but one died at their own hands.

■ Freedom and strength

I'm writing in response to Harry Browne's piece in *LP News*, "What Has The War In Afghanistan Really Accomplished For The U.S.?" [The Forum, February 2002].

I was disappointed by much of his opinion expressed in that essay.

I revere Mr. Browne. How I Found Freedom is one of the finest guidebooks for living as an individual ever written. His writing and radio appearances swayed me to the LP.

I am media ignorant, by choice, by most peoples' standards, but am very aware of our country's current state. Shortwave radio from all over the world has been my primary source of news concerning America's war in Afghanistan, not CNN or *USA Today*. I am very aware of the fates of Kama Ado, Qalaye Niazi, and freezing and starving Afghan refugees.

To bring the actual hijackers responsible for the "hijacked manned missile" attacks of September 11th to justice through the American legal system is a pipe dream: Besides the fact that all but one died at their own hands, the pseudo-army that openly targets Americans is still intact.

Right now, a strong-handed reaction is a matter of survival. They may not have been directly involved in the attacks, but all al Qaeda members and leaders are part of the plot. Remember, Emperor Hirohito flew no kamikaze missions.

A few years ago, LP News reverently devoted an entire page to the memory of Barry Goldwater. Mr. Goldwater, in his book, Where I Stand, promoted a policy of strong armed power ("freedom through strength"), it being necessary to protect an environment of liberty and minimal government domestically.

Decisive military action was seen as a necessary evil by most of the Founding Fathers. As eroded as our liberties are, and as bloated as the bureaucracy known as the military is, the current bloodbath is ugly but necessary.

— JOE FAVINO

Reno, Nevada

■ Such naivete

In the February *LP News*, Mr. Browne bemoans the civilian casualties in Afghanistan, "all these trag-

edies [that] are the necessary collateral damage that occurs in a war." I too think it tragic.

Mr. Browne is led to a position of "When America is no longer a threat to the world, the world will no longer threaten us!" Such naivete!

Hitler hated America just as bin Laden does. These kinds of people existentially hate free markets, free speech, free elections, and free lifestyles. The very existence of the West is an abomination, to be destroyed, by the Wahhabists and fundamentalist Islamists.

I'm sure many thousands of innocent Germans died under American shells and bombs. Browne would have us believe that, therefore, we should have ignored Hitler until he attacked the boundaries of "Fortress America!"

A fundamental principle of libertarianism is that it is always wrong to initiate force (and fraud). When mid-Eastern murderers (terrorists) kill thousands of American citizens — in America! — we have a right that our agent, the federal government (one

of its few legitimate functions) bring to justice, and destroy if necessary, these terrorist cells!

— **DEVON SHOWLEY**Cypress, California

■ Defense? Retaliation?

It amazes me how many of the letters appearing in The Mailbox within the past few months support the war.

Are letter writers required to be Libertarians, or can just any schmoe write in? These supposed Libertarians in all of their red-faced anger about the attack seem to have forgotten the cardinal rule of government.

It doesn't work.

To paraphrase Harry Browne, "The military is just the post office in fatigues." They're supposed to be over there blowing up training camps and capturing the big bad guys. Instead they're killing thousands of innocent people, and have no clue where the main men are.

Our country is retaliating. Retali-See THE MAILBOX Page 38

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April 18-20, 2002

National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) Conference, Crowne Plaza Union Square Hotel, San Francisco, California. Speakers include State Senator John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose), David Boaz (Cato Institute), and Ethan Nadelmann (executive director, Lindesmith Center/Drug Policy Foundation). For information, call: (888) 67-NORML. Or visit: www.norml.org.

■ April 21, 2002

Vermont LP Convention, Capitol Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Montpelier. Speakers TBA. For information, visit: www.vtlp.org.

■ April 25-28, 2002

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■ May 17-19, 2002

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May 17-19, 2002

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■ July 3-7, 2002

Libertarian National Convention, Marriott Indianapolis Downtown Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include David Brin (awardwinning science fiction author), David Nolan (LP founder), Steve Dillon (chairman, NORML), Harry Browne (2000 LP presidential candidate), Neal Boortz (radio talk show host), Don Gorman (former New Hampshire legislator), Phil Miller (Greenfield, Indiana city councilman), Carla Howell (Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate), Ed Thompson (Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate), and Bill Masters (Colorado Sheriff). For information, visit: www.LP.org/con/2002. Or call: (800) 272-1776.

■ July 28-August 1, 2002

International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) World Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Speakers include John McClaughry (author, *The Vermont Papers*), Enrique Ghersi (co-author, *The Other Path*), Dr. Martin Krause (dean, ESEADE school, Argentina), Ken Schoolland (author, *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible*), and Rigoberto Stewart (co-founder, Movimiento Libertario, Costa Rica). For information, visit: www.ISIL.org. Or call: (707) 746-8796.

