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## LIBERTARIAN PARTY 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR 1971-2001

Remembering the first three decades of America's 'Party of Principle'

By Bill Winter  
LP NEWS EDITOR

The date: July 17, 1971.

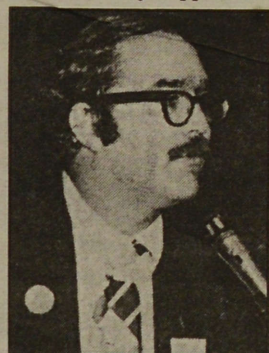
The place: David Nolan's living room in Westminster, Colorado.  
The event: The first meeting of what is eventually to become the Libertarian Party.

Outraged by President Richard Nixon's decision to impose wage and price controls and dismayed by the ongoing war in Vietnam, a handful of individuals decide it is time to debate whether America needs a "consistently pro-freedom party," says Nolan.

"It was evident that the GOP was selling out everything it claimed to represent," he says.

The group meets several times over the summer, and weighs the pros and cons of forming a new party.

"The first couple of meetings, at which we discussed forming the party — [we] scratched our heads and decided we needed to find out if there was any support for the idea — those occurred at my home, in Westminster, where I was living at the time," says Nolan.



■ David Nolan, shown here in a 1973 photograph: "December 11 [1971]. That's the official birth date of the Libertarian Party."

"As the summer and fall progressed, we added a couple of people from Colorado Springs to our initial core group, and we started having some of the meetings down there."

The matter comes to a head on December 11, 1971, when the eight-member Committee to Organize a Libertarian Party takes the historic vote that formally launches the new Libertarian Party.

"The meeting at which we actually, officially voted to form the party was in Colorado Springs," says Nolan. "It was at the home of a gentleman named Luke Zell. December 11. That's the official birth date of the Libertarian Party."

Since then, the party has grown to more than 30,000 contributing members, thousands of candidates, hundreds of officeholders, and almost a quarter-million registered voters.

More than 25 years after that initial meeting, the *Denver Post* would report: "The Libertarian Party has finally grown from a debating society to a serious forum from which to challenge the Democratic passion for income redistribution and the Republican ardor for controlling the personal lives of the citizenry."

As the Libertarian Party celebrates its birthday, here's a year-by-year look back at its first 30 years — historical milestones, setbacks, quirky events, and accomplishments:

**1971** The Committee to Organize a Libertarian Party meets on December 11 and votes to form a new political party.

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## Party sets new record with 58 election wins

*Libertarians win local office in nine states*

The Libertarian Party has shattered all its previous Election Day records, winning 58 local races around the USA on November 6.

Libertarians were victorious in races in nine states: Pennsylvania, California, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Washington state, Colorado, Virginia, and Utah.

The big winner was Pennsylvania, which recorded 24 Libertarian victories. The next-best showing was California, with 12 wins, followed by Washington state (9), and Ohio (6).

In its previous high-water mark, the LP had elected 39 candidates to office in the November 1997 election.

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said he was "thrilled" with the results.

"Our goal as a political party is to elect Libertarians to office — so the more Libertarians we elect, the better we are doing," he said. "Based on these 58 victories, Libertarians are doing better than ever."

"Congratulations to all our record-breaking winners!"

### Significant wins

This election also featured an unusually large number of "significant" victories, said Crickenberger.

"We've got at least 11 city or town council elections and re-elections confirmed, and two mayoral victories," he said. "Every election victory is important, of course, but it's great to see more Libertarians winning higher-level offices, where they have more ability to move their communities in a Libertarian direction."

Libertarians won the following elections:

■ In **Colorado**, Ken Cary and Carol Hill were elected to the Leadville City Council. Hill defeated an incumbent and a veteran council candidate in a non-partisan, three-way race. They joined two other Libertarians on the



■ John McAlister was elected to the Gahanna (Ohio) City Council with 57% of the vote. He was one of 11 Libertarians elected to a city council position.

city council to form a Libertarian majority. (See story on page 18.)

■ In **Michigan**, Fred Collins was re-elected to the Berkley City Council for a second term.

■ In **Michigan**, Andy LeCureaux was elected to the Hazel Park City Council, coming in fourth out of seven contenders and winning over 1,400 votes.

"It was a close election [but] hard

work early in the campaign paid off with victory," said Campaign Manager Dave Collver.

■ In **Michigan**, Mark Owen was elected to the Owosso City Council. Owen finished fourth in an eight-way race, with the candidates vying for four seats.

"[This victory was] a fantastic follow-up to his historic district ordinance battle," said LP activist Greg Dirasian.

■ In **California**, Mark Anthony Dierolf was re-elected as the Hartnell Community College District #5 Trustee, while John Fleury and William Wennerholm were elected as McKinleyville Community Services District Commissioners. Each received



■ Bob Bromley was elected as mayor of Sumas (Washington state) with over 61% of the vote. He was one of two Libertarian mayors elected on November 6.

22% of the vote, coming in second and third respectively in a four-way race.

Meanwhile, Chuck Dethero was elected to the Happy Valley Union School District board, coming in third in a four-way race.

Six California candidates were also elected in unopposed races: Daniel Garisek (Big Bear Airport District, Short Term); Jonathan Tatomer

(Carpinteria Sanitary District); Verne Skjonsby (North Humboldt Park & Recreation District); Gordon Martindale (Pinedale Public Utility District); Todd Foerch (Rim of the World Recreation & Park District); and Marguerite Kaufman (Skyline County Water District).

■ In **North Carolina**, Ken Lankford was re-elected to his third term as Madison Alderman with 11.1% of the vote. Lankford came in fifth out of eight candidates vying for six seats.

"I cannot tell you how proud I am of all our Libertarian candidates in this year's elections," said LP Execu-

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Group works to repeal LNC resolution

A Libertarian Gulf War veteran is seeking to steer the Libertarian National Committee in a more "pro-peace" direction in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

James Madison, former chair of the Connecticut LP, has started an online discussion group at Yahoo called LNC\_Peace as a rallying point for Libertarians who oppose an LNC resolution that called for "forceful action" against terrorists.

That resolution appears to endorse current U.S. military action in Afghanistan, said Madison — which violates Libertarian principles "as outlined in the party platform."

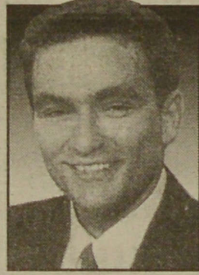
"The intention of the group isn't to attack LNC members, only to apply pressure so they will change their stance on the war," he said.

The LNC resolution, adopted on October 14, called for "measured" action against those responsible for the September terrorist attacks.

Madison said he wants like-minded Libertarians to join his discussion group, and then run for a spot on the LNC or attend the 2002 National Convention to support "pro-peace" LNC candidates.

"I think the entire war is a disaster, and the LNC should rescind its statement on the war as soon as possible and adopt a new one," he said. "There are other steps that could be taken other than bombing to ensure that justice is served."

To join the group, visit: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LNC\\_Peace](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LNC_Peace).



■ James Madison: "Change stance."

### 2004 LP convention set for Atlanta

The 2004 Libertarian Party National Convention will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger has announced.

On October 12, the LP signed a contract with the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, the hotel that will host the event May 28-31, 2004.

At the convention, an estimated 1,200-plus delegates will nominate the party's next presidential and vice presidential candidates, amend the party platform and bylaws, elect new party officers, and have the opportunity to participate in workshops and events.

Crickenberger, a former Georgia LP State Chair, said the Libertarian Party has wanted to hold its national convention in the Peach State for some time.

"We've actually tried to be in Atlanta for a few conventions, but it just never worked out right for us with hotel accommodations," he said. "I'm excited the convention will be held in Georgia in 2004."

One of the main reasons why Atlanta was selected was because of the rapid growth of the Georgia LP, said Crickenberger.

Georgia has had the greatest membership growth of any state affiliate over the past four years, and in 2000 gave presidential candidate Harry Browne his largest vote share in the nation with 1.4%.

The growth of the Georgia LP has been spurred by the presence of Neal Boortz, a Libertarian Party member and syndicated host of the top-rated talk show in Atlanta, said Crickenberger.

"[At the convention], we'll have the biggest voice for liberty in Neal Boortz and a rebel attitude of defiance to big government," he said. "Every LP member will want to attend — it's going to be a blast."

### Anheuser-Busch reprints LP release

Anheuser-Busch corporation has requested permission to reprint a pun-filled Libertarian Party press release about the federal beer tax.

In mid-October, the Industry & Government Affairs office of the St. Louis-based brewing conglomerate contacted the LP national office to get reprint rights for an August 29 press release entitled: "Congress, get off your Bass and pass the beer tax-cut bill."

The release — which humorously incorporated the brand names of 28 beers into its text — called on Congress to pass HR 1305, a bill that would cut the federal tax on beer in half.

Anheuser-Busch will print the release in the November issue of *Public Affairs Update*, a monthly publication it sends to department heads and wholesalers across the country, said Sandy Bradford of the Anheuser-Busch Industry & Government Affairs office.

LP Communications Director Bill Winter, who wrote the release, said it was rare for commercial companies to reprint LP press releases — but good news that Anheuser-Busch decided to do so.

"When I wrote this release, I never guessed it would generate such a, ahem, *brew-ha-ha* — but I'm pleased that our anti-tax message has reached one of America's most successful companies," he said. "This also demonstrates that humorous press releases can generate more attention for the party than a typical release."

Anheuser-Busch is the world's largest brewer, controlling 48.6% of the U.S. market with brands such as Budweiser, Bud Light, and Michelob.

# In surprise move, Russell Means ends Libertarian bid for governor

Indian rights activist says he'll now run as an independent

In an unexpected turnabout, Indian rights activist and Hollywood actor Russell Means has ended his Libertarian Party campaign for New Mexico governor in 2002, opting instead to run for office as an independent.

The 62-year-old Means informed state party leaders of his decision at a campaign meeting on October 21.

According to reports by the Associated Press and the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, Means said he thinks he will have more appeal for potential campaign donors and supporters as an independent candidate.

And as an independent, Means also said he would not have to "follow party lines or [a] party philosophy." However, he said his political views were still libertarian.

"The Libertarian Party and movement are after liberty and a return to Constitutional government," said Means. "As an independent candidate espousing a Libertarian platform, ideals, and principals, I further the cause of freedom while ensuring my election. I am more interested in advancing the cause of liberty than being involved in party politics."

#### Shocked

New Mexico LP State Chair Joe Knight said he was "shocked" by Means' announcement.

"I greatly regret that we have lost such an opportunity," he said. "This will be a tough time for [the New Mexico LP], but we've seen worse and we will go on."

Even before Means announced he would run as an independent, Knight said he had some concerns about the campaign — including Means' alliance with the Green Party and a tendency to "bash" corporations.

"The [public] persona of Russell Means is something I could have worked with," he said. "The reality of the person, however, has proven to be another matter."

Means had received the LP gubernatorial nomination at the state convention in June, winning the unanimous support of the delegates.

At the time, Means said he wanted



■ Russell Means (right), shown here in happier times with New Mexico LP State Chair Joseph Knight shortly after he won the Libertarian nomination for governor in June. Now, Means said he's running as an independent so he won't have to "follow party lines."

to "champion the Libertarian Party as the moving force for freedom in Constitutional law in this country."

In a statement released after he publicly announced his decision to run as an independent, Means said he might run for re-election in 2006 as an LP member.

"As a libertarian governor, with a four-year term, I will inaugurate a weekly radio program espousing libertarian thought and philosophy, which will allow the Libertarian state party to organize, organize, organize," he said. "Should they become successful in building a viable statewide party, I can then join the party and run as a Libertarian for my second term."

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said Means' decision to drop his LP nomination is unfortunate.

"It is a real shame that Russell will likely be our opponent [in the] next election, instead of our candidate," he said. "I think he is losing an excellent opportunity to help build the only political party that agrees with him on most important issues."

Crickenberger also said he thought Means was wrong about being able to raise more money and win more

votes as an independent.

"I believe Russell would have had tremendous fundraising potential within the Libertarian Party," he said. "Our members would have almost certainly enthusiastically rallied behind such a high-profile campaign."

#### Return money

Means said he would return any political donations that had been made by Libertarian Party members.

With the departure of Means, Knight said the New Mexico LP will start searching for a replacement gubernatorial candidate. The party will also continue collecting the 3,000 registered voter signatures required for ballot access.

"We need to recruit a candidate with a little drawing power," said Knight. "It is going to be extremely difficult trying to draw enough alternative votes if [another] alternative candidate is on the ballot also."

The New Mexico LP needs a candidate who can win at least .5% of the vote — or about 3,000 votes — in the November 2002 election, said Knight, which would earn the party automatic ballot status for the fol-

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# New election study: LP is most successful 3rd party in 50 years

The Libertarian Party is the #1 third party of the last 50 years, based on the number of "most-successful" U.S. Senate and gubernatorial candidates it has fielded, according to new research by Richard Winger.

The Libertarian Party has run 25 of the 100 most successful minor-party candidates for U.S. Senate and governor since 1948, according to Winger, the publisher of *Ballot Access News* and one of the most respected third-party and election law experts in the country.

By comparison, George Wallace's American Party — and its multiple spin-offs that appeared on state ballots around the USA in the 1970s — took credit for 24 of the most successful candidates, while Ross Perot's Reform Party had 11.

Other parties with multiple "most successful" candidates included the Green Party (6), the Natural Law Party (4), and the Conservative Party (3).

## Ballot Access News

The list of the 100 most successful minor party candidates for U.S. Senate and governor was published in the November 1 issue of *Ballot Access News*.

The list featured the 100 minor party candidates — that is, any candidate other than Democratic or Republican — who won the highest percentage of the vote in any Senate or gubernatorial race in each of the 50 states between 1948 and 2000.

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Winger compiled the list by researching the election results for every U.S. Senate and governor race over a 52-year span. The final list included candidates from 32 different minor political parties.

The Libertarian Party's dominant showing cements the party's status as the most successful third party of the latter half of the 20th Century, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"You can debate which third party has had the biggest political impact, and you can argue about which party has made the loudest media splash," he said. "But by objective standards, this research by Richard Winger conclusively shows that Libertarian Party candidates have gotten more votes in more big races than any other third party in 50 years."

"And unlike flash-in-the-pan parties like the Reform Party or person-

ality-dominated parties like George Wallace's American Party, we've done it consistently over three decades while not dependent on any one person. It's an achievement all Libertarians should be extremely proud of."

The Libertarian Party made its first appearance on the list in 1978, when Ed Clark won 5.46% of the vote for governor of California.

## Four decades

With other Libertarian candidates making the Top 100 in the 1980s, 1990s, and in 2000, the LP is the only political party to score "most-successful" U.S. Senate and gubernatorial candidates in four different calendar decades, according to Winger.

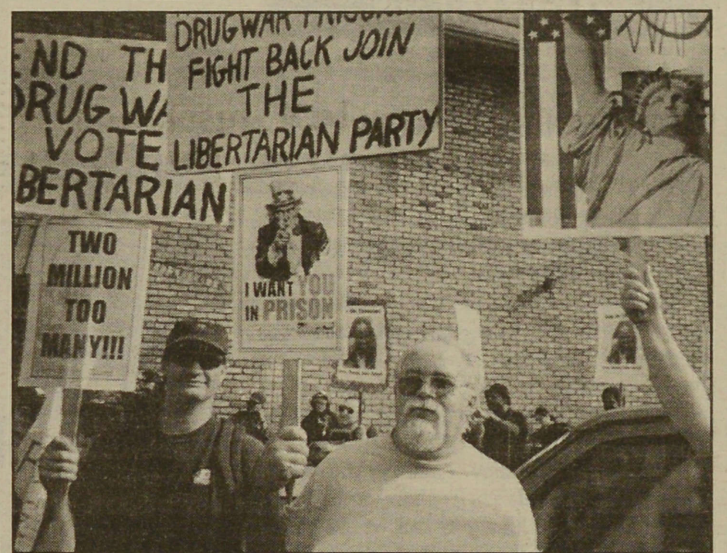
By contrast, the American Party placed all but one of its 24 "most successful" candidates on the list between 1970 and 1978, following George Wallace's racially tinged "state's rights" presidential campaigns of 1968 and 1972.

Broken down by decade, third-party candidates have been most successful in the 1990s, according to Winger, with candidates from that decade occupying 50 of the top 100 spots.

The 1970s were second with 31, followed by the 1980s (6), the 1960s (4), and the 1950s (2).

Third parties have also done better in gubernatorial races than in U.S. Senate campaigns, according to

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## Libertarians attend 'Police Brutality' march

■ Several California Libertarians participate in a "National Day of Protest against Police Brutality" march in downtown Los Angeles on October 22.

The march, which attracted about 500 people, was intended to show public opposition to police violence and other illegal police activities, said LP activist Joseph Miranda, who helped organize the Libertarian contingent.

The march ended at the Los Angeles Police Headquarters, where "speeches were made by people whose relatives had been unjustly killed by law enforcement," he said.

In the future, Libertarians need to have "a bigger presence" at these kinds of events, said Miranda.

"Several of the October 22 protest themes, such as an end to the criminalization of a generation, are very libertarian in nature," he said. "We need to mobilize a wider range of pro-liberty groups for attendance in these demonstrations. A concerted effort must be made to get medical marijuana, anti-censorship, gun-owner, tax protest and other pro-liberty groups out in the streets."

"We also need to take the lead in the protests against the current round of attacks on civil liberties in the wake of the war on terrorism. The ability to bring in people determines to a large degree the political direction these protests take. The opportunity is there for Libertarians to make a difference. Let's seize it."

Other groups participating in the march included Refuse & Resist and the Anarchist Black Bloc.

## George Phillies announces bid for LP National Chair

Citing a need to decentralize the party and address "irregularities" in the national organization, Massachusetts Libertarian George Phillies has joined the race for LP national chair in 2002.

This is the second time the 54-year-old Phillies will seek the LP national chair position. He came in second in a three-way race in 2000, losing to current National Chair Jim Lark.

This time around, however, Phillies said he believes his message of "local control" will resonate better with the convention delegates.

## Future success

"I am running because I believe the Libertarian Party needs to implement the only sound political strategy that will guarantee our future success," he said. "And that strategy is devolving control over political operations to local organizations."

Phillies said the need for a decentralized party is more evident now, as certain events have "seriously shaken" the faith of local activists in

the national organization.

For example, Phillies cited the May LNC censure of Perry Willis, the former LP national director who wrote several fundraising letters for the 1996 Harry Browne presidential campaign in violation of party bylaws.

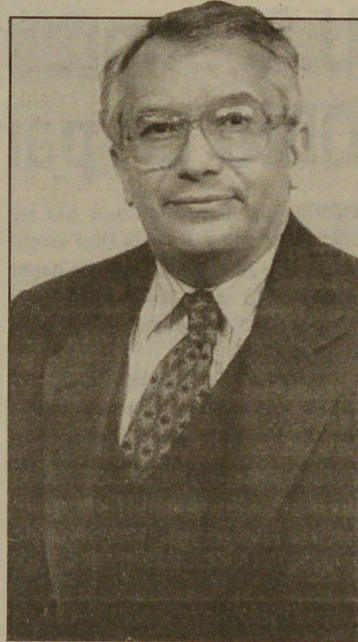
"Many local activists have become disillusioned in recent years," said Phillies. "Considering the Willis affair, as well as all the national fundraising letters that make grand promises of success that never materialize, I believe the party would benefit from a decentralized approach."

As chair, Phillies said he would pursue several goals:

■ **Shift the focus of party resources from the national party to the state and local affiliates.**

"Basically my message is 'keep your money' at home for political campaigns and ballot access activities," he said. "Instead of sending money into Washington DC, I believe members will get a better return politically by donating to their local parties and candidates."

• ■ **Restore confidence in the na-**



■ **George Phillies: Supports "devolving control over political operations to local organizations."**

**tional Libertarian Party.**

"I believe there must be a clear separation of responsibility between the national party officers and the state and local party officers," he said. "The credibility of the national party will be enhanced when members see the national organization is willing to completely allow states and

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## Terrorist attack still has 'profound impact' on party

The September 11 terrorist attack has continued to have a profound impact on the Libertarian Party, said the party's national director, Steve Dasbach — even two months after the horrific event.

"The events of September 11 are still rippling through the party," he said. "They have affected us in unexpected ways: Politically, organizationally, and philosophically."

"For example, terrorism has disrupted the national office's mail, gotten the party involved in several urgent lobbying efforts, changed the focus of our media outreach, and generated considerable debate among Libertarians."