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If that wasn't bad enough, the government doesn't even know who it's looking to retaliate against, so apparently just about anyone will do.

If it can be shown that there is actually evidence against bin Laden and other specific people, then there might be a reason to go after those individuals. As of yet, we've only been assured that the government possesses the evidence. All of the sudden, politicians are being honést?

Even if there was evidence against bin Laden, you wouldn't be able to charge him with mass murder. The guys that committed the acts have already paid the price. They killed themselves. I realize that this thought isn't much for solace, but anytime loved ones are murdered, nothing will ever satisfy you.

Get ahold of your emotions.

— IAN BERNARD

Sarasota, Florida

■ We're losing her

The Libertarian Party is in danger of losing me. Here are the reasons:

1) A focus on irrelevant issues.

I recently received a mailer from

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the state of California, with statements from primary election candidates. Our candidate for Lieutenant Governor goes on and on about legalizing ferrets. He says he's been working for 10 years to legalize domestic ferrets in California.

You know what? I don't care if ferrets are illegal here. I can live with that. And if he can't, he can move to another state. He made no mention of the energy crisis, education, crime, or any real issue. I personally would also count the drug issue as an irrelevancy, although I grant that it is more important than the right to

keep and bear ferrets!

2) Criticism of past errors of government, without any viable alternatives given.

Harry Browne keeps going on and on with his "I told you so" commentaries. But we can't turn back the clock. I would like to see commentaries that start with the situation we find ourselves in, and ask "how do we best proceed from here?"

I voted for Harry Browne last time, but his recent pacifist statements have totally alienated me. He implies that we should care only about punishing the perpetrators of the "crime" of September 11. Well, they all died; it was a suicide attack. So I guess we didn't really need to do anything at all, huh?

There are cases in which the U.S. needs to stick its nose in the rest of the world's business. What we need are thinkers who can help us determine the most effective way of doing so.

These criticisms obviously do not apply to every LP spokesman or statement. But in order to continue to exist, the LP must begin to speak with a united voice, on issues of real importance, and to take positions that the majority of Libertarians can embrace.

— LAURE CHIPMAN
San Jose, California

Ending the corporate gravy train

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nels venture capital to technology
firms that cannot obtain private
funding

Major beneficiaries have included United Airlines, Xerox, Dupont, Eastman Kodak, General Motors, AT&T, and Shell Petroleum.

There's one major problem with this program: It's unnecessary. In fact, the money spent on the ATP pales in comparison with the \$51 billion invested by private industries for venture capital every year.

In addition, a General Accounting Office study revealed that 63% of companies that received ATP funds never tried to obtain private funding sources before applying for taxpayer dollars.

■ Subsidized loans and insurance to businesses. The king of all corporate loan programs is the Export-Import Bank — which shells out \$800 million per year. It uses taxpayer dollars to provide subsidized financing to foreign purchasers of American goods. In other words, the bank shifts taxpayer dollars from Americans to foreigners and back to Americans again.

A related program is the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, which costs taxpayers \$50 million per year. It provides direct loans, guaranteed loans, and "political risk insurance" to U.S. firms to encourage them to invest in developing countries. Beneficiaries of this program include financial titans like the Boeing Company and the Coca-Cola Corporation.

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Other disgraceful corporate welfare payola in recent years include: \$1 million to M&M Mars Company, \$500,000 to the Popcorn Institute, \$239,000 to the Ralston Purina Pet Food Company — and \$125,000 to Sire Power, Inc. to sell frozen bovine semen. (Yes, you read that correctly).

Although viewed negatively by the general public, corporate welfare remains tremendously popular with U.S. legislators. In every budget session, policymakers have the opportunity to completely eliminate such programs — but rarely ever do.

As a solution to this dilemma, the

Cato Institute has suggested a practical remedy: A corporate welfare reform commission.

Under this proposal, a non-partisan commission would compile a list

of corporate welfare programs targeted for elimination. Congress would then have a limited time to hold a yes-ør-no vote on the proposal as a whole — without any amendments.

Such a method would be a "quick fix" for legislators who are reluctant to defund the individual programs that benefit their favorite special interest groups. It would also eliminate the possibility of vote trading among legislators to keep certain programs in the overall package.

Act quickly

Whatever the method, Congress should act to eliminate corporate welfare as quickly as possible. Such government handouts to corporations are an affront to the traditional American principles of free enterprise, limited government, and excellence through competition.

Americans deserve a system where merit and productivity — not political pull — determines economic reward. It's long past time for every corporation to get off of the government gravy train.



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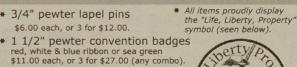
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