The terrorist attack also changed the political focus of the nation from "ordinary" debates about taxes, Social Security, and education to a relentless focus on security and the War On Terrorism, said Dasbach.

"The Libertarian Party is operating in a very different political environment now," he said.

Over the past month:

■ The party suffered a total mail

"embargo" after anthrax was discovered in Washington DC's Brentwood Post Office. That facility processes mail for much of Washington DC, and had delivered the anthrax-tainted letters to Capitol Hill.

The Post Office was shut down for decontamination in mid-October, and backlogged mail was sent to Ohio to be irradiated to kill any anthrax spores.

As a result, the Libertarian Party received no mail for at least three weeks, said Dasbach, causing a serious "cash crunch."

## No donations

"We're a small organization, dependent on the continuing generosity of our members," he said. "When no mail comes through, no donations or membership renewals come through — which means we have no money to continue our work as a political party."

The Post Office stopped delivering Business Reply Mail (BREs) and most First Class mail to the national

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Iowa candidate wins NLP endorsement

In an effort to broaden his appeal to voters, Iowa LP gubernatorial candidate Clyde Cleveland has won the endorsement of the Natural Law Party, and is now seeking the endorsement of the Green Party.

Cleveland, 52, received the Iowa Natural Law Party endorsement at its executive committee meeting on October 4. The party agreed to not run a candidate against Cleveland, and will encourage its members to vote for him in the general election.

"We were very happy to receive the endorsement," said Cleveland. "We believe that people will be much more likely to look at our platform if we are endorsed by other parties, especially if they seem out of the ordinary."

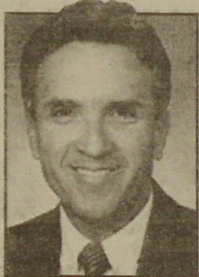
LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said it can be beneficial for Libertarian candidates to be endorsed by other parties — as long as there is no "quid pro quo" involved.

"It is much better to conquer your political opponents by getting them to actively support you, than it is to beat them at the ballot box," he said. "But we as Libertarians should never endorse the big-government policies and candidates of other parties."

A press release issued by the Natural Law Party, which is nationally headquartered in Iowa, said the party endorsed Cleveland because he wants to "transform Iowa into a model for the rest of the nation by creating wealth and restoring the state's natural resources."

Cleveland, who is now campaigning full-time, has co-founded seven investment companies, and was named the "First Socially Conscious Venture Capitalist" by Conscious Investors, Ltd. in 1986.

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■ Clyde Cleveland: Endorsed

### Libertarian sheriff will publish book

An anti-Drug War book written by America's best-known Libertarian sheriff will be published before the end of the year.

Titled *Drug War Addiction*, the book was written by Bill Masters, who has served as the sheriff of San Miguel County, Colorado for more than 20 years.

St. Louis-based Accurate Press will publish the book by early December, and it will be available for sale from major online booksellers.

"I think it's great that Accurate Press saw a market for the book," said Masters. "They seemed to agree that the Drug War is an important social issue that needs to be discussed."

The focus of the book, said Masters, is the negative impact of the Drug War on local law enforcement efforts.

"As a law enforcement officer, I see how fighting the Drug War has affected genuine crime fighting," he said. "We are wasting a tremendous amount of resources arresting and prosecuting nonviolent users — resources that could be used to go after violent criminals."

Masters was elected sheriff of San Miguel County in 1980, and has since won five consecutive elections. Despite being criticized for his Drug War stance, Masters won almost 80% of the vote in 1998.

For more information about *Drug War Addiction*, write: Accurate Press, 7188 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63143. Or call: (314) 645-1700. Or visit: [www.libertybill.net](http://www.libertybill.net).



■ Bill Masters: Author-to-be.

### Ron Paul files 'Marque and Reprisal' bill

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) has introduced a bill to provide an "additional weapon" against those responsible for the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

H.R. 3076 — The September 11 Marque and Reprisal Act of 2001 — would authorize private parties to kill Osama bin Laden, the wealthy Saudi believed to have masterminded and funded the attacks.

The bill was introduced on October 10, and has been referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

"The founders and authors of our Constitution provided an answer for the difficult tasks that we now face," said Paul. "When a precise declaration of war was impossible due to the vagueness of our enemy, the Congress was expected to take it upon themselves to direct the reprisal against an enemy not recognized as a government."

The bill would not "preclude the president's other efforts to resolve the crisis," said Paul, but would supplement his efforts.

"Congress can take the next step — granting letters of marque and reprisal to guide and limit the utilization of non-government armed forces against the current terrorist threats," he said.

## James Dan launches second bid for Nevada State Assembly seat

By Jonathan Trager  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

After running the most successful Libertarian campaign in Nevada history last year, James Dan has announced he will once again run for a seat in the Nevada State Assembly in 2002.

If nominated for the office at the Clarke County LP convention in the spring of 2002, Dan said he would officially file for office with the county Board of Elections by May.

Dan garnered 45% of the vote in a two-way race for Nevada State Assembly in the 2000 election, and said he decided to run again after receiving widespread encouragement.

"There was a strong outpouring of grassroots support for my campaign in 2000, and those supporters have urged me to run again," he said. "If elected, I would be honored to serve the constituents of [Assembly District] 28 in the state legislature."

#### 200 votes

Dan, 50, lost his previous race to a five-term Democratic incumbent by just over 200 votes. Because the district was overwhelmingly Democratic, the Republican Party did not run a candidate in the race.

An LP member for about 10 years, Dan was endorsed in 2000 by the Congress for the Preservation of Nevada Small Businesses, the Republican Lib-



■ James Dan lost his campaign in 2000 by a mere 200 votes. "We were very close last time," he said.

erty Caucus, and the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* — the largest newspaper in the state.

"We were very close last time," said Dan. "About one-third of the voters were die-hard Democrats, and were not going to vote for me no matter what. I ended up getting the support of most of the other voters, but it just wasn't enough to win."

But since the 2000 elections, said Dan, the district has undergone considerable demographic changes as a result of redistricting.

Although it is still overwhelmingly Democratic — about 68% of voters are registered with the Democratic Party — it is also much larger. Dan said the district now has double the 4,400 registered voters it had in 2000, which will make it more difficult to meet each voter face to face.

On the other hand, he said, many public housing projects have been eliminated from the district. This should benefit his campaign, said Dan, because voters in public housing projects "killed" him last time in several precincts.

#### Working poor

"I didn't do well with the welfare poor, but I did very well with the working poor," he said. "It may clash with conventional wisdom, but a lot of the working poor are more hostile to high taxes than the well-to-do. The wealthy can afford to pay higher tax rates and still maintain a high standard of living — but most of the working poor can't afford to pay taxes at all."

Dan said other positive factors for his upcoming race include the fact that he will not be facing an incumbent in 2002, nor will he be running in a presidential election year.

Consequently, he said, his Democratic opponent is unlikely to receive as much Democratic Party support as his last opponent did in the 2000

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## U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear Ohio LP partisan ballot label case

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a case that would allow LP candidates to be listed on the Ohio state ballot with their "Libertarian" affiliation, instead of as independents.

On October 1, the high court rejected without comment an appeal filed by the Ohio LP, and let stand a prior appellate court ruling that denied candidates a partisan ballot designation unless their party is recognized by the state.

Under Ohio law, a party is recognized after its gubernatorial or presidential candidate polls at least 5% in the most recent election cycle.

#### Important case

"We are very disappointed that the court refused to hear this important and controversial case," said Ohio LP State Director Dena Bruedigam. "Ohio voters will suffer the most because they will continue to be denied the right to know a candidate's party affiliation."

The Supreme Court's decision was also important, she said, because the state LP is presently fighting to re-

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tain the recognized party status it earned in 1999.

In September, the party filed a separate lawsuit in the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Cleveland, arguing that the LP deserves to retain its party status and ballot access until the 2002 election cycle.

If the party loses that case, it will be forced to conduct a new petition drive and gather about 75,000 signatures to regain recognized party status and automatic access to the

ballot, said Bruedigam.

"Our party status is up in the air right now," she said. "Had the Supreme Court ruled in our favor, Libertarian candidates would be properly identified in every election as a matter of law."

The Ohio LP's legal battle over partisan labels dates back to 1998, when U.S. House candidate James Schrader sued the state government for the right to have the "Libertarian" label listed by his name.

A U.S. district court in Dayton ruled in Schrader's favor, but the state government appealed the decision.

#### A ballot 'cue'

In December 1999, a federal judge again ruled in favor of the Libertarian Party, saying that any candidate "has the right to a ballot 'cue' for the voters, and the voters have a correlative right to information about what the candidate stands for."

Unfortunately, said Bruedigam, the state government appealed again in January 2001 to the three-judge U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals,

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## TALKING POINTS

# The CIA's gruesome Acoustic Kitty and America's 'crisis' Constitution

### ■ The \$16 Million Cat

The CIA tried to [turn] cats into bugging devices, according to recently declassified documents from the CIA's Science and Technology Directorate.

In one experiment a cat, dubbed Acoustic Kitty, was wired for use as an eavesdropping platform.

Victor Marchetti, a former CIA officer, said Project Acoustic Kitty was a gruesome \$16 million creation.

"They slit the cat open, put batteries in him, wired him up. The tail was used as an antenna," he said.

Mr. Marchetti said that the first live trial was an expensive disaster.

"They took it out to a park and put him out of the van, and a taxi comes and runs him over," he said.

— **THE WASHINGTON TIMES**  
November 5, 2001



### ■ Bad foreign ideas I

India's Health Minister C.P. Thakur told the national legislature in August that the key to halting [population growth caused by too much] procreation was finding recreational alternatives — and agreed to look into the cost of government-subsidized television sets.

— **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**  
October 28, 2001

### ■ Bad foreign ideas II

An Irish politician concerned about a rise in assaults by knife-wielding thugs has found a solution: knife control.

"Irish gun controls are amongst the best in the world," says Batt O'Keefe, chairman of the National Health and Children Committee. But "there is an alarming disparity of control for weapons such as knives and swords." O'Keefe proposes that the government set up a national registry of all knives capable of hurting someone.

— **REASON**, November 2001

### ■ 'Crisis Constitution'

President Bush has warned Americans that the new "war on terrorism" will be unlike any other war in the nation's history and could last years. Given the nation's past experience with national crises, the risk is high that government power will grow at the expense of the rights and welfare of Americans.

But doesn't the U.S. Constitution protect Americans' rights? Unfortunately, as Robert Higgs observes, history shows that there seems to be two constitutions — a Normal Constitution, relatively protective of individual rights, and a Crisis Constitution, hostile to individual rights and friendly to the unchecked power of government officials.

Among other rights violations, the Crisis Constitution has given us the

draft, nationalization of numerous industries during wartime, and the World War II internment of more than 100,000 Americans in what FDR called "concentration camps."

— **THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
October 22, 2001

### ■ The \$25 billion train

Amtrak has always run at a loss since its creation 30 years ago, collecting more than \$25 billion in taxpayer subsidies, the authors write.

And if it is not reorganized, [say Joseph Vranich and Edward L. Hudgins, the authors of the new Cato Institute study, "Help Passenger Rail by Privatizing Amtrak,"], it will continue to hemorrhage. For example, following the September 11 attacks trains reported a spike in ridership, but perversely, some in Congress proposed a \$15 billion "emergency" aid package because of the increase.

"One reason for Amtrak's abysmal showing is that the trains run late," the authors say. "Some Amtrak trains are slower than the trains our great-grandparents rode in the early 1900s."

— **THE CATO INSTITUTE**  
October 19, 2001

### ■ 'Fire/Ice' Think Tank

An article in the *Washington Post* announced that a new "socialist think tank," called the American Socialist Foundation, was being formed in Washington, D.C. Its officials declared that they will "focus on contemporary economic and political issues and develop socialist analysis and policies to address them."

[My] skepticism about this group [comes from] the preposterous as-

sumption implicit in the very announcement of a "socialist think tank."

Putting those words in juxtaposition is no different from placing "fire" beside "ice" or putting "chaste" next to "Clinton." Use one or the other, but don't put them in the same sentence, please.

"Socialism" and "think tank" are mutually exclusive — even contradictory. Socialism does, however, produce lots of tanks: tanks to suppress people who actually do think. The one quintessential, unassailable truth that distills from centuries of experience with socialism is that when it isn't arrogantly bossing people around, it's stifling, strangling, or killing them.

While it's tempting to cite reams of research, piles of statistics, and mounds of bodies to make the case against socialism, that's been done rather thoroughly now by countless others. I rest my case against it on the observation that socialism by

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going to burst into  
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definition does not rely on the free will and peaceful interaction of sovereign individuals to verify its efficacy. Indeed, the very fact that it reduces to force is testimony to its manifest failure. If I'm suspicious of any notion that favors the dragoons over persuasion, the club over the fist, then I guess I'm guilty of favoring civilization over barbarism.

So it is that this new organization in Washington, devoted to socialism, is not a think tank or I'm Florence Nightingale. It is a Ministry

of Propaganda dedicated to advancing nonsense. Central planning, state ownership, lots of bureaucracy seizing and spending other people's money — the essence of socialism, in other words — should no longer be elevated shamelessly to the status of a respectable science.

Socialism as an economic system has no case. It's been tried a million times. It doesn't work, it steals from people, and it lays waste to both the land and the spirit. Get over it.

— **LAWRENCE W. REED**  
www.Mises.org  
October 16, 2001

### ■ Where's the hate?

For all the hubbub [about the need for "hate crime" legislation], bias crimes are a small and declining share of all crimes. FBI crime data show that only one in 1,000 murders, one in 15,000 rapes, one in 3,000 robberies, and one in 1,300 felony assaults are motivated by bias. And claims that hate crimes are on the rise are false.

If a principal aim of hate law has been to spread public awareness of special vulnerabilities, current data fail to establish such weaknesses.

— **MORGAN REYNOLDS**  
*Intellectual Ammunition*  
September/October 2001

### ■ Promiscuous policy

The horror of the World Trade Center bombing has generated national unity. It should also generate national reflection. If Americans fail to learn the right lessons from the attack, they risk more, and more deadly, terrorist assaults.

In the short-term, the goal should be to kill terrorists, destroy their resources, and cow their backers. In the long-term we must also reduce the sources of foreign hostility to the U.S.

Terrorism cannot be treated in isolation from American foreign policy.

Despite the claim that America's military is weak and underfunded, the U.S. stands as an international colossus. Accounting for one-third of the globe's defense outlays and allied with every significant industrialized state, America can defeat any other country.

Thus, terrorism has become a tool for weak nations or groups to strike back at a superpower.

The point is not that America deserves to be attacked. The point is that it will be attacked.

Terrorists strike the U.S. because they consider Washington to be at war with them. As the Defense Science Board reported four years ago: "Historical data show a strong correlation between U.S. involvement in international situations and an increase in terrorist attacks against the United States."

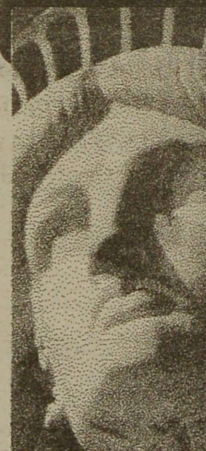
To acknowledge a connection between U.S. actions and terrorist attacks neither justifies the latter nor mandates any particular policy outcome.

But promiscuous intervention can no longer be undertaken in the belief that there will be no consequences. The American homeland itself is at risk.

— **DOUG BADOW**  
*The Washington Post*  
October 18, 2001

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is like a body  
without a spirit."**

— **KAHIL GIBRAN**



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### ■ The makeover threat

WDIV-TV publishes a list of items that have been banned at Detroit's Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in the wake of September 11.

Some items on the list are just ridiculous. It bans fingernail polish, perfume bottles, hair clippers, nail files, manicure sets/nail clippers, curling irons, and hair spray.

Is a terrorist going to burst into the Young Center, take a bunch of hostages, and threaten to give them makeovers?

— **OPINIONJOURNAL.COM**  
October 2, 2001

### ■ Bipartisan binge

Here's just one depressing example of the bipartisan nature of today's spending binge.

So far this year, legislators have requested an all-time-record number of pork-barrel special-interest projects — bicycle paths, county courthouses, railroad museums, shark-research funds, money for onion growers, and the like.

At least half of these slabs of taxpayer-funded bacon would be delivered to Republican districts. The Office of Management and Budget calculates that if every one of these requests were approved, the price tag would reach \$280 billion.

Over the past three years — a period of Republican control of both House and Senate — the rate of growth of federal domestic spending has accelerated from 6% to 8.5%, during a time of nearly zero inflation.

In 2001, the federal government will end up spending some \$400 billion more than it spent in 1995 when the GOP took over Congress.

— **STEPHEN MOORE**  
*National Review*  
October 1, 2001



# Will You Help Michael Cloud Reach 1,000,000 non-Libertarians?

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

**H**arry 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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"For seven years, I've watched him in action. I don't have to wonder what Michael Cloud could do if he were given a chance. I've seen what he can do. He does not look for ways to shade, soften, or spin our libertarian positions. Michael Cloud boldly and persuasively sells libertarian solutions. He sells 24-carat libertarianism. And people buy it."

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."

### A Great Opportunity

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

U.S. Senator John Kerry isn't as well known as Teddy Kennedy, but he votes the same.

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. Someone who votes just like John Kerry, only Republican.

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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 Libertarian.

Michael Cloud is that Libertarian.

### 1,000,000 Prospects

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

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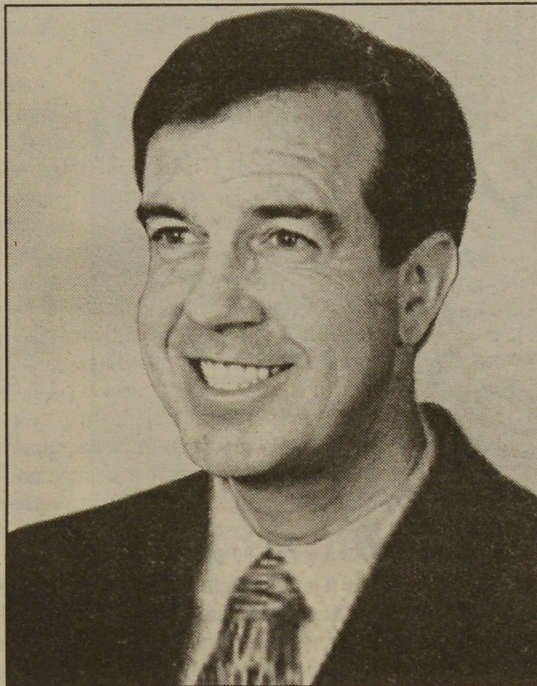
Although Massachusetts has a large population, it's a small state geographically — and Michael can be anywhere in the state within 2-1/2 hours, with no airfare or hotel costs.

### 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."

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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.

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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.

Michael Cloud will talk to more non-Libertarians every single day of the campaign than most Libertarian candidates talk to in a month.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

# Whispers at the Meth Summit, and a fundraiser for Flight 93

### ■ ALABAMA

## Major party status turns into media opportunity

Winning major party status for the state Libertarian Party has turned out to be a media bonanza, reports Vice Chair **Matthew Givens**.

Since the LP gained major party status in 2000, Givens said he has been asked to write an opinion piece on Alabama's economy for the *Mobile Register*, and general Libertarian commentary for a start-up weekly newspaper and a new portal website in Montgomery.

"This looks like a banner year for Libertarian communications in Alabama," he said. "I'm having a ball."

Givens has also raised his public profile by serving as president of Alabama Tax Watch, a taxpayer-watchdog group that is seeking to qualify for PAC status before the end of the year.

"It's given me the opportunity to really raise community awareness of Libertarian ideas and policy proposals," he said.

### ■ CALIFORNIA

## Libertarians win lawsuit over write-in candidates

Two San Francisco Libertarians have won a court decision that will allow write-in candidates in future state elections.

On October 31, the First Appellate District court ruled that LP member **Michael Edelstein** had a right to be listed on the 1999 ballot as the Libertarian candidate for mayor.

"I was pleasantly surprised [by the ruling]," said Edelstein. "The ruling will make it easier for Libertarian and other third party candidates to run in San Francisco elections — as well as elections throughout California."

Edelstein said **Richard Winger**, the publisher of *Ballot Access News* and co-plaintiff in the case, is now lobbying the City Attorney to abandon any appeal to the State Supreme Court.

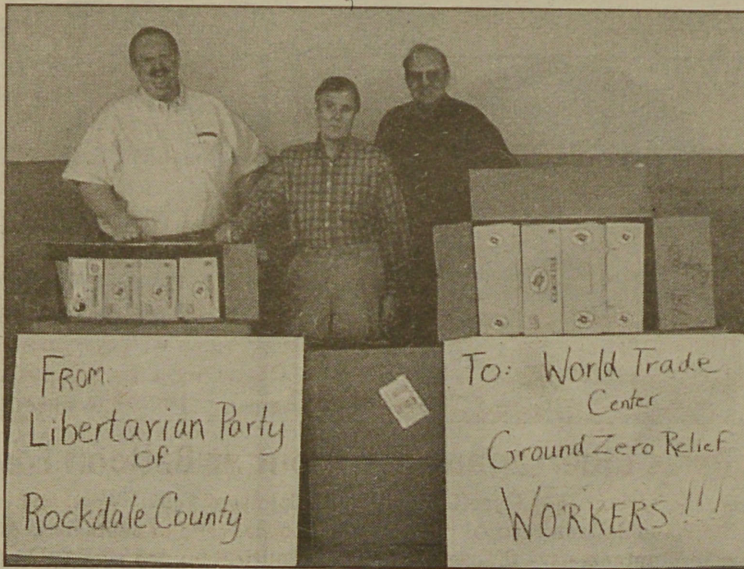
"Legally our case is strong," said Edelstein. "However, it takes courage for government judges to bite the hand that feeds them [by allowing more competition]."

### ■ CALIFORNIA

## Orange County LP gives legal aid to record store

The Orange County LP has come to the defense of a record store owner's right to plaster the windows of his business with punk and hip-hop posters.

David James, owner of Noise Noise Noise, was cited by Costa Mesa code



## LP donates work boots to WTC workers

■ **Rockdale County Libertarian Party members (l-r) Randy Reynolds, David Center, and Gary Holder distribute steel-toed work boots to relief workers at "Ground Zero" in New York City.**

The Rockdale County LP donated 61 pairs of boots to the WTC Ground Zero Relief organization in October after learning that boots were in short supply among workers at the devastated World Trade Center site.

"Most people aren't aware of the conditions for recovery workers at Ground Zero," said Center. "They are so severe that the soles of a pair of work boots often will not last through a single shift. Further, the contamination levels from chemicals, asbestos, and organic matter require that all clothing, from underwear on out, be discarded and replaced by each worker at the end of each shift."

Upon learning of the need, the Rockdale County LP raised \$1,200 from the members at their monthly meeting, and another \$82 from the county Republican Party. With the money, Libertarians were able to buy work boots at cost from K & D Safety Shoes.

"I was gratified by the positive response we received from Libertarians and others in the community," said Center.

inspectors for covering more than 10% of his store windows with advertising — a violation of city law.

"I would rather have the city focusing on violent crimes, not on crimes where no one complains or there are no victims," said **Doug Scribner**, vice chair of the Orange County LP.

Scribner said the party has arranged for former LP National Chair David Bergland, a lawyer, to provide legal consultation if James decides to take the case to court.

"I think it is a benefit to the community that the LP is helping people locate attorneys," said Scribner. "Our reputation as an organization that helps people is growing!"

### ■ COLORADO

## Denver Libertarians host candidate forum

The Denver LP has launched a new outreach effort to allow voters to learn about the Libertarian option: The Metro Denver Candidates Forum.

Local Libertarians sponsored the

event — which featured U.S. Senatorial candidate **Rick Stanley**, gubernatorial candidate **Bob Glass**, gubernatorial candidate **James Vance**, and State Representative candidates **Mark Holden** and **Earl Allen** — at the Doubletree Hotel on October 11.

The forum featured speeches from Glass on the "suffocation of our liberties" in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Vance on the need to "mobilize Generations X and Y," and Allen on the need to avoid government actions that "cripple [our] abilities."

Such events are important, said Stanley, because Republicans and Democrats "are scared to death that people will hear [us], pay attention to what we are saying, agree with our message, and then vote for us!"

### ■ FLORIDA

## County groups put LP literature in libraries

Libertarians in about a dozen counties have LEAPed into action to stock public libraries with Libertar-

ian literature.

The Libertarian Education Action Program (LEAP) was created by Paso County LP Chair **Janet Hawkins** with the goal of placing copies of *LP News*, *Florida Liberty*, and classic Libertarian books and magazines into public libraries.

About 10 counties have signed onto the project, said **Bob Kepka**, chair of the Indian River LP.

"Our county affiliate investigated our two local libraries, and found that there was no Libertarian literature in either one," he said. "We thought this program would be an easy way to advance liberty."

So far, materials have been placed in about a dozen local libraries, said Kepka.

"I recommend that all counties, especially small ones, get involved in a project like this one," he said. "Even a small step in a Libertarian direction is a worthwhile one."

### ■ ILLINOIS

## Rockford LP joins group to stop \$25 million bond

Rockford Libertarians have joined an effort to try to put a \$25 million school bond proposal to a public vote, rather than allowing the school district board implement it unilaterally.

In early October, the Rockford LP joined the REACH coalition (Rockford Educating All Children), which is working to collect about 10,000 signatures to put the measure on the election ballot next Spring.

By threatening to put the bond issue to public vote, REACH is hoping to scare the school district board to drop the idea, said Rockford LP Chair **Kathy Kelley**.

"We're really trying to just scare them into dropping the issue," he said. "But we will at least force it to a vote if they insist on doing this."

The school district wants to use the \$25 million to pay for "racial equality" programs, busing, and more government workers, she said — not better education.

The REACH coalition also includes the Winnebago County Taxpayer's Association.

### ■ INDIANA

## LaPorte LP raises money for families of Flight 93

LaPorte Libertarians raised more than \$700 at a Port-A-Pit chicken fundraiser for the families of the "heroes" of Flight 93.

The benefit, held on October 13, honored the four passengers who challenged a terrorist takeover on September 11, and thwarted the terrorist's plan to use the aircraft as a flying bomb, said LaPorte LP Chair **Greg Kelter**. The plane eventually crash-landed in a Pennsylvania field.

"Somehow, we [wanted] to try to express to their families our appreciation and gratitude for what they have done," he said.

At the fundraiser, Libertarians sold 410 chickens to customers.

"[It] was a big success," said Kelter. "We sold every chicken we had. Thanks to our community for this support!"

The benefit was a good example

of Libertarian compassion, said Indiana LP State Chair **Mark Rutherford**.

"This LaPorte County LP event shows the world how libertarianism works," he said.

### ■ INDIANA

## Libertarians win lunch with lieutenant governor

A "Libertarian cabal" had a private lunch with the state lieutenant governor, and discussed issues ranging from the growth in state spending to Notre Dame football.

The August 30 luncheon with Lieutenant Governor Joseph Kernan was part of a gift package auctioned off by the Indianapolis Press Club, said LP State Chair **Mark Rutherford**. Libertarians paid \$250 for the package, with the money benefiting the Indianapolis Press Club Foundation.

"It was a very pleasant experience," said Rutherford. "Even though Kernan is a fan of big government, we came away believing he was an honest and approachable person."

Other Libertarians at the luncheon included **Mark Schreiber**, **Sam Goldstein**, and **Andy Horning**, *Indianapolis Star* columnist and 2000 LP gubernatorial candidate.

"A good time was had by all — and we hope this doesn't keep the Lt. Governor from offering the same package at next year's auction," said Rutherford.

### ■ INDIANA

## Libertarian wins spot on IN Press Club board

Indiana LP Executive Director **Brad Klopfenstein** has been elected to the Indianapolis Press Club board, a private social club open to reporters, elected officials, lobbyists, and other "political movers and shakers."

On October 2, the 20-member board unanimously elected Klopfenstein to fill one of 10 vacancies. The organization has approximately 600 members.

"I'm honored, both for myself and for the Libertarian Party, to be named to this board," said Klopfenstein. "This is proof that the Libertarian Party of Indiana is no longer viewed as a novelty, but as a political player to be taken seriously."

"Having a high-profile presence at the Press Club will pay dividends as we continue to lobby the Indiana legislature and look for press coverage during the 2002 election cycle."

### ■ MASSACHUSETTS

## LP candidates get good response at MassCann

Libertarian speakers got a warm reception at the MassCann Freedom Rally in Boston on September 15 — with the crowd of 25,000 showering them with "thunderous applause."

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Potential 2002 gubernatorial candidate **Carla Howell** and expected U.S. Senate candidate **Michael Cloud** both spoke at the pro-marijuana legalization rally, held on the Boston Common.

"The crowd appreciated [their] Libertarian message, and agreed that we need to bring an immediate end to the no-win, morally wrong War on Drugs," said Massachusetts LP activist **Kay Pirello**.

Howell's Committee for Small Government hosted four Operation Politically Homeless Booths at the Boston event, and gathered more than 400 signatures for its 2002 initiative to end the state income tax.

During her speech, Howell unveiled a paper shredder, which she used to symbolically shred copies of drug laws before the cheering crowd.

"The audience loved Carla Howell," said Cloud. "Not only is she the most well-known Libertarian in the state, but she is also one of the most engaging."

#### ■ MICHIGAN

### State LP works to change top-of-ticket definition

Michigan Libertarians are lobbying for a bill that would ease ballot access laws for Libertarian candidates by redefining the term "principal candidate" in election law.

Introduced by Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Township), HB 5237 would change that definition of principal candidate from the candidate running for the top-of-ticket office to whichever candidate receives the most votes.

"This bill would go a long way toward securing our ballot access status in the future," said LP state chair **Michael Corliss**. "We spent upward of \$40,000 in our drive to regain status this year."

Previous election law stated that a party's top-of-ticket "principal candidate" had to receive at least 5% of the vote to remain on the ballot. Since LP presidential candidate Harry Browne did not receive enough votes in 2000, the Michigan LP lost its ballot status.

"We believe this reform has a good shot at passing," said Corliss. "It's already getting bipartisan support."

#### ■ NEW YORK

### New York Times: Guilty of theft, says state LP

Libertarians have leveled an accusation of theft against an unusual suspect: The *New York Times* Company.

The influential newspaper is guilty of attempted robbery, said LP State Chair **Richard Cooper**, because it is trying to seize private property on Eighth Avenue under the state's eminent domain laws, so it can build new offices.

"The *New York Times* and other media outlets should expose eminent domain and corporate welfare — not use them [for their financial benefit]," he said.

Even worse, said Cooper, the *New York Times* is using the post-September 11 rebuilding effort as an excuse to expedite their efforts.

"Despicably, [they] use our need to rebuild from the tragedy as a reason for their long-planned legalized crime of theft," he said.

To thwart the attempted crime, Cooper said the Times should withdraw its proposal, and the Empire State Development Corporation — a body endowed with eminent domain power by the state government — should be abolished.

#### ■ OKLAHOMA

### State LP runs radio ads on Oklahoma City's KATT

Libertarians have begun running radio advertisements to promote the LP, as part of a campaign to "change the nature of political dialogue" in the state.

In November, the Oklahoma LP ran four different radio ads on KATT, the number one rock station in Oklahoma City, said LP Finance Chairman **Tom Laurent**.

Besides touting the party's message of individual liberty and personal responsibility, the purpose of the ads is to let voters know there is an alternative, he said.

"Being a third party in a two-party system has been problematic, so we're saying that there are two parties in the USA — the Big Government Party and the Libertarian Party," said Laurent, who also serves as Chairman



### Texas Libertarians reach out at Balloon Festival

■ Libertarians (l-r) Clyde Garland, Keith Johnson, Robert West, and John David staff an outreach booth at the Plano Balloon Festival in Texas over the weekend of September 21-23.

"Volunteers gave the World's Smallest Political Quiz to over 1,600 festival attendees," said Mark Wilson, the webmaster for the Collin County LP. "About 15% of the quiz-takers scored in the libertarian quadrant of the Nolan Chart, and we collected over 100 names of people interested in learning more about the LP."

Libertarians from the Denton County LP and the Dallas County LP also helped at the "Operation Politically Homeless" booth.

of the Oklahoma County LP.

The ads, written by Oklahoma LP Communications Chair **Clarke Duffe**, cost about \$2,100 to produce and air, said Laurent.

"We're making the issue between the collective and the individual," he said. "And we're asking: Which side are you on?"

#### ■ OKLAHOMA

### Tulsa LP helps influence debate at Meth Summit

Tulsa Libertarians learned something interesting at a recent anti-drug summit: Even law enforcement officers oppose the War on Drugs.

At the Methamphetamine Summit in Tulsa on September 19, seven local Libertarians hosted an outreach table, presented the LP's anti-Drug War perspective, and heard some frank comments from police, said LP member **Scott McPherson**.

In fact, he said, one member of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics whispered, "You didn't hear this from me, but personally I think all this [drug law enforcement] is pissing up a rope. We should leave people alone."

The summit, which was held to discuss solutions to the growing methamphetamine problem in the Midwest, was attended by about 200 people, including the mayor, police

chief, and county sheriff.

"[Libertarians] basically set the terms of the debate," said McPherson. "We made many of the speakers admit that arresting nonviolent drug users is [futile]."

#### ■ VIRGINIA

### LP candidate mulls suit over censorship of ads

A 1999 LP candidate for House of Delegates may file suit against a school board for refusing to run his campaign advertisements in a high school newspaper.

**Tim Belton**, who sought office in District 65, said it is unconstitutional for a government school to refuse ads because they call for an end to marijuana prohibition.

"The First Amendment clearly prohibits school officials from only accepting the advertisements of political candidates whose views are consistent with their own," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union has sent letters to the Monacan High School board and county superintendent, urging them to change the policy, said Belton.

If school administrators continue to behave like "narrow-minded, petty tyrants," Belton said he will press on with his lawsuit plans.

"In light of the Constitutional is-

ues at stake, and considering the campaigns of future LP candidates, this must be resolved now," he said.

#### ■ WASHINGTON STATE

### LP activist gets setback in commissioner recall

A Libertarian has been dealt a legal setback in his campaign to recall a county commissioner.

In mid-September, the Callam County Superior Court ruled that **John Bennett's** effort to recall County Commissioner Steve Tharinger lacked legal merit.

However, Bennett said the court acted illegally, since it ruled on the substance of his motion instead of judging its legal language.

"I think this has been a travesty of justice, to be honest," he said. "I'm still committed to the fact that Tharinger has not lived up to his oath."

Bennett sought to recall Tharinger after the county commissioner indefinitely tabled an initiative the LP was seeking to place on the 2002 ballot.

The initiative would have repealed the Critical Areas Ordinance, a rule that prevents development near streams and wetlands.

Bennet said he will continue his efforts because "the last time I checked, people still thought property rights mattered."

# Michael CLOUD

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### The baffling new faith in government

Americans' renewed faith in government following the September 11 terrorist attacks is not just unwarranted, says the Libertarian Party — it's illogical and bizarre.

"The renewed faith in big government is like renewed faith in Santa Claus," said the party's national director, Steve Dasbach. "It's based more on fantasy wish fulfillment than on reality."

"That's especially true in light of September 11, when the government failed in its primary task: To protect citizens against attack."

Americans disagree: According to opinion surveys taken after the terrorist attacks, faith in government is at its highest level since 1966.

An ABC-News/*Washington Post* poll reported that 64% of Americans now say the government will "do what is right" almost always or most of the time. By comparison, only 42% held that opinion in 2000.

While a surge in patriotism is understandable in light of the tragic events of September 11, Americans need to understand that patriotism is not the same as blind faith in big government, said Dasbach.

"If the nightmare of September 11 taught us anything, it is that Americans should not mindlessly worship their government — since this is the same government that ran up trillions in debt, funneled billions in corporate welfare to its big-business friends, wallowed in corruption and inefficiency, meddled in every area of our lives, and failed to protect us from murderous terrorists. September 11 did not change the fundamental nature of government."

### Why it's time to reform our gun laws

With sales of guns soaring after the September 11 terrorist attacks, it's time for politicians to start repealing burdensome gun laws, the Libertarian Party said today.

"More Americans are realizing that the Second Amendment is not some fossilized remnant of a frontier nation, but a practical solution to the 21st century problem of terrorism," said Steve Dasbach.

"Now, it's time for politicians to acknowledge this change in attitude and start repealing laws that prohibit law-abiding Americans from buying firearms to protect themselves and their families."

In September and October, a number of news stories have revealed a stunning increase in gun purchases since September 11:

■ In Virginia, there has been "a surge in gun sales," reported the *Washington Post*, with background checks for weapons up by 32%.

■ In Colorado, background checks for concealed carry permits jumped 172% in three months, according to the *Rocky Mountain News*.

■ In Connecticut, 41% more people bought guns in September than in the same month last year, according to the Associated Press.

■ Women are signing up for gun safety courses in record numbers, according to NBC's *Today Show*, with sales of guns to women up by 60%.

Unfortunately, noted Dasbach, there are over 21,000 local, state, and gun laws — leaving millions of individuals still at risk.

"September 11 was a wake-up call to America that we are vulnerable to terrorists," he said. "Now, politicians need to wake up. It is unconscionable that anti-gun politicians can prevent Americans from protecting themselves and their families from murderous terrorists."

### The problem with federalized security

Federalizing airport security would be a huge blunder — unless Americans want a security system with the haphazard record of the DOE and the corruption of HUD, the Libertarian Party says.

"H.L. Mencken once said that for every problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong. Federalizing airport security is a solution that is simple, neat — and wrong," said Steve Dasbach.

The U.S. House and Senate are debating whether to turn the nation's 28,000 airport security personnel into federal workers. But, said Dasbach, federalized workers would be:

■ Insecure: In October, the Project for Government Oversight revealed that mock terrorist attacks on Department of Energy nuclear facilities succeeded more than half the time. In May 2000, the General Accounting Office announced that investigators posing as law enforcement officers were able to bypass federal security and penetrate the Pentagon, CIA headquarters, and the Justice Department.

■ Susceptible to corruption: Over the past few years, Immigration and Naturalization Service employees have been arrested for exchanging green cards for cash bribes.

Of course, not every government employee is corrupt or sloppy, acknowledged Dasbach. "But when you consider their poor track record, you have to ask: Based on the litany of past government failures, do we really want to trust federal bureaucrats to protect us against ruthless terrorists who are determined to kill us?"

## Massachusetts LP keeps membership growing with 'Operation Appleseed'

An "experimental" four-month project to recruit new LP members in Massachusetts has resulted in a modest boost in membership — at a time when LP membership is declining nationally.

The project, dubbed "Operation Appleseed," ran from June to October, and used e-mail, phone, and direct mail to ask prospects to join the Libertarian Party.

The program netted 91 new LP members and an average contribution of almost \$40 per person, said Michael Cloud, who coordinated the project with fellow Massachusetts activists Kay Pirello and Eve Maler.

"We used this project as a means of learning which methods are the most effective at growing the party," he said. "Given that this was an experimental undertaking, it was definitely worthwhile."

#### Barely offset

Unfortunately, said Cloud, the new recruits barely offset the 87 dues-paying members who left the state LP during the same time. As a result, Operation Appleseed increased total state LP membership by only four members, from 909 to 913.

But in contrast to declining national LP membership across the USA, that modest increase was a real achievement, said Cloud.

From June 1 to October 1, national LP membership fell by about 5.6%, he noted. However, in October, Massachusetts was one of only two states

to register an increase in LP members.

"Sometimes building an organization can feel like trying to fill a bathtub with water — while the drain is open," he said. "A national organization is going to experience occasional periods of attrition, and that's why state parties should compensate at such times with similar projects."

Operation Appleseed used several methods to recruit new members:

■ **Direct-mail solicitations.** A membership solicitation mailing was sent to about 6,000 registered Libertarians in the state, said Cloud.

Because the LP is a recognized major party in the state, he said, the Operation Appleseed team was able to obtain the Massachusetts voter registration list from the secretary of state free of charge.

However, the mailing yielded only about 20 new members, said Cloud,

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and was not financially viable because of the high cost of printing and postage.

#### ■ Friends and Family Initiative.

The Operation Appleseed team contacted LP current members and urged them to ask friends and family members to "take the party out for a test drive."

This technique netted only nine new members, said Cloud, making it the least effective tactic.

#### ■ E-mail appeals.

The state LP sent two membership appeals to subscribers of the electronic newsletter "Small Government News," a publication of Carla Howell's Committee for Small Government.

Of the roughly 5,000 subscribers contacted, about 60 new memberships were generated, making it the most cost-effective recruitment tool, said Cloud.

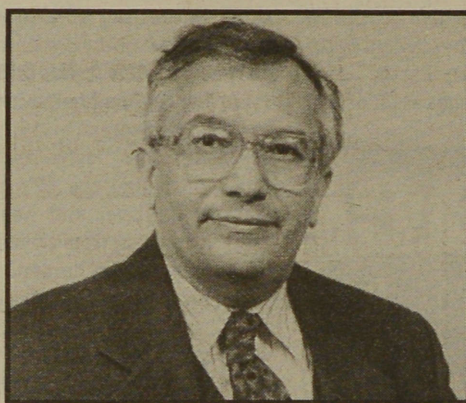
In addition, Pirello called lapsed members, resulting in several dozen Libertarians rejoining the party.

#### Different tactics

The lesson of Operation Appleseed, said Cloud, is that a state party can grow even during a period of national membership decline as long as they make it a priority — and are willing to try different tactics.

"Libertarians need to experiment with a bunch of different techniques to help grow the party," he said. "Only by thoughtful experimentation will we learn which tactics produce the best results."

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## 5 Obstacles

**1. The Wasted Vote Argument.** "I don't want to waste my vote. If I vote Libertarian, the worst of the other two candidates might get elected. I want to vote Libertarian, the Libertarian is the best candidate, but I just can't take the chance."

**2. The Spoiler Argument.** "The Libertarian is not a serious candidate. Voting Libertarian virtually guarantees that the lesser of two evils will lose. So voting for the best candidate means that the worst candidate gets elected."

**3. The "You Can't Win" Argument.** "I like the Libertarian candidate. I support her platform of personal responsibility, individual liberty and small government. If she could win, I'd vote for her. But she can't win."

**4. The "I'm a Democrat/Republican and I Vote the Party Line" Argument.** "My family has been Republican for 80 years. I always vote Republican. I really like the Libertarian candidate and platform, but I never cross party lines." (A large majority of registered Democrats and Republicans never cross party lines. They either vote for their party's nominee or they don't vote.)

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# Tobin loses lawsuit against Illinois Board of Elections

*Election Board gets 'absolute immunity'*

**A**n Illinois appellate court has ruled against a former LP gubernatorial candidate, holding that Illinois State Board of Elections workers have "quasi-judicial absolute immunity" when making ballot access decisions.

On October 5, the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Board of Elections workers could not be sued for monetary damages for rejecting ballot access signatures — even if they wrongly do so.

The ruling is the latest development in *Tobin v. Board of Elections*, which was filed after 1998 gubernatorial nominee Jim Tobin and seven other LP candidates were denied access to the state ballot.

Tobin, the president of National Taxpayers United, said he was "disappointed, but not surprised" by the decision, and will appeal to the Supreme Court.

"Any time there is a perceived threat to the status quo, those with political power move to fight it," he said. "In this case, the court held that state elections workers are insulated from illegally invalidating ballot access signatures, putting those workers above the law."

## Without consequences

The decision is important, said Tobin, because state elections workers now know they can indiscriminately disqualify ballot access signatures without any consequences — which could hurt LP candidates in the future.

"The Seventh Circuit Court has decided that party loyalists are not subject to suit, even if they've

trampled on citizens' constitutional rights," he said.

In 1998, Board of Elections workers had invalidated more than 36,000 of the approximately 61,000 signatures the LP had collected to qualify Tobin for the ballot. State law requires at least 25,000 valid registered voter signatures — leaving Tobin just shy of the required threshold.

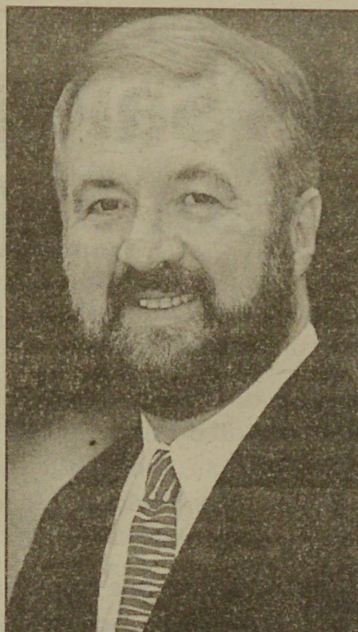
However, Tobin charged the board had acted unconstitutionally when it invalidated 4,285 of those 36,000-plus signatures because some petition circulators were not registered voters in the state.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a requirement like that violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution," said Steve Merican, Tobin's lawyer. "The Illinois statute is unconstitutional for the same reason."

In April 1999, Tobin filed a \$5 million lawsuit against the state in the U.S. District Court, arguing that the Election Board's "capricious" decision also deprived voters of their Fourteenth Amendment right to vote for the candidates of their choice.

"My campaign organization spent money to promote my candidacy, but the state board's unconstitutional and illegal actions prevented Illinois voters from casting their votes for me," he said. "As a result, all the money we spent was wasted. That is why we [asked] for punitive damages of \$5 million."

In July 2000, a district court judge agreed the requirement that circulators be registered voters was unconstitutional, but ruled that plaintiffs could not sue the Board of Elections



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for damages because members have "quasi-judicial absolute immunity."

Tobin then appealed the decision to the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, which upheld the prior decision.

## Supreme Court

Tobin and state LP leaders now plan to appeal the case to the Supreme Court, which Tobin said would cost upward of \$15,000 in legal fees and related expenses.

"This is about defending citizens' Constitutional rights and equal access to the ballot," said LP State Chair Austin Hough. "Political innovative spirit and free and open competition is threatened by these illegal actions of politically appointed hacks of the Illinois State Board of Elections."

Tobin is the president of National Taxpayers United, an Illinois taxpayer advocacy organization.

# Means unexpectedly ends Libertarian governor's bid

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lowing election cycle.

To get on the ballot as an independent, Means must collect about 15,000 ballot access petitions.

However, Means still faces another obstacle before he can run for governor: His status as an ex-felon.

Denise Lamb, the director of the state Bureau of Elections, said Means cannot qualify to be on the ballot because New Mexico law prohibits ex-felons from holding public office unless the governor has pardoned them.

Means had been convicted of "rioting to obstruct justice" in 1974 after he took part in a courtroom protest in South Dakota.

At the 2000 National Convention, Means had hinted he might seek the Libertarian Party's nomination for president in 2004. In his recent gubernatorial announcement, he did not discuss any potential longer-range political plans.

Means had previously sought the party's presidential nomination in

**IT IS A REAL shame that Russell will likely be our opponent instead of our candidate, said Ron Crickenberger**

1988, and was a keynote speaker at the 2000 LP National Convention in Anaheim, California.

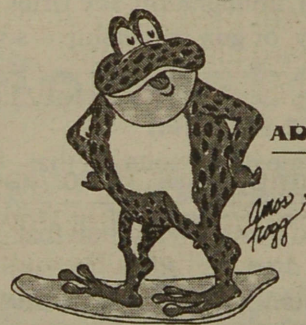
A member of the Lakota Nation, Means became the first national director of the American Indian Movement in the 1960s. He later appeared in movies such as *The Last of the Mohicans* (1992), *Pocahontas* (1995), and *Natural Born Killers* (1994).

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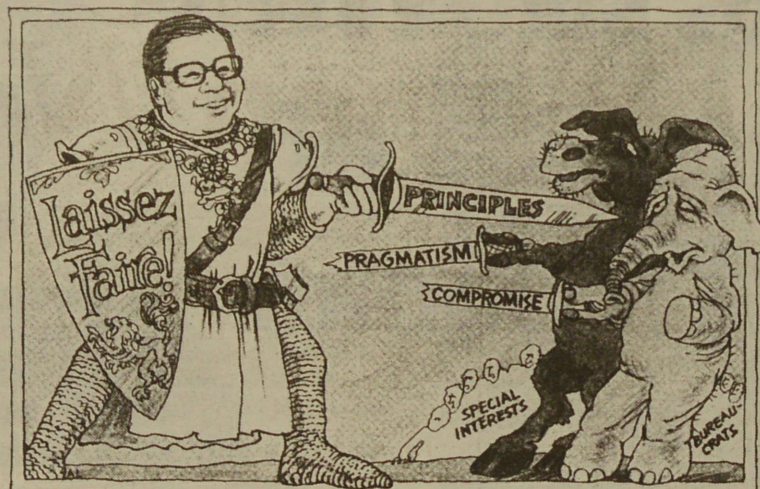
# The Libertarian Party: The first 30 years

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**1972** "The Libertarian Party" is chosen as the party's name, narrowly beating out "The New Liberty Party." A press conference announcing the new party is held on January 31 at the party's headquarters in Westminster, Colorado. The first national convention — attracting 89 delegates from 23 states — is held in June in Denver, Colorado. John Hospers, a philosophy professor at the University of Southern California, is nominated as presidential candidate and Tonie Nathan as VP. The Hospers/Nathan ticket is on the ballot in two states, and wins 3,907 votes. They also win an Electoral College vote when a renegade Nixon voter casts a ballot for them. Twelve other LP candidates are on the ballot in five states.

**1973** In off-year elections, Libertarians run for office in Illinois, Colorado, New Jersey, New York, and Oklahoma. After less than 18 months in existence, the May/June issue of *LP News* reports on the first grumbling about a "Libertarian Establishment" and a plot to "crush dissent" in the libertarian movement.

**1973** An estimated 25-50 LP candidates run for office in nine states. Jerry Tuccille wins about 10,200 votes in his race for New York governor. The LP's first Tax Day protests are held around the country. The party's national office moves to San Francisco. The LP hires its first full-time paid employee.



■ A cartoon of 1976 presidential candidate Roger MacBride, fighting the "pragmatism" and "compromise" of Republicans and Democrats.

**1975** The Libertarian Party joins a lawsuit against the post-Watergate federal election campaign laws. The libertarian movement gets a boost when Robert Nozick's *Anarchy, State and Utopia* wins the prestigious National Book Award. The party's headquarters relocates to Washington, DC. The party begins to organize on college campuses with the Young Libertarian Alliance. At the national convention in New York City, Roger MacBride (president) and David Bergland (VP) win the party's nomination for next year's election.

**1976** The MacBride/Bergland ticket gains ballot status in 32 states, and receives over 183,000 votes — including 5.5% in Alaska. Around the country, about

250 local LP candidates are on the ballot. *Newsweek* magazine notes that Libertarians are gaining "unique appeal on both the left and right."

**1977** The national LP launches a lobbying campaign against President Jimmy Carter's proposed energy regulations. Libertarian candidates are on the ballot in seven states, and Libertarians win their first-ever public offices: Elaine Lindsey is elected to the City Council seat in Circleville, Ohio and Norman Betros, Jr. is elected to the Board of Education in Haldane, New York. Tonie Nathan attends the International Women's Year Conference in Houston, where she criticizes big-government feminists. "Like women nagging their husband for a new dress, they were nagging Congress for

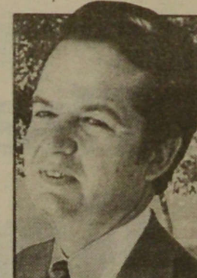
a new law or program," she says. The Cato Institute is founded.

**1978** About 210 LP candidates run in 34 states. Ed Clark receives 5% of the vote in his race for Governor of California. Dick Randolph of Alaska becomes the first elected Libertarian state legislator, coming in sixth out of 17 contenders for six open seats in Fairbanks.

**1979** At a boisterous nominating convention in Los Angeles, Ed Clark and David Koch are named presidential and vice presidential candidates. Permanent ballot status achieved in California as more than 80,000 voters register Libertarian. *Restoring the American Dream* by Robert Ringer is a bestseller.

**1980** In March, Murray Feldstein becomes the LP's first election winner of the new

decade, winning a spot on the City Council in Flagstaff, Arizona. The stylized Statue of Liberty is adopted as the LP's symbol. A bill filed by LP state legislator Dick Randolph in Alaska abolishes the state income tax. After a lawsuit, the LP is recognized by the Post Office as a "major" political party. Fueled by \$2 million in contributions by his running mate, Ed Clark appears on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and runs 47 five-minute commercials on prime-time national TV. The Clark/Koch ticket wins 921,199 votes. At the same time, Dick Randolph is re-elected to Alaska state legislature along with Ken Fanning. "Suddenly people are talking about the Libertarians," reports *New West* magazine. See **30 YEARS** Page 16



■ Ed Clark during his '80 campaign.

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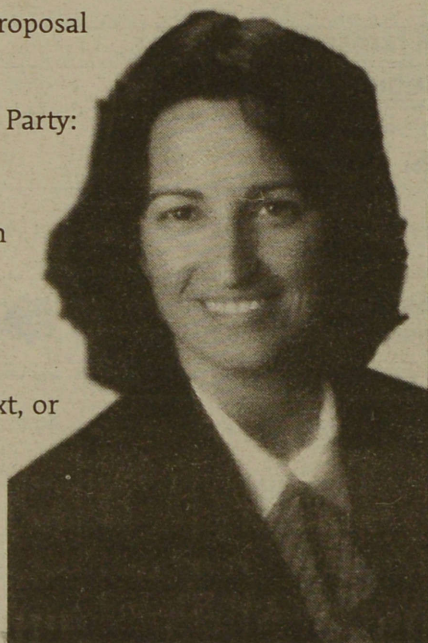
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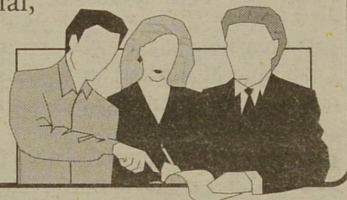
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**1981** Murray Rothbard publishes *For A New Liberty: The Libertarian Manifesto*. The national LP headquarters leases a state-of-the-art computer, the Data General Eclipse S-140. The party celebrates its 10th anniversary at its national convention in Denver. About 20 Libertarians now hold public office around the USA.

**1982** The party blasts President Ronald Reagan for proposing the "largest tax increase in U.S. history." The LP runs 839 candidates in November — setting a record that won't be surpassed for another 16 years. In the November election, Louisiana congressional candidate James Agnew receives 23% of the vote; Alaska gubernatorial candidate Dick Randolph receives 15%; and Arizona gubernatorial candidate Sam Steiger gets 5%.

**1983** The party's national HQ signs up for something called "electronic mail," also known as "EMAIL." The party suffers a damaging blow at the national convention in New York City when the presidential nomination battle turns ugly. After David Bergland defeats Earl Ravenal on the seventh ballot, many of Ravenal's supporters leave the party — causing a "talent drain" that hinders the party for years to come. The party's HQ moves to Houston. Thirteen Libertarians are elected to office during the year.

**1984** The party gets its first 800# for information requests. In Spring elections, Libertarians win office in Wisconsin, Virginia, California, and Arizona. On the ballot in 39 states, David Bergland and Jim Lewis come in third in the race for President for the first time in LP history, but win a disappointing 228,705 votes. Andre Marrou becomes the third Libertarian elected to the Alaska legislature, winning 40.5% of the vote in a three-way race. Libertarians are elected to 11 more local offices nationwide.

**1985** The number of Libertarians in office creeps up to 49 in 22 states. In a setback for the party, former Alaska legislator Dick Randolph joins the GOP to run for governor. He later loses in the primary. Former LP Chair Paul Jacob is convicted of refusing to register for the draft, and serves six months in prison. The Advocates for Self-Government is formed by Marshall Fritz.

**1986** Former call girl Norma Jean Almadovar raises eyebrows when she runs for lieutenant governor in California. Her campaign poster — showing her wearing only the red tape she promises to cut — is enormously popular. More than 200 candidates across the U.S. receive 2.9 million votes. In Alaska, state legislator Andre Marrou is targeted by the Republican Party, and loses his

re-election bid. In *LP News*, Libertarians marvel over a newfangled invention called "computer bulletin boards" — and discuss how to use them for political purposes.

**1987** Libertarians sweep the city council race in Big Water, Utah, winning every seat. Former U.S. Congressman Ron Paul (Texas) resigns from the Republican Party and joins the Libertarian Party. In a first-ballot win, the Seattle convention nominates Ron Paul for President and Andre Marrou for Vice President. The party's national HQ moves back to Washington, DC.

**1988** The Paul/Marrou ticket, on the ballot in 46 states and the District of Columbia, comes in third, receiving more than 430,000 votes nationwide — almost twice the total of any other "third" party. About 360 LP candidates are on the ballot, and, by year's end, more than 100 Libertarians hold office.

**1989** The California LP wins a Supreme Court victory — a first for any state LP — when the court strikes down a state law that dictates how political parties must organize themselves. For the first time, C-SPAN broadcasts the party's national convention in Philadelphia, airing 65 hours of speakers and floor debates.

**1990** Libertarians start a campaign to send free-market books to Lithuania and other Eastern European countries, trying to help the transition from Communism to liberty. In November, approximately 2 million people vote for Libertarian Party candidates.

**1991** Libertarians rally in Washington, DC against President George Bush's war in the Persian Gulf. New Hampshire state legislators Cal Warburton (July) and Finlay Rothhaus (December) resign from the Republican Party and join the LP — giving the party its first state legislators since the 1980s. At the Chicago convention in August, former Alaska state legislator Andre Marrou wins the presidential nomination. Nancy Lord gets the VP nod. Libertarians in San Diego win a court battle to stop \$1.6 billion in new taxes. "The resurgence of libertarianism is one of the less noted but most remarkable developments of recent years," notes E.J. Dionne, Jr. in his book, *Why Americans Hate Politics*.

**1992** In New Hampshire's presidential primary election on February 18, Andre Marrou beats incumbent President George Bush in Dixville Notch, the first town to vote in the



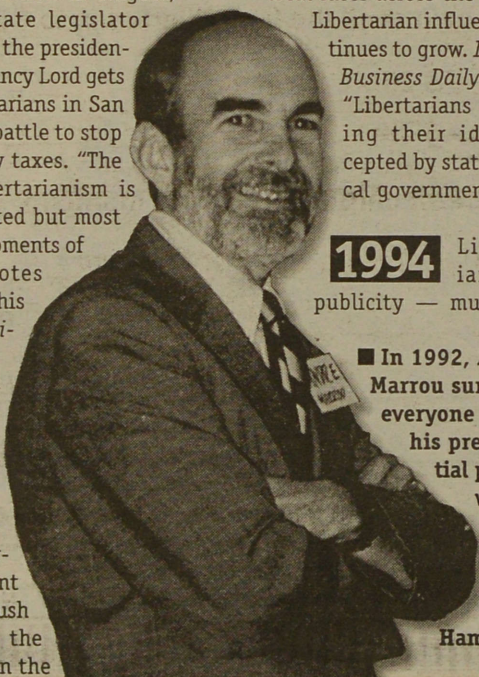
■ In a setback from the record-setting 1980 campaign — and following a party split in 1983 — David Bergland wins only 228,705 votes for president in 1984.

nation. While Marrou's vote in the general election is disappointing — 281,000 — there is good news: Four Libertarian state legislators are elected in New Hampshire. In addition to the re-election of Warburton and Rothhaus, Don Gorman and Andy Borsa win office. The 700+ LP candidates nationwide receive more than 3.7 million votes for state and federal offices. The 23 Libertarian candidates for U.S. Senate receive over one million votes, the highest total for a nationally organized third party since 1914.

**1993** In April, Libertarians are baffled when President Clinton claims to have an "almost Libertarian" position on some issues. In Waco, Texas, Libertarians protest the FBI's handling of the Branch Davidian standoff — and the tragic, fatal conclusion. The LP launches "Project Healthy Choice" to oppose Clinton's health care plan and publicize free-market solutions. In "off-year" elections, 15 Libertarians win public office, scoring victories in local races across the country. Libertarian influence continues to grow. *Investor's Business Daily* reports: "Libertarians are seeing their ideas accepted by state and local governments."

**1994** Libertarians get publicity — much of it

■ In 1992, Andre Marrou surprised everyone with his presidential primary win in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire.



bad — when fans of "shock jock" Howard Stern pack the New York LP convention, and give him the party's gubernatorial nomination. The publicity stunt ends a short time later when Stern drops out of the race. In November, more than 650 Libertarian candidates run for office. More than 2.2 million people vote Libertarian. In disappointing news, the New Hampshire legislative delegation is knocked down from four to two.

**1995** In January, the party issues its "Challenge to the Republicans," asking the GOP-controlled Congress to abolish 21 federal programs, agencies, or policies. The GOP declines. In June, the LP moves its national headquarters into the prestigious Watergate Office Building, which the *Wall Street Journal* dubs "a sign of the times" of the party's growing stature. The party joins a coalition to fight the Communications Decency Act. In July, *USA Today* reports that libertarianism is the "de facto politics" of Generation X, and *Insight* magazine makes the LP its cover story.

**1996** The LP celebrates its 25th birthday, and a Gallup Poll says that 20% of Americans are broadly libertarian. At its convention in Washington, DC in July, Harry Browne gets the party's presidential nomination. Jo Jorgensen is picked for the VP slot. In November, the LP becomes the first third party in American history to earn ballot status in all 50 states two presidential elections in a row. Browne wins 485,759 votes in the general election, the second-best showing in party history. The party runs 730 candidates for office, and 10 of them break the 100,000-vote barrier. LP candidates for statewide and federal office win 5.4 million votes, and seven Libertarians are elected or re-elected. "The Libertarian Party has stabilized into America's third largest political party," reports the *Memphis Flyer*.

**1997** In March, ABC newsman Hugh Downs comes out of the closet as a libertarian supporter, saying, "All the good ideas belong to the Libertarians." In May, LP member Walker Chandler wins a Supreme Court decision, overturning a Georgia law that mandates drug tests for political candidates. Charles Murray publishes *What It Means to Be A Libertarian*. It's another record-setting "off-year" election for the Libertarian Party, with 39 Libertarians elected to office in November, and the party passes the 200 figure for Libertarians in office.

**1998** In February, African-American civil rights leader Roy Innis joins the party; talk radio powerhouse Art Bell follows suit in May. In July, LP delegates at the National Convention vote to support the impeachment of President Clinton for "crimes against the Constitution." In November, the party sets a new record by running 853 candidates in

44 states — and runs its first ever non-presidential year TV advertising. Neil Randall wins election as a State Representative in Vermont. In all, 19 LP candidates are elected. In Florida, the LP-backed Revision 11 dramatically rolls back ballot access barriers.

**1999** The party breaks new ground in political activism with its Internet-based campaign against the FDIC's "Know Your Customer" bank spying regulation. After being flooded by 250,000 complaints, the FDIC withdraws the plan. Party founder David Nolan is named one of the "2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by the International Biographical Centre in England. More than 215 Libertarian candidates are on the ballot in state and local elections in November; 20 of them win office.

**2000** The number of registered Libertarian voters passes 224,000, a 10% increase in less than a year. Folk singer Melanie joins the party. During the year, Libertarians win two Supreme Court cases: Striking down California's "blanket primary" and ending Indiana's random drug-search roadblocks. The Anaheim, California convention again nominates Harry Browne for president and former Bellflower (CA) mayor Art Olivier for VP. They head a ticket of 1,436 LP candidates, including 256 candidates for U.S. House — the first time in 80 years a third party has contested a majority of Congressional seats. The Browne/Olivier ticket wins only 382,892 votes. However, in all, LP candidates earn more than 10 million votes across the USA. "By any reasonably objective criterion, the Libertarian Party is the most successful and best organized of the minor parties," states WorldNetDaily.com.

**2001** Cult rocker Mojo Nixon joins the LP. In November, the party runs a record slate of candidates in an off-year election (340+), and sets another record when 58 Libertarians are elected to local office. A new study in *Ballot Access News* reports that the LP is the most successful third party in 50 years, based on the "best" vote totals of candidates for governor and U.S. Senate. The number of Libertarians holding public office closes in on 500.

**I**t has been 30 years since David Nolan spearheaded the formation of the Libertarian Party — so what does he think about the party's progress and potential now?

He's still optimistic. The LP is "starting to attract more and more attention," he said. "We have more credibility. We have more members. We get more coverage. We get more people elected to office. We're being taken seriously."

"We are the last, best hope for freedom in America. I sincerely believe that. If we did not exist, I can't see anybody else around who would be likely to fulfill that role. Do you?"

■ **Editor's note:** Some of the quotes from David Nolan were taken from an interview conducted by Ari Armstrong, the editor of *Colorado Liberty*.



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## Libertarians win majority on Colorado city council

Libertarians have taken over the city of Leadville, Colorado.

On November 6, local voters gave registered Libertarians a voting majority on the seven-member Leadville city council. Four council seats are now occupied by Libertarians.

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said this is a "historic event" for the Libertarian Party.

"I think it's fantastic that the LP has achieved its goal of taking over a town with Libertarians — with the support of the voters, of course," he said. "This really is the next political step for the party: Going from winning individual offices to winning enough seats to have a majority."

The four-person Libertarian majority consists of:

■ **Carol Hill** (Ward 1), who defeated an incumbent and another challenger in a three-way race, garnering 48.6% of the vote. Previously, she had unsuccessfully run for city council in 1995 and for Lake County Commissioner in 1996.

■ **Ken Cary** (Ward 2), who registered as a Libertarian just days before the election.

■ **Jack Swyers** (Ward 2), a Libertarian who had already been serving

on the council.

■ **Lisa Dowdney** (Ward 3), a city council member for two years who registered as a Libertarian on November 8, shifting the balance of power to the Libertarian Party.

"Congratulations to Jack, Carol, Lisa, and Ken!" said Colorado LP Information Director David Bryant. "Thanks to the four of you, Leadville is poised to become the most Libertarian city in America. Way to go!"

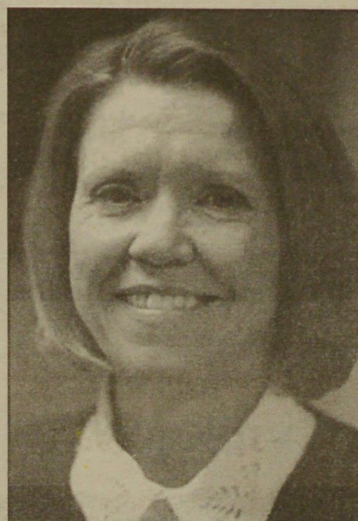
With a Libertarian majority, the city will be "very interesting," said Hill, "especially on financial issues. We should get some reasonable budgets and some sensible policies — we should be able to cut back."

### Cut back activity

Specifically, Hill said she would like to cut back the activity of the local Planning and Zoning Board — or abolish the board completely — and stop spending city reserve funds.

Although she said she might meet some resistance from the mayor, she said she is able to hold her own in a debate on local issues.

"The key is to redefine the issue at hand so your political opponents don't have you constantly on the defensive," she said. "Don't try to



■ **Carol Hill:** With a majority, "We should get some reasonable budgets and some sensible policies."

debate on their terms."

The situation in Leadville is a good sign for future local Libertarian candidates, said Crickenberger.

"I expect situations such as this one to become more common in the near future," he said. "The movement of our American communities in a Libertarian direction will translate to bigger victories down the road."

Located just west of Denver, Leadville has the distinction of being America's highest incorporated city, at a perch of more than 10,000 feet. It has a population of about 2,800 residents.

## Study: 8% of talk radio audience is 'libertarian'

Libertarians continue to make up a surprisingly large portion of the national talk radio audience, says a new report.

Of people who listen regularly to talk radio, 8% identify their preferred political party as "Libertarian," according to the Fall 2001 report of the Talk Radio Research Project, published in the October issue of *Talkers Magazine*.

That means that one out of every 12 radio fans supports the Libertarian Party — a number much higher than either the party's registered voter base or the average vote totals for federal or statewide LP candidates, noted LP Press Secretary George Getz.

### Sympathetic audience

"This study confirms that talk radio is a hotbed of libertarianism," he said. "Talk radio is both an opportunity for LP candidates to reach a sympathetic audience and a source of potential party members for us."

"Based on these results, it's clear that talk radio should continue to be a major focus of Libertarian Party media outreach efforts."

During the past year, Libertarian Party spokespeople did more than 600 interviews on talk radio stations and

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party members.

— **George Getz**

networks around the USA, said Getz.

While the Libertarian Party won the support of 8% of talk radio listeners, 20% said they favor the Republican Party, 15% support the Democratic Party, and a whopping 52% identify themselves as "independent," according to the Talk Radio Research Project.

The only other third party named in the survey was the Green Party, with a 1% support base. The Reform Party was mentioned by 0% of talk radio fans.

Over the past two years, support for the Libertarian Party has fluctuated between 8% and 10%, according to the survey.

A higher percentage of talk radio listeners seem to broadly support libertarian ideas, according to the survey, with 22% identifying their political philosophy as "fiscally conservative/socially liberal."

By comparison, 23% say they are conservative, 8% say they are ultra conservative, and 26% say they are moderate. On the other side of the political chart, 8% describe themselves as liberal, and 2% as ultra liberal. Another 8% say it "depends on the issue."

### 20 most popular hosts

Of the 20 most popular talk radio show hosts listed in the Talk Radio Research Project, five have either identified themselves as libertarian, joined the Libertarian Party, or publicly praised libertarianism.

Those hosts include Howard Stern (with a weekly audience of about 8 million), Art Bell (4.5 million), Neal Boortz (2.25 million), Dr. Dean Edell (2.25 million), and Doug Stephan (1.75 million).

The most popular talk show host in America remained conservative Rush Limbaugh, with a weekly audience of about 15 million.

The talk radio audience is 63% white, according to the survey. Another 21% are black, 10% are Hispanic, 3% are Asian, and 3% are "other."

Statistics from the Talk Radio Research Project were drawn from interviews with talk radio listeners across the USA, input from radio programmers and hosts, and "occasional studies provided by academic institutions," according to *Talkers Magazine*. The survey is non-scientific.

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# LP 'most successful' third party in 50 years

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Winger: The average "best" minor party gubernatorial percentage is 9.3%, while the average "best" U.S. Senate candidate garnered only 5.8%.

In 32 states, the best gubernatorial candidate did better than the best U.S. Senate candidate.

Over the past five decades, only one third-party candidate has won a U.S. Senate race (the Conservative Party's James L. Buckley in New York in 1970), while three minor-party

gubernatorial candidates emerged victorious (A Connecticut Party's Lowell P. Weicker in 1990, Illinois Solidarity Party candidate Adlai E. Stevenson, III in 1986, and the Reform Party's Jesse Ventura in Minnesota in 1998).

The 100 candidates on the chart run the gamut from 1952, when Independent Progressive candidate Reuben W. Borough won 11.98% of the vote for U.S. Senate in California, to 2000, when Libertarian Carla

**Now, our challenge is to become the most-elected third party in American history.**  
—Steve Dasbach

Howell garnered 11.89% in a similar race in Massachusetts.

On the gubernatorial side, the list ranges from 1958, when Economy Party candidate Louis W. Carlson earned 4.42% of the vote in Wyoming, to 2000, when Libertarian Andrew Horning scored the best-ever third party result in Indiana, with 1.76% of the vote.

The list features third parties both famous (Libertarian, Reform, and Green) and obscure (Cool Moose, La

Raza Unida, Prohibition, Peoples, and Liberty Union).

Libertarians should be inspired by the list, said Dasbach — but also motivated.

**75 still to go**

"We've got 25 of the top 100 most-successful minor-party U.S. Senate and gubernatorial candidates," he said. "That means we've got 75 still to go."

"The Libertarian Party is the most successful third party of the last five decades. Now, our challenge is to become the most-elected third party in American history."

## Phillies runs for LP Chair

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localities to conduct their own affairs."

■ Encourage more active local participation in the political process.

"I believe that trying to strengthen the party by recruiting members is like trying to make the sun rise by frightening the rooster," he said. "Many new members will join the Libertarian Party, but only if they first see that we are winning local elections all over the country."

Although Phillies said most party activities should revolve around the local organizations, he said there is a role for the national organization.

In particular, Phillies said national activities could include coordinating presidential campaigns, handling national media relations, and setting up focus groups to help identify potential Libertarian activists.

"There is no reason why the Libertarian Party can't have a major electoral breakthrough soon," he said. "And with my local control proposal, that breakthrough is inevitable."

Phillies was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Libertarian Association in 1996, ran for U.S. Senate in 1996, and founded the Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association.

Professionally, Phillies teaches physics at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and has published numerous academic papers.

The 2002 national chair position is also being sought by Massachusetts LP Chair Eli Israel and Texas LP Chair Geoffrey Neale.

The LNC chair heads the Libertarian National Committee for a two-year term. The new chair will be selected by a vote of the delegates at the LP National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 3-7, 2002.

For more information about the Phillies for Chair campaign, e-mail: Phillies@4liberty.net. Or write: George Phillies, 87 Park Avenue, Apartment 6, Worcester, MA, 01605.

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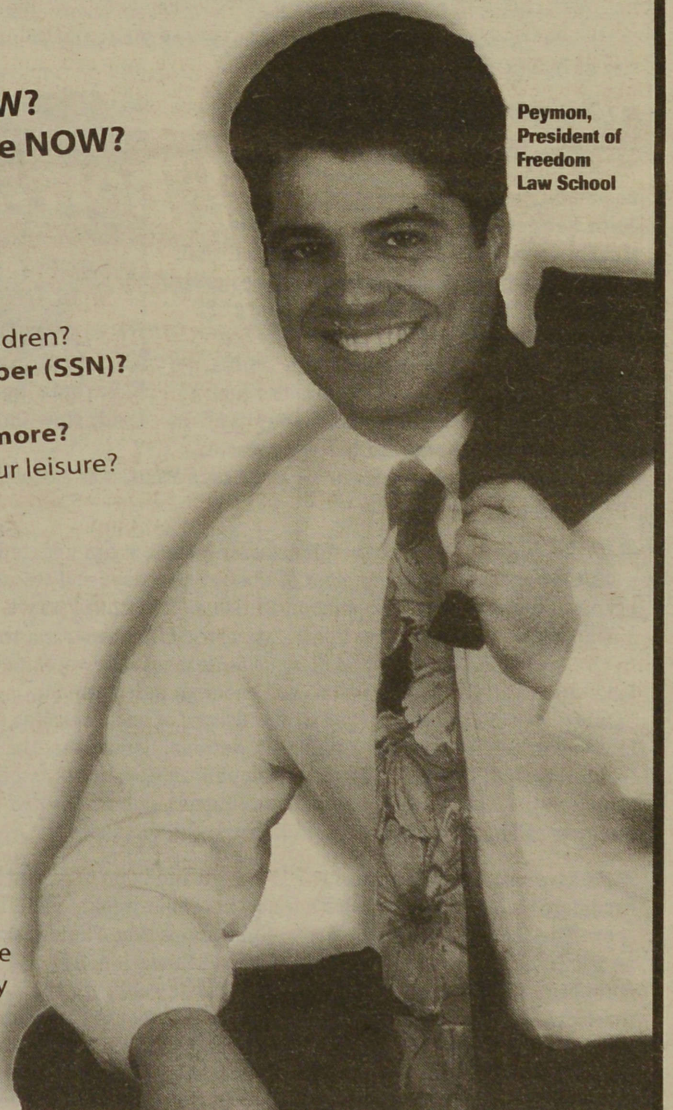
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## POLITICS 2001

### Libertarian rap and new UK website

■ In Maryland, **Dave Margolis** has announced his candidacy for Howard County Council in 2002. In Florida, **Adam Nathaniel David** has announced his bid for Jacksonville City Council. In California, **Charles Martin** will run for the U.S. House (2nd District) next year. In Colorado, 2002 Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate **Rick Stanley** is polling 8% in a three-way race, according to a late-October survey conducted by Ciruli Associates and by Talmey-Drake. Another 23% of voters are undecided. In Illinois, **Steven Burgauer** has launched a bid to win the party's nomination for U.S. Senate.

■ In North Carolina, the Moore County LP hosted a "Selling Libertarianism" Seminar in Southern Pines. The seminar, designed to "improve the communication skills of Libertarians," featured state Executive Director **Sean Haugh** and 2000 LP candidate for governor **Barbara Howe**. In Colorado, longtime LP activist **David Bryant** was named state "Libertarian of the Year" for 2001 at an awards banquet on October. In Michigan, the state LP filed 46,258 signatures with the State Elections Bureau on October 29. To regain ballot status in 2002, just over 30,000 petitions were required.

■ Media news: The national Libertarian Party scheduled more radio and TV interviews in October — 63 — than in any previous month in 2001, fueled by an interest in the party's viewpoint on the political fallout from terrorism, reported LP Press Secretary **George Getz**. The party fielded 24 media calls just about its press releases on the anti-terrorism bill.

■ In Maryland, **Jeremy Keil**, **Doug Novielli**, and **Neal Page** have formed Students for Liberty at Western Maryland College. In Indiana, **Kurt St. Angelo**, Chair of the Marion County LP, performed the opening stanzas of his "Libertarian Rap," a rap poem about liberty, at the inaugural meeting of the Campus Libertarians at the University of Indianapolis.

■ In Maryland, **Kevin Wolf** has become the chairman of the Carroll/Howard County LP. In Washington state, **Mark Alan** was elected Regional Chair of the new Okanogan County LP; **John Bennett** was re-elected Chair of the Clallam County LP; **Dan Ward** was elected chair of the Whatcom County LP; **Don Post** has taken over as the Chair of the Jefferson County LP; and **Jesse Brocksmith** has been elected as Chair of the East King County LP. In Florida, **Grace Lipman** has been elected as the first Chair of the newly formed Nassau County LP. In Indiana, **Barbara Bourland** has been elected chair of the Tippecanoe County LP, and **Bruce Parisi** was elected chair of the Lake County LP.



■ **Barbara Bourland: New Chair.**

■ In the United Kingdom, the **Libertarian Alliance** has updated its website to include a large number of libertarian essays and research papers — most of them focusing on British and European issues. For a Continental perspective on liberty, visit: [www.libertarian.co.uk](http://www.libertarian.co.uk). In the August 2001 issue of *Campaigns & Elections*, the national Libertarian Party's website was named the fifth best national political website in the country. Of the dozens of such websites, the LP came in behind only the Republican National Committee, the Democratic National Committee, the Republican Governors' Association, and the Association of State Green Parties. *Campaigns and Elections* called [www.LP.org](http://www.LP.org) an "organized, thorough site."

■ Media news: **Harry Browne**, the LP's 1996 and 2000 presidential candidate, is back on the air with a new one-hour weekly radio talk show. The show airs on WTAN-AM 1340 in Tampa Bay, Florida, and on the Internet at: <http://AmericanLibertyFoundation.org/radio.htm>. Browne is now the Director of Public Policy for the American Liberty Foundation. In California, U.S. House candidate (12th District) **Maad Abu-Ghazalah** appeared on CBS News' *Sunday Morning* in late October. An Arab-American, Abu-Ghazalah was invited to present a "unique perspective in the wake of the terrorist attacks," and was identified as a Libertarian candidate. "I'm glad they gave me and the LP a national plug," said Abu-Ghazalah. "Getting our name out there has some tangible benefit, in terms of name recognition as well as mainstream credibility."

■ In Wisconsin, the **Ed Thompson** for governor campaign has picked up the pace. Thompson, the mayor of Tomah, appeared at the annual Cranfest (cranberry harvest festival) in September, and at the International Dairy Exposition in October. "Everywhere I go, people say they need me to challenge the Madison politicians," said Thompson, "That builds my confidence that we can win this race."

## CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

# Unorthodox LP District Attorney Norman Vroman seeks re-election

By Jonathan Trager  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**N**orman Vroman is unique on at least two counts: First, he's a Libertarian District Attorney. Second, he was elected to that position even though he was once convicted of a federal crime.

Now, after four years in public office, Vroman is running for re-election in March 2002.

"I enjoy the work, and I still have a lot more to accomplish," he said. "We've done a good job, putting away a lot of bad people over the past four years, and I think the public appreciates it."

Vroman, 65, is the district attorney for Mendocino County, California, a rural area located just north of San Francisco.

His checkered legal history dates back to 1991, when he was convicted for failing to file a federal income tax return. He served a nine-month sentence in federal prison.

Although the 65-year-old Vroman still maintains there is no law requiring Americans to file a tax return, he said he no longer refuses to do so.

"After going stir-crazy and banging my head against the wall in the jail cell for nine months, I'm not in a rush to go back," he said. "It's kind of funny though. Most district attorneys go to jail after they get elected to office; I went to jail beforehand and got elected anyway."

In fact, Vroman ousted a 12-year incumbent for his seat, representing a population of 85,000 residents.

Vroman, who has practiced law for almost 40 years, won 52% of the vote in the election.

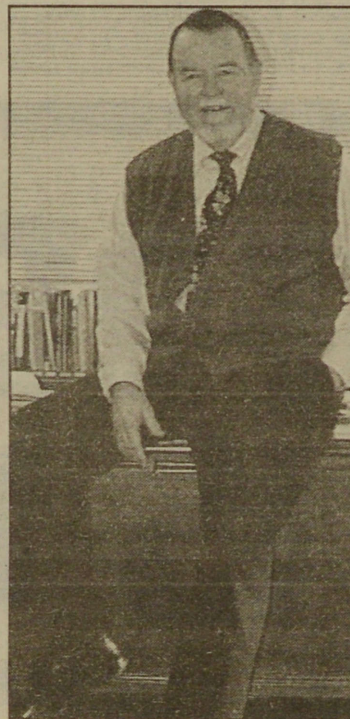
### Proposition 215

Since then, Vroman said he has taken the lead in implementing Proposition 215 in Mendocino County. Passed in 1996, Prop. 215 legalized medical marijuana for patients with a doctor's prescription.

Although he said some public officials have refused to adhere to the letter of the law, Vroman said he has personally made sure marijuana applicants get their medicine from the government.

"More than 65% of Californians voted in favor of Proposition 215, and now it is California law," he said. "And since I was elected to uphold the law, that's what I plan to do. Everyone knows that Mendocino County has made good on its promise to those in medical need of marijuana."

A staunch defender of the Second Amendment, Vroman also teaches a firearms safety class, and encourages students to get a weapons permit upon completion of his course.



■ **District Attorney Norman Vroman: "Everyone knows that Mendocino County has made good on its promise to those in medical need of marijuana."**

"The police can't be everywhere making sure that a crime doesn't occur," he said. "It is important for free citizens to exercise responsibility, and learn how to protect themselves and their families."

### Election rehash

Vroman said he expects the upcoming election to basically be a "re-hash" of the last one. To win re-election, he said he would use the same tactics: Campaign signs, fundraising letters, cable TV ads, and public debates.

This time around, however,

Vroman said he would raise money for his campaign based on his incumbency and added name recognition. To win election in 1998, Vroman funded a "significant portion" of his \$20,000 campaign out-of-pocket.

In the upcoming race Vroman said he could probably win with about \$10,000.

"I can't afford to kick in thousands of dollars to my own campaign again," he said. "Luckily, with my added name recognition as an incumbent, I don't think I'll have to. I've learned a lot about campaigning since I was first elected."

Vroman said he is concerned with making sure police officers don't overstep their legal authority when dealing with suspects.

### Distribute manual

Consequently, he has created a new policies and procedures manual for the office. The manual has been distributed to law enforcement so there is a "standardized method of evaluating cases."

It is "amazing" that the district attorney's office didn't already have such a manual before his election, said Vroman.

"Most politicians don't trust the people," he said.

"I believe citizens are capable of taking care of themselves. That's the difference between me and the status quo."

"Libertarians believe that less government is the best government, and I adhere to that philosophy. If I can do it for myself, I don't want the government doing it for me."

■ **For more information, or to make a contribution, call: (707) 467-1870. Or write: Committee to Re-elect Norm Vroman, P.O. Box 899, Hopland, CA 95449.**

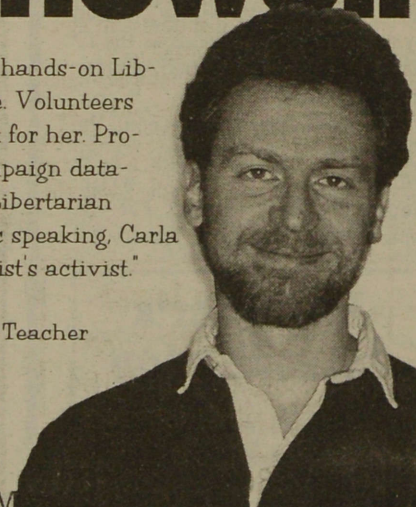
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# Carla Howell

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—DANNY FAIN

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# James Dan runs again in Nevada

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election.

Dan said he has set an "aggressive" fundraising goal of \$250,000 — almost \$200,000 more than the \$58,000 he raised last time. To reach his goal, Dan said he would rent the LP national mailing list to appeal for donations.

"My campaign manager, Chris Azzaro, seems to think the fundraising goal is realistic, given my

strong showing in 2000," he said. "I pretty much put my trust in him, because he has a lot of experience with political campaigns."

## Could win

Azzaro, who also serves as the director of the Libertarian Victory Fund, said Dan could likely win election next November.

"He's got an early start and a nationwide base of support to tap into

this time," he said. "He'll have the kind of resources that will allow him to run a very powerful campaign this time. He has an excellent chance to win."

Dan said he plans to use several of the same campaign tactics he used in the 2000 election cycle, including hiring a direct mailing firm, putting up signs, placing phone calls in a Get Out the Vote effort, and participating in "Meet the Candidate" nights

and other forums.

This time, however, he said he hopes to better encourage supporters to vote during Nevada's early election period — when voters can cast ballots for two weeks prior to Election Day — and have a more significant campaign presence at the polls on Election Day.

And Dan said he plans to go door-to-door again, hoping to convince voters to cast their ballots for a Libertarian.

"I'll do whatever it takes to win this," he said.

"I just keep reminding myself of

what this will mean to the Libertarian Party, and how many lives I can change for the better with our pro-freedom agenda. That's what keeps me motivated."

Dan is an engineer and the owner of a web-hosting business.

A member of the Libertarian Party since 1990, he ran his first campaign for state representative in 1992.

■ **For more information, or to make a contribution, e-mail:** jdan@lvcm.com. Or call: (702) 633-7867. Or write: James Dan for Assembly, 1306 West Craig Rd. #158, North Las Vegas, NV 89032.

# Court rejects Ohio appeal

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which reversed the decision of the lower courts.

"We believe the [appellate] court was upset over the fact that Ralph Nader is widely perceived to have cost Al Gore the election," she said. "The court was trying to diminish the influence of third parties on major-party vote totals."

On July 9, the Ohio LP filed its appeal in Cincinnati to the Supreme Court, which rejected the case in October without comment.

Even though they ultimately lost, Bruedigam said the long legal battle had been the right thing for Libertarians to do.

"We are basically at the end of the line — and although we didn't win this one, we fought the battle and have no regrets," she said.

"And from the support we received from our members and the tireless efforts of our attorney, Bill Stephenson, we know we did the right thing."

## 35 other cases

In addition to refusing to hear the Ohio LP's case, the Supreme Court rejected 35 other election law appeals — making this the first year since 1987 the high court refused to rule on any election law challenge, according to *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger.

In fact, "this is only the second time in 40 years that the Supreme Court has refused to hear any election law cases," he said.

"Although this was bad news for advocates of equality for minor parties, it wasn't surprising, given the Court's apparent disinterest in election law cases this year."

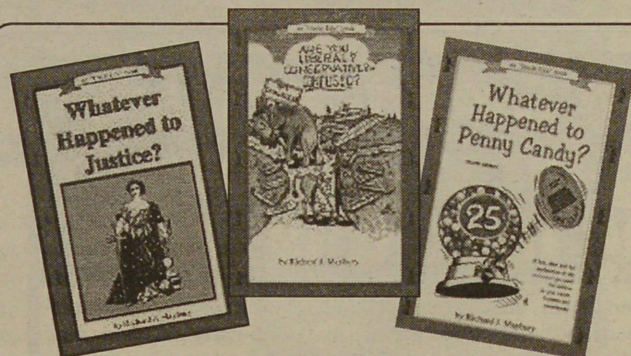
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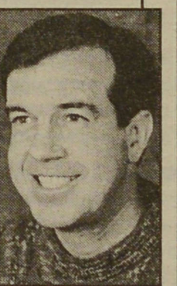
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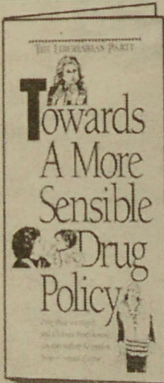
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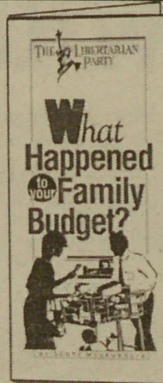
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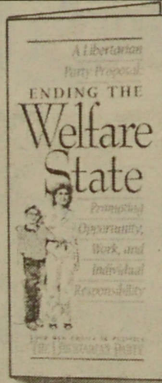
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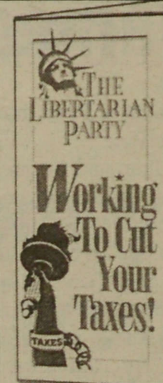
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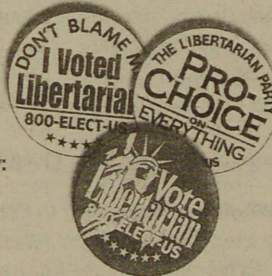
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\_\_\_\_ ENOUGH IS ENOUGH/VOTE LIBERTARIAN  
\_\_\_\_ Vote Libertarian/1-800-ELECT-US

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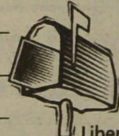
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# Party sets record with 58 election wins

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tive Director Sean Haugh. "Let me tell you, winning feels great!"

■ In **Virginia**, Bill Wood and Marc Montoni won seats as Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District Directors. Both ran for office as write-in candidates.

■ In **Utah**, Willy Star Marshall emerged victorious as Big Water mayor, edging out the incumbent by 23 votes.

"It is exciting to [get elected]," said Marshall. "It certainly appears to be a mandate for less government and lower taxes."

■ In **Ohio**, John McAllister was elected to the Gahanna City Council with 57% of the vote, Ron Lisy won a seat on the Bedford City Council, and Bob DeBrosse was re-elected as Piqua City Commissioner.

In addition, Jim Schrader was elected as Millcreek Township Trustee; Rich Shetler won a seat as Bethlehem Township Trustee; and Carl Myers was elected to the Cedarville City Council.

■ In **Washington state**, Gene Hawkridge won a seat on the Northshore School Board; Don Vandervelde was elected as Peninsula Park & Recreation Commissioner; and Judy Byrd was elected as Peninsula Park & Recreation Commissioner.

Also, Jim Richardson scored a victory as Skamania County (District 3) Cemetery Commissioner; Scott MacQuarrie won re-election to the South Cle Elum Town Council with about 53% of the vote; and Steve LePage emerged victorious as Benton Conservation District Commissioner.

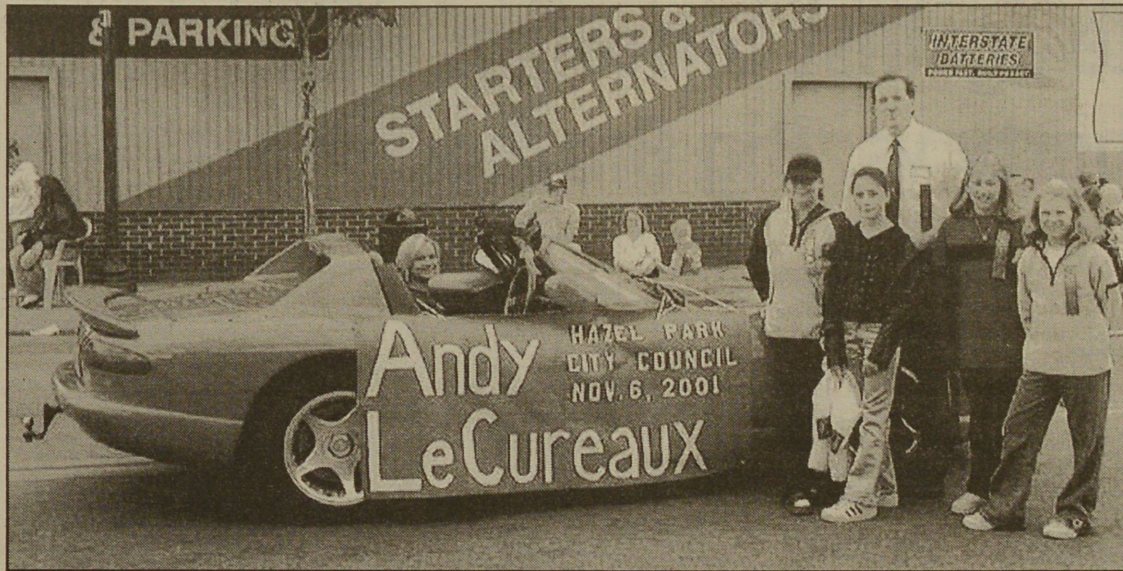
## Elected mayor

Also in Washington state, Bob Bromley was elected as mayor of Sumas with over 61% of the vote; Ray Huff Jr. won a spot on the Granite Falls City Council with 63% of the vote; and Bruce White beat a two-term incumbent to win a seat on the Kent City Council with over 59% of the vote. Kent is a city of over 79,000 residents.

"This has been 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."

■ In **Pennsylvania**, Jon Gardner won his race for North Newton Township Tax Assessor; Patricia Arndt, Jean Haller, Robert Hill, Ray Mierwald, Andrew Poole, William Shirk, and Greg Teufel all won election as Allegheny County Inspectors of Elections; and Phil Janusz and Tim O'Flaherty were both elected as Philadelphia County Inspectors of Elections.



In addition, George Wright won a spot as Crawford School Director; Daniel Beatty was elected as a Crawford County Inspector of Elections; Elizabeth Summers won as Luzerne County Government Study Commissioner; and George Barnett won two elections as Potter County Constable and an Inspector of Elections.

In Montgomery County, Jack Rohr, Sharon Shepps, and Peter Heckman were each elected as Inspectors of Elections; and John Mest was elected as Judge of Elections.

Finally, Michael Decker was re-elected as a Halifax Township Supervisor; Tim Moir was re-elected as a Philadelphia County Inspector of Elections; Mike Speranza was re-elected Bucks County Judge of Elections; John Woll won as Bethel Park Judge of Elections; and Obie Mild and Larry Goulart were each re-elected as Montgomery County Inspector of Elections.

## Near-miss

In a near-miss in North Carolina, Joe Young came in fifth out of eight candidates vying for four seats on the Lenoir City Council. Young had initially been declared a winner with 15.4% of the vote.

However, on November 10, Caldwell County Board of Elections officials said Young's first-place finish was the result of a ballot-counting error. Instead, Young actually received 12.34%, losing to the fourth-place finisher by .66%.

Another big winner in the November 6 election was the Nevada-based



Libertarian Victory Fund (LVF), which had contributed money to winning candidates in seven races.

The political action committee gave \$18,000 to six city council campaigns and one mayoral race, said LVF president Chris Azzaro.

The LVF funded Bob Bromley (Washington), Mark Owen (Michigan), Bob DeBrosse (Ohio), Andy LeCureaux (Michigan), Ray Huff (Washington), John McAllister (Ohio), and Bruce White (Washington).

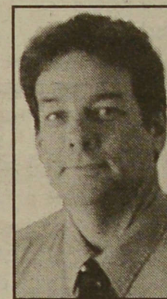
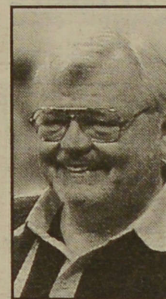
"These were big-time victories," said Azzaro. "As far as I know, that means we're producing the best results of any project or organization in the Libertarian Party today. We're very proud of the progress that is being made."

In other high-profile Libertarian races around the country:

■ In **Virginia**, William Redpath won 14,431 (.76%) of the vote in his race for governor, coming in third. In the lieutenant governor's race, Gary Reams won 28,677 votes, or just under 2%.

The Virginia LP's top-of-ticket candidates did very well, considering that they were outspent by Republicans and Democrats by a factor of 1,740 to one, said State Chair Marc Montoni.

"It is irrational to dismiss Libertarian solutions as having been re-



jected by the voters yesterday," he said. "When one's philosophy is out-advertised by the margin ours was, the outcome is predictable."

■ Also in **Virginia**, Micah Gray won 15.92% in a two-way partisan race for House of Delegates (District 41).

■ In **New Jersey**, gubernatorial candidate Mark Edgerton won 4,294 votes (.22%), for a fifth-place finish.

■ In the **New York City** mayor's election, Kenny Kramer won 2,620 votes (.18%).

"Hell, I had a great time," said Kramer about his campaign that saw him come in seventh out of nine challengers.

■ In the **Miami, Florida** mayor's race, Emiliano Antunez came in eighth out of 10 candidates with 289 votes. The top two finishers in that race will head for a run-off election.

■ In the **Syracuse, New York**

■ **Victorious Libertarian candidates (clockwise from top):** Andy LeCureaux, who was elected to the Hazel Park (Michigan) City Council, posing with children during a parade. Bruce White, talking to a voter during his campaign for Kent City Council in Washington state. Gene Hawkridge, elected to the Northshore School Board in Washington state. Don Vandervelde, who won a seat as a Peninsula Park & Recreation Commissioner in Washington state. And Willy Star Marshall, relaxing after beating the incumbent to become the new mayor of Big Water, Utah.

mayoral election, Jennifer Daniels got 7.6%, coming in third in the three-way race. Her 2,442 votes gave her the best showing of any third-party mayoral candidate in 20 years. Daniels had been endorsed by both the state Libertarian Party and the state Green Party.

In light of that strong showing, New York LP State Chair Richard Cooper said he wants Daniels to run for higher office.

"I will be spending time talking with her and encouraging her to consider a run for statewide office — Governor, Lt. Governor, Comptroller — or perhaps Congress," he said.

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**— Ann LaRoche**  
Gun Activist Mom

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## THE FORUM

# In the battle against terrorism, it's Lady Liberty vs. Big Brother

Every crisis presents equal opportunity. America's war on terrorism is no different.

The crisis is evidenced by the rapid passage of the USA Patriot Act, even though many of its provisions (e-mail monitoring, secret searches, and know-your-customer banking) had been handily defeated prior to 9-11. The Democrats and Republicans alike are growing Big Brother, who will fight terrorism with the same bureaucratic inefficiency with which he delivers the mail.

Americans have the mistaken viewpoint that Lady Liberty is only a peacetime luxury who is ill-equipped to fight the nasties. Therefore, they reason, we need an equally nasty Big Brother. Americans have forgotten that Lady Liberty is one ferocious mother when protecting her children.

### Get what they want

Until now, parts of the libertarian message have been co-opted by liberals or conservatives (e.g. Libertarians are fiscally conservative and socially liberal.) People have chosen the

Democrats or Republicans to get most of what they wanted.

Terrorism, however, is now at the top of everyone's list. People will choose their political home accordingly; therein lies the opportunity.

We need to show that Lady Liberty, not Big Brother, is the best defense against terrorism. In doing so, we distinguish ourselves from the Democrats and Republicans on the primary issue of the day.

Perhaps it seems that our words will fall on deaf ears, but those of us who remember Vietnam know better. The American public went from "gung-ho" to "Hell, no, I won't go!" faster than the politicians did.

Inevitably, as the cost of America's New War in dollars and lives becomes



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apparent, this shift will occur once again. When that happens, the disgruntled public will turn to the Libertarian Party if we have been the ones leading the way.

To assume this leadership role, we need to show that fighting terrorism requires more liberty, not less.

Indeed, 9-11 might never have happened if Lady Liberty had been in charge. Both pilots and passengers on the targeted airlines would have been armed, making them far less vulnerable.

### Chasing drug dealers

If the FBI hadn't been so busy chasing drug dealers, it might have followed up on a tip given to them by a Minnesota flight school in August. Zacarias Moussaoui, now believed to be one of the terrorists slated for the 9-11 hijackings, wanted to learn how to fly jets over New York City, but wasn't interested in knowing how to take off or land. The FBI refused to investigate even after local agents arrested Moussaoui.

Lady Liberty didn't fail us; Big

Brother did!

Lady Liberty would never have blockaded Iraq, resulting in the death of hundreds of thousands of innocent children.

She wouldn't have stationed troops throughout the Middle East or taken sides in their conflicts by giving aid to Israel.

Lady Liberty would not have funded and trained bin Laden in the first place.

She wouldn't continue a War on Drugs that gives terrorists the cash flow to continue their activities.

Lady Liberty wouldn't lay the groundwork for terrorism as Big Brother has!

With Lady Liberty instead of Big Brother in charge, we could respond to 9-11 by arming our pilots, cutting off aid to Israel and Middle East heavies, and ending of the War on Drugs that funds the terrorists. Perhaps Americans would use the tax savings to learn how to spot potential terrorist activity, use firearms, etc.

We could show the world our proof that bin Laden is responsible for the attacks, put a price on his head, and let the market work its magic.

Would Lady Liberty bomb Afghanistan? Probably not. Even if we kill bin Laden, we'll create scores of embittered terrorists in the process as innocent civilians lose their homes and families. A new leader will simply emerge to take over.

Where's our Yankee ingenuity? Surely the greatest military power on earth can get to the guilty without wreaking havoc on some of the poor-

est people in the world. We wouldn't shoot through our own family member to stop a killer; why should we shoot (or bomb) other innocents to get to the terrorists? This isn't defense — it's aggression. Big Brother's tactics only create more terrorists.

Patrick Henry's famous words, "Give me liberty or give me death!" go far beyond their historical interpretation.

Liberty promotes life; its absence hastens death. The alternative to liberty is not security, but an early demise, such as the victims on 9-11 experienced.

### Death and destruction

If we give Big Brother more of our liberties, he'll keep giving us more death and destruction, as surely as turning off the lights gives us darkness. Those who trade liberty for security will be dead wrong, both literally and figuratively.

That's why we must make our country's response to 9-11 a primary focus of the LP. If President Bush is right about terrorists hating freedom, then the Republicans and Democrats are playing right into their hands.

Only Libertarians will be championing Lady Liberty instead of Big Brother.

Now is the time. *Terrorism* is the issue. If we want to be the Party of the 21st Century, here's our chance!

■ **About the author:** Mary Ruwart is the Region 7 Alternate to the Libertarian National Committee, and the author of *Healing Our World*.

# Is the war in Afghanistan a 'just war'? And for how long?

I was in Nha Trang, Vietnam the day the U.S. started bombing Afghanistan and, being in Vietnam, a weird déjà-vu feeling came over me upon hearing that another impoverished country would soon feel the high-tech might of the American military.

Being in Vietnam, I particularly pondered the parallels between the quagmire we were about to enter in Afghanistan and the quagmire we had in Vietnam in the '60s and '70s.

Though many parallels exist, there is one key difference between that war and our War on Terrorism. The Vietnam War was a morally *wrong* war, but our warring with the Taliban today is a *just* war — at least so far.

### I'm no hawk

And I'm no hawk. I marched against the Gulf War in 1990. And if out of elementary school, I would have actively opposed American involvement in Vietnam, a country that never attacked American soil.

But in today's war against terrorism, we've been directly attacked. This is the big difference between Afghanistan and Vietnam.

I'm normally a dissident who finds nationalism distasteful at best, and downright tribal and dangerous at worst. But after 9-11, I discovered a latent sense of patriotism in myself.

In high school, I used to refuse to recite the pledge of allegiance some

mornings just to prove the point that I had a free speech right not to do so, but after 9-11, I'd recite the pledge of allegiance in a minute.

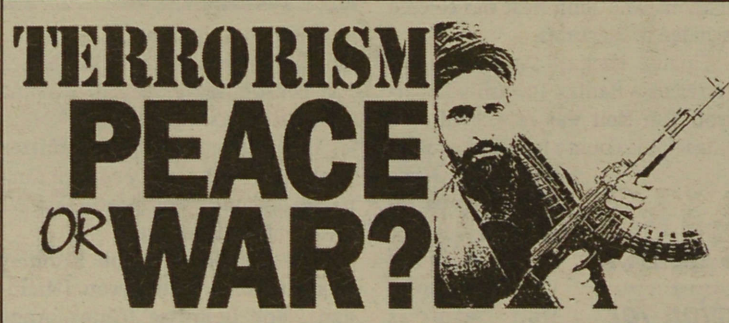
I never understood how people could be so flag-waving when the U.S. government does so many horrible things. I always thought it was just knee-jerk jingoism. But with the 9-11 attacks, the national has become personal to me, for the first time. I guess I've found patriotism.

But only because this is a just war in Afghanistan, so far. But what is a just war? Are there other ways, other than bombing an already impoverished nation, in which we could seek justice? Bombing Afghanistan with \$40 billion in bombs may not, in the long run, lead to a safer world.

Instead of sending in the Army, Navy, and Air Force, we should deploy America's real strength: free enterprise. Bombs may only perpetuate the cycle of violence.

How about \$40 billion in trade and infrastructure for Afghanistan instead of \$40 billion in bombs? If we had most favored nation trade status or free trade agreements with Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and other Muslim nations — like we have with Canada, Mexico, and Israel — the resulting cultural overlap and increased busi-

By Jeff Jared



ness contact would undoubtedly improve relations between us and dispel the ignorance that is the source of terrorist's hatred of America.

Note that of the 19 suicide hijackers who pulled off 9-11, not one had been to America before starting their mission. If any of these 19 had been to America, or known or dealt with Americans before they committed to terrorism, they might have realized how just and likable Americans can be, and maybe they would never have been sucked into a suicide cult that preaches jihad against Americans.

### Topple the Taliban

Perhaps, the U.S. military should just get bin Laden and topple the Taliban, then get out. Perhaps we could do this with diplomacy, intelligence gathering and Special Forces rather than carpet bombing.

We're bombing a country so poor that the worst ghetto in America

would be paradise in comparison. As long as bombs continue to go astray and kill such poor, innocent people, we are not that different than the organizations we're going after; the only difference is that we apologize after we kill innocents.

But in defense of the Pentagon, the American military is being the most careful ever in the history of war not to kill civilians. But this may not be enough to keep this war just.

Many defenders of the bombing argue that killing civilians through errant military strikes is unintentional whereas flying planes into buildings is intentional. But America intentionally started the war knowing that innocents would be inevitably killed, just not knowing which and how many. So doesn't this still make the deaths intentional?

Yes, bin Laden's 9-11 may have forced our hand here, but like any high-speed police chase, if we go for-

ward to apprehend a criminal knowing that we're going to kill innocents, we must answer the question: How many civilians must die before we call off the chase, or restructure it?

How many civilian deaths is too many? How many desolated and ruined lives must America cause until we're worse than bin Laden?

### Killed thousands

And note what our critics abroad point to. The U.S. government may have directly killed thousands of innocents since the '50s as a result of its imperialistic meddling.

President Nixon, for example, supported the 1973 coup in Peru that killed Chile's elected president, Salvador Allende. The U.S. also meddled in Guatemala and Nicaragua in the 1980s. Today, our embargoes kill women and children in Iraq and Cuba.

So perhaps nations that live in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks. But even with America's checkered past, our current prosecution of bin Laden and al-Qe'ada seems just, at least for the time being.

But as the killing of innocents mounts up — in so-called "collateral damage that is inevitable in war" — we may be perpetrating the very crimes we're trying to prevent.

■ **About the author:** Jeff Jared was the 2000 U.S. Senate candidate in Washington state. He lives in Kirkland.



# Terrorism's impact on the party

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office on October 21, and as weeks passed with no mail, the party fell tens of thousands of dollars behind on its bills, said Dasbach.

Only a series of e-mail appeals — asking LP members to make online donations at the party's website, [www.LP.org](http://www.LP.org) — kept the party financially afloat.

"Thank goodness for the web and for the generosity of our members," said Dasbach. "They've kept us going so far — and will hopefully get us through this mail embargo crisis."

(When *LP News* went to press in mid-November, regular mail delivery had still not resumed.)

■ The party joined the ACLU and several dozen groups to sign a letter to Attorney John Ashcroft, demanding information about individuals who had been arrested and secretly detained for suspicion of terrorism.

The October 29 letter asked the Justice Department to reveal why people had been arrested; how many had been detained; what charges have been filed; and whether suspects had proper legal counsel.

## Not ignored

"It's important to fight terrorists, but it's also important to make sure Constitutional protections are not ignored," said Dasbach. "Libertarians will always stand up for civil liberty." The letter may have had some ef-



■ Like many Americans, Libertarians responded to the September 11 terrorist attack by giving blood. Shown here, former Florida LP State Chair John Wayne Smith, a regular donor who started a Libertarian blood donation program, gives his 120th pint of blood. "[Smith's] program helped and inspired Florida Libertarians [to] respond immediately to help WTC victims," said Julie Chorgo Gilson, editor of the *Florida Libertarian* newsletter.

fect: On November 5, most of the people detained during the ongoing terrorism investigation were released, the White House announced.

■ The party launched a nationwide campaign to stop the "Patriot Act," an anti-terrorism bill that gave

the government the power to read private e-mail without a search warrant, impose "Know Your Customer"-style bank spying, and conduct "sneak-and-peak" searches of homes and offices.

LP spokespeople did dozens of in-

terviews on radio stations to drum up public opposition to the legislation, and sent several "Action Items" to its 34,000-name e-mail list to generate calls and faxes to Capitol Hill, said LP Press Secretary George Getz, who coordinated the effort.

"Our goal with this campaign was simple," he said. "The terrorists won one victory when they attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; we didn't want them to win another victory by making America less of a free country."

However, the lobbying effort was unsuccessful: The U.S. House passed the bill on October 24 on a 356-66 vote, and the U.S. Senate approved it the next day on a 99-1 vote.

■ The party refocused its media outreach efforts to concentrate on the after-effects of terrorism, such as the bailout of the airline industry, a proposed national ID card, federalized airport security, the public's growing trust in government, the link between the Second Amendment and safety, and more.

## All terrorism

"Before the terrorist attacks, we would write press releases and op-eds on a dozen different topics," said Getz. "Now it's all terrorism, all the time. Or, at least, terrorism and all its related stories — because that's all the media wants to talk about."

That effort seemed to be paying off, he said: In October, the national LP scheduled 63 radio and TV interviews, and appeared on 2,117 individual stations. That was more than

any previous month in 2001.

■ Libertarians have organized groups to oppose and support the Libertarian National Committee's (LNC) position on the War On Terrorism.

In October, past Connecticut LP State Chair James Madison launched an online discussion group — "LNC\_Peace" — to push the LNC in a "pro-peace" direction.

The group will "apply pressure so [the LNC] will change their stance on the current war," said Madison.

However, in early November, Mitch Shults, the State Chair of the Oregon LP and other members of the state Executive Committee, started a petition in support of the LNC's position.

The statement said "it is proper for the government to take forceful military action against those terrorists who have already killed thousands of Americans."

## In support of LNC

On October 14, the LNC passed a statement urging the government to take "appropriate and measured" action against terrorists, while taking caution to "minimize injury to innocent civilians." The statement also called on Congress to formally declare war before attacking any foreign nation; to "publicly reveal the evidence that conclusively links bin Laden to the terrorist attacks;" and to "announce clear, measurable, and finite goals" for the War on Terrorism.

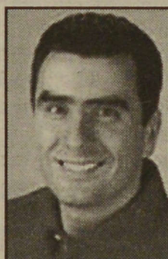
The LNC will have an opportunity to reconsider its position at its next meeting on December 8-9, in Washington, DC.

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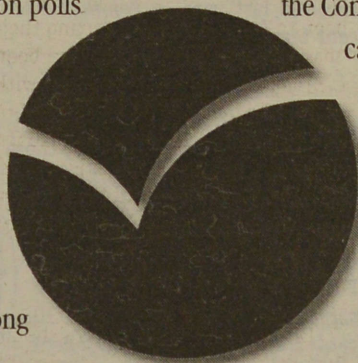
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## THE DIRECTOR

# After 30 years, yet another LP challenge

**D**ecember 11, 1971. Thirty years ago. The day the Libertarian Party was born.

A handful of fed-up Americans, meeting in David Nolan's living room, with the audacity to think that they could build a political party that would successfully challenge the growing power of the state.

They could have chosen to do nothing — to sit and yell at the TV with each new example of government ineptitude or corruption.

*They chose instead to act.*

They could have built their fledgling political movement around a single charismatic individual — a libertarian version of George Wallace or Ross Perot. If they had, they might have achieved greater short-term success. But, if history is any guide, such a party wouldn't have seen its 10th birthday, let alone its 30th.

**Instead, they built the Libertarian Party to last** — for the long haul. They knew that it took generations for our liberties to erode, and it might take generations more to restore them.

They knew that it took the Socialist Party over 60 years to see its platform coopted by the Democrats and Republicans. And after an additional 40 years, Socialism "lite" had become so firmly entrenched in America that hardly anyone in politics even questioned it.

David Nolan and his small band of Libertarian pioneers dared to question it. They dared to dream that they could make a difference. They had the courage to act.

The successes of the past 30 years have been impressive.

**The party has grown from a handful of people** 30 years ago to hundreds of elected officials, thousands of candidates and activists, tens of thousands of contributors, hundreds of thousands of registered voters, and millions of Libertarian voters.

A recent study in *Ballot Access News* of the best third-party results for governor and U.S. Senate over the past 50 years showed that the Libertarian Party had achieved more of those record-setting results than any other party.

Last year, we fielded candidates for a majority of U.S. House races, the first third party since the Socialists to accomplish that.

And, we just achieved a record number of victories in the November elections.

**However, the challenge before us is daunting**, especially since the events growing out of the September 11 attacks.

I've used this analogy before, but it's worth repeating: The "perfect storm" has hit America.

Did you see the movie or read the book? If you did, you know the "Perfect Storm" occurred when three unrelated storm systems met over the North Atlantic. The combined fury of those three storms produced a cataclysm — thundering winds, pounding rain, and towering waves.

So, too, did the deadly September 11 terrorist attacks unleash what appears to be a "perfect storm" on American politics.

**But we don't face wind, rain, or waves.** We face greater government power, restricted liberties, and the prospect of perpetual foreign war. We face higher taxes and expanded federal control over the economy. We face more wire-tapping and surveillance of e-mail.

The threat from this perfect political storm is obvious: Every freedom we hold dear is in danger. We face the increased peril of losing everything the Libertarian Party has worked to preserve for 30 years.

Like you, I want our nation to defeat terrorism. I want to be able to sleep at night knowing that my friends, family, and neighbors need not fear suicidal hijackers, imploding buildings, and deadly anthrax.

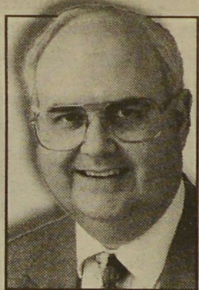
But I don't want to give up our freedoms — those precious liberties that define the very essence of America — in the name of defeating terrorism. I don't want to live in an America defined by greater global intervention, more corporate welfare, diminished civil liberties, higher taxes, and unlimited government.

**We mustn't let that happen.** If America needed the Libertarian Party 30 years ago, it needs us even more today.

That's why it's critical that we demonstrate the same dedication that David Nolan and a small band showed 30 years ago.

Whether it's running for office, volunteering for a campaign, serving as a local or state party leader, helping to fund LP activities, or simply promoting the Libertarian Party to friends and family, each of us can do something. Together, we can change the world.

Can you think of a better 30th birthday present?



**By Steve Dasbach**

LP NATIONAL DIRECTOR

# Small-government solutions can successfully stop terrorist threat

**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**  
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

**A**nger. Frustration. Grief. Despair.

These are just a few of the emotions that have, understandably, swept over America in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Polls from *USA Today*/CNN/Gallup and Pew Research show Americans overwhelmingly want the government to act to combat terrorism in the future.

Consequently, legislators are debating a number of public policy proposals intended to do just that.

But are any of these proposals likely to be effective?

Consider the idea of increasing government regulation at airports. Some say that because the private sector failed to prevent the tragedy, the government has a responsibility to take over airport security.

There is no reason to believe, however, that the hijackings would have been prevented had government bureaucrats been manning the X-ray machines. Remember: The terrorists hijacked the planes with box-cutters and small knives — tools that were permitted on the aircrafts.

In fact, politicizing airport security could make American passengers less safe. After all, bureaucracies aren't exactly notorious for their foresight and accountability. If the FBI can lose nearly 450 guns — as the agency admitted last July — how improbable is it that a single gun might slip past an FAA bureaucrat?

Nor does the federal government have a sterling track record when it comes to security in general. In early November, a U.S. House panel gave the government an "F" grade for its computer security efforts against terrorists and hackers. That grade was down from the "D-" the government received last year — before the recent terrorist attacks.

## Closed borders?

Additional regulation of immigrants is also being proposed by those who claim the September 11 terrorist attacks illustrate that need for tighter — or closed — borders. Oracle Chairman and CEO Larry Ellison has even volunteered free software to generate national ID cards for every American resident, verifying their legal status.

This proposal overlooks the fact that all but two of the terrorists were in America legally. A national ID card and beefed-up Immigration and Naturalization Service wouldn't have foiled the terrorist's plans.

And if America completely closed

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its borders to all immigrants? Foreigners would still find a way into the country. The Census Bureau reports that presently 800,000 illegal aliens enter America every year — most of them poor laborers.

Even with beefed-up border patrols, is it difficult to believe that a well-financed terrorist cell would be able to sneak into the country, this time with counterfeit ID cards instead of forged driver's licenses?



The fact is, slamming shut America's borders would be all but impossible. If determined individuals managed to sneak out of communist East Berlin despite barricades, razor wire, landmines, and machine gun emplacements, determined terrorists would probably find a way into America by crossing the Canadian or Mexican borders.

## More police power

Another proposal is to grant more power to law enforcement. Police agencies are now hamstrung by outdated limitations, proponents argue, and need more flexibility to implement wiretaps, read e-mails, monitor bank accounts, and so on.

Once again, this solution would only inconvenience law-abiding citi-

zens without significantly reducing the threat of terrorists, who typically communicate with encrypted messages, and usually don't transfer money via traceable routes.

All of the above proposals share the same fatal flaw: They rely on more government to work.

But Libertarians know that government doesn't work as well as free markets. Instead of looking for more government solutions, politicians should enact less harmful policies to promote increased safety and better deter aggressors.

Here are some solutions that should be immediately implemented to minimize the risk of future terrorist attacks:

■ **Stop disarming pilots.** At present, pilots are permitted to carry a firearm only after first getting approval from the Federal Aviation Administration — approval that hasn't been extended to a commercial pilot since 1973.

Is there a more effective deterrent to potential hijackers than

knowing that a pilot is armed?

The 67,000-strong Airline Pilots Association, which has enthusiastically endorsed the idea, doesn't seem to think so. And neither does the Front Sight Foundation, an instructional firearms school based in Las Vegas, Nevada, which has offered to give gun-training classes free of charge to commercial pilots.

However, the FAA is moving in the opposite direction since September 11. It has outlawed even the possession of knives by pilots, and allows only federal sky marshals to carry guns aboard selected flights.

Instead of traveling further down the road of victim disarmament, Congress should immediately pass Congressman Ron Paul's H.R. 2896, which would allow all aircraft pilots and copilots to keep a weapon in their cockpit.

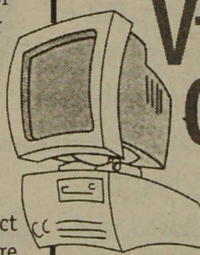
■ **Dismantle the Drug War.** The Drug War is a huge subsidy for terrorists.

Even U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert thinks so. Shortly after the attacks, Hastert announced the formation of a Speaker's Task Force for a Drug Free America, saying that the illegal drug trade is the "financial engine that fuels many terrorist organizations around the world, including Osama bin Laden."

In fact, the *Wall Street Journal* reports that about 75% of the world's heroin is produced in Afghanistan, allowing the Taliban to reap enormous profits from the black market.

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## THE MAILBOX

### ■ Pacifist apology

I read the official "LP Response to Terrorism" [October 2001] with a great deal of frustration.

As a 10-year activist, I was obviously under the false impression that we believed self defense was a legitimate function of government. We have certainly been saying that for a long time.

The official response was nothing but a pacifist apology. I saw nothing in the response that encouraged our members to volunteer for military service.

The issue that gave the most grief was the call for a "measured" response. Mr. Lark, I served three years as an Army officer in a special operations unit. Our "measured" response to previous terrorist attacks have been a contributing factor to the events of 11 September.

I fully agree that many past policies have contributed to the attack, but *nothing* we have done could justify such a senseless attack.

I would be ashamed to let any of the victim's families read the "LP Response to Terrorism."

— JOEY KING  
Nashville, Tennessee

### ■ Pass the ammo

James Lark's "LP Response to Terrorism" was disappointing: he joined the "wave the flag and pass the ammunition crowd."

If the tables were turned and we were a small country in a violent dispute with a neighbor which was supported by a large ally, we would use whatever means we had to injure our oppressor. Except we wouldn't call it terrorism, but patriotism.

The organizations responsible for these attacks have stated clearly that they want our military withdrawal

from the Middle East — isn't that what we, as Libertarians, want?

What is our goal in the Middle East? What are "our interests"? Protecting oil, which will go to market regardless of who owns it, or "defending democracy"?

What did we achieve in Korea and Vietnam besides killing 80,000 Americans, maiming many thousands more, and wasting our wealth?

Lark's stand mimics Republicans

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who compromised principle to please the mob.

In every crisis there is opportunity. For the government, this is an opportunity to gain more control over us; for Libertarians, this is an opportunity to get us out of the cycle of continual wars and global distribution of our wealth.

The choice is clear: governments normally create and use crises to increase their control of their subjects, and this is our government's opportunity. Instead of being panicked into unwinnable guerrilla warfare, let's remove the causes for these attacks.

— LEON J. KALINIEC  
Prescott, Arizona

### ■ The Vulture Party

With regard to the U.S. war on terrorism, Phil Murphy's letter [October 2001] urges the party to abandon what he calls the "hand-wringing rhetoric of left-wing defeatism."

The party is presumably to replace its (in Mr. Murphy's words) "debate club mentality" with the knee-jerk right-wing jingoism he proposes.

I don't think so.

Mr. Murphy's thesis appears to be that discussing ideals (like the importance of not killing innocent people) is a luxury we can no longer afford, and that it is high time that Libertarians shaped up and jumped on the pro-war bandwagon complete with crocodile tears for the innocent victims with all dispatch.

I remember from years ago a cartoon. A pair of vultures are sitting on a tree limb near a game herd. "Patience, my ass!" says one to the other, "I'm gonna kill something."

If we are going to replace the donkey and the elephant, we're going to have to do it with something a little more substantial than a vulture.

— W.P. LEAHY  
Jakarta, Indonesia

### ■ Unfit President Bush

President George W. Bush is unfit to hold public office.

"Either you are for us or you are against us." What right does President Bush have to force sovereign nations to take sides?

Where were all the flag-wavers before September 11? Any monkey can wave a flag.

Have we learned anything from policing the world with "peacekeepers," or are we bound to repeat it?

— BENJAMIN GREENBERG  
Burton, Ohio

## THE PULSE

# A crime, not a war

In the aftermath of September 11, almost all Libertarians agree the government has a responsibility to protect American citizens from future terrorist attacks. But is the present "War on Terrorism" the answer?

This was the major area of contention in response to this month's unscientific Pulse question: What actions should the government take in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks, or against terrorism in general?

Although there was nearly unanimous agreement that politicians should not restrict the civil liberties of Americans, Libertarians split over whether the current international "War on Terrorism" is a good idea.

One one hand, 66.7% favored treating the terrorist attack as a case of criminal mass murder, and said the U.S. government should focus on bringing to justice only those directly responsible. A broader, military War on Terrorism would only be counterproductive and put America more at risk, they said.

On the other hand, 28.6% said the terrorist attacks were clearly and unambiguously an act of war — and deserved the same in response. A firm military counterattack was needed, they argued, to wipe out the terrorists (and their allies) before they strike again.

Another 4.7% gave ambiguous answers, or did not specifically answer the question. Here is a representative sampling of the responses:

■ There is no such thing as a war against a criminal tactic; we should capture and prosecute murderers using evidence. Bombing innocent people causes anti-American hate and puts Americans in danger.

— KARLA SANGER, Seattle, Washington

■ First, we need to treat the attack as a crime and go after those responsible. Second, we need to pull all of our military troops out of foreign countries and close down all military bases in foreign countries and stop taking sides in world politics.

— BILL HEALY, Seattle, Washington

■ The United States should attack murderous terrorists and destroy their camps. I totally support President Bush and the civilized world as we fight for our survival and against the murderers of the innocent victims of September 11th. God bless America and the free world!

— PEDRO A. ROMANACH, Miami, Florida

■ We need to identify the guilty parties, capture them, and bring them to trial in an international tribunal. An end to foreign aid, military support, and even humanitarian aid would be appropriate. Finally, we need to advocate for the repeal all laws and regulations that prohibit ordinary citizens from defending themselves.

— LEE NASON, New Bedford, Massachusetts

■ [LP National Chairman] James W. Lark's official statement says it all. I proudly endorse it 100%.

— DAVID C. ROTH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

■ The U.S. government should withdraw all troops and other government employees from around the world and stop meddling in the affairs of foreign countries. At home, the U.S. should repeal the 20,000 laws that interfere with our right to own guns, allowing us an effective means of self-defense.

— MICHAEL R. EDELSTEIN, San Francisco, California

■ Stop the blockade and bombings of Iraq that have killed 500,000 children since the war in Iraq ended 10 years ago. Remove the American troops stationed in Saudi Arabia. Stop all foreign aid to Israel. Remove American troops from the 100 or so other countries throughout the world.

— MIKE ROSS, Tempe, Arizona

■ We must find and bring to justice Osama Bin Laden and his top aides. "To justice" means trial, conviction and public execution. Withdraw all military and financial support from around the world. Convert the military to true "homeland defense."

— BILL REESIDE, Setauket, New York

■ In reaction to the September 11 attacks, we should keep bombing the hell out of the Taliban until they hand over Bin Laden. We should go back to using spies and intelligence like we did during the Cold War. I also think [concealed carry permit] holders should be able to bring their guns onto planes to stop hijackers.

— ELATIA GRIMSHAW, Royal Oak, Michigan

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■ Remove our troops from all foreign soil. Open the borders for people and products. To the people who want blood: If you believe Osama is responsible, you and others like you should pool some money, and offer a bounty. A private bounty will be much cheaper, and more successful than spending billions to mobilize the military.

— IAN BERNARD, Sarasota, Florida

■ Declaring war on terrorists gives them undeserved status, and gives the U.S. unnecessary power. To defend against pirates in the 1800s, Congress granted "Letters of Marque and Reprisal" to "privateers." These entrepreneurial warriors mixed patriotism with profit, and actually delivered justice to victims of piracy, as opposed to the more destructive and expensive campaigns of government navies.

— ROB LATHAM, Oakland, California

■ Formally declare war against terrorism and all its advocates. Capture or kill Osama bin Laden and as many of his associates as possible. Annihilate the Taliban. Strengthen security in the United States.

— JERRY CITTI, Revere, Massachusetts

■ Find and kill only those directly responsible for the actions and those party to the planning. The U.S. must provide less destructive options for resolving the serious grievances of those who have been frustrated by our foreign policy.

— FRED SAUNDERS, San Jose, California

■ I support the President of the United States! However, Congress has not declared war yet. We are at war, and Congress should admit it.

— ED EHRHART, Escondido, California

■ The United States should kill the leaders and those who provide financial backing to them. Hopefully the U.S. will do the mission with a dedication to rid the world of terrorism and go after the many different organizations throughout the world.

— MICHAEL LINDER, Edgewood, Maryland

### Feb. Question: Focus on Drug War?

As part of its Strategic Planning process, the Libertarian National Committee decided to make ending the Drug War one of its primary political strategies. Specifically, the party wants to end Drug Prohibition at the federal level by 2010. But should the Drug War be a "signature issue" for the party? Some Libertarians say yes: They say the War on Drugs is one of the greatest threats to liberty, since it spawned asset forfeiture laws, racial profiling, drive-by shootings, and much more. Further, public opinion seems to be changing on the issue, and the Drug War could be our "wedge issue" to pull voters away from the Rs and Ds. That may be so, say other Libertarians, but polls say a large majority of Americans want drugs to remain illegal. And if the LP gets branded as the "Pro-Drug" party, it will hurt our credibility and make it harder for local Libertarians to get elected.

■ **QUESTION:** As one of its primary political goals, should the Libertarian Party try to end the War on Drugs within the decade? Should this be a "signature issue" for the party? Why or why not? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** January 8, 2002

### Jan. Question: Convention speaker?

It's hard to believe, but the 2002 National Convention is just around the corner. Well, it's coming up fast, anyway: It will be held July 3-7, 2002 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to selecting new LP leadership and debating possible changes to the LP platform, delegates will have an opportunity at the Convention to enjoy the usual line-up of interesting speakers. But which speakers? More precisely, who would you like us to try to invite to speak at the 2002 Convention? A Libertarian notable? A talk show host? An entertainer? A politician from another party? An author? An LP officeholder? The head of a think-tank, lobbying group, or educational foundation? In other words, what one individual would you be most eager to see? (All responses will be passed on to the Convention organizing committee for consideration.)

■ **QUESTION:** Who would you like to see as a speaker at the 2002 Convention? And what makes that person particularly interesting or compelling for Libertarians? (Keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ **DEADLINE:** December 8, 2001

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### ■ Terrorism: No tact

Frequently, Libertarian positions are met with disdain and receive a cold reception because our views seem extreme and unworkable in today's society.

Our fellow citizens have been indoctrinated into a system hijacked by the dominant political parties. Until the members of our party accept this fact, we will forever wallow in obscurity.

The recent terrorist attacks furthered our image as a party of extremists with unrealistic solutions.

Americans did not want to hear about our country's foreign policy mistakes. They did not want to hear anything vaguely resembling blame pointed inward.

But that didn't stop the Libertarian National Committee.

The official statement said exactly what Americans didn't want to hear.

Did the LNC need to use this moment to attack our government's policies? Without a doubt our foreign policy is broken, but most Americans don't know this.

Instead of attacking, the LNC should have expressed its support and declared it would work with the Republicans and Democrats to determine how such a barbaric assault could have been avoided, rather than "hope" it would shine a light on failed policies.

Unfortunately, the LNC chose to abandon tact and blast its message. Now we need to contend with those who will turn a deaf ear to our future messages.

— STEVE SUTTON

Farmington Hills, Michigan

### ■ This is self-defense

As a libertarian, I find very little useful purpose for government. As a minarchist, I can narrowly define its role as being a protector of the people within its borders from internal and external predators.

The terrorist acts of September 11th perpetrated on thousands of innocent people within our borders justify government military action.

As a libertarian, I can express full support for the present military response taken by the government. This is not Vietnam. This is not Desert Storm. This is not the Balkans. This is self-defense.

Doing nothing is not acceptable. Retribution is the only viable option. Hunting down and killing terrorists and those that harbor them, destroying their capabilities for terrorist acts,

and cutting off their sources of financial support are essential if there is any hope for peace.

For those well-meaning libertarians who oppose the war I ask, what should the response be? I have yet to hear one plausible solution to rid the world of the scourge of terrorism.

Stop the bombing, but then what? We're dealing with a regime that treats women like non-entities, veiled from head to toe.

We're dealing with an enemy that places no value on human life

We're dealing with an enemy whose goal is the destruction of our very existence.

They will stop at nothing, and

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neither should we in defense of ourselves.

As a libertarian, I hold fast to the principle of non-initiation of force. But when force is initiated on Americans, I want the government to respond and make good use of the tax dollars it took from me.

Give peace a chance by liberating the world from the tyranny of terrorism.

— VINCENT GRUBBS

San Francisco, California

### ■ Congress: Declare war

The terrorists in the attack on September 11 didn't obey the law — and neither is our government.

If the United States is going to bomb Afghanistan, we should have Congress legally declare war with Af-

ghanistan. Congress has not done that, and the president doesn't have the power to declare war.

— DAVID JENSON

El Segundo, California

### ■ Limiting freedom

Attorney General John Ashcroft and the Bush Administration are trying to limit American freedoms, in the name of fighting terrorism.

Personally, I don't have enough liberties that I would willingly part with any of them. Any rights I lose will not have been surrendered voluntarily, but will have been wrested from me by arrogant acts of force.

If the Bush Administration wants to mess with U.S. freedoms, then America can do the courageous act of declaring martial law — and not pick apart the U.S. Constitution and our Bill of Rights bit by bit.

— DAVID M. THORNBURGH

Miami Beach, Florida

### ■ Congratulations

Congratulations to Mark Owen and everyone who contributed toward the successful repeal of the historical district statute in Owosso, Michigan [November 2001].

This is great news! Like Fred Collins' successful repeal of taxicab licensing in Berkeley, Michigan, this initiative went beyond defeating a new Big Government program. It dismantled a piece of Big Government.

Most Libertarians fight the growth of Big Government. Fight new laws. We're always on the defensive. When we win, we get Big Government. When we lose, we get more Big Government.

That's why we must do what Mark Owen did. We must repeal, remove, dismantle. We must put Big Government on the defensive.

The Shiawassee County Libertarians proved people want and will vote to remove government regulations.

We need more Libertarian initiatives like this that will advance our agenda of small government and bring life to the word "repeal!"

— CARLA HOWELL

Wayland, Massachusetts

### ■ Disappointed in Means

I am disappointed by Russell Means' decision to run for Governor. See **THE MAILBOX** Page 29

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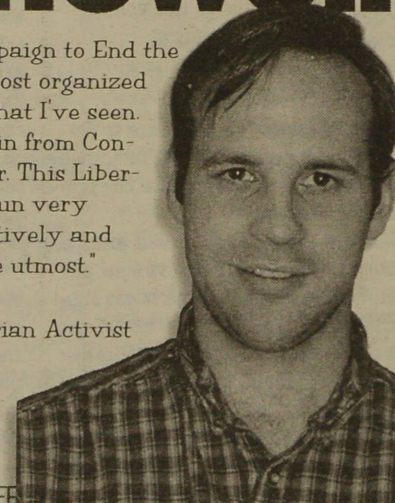
# Carla Howell

"Carla Howell's campaign to End the Income Tax is the most organized political campaign that I've seen. That's why I drove in from Connecticut to volunteer. This Libertarian operation is run very efficiently and effectively and uses resources to the utmost."

—ANDY RULE

Connecticut Libertarian Activist

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of New Mexico as an Independent rather than a Libertarian. No matter what his rationale may have been about being able to get more supporters or contributions, his unwillingness to stand behind the party label speaks volumes.

If he won't run as a Libertarian this time, then I suggest that we Libertarians find another candidate for President in 2004 — one who will be proud to carry our banner in word and in deed.

— **ROBERT HANSEN**  
Austin, Texas

### ■ Tomorrow's solutions

Congratulations to the Libertarian Party on its Strategic Plan [October 2001]. A welcome course of action from our leadership.

The question that hasn't been addressed is: "What is the cause of resistance to our party?" Until this has been addressed and solutions brought forth much of our effort may be in vain.

It isn't a case of selling freedom to the average voter. Everyone wants freedom. It's more on how we present our positions on our policies. To many people, some of our positions do not make good sense in today's world. We seem to be applying tomorrow's solutions to today's conditions.

A case in point, immigration. Our literature tells us the only immigration policy suitable with a free society is open immigration. Anyone would take this to mean no checks of any kind. Is this realistic in today's world? This seems more like a recipe for self-destruction to the non-Libertarian.

I doubt if there are any Libertarians who would reject a 50% reduction in the federal income tax. We haven't achieved our goal of no federal income tax. But this is a step closer to our goal. Why should we not apply the same logic to our other solutions to our nations ills?

If a Libertarian society cannot be established in one revolutionary happening, then we must accept that it will happen incrementally on a step-by-step basis.

If that is the case, our literature should reflect that fact. Otherwise we leave the non-Libertarian with the impression that we are not realistic.

We must never stray from our goal but we should have practical application of those goals to the conditions that exist at the time.

The way we are presenting our position on some of our policies may be the greatest impediment to increasing membership we have.

— **ROBERT KEPKA**  
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### ■ Strategic suggestions

Upon review of the Libertarian National Committee's six main goals in its new strategic plan, I am prompted by Goals 4 and 5 [increase the LP's "market share" of youth, and increase public awareness of Libertarian positions] to send these simple suggestions that could promote urgently needed party growth.

■ KidsVotingUSA.org is a national group that teaches the government

school children about the election/voting process. What I suspect that is not being taught is how oppressive the predominant two party system is to the election process and how it violates civil rights!

■ Always explain WHY it costs money to join the LP! Many would-bees won't-be because of the expense. "I don't have to pay to be a Demopublican!" (You do know the reason, don't you?) "Libertarians do not take any government funds like the demopublicans!"

■ While the LP has an array of printed materials, focus on updating,

combining, reprinting into some newer, slicker brochures and encourage members to send them out with their bill payments and to their friends. And please, some bumperstickers that promote the www.LP.org website. Millions could be enlightened!

■ Encourage all LP college graduates to help establish LP campus chapters at all collegiate institutions — there are many with no LP presence and, believe me, these students are ready for something better in their country!

■ We would greatly help our party

by changing the name to "The Liberty Party of America." Liberty Party just sounds more invitingly friendly!

— **FISHER CAUDLE**  
Atlanta Georgia

### ■ Maher: Like him

I was reading the October issue of LP News and came across the letter by Chris Cox, which stated that Bill Maher was a "stereotypical hippie who only cares about drugs, the F-word, dangerous cinema, and girls."

Now, come on! Who are you, Mr. Cox, to say this about Mr. Maher?

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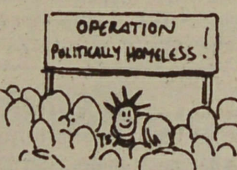
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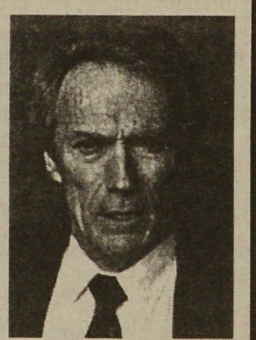


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I personally love watching *Politically Incorrect* because Mr. Maher discusses the real issues in our society.

He may seem negative most of the time, but for the most part I agree with him. Since the attack on September 11, he has been very sympathetic and I commend him for it.

I have been watching his show for a long time now, and I will continue to — even though I may not agree with everything he says.

— **CRYSTAL REARDON**  
Houston, Texas

### ■ Maher: Hate him

Hallelujah! It is about time someone pointed out that that phony

"libertarian" Bill Maher is no true libertarian.

I've watched his program and his antics, and it always amazed me that with his anti-gun ownership, anti-business, radical environmentalism and animal rights positions, his outspoken support of the socialist ideas of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, etc., how he could even dare to call himself a libertarian.

But then I seem to recall that Bill Clinton once referred to himself as a "libertarian" — another perversion of the word.

Bill Maher is definitely not a libertarian by any stretch of the term.

— **WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER**  
Branford, Florida

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Although Hastert's diagnosis is dead on, his prescription would make the problem worse by further entrenching America in this unwinnable war.

Instead, the government should stop dramatically inflating the profits of drug suppliers. According to Joseph D. MacNamara, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Drug Prohibition causes the price of drugs to be marked up by as much as 17,000% — funneling huge profits into the pockets of criminals.

If the U.S. ended Drug Prohibition, not only would the exorbitant profits vanish from the \$500 billion worldwide illegal drug trade, but the federal government could save the \$20 billion it spends on anti-drug efforts.

That money could be diverted to anti-terrorist intelligence operations — and law enforcement could focus its attention on smashing terrorist organizations, instead of raiding parties at college fraternities.

■ **Return to a non-interventionist foreign policy.** A wild animal might attack you regardless of whether you leave it alone, but that doesn't mean throwing rocks at it is a wise thing to do.

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Returning to the peaceful foreign policy that dominated American politics for most of the 19th century



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■ **The American government should stop giving weapons — or money to buy weapons — to foreign nations.**

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Afghanistan is only the latest country that has used American arms and money — resources given to Islamic mujahedeen forces during the 1980's to fight the Soviet occupation — to later turn around and threaten America.

### No guarantees

None of these proposals will guarantee that terrorists will never target America again. That kind of security is impossible in a world fraught with risks.

They will, however, substantially reduce the likelihood of that occurring — without sacrificing any more of the liberty that distinguishes America from every other country in the world.

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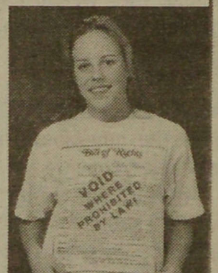
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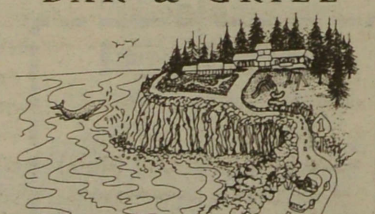


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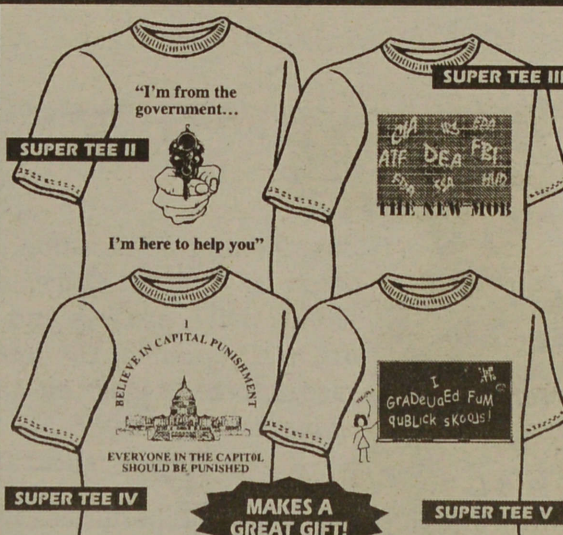
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