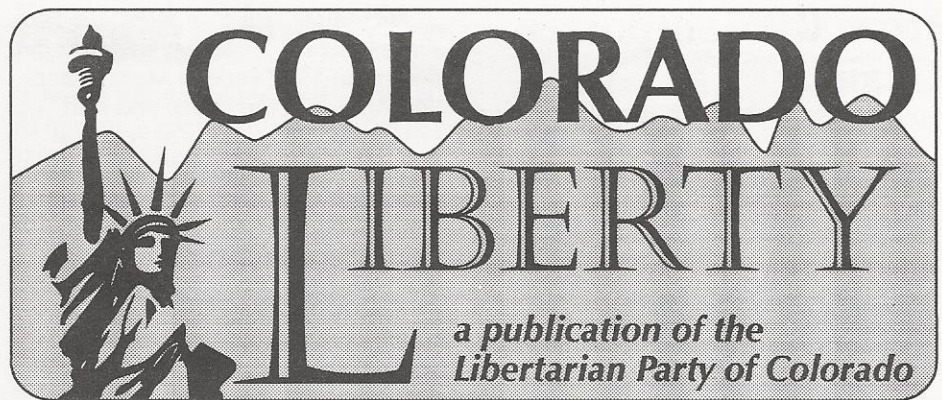


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## Hempstock '97 a Huge Success

by Ron Bain, Boulder County Newsletter Editor

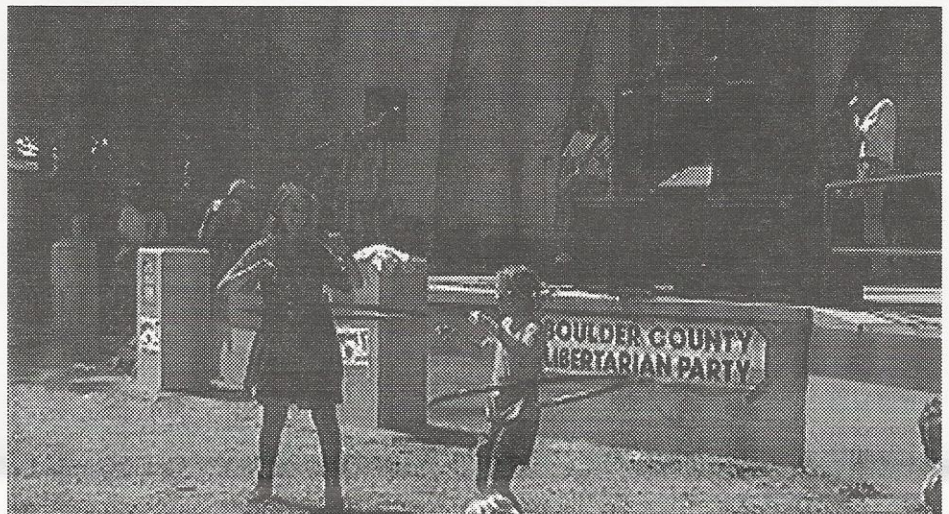
In all respects—attendance, publicity, fundraising, quality of music, appeal of speakers, success of vendors—Hempstock '97 was an unqualified success.

Crowd estimates are difficult, but the Hempstock population peaked at approximately 800 or 900 in Boulder's Central Park on Saturday, August 16. A turnstile counter would probably have counted about 1,200 to 1,500 passing through the event.

Publicity efforts were phenomenal. Newspapers covering the event before or after included the *Daily Camera*, *Boulder Planet*, *Colorado Daily*, *Longmont Times-Call* and *Rocky Mountain News*. Radio stations providing coverage included KGNU, KBCO, KBVI and KOA Two TV stations, KWGN Channel 2 and KMGH Channel 7, arrived to film the event.

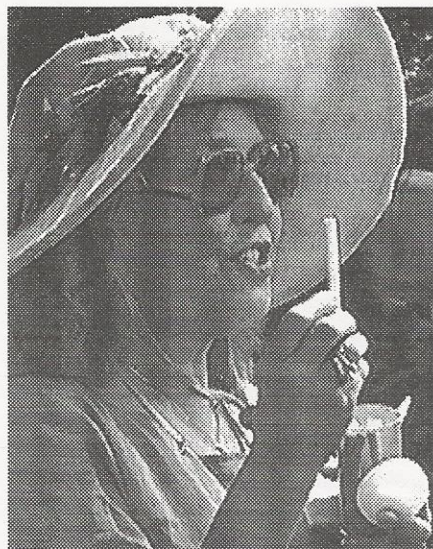
Event co-organizer Laura Kriho reported that the event covered all of its expenses, including permits, sound system and printing, "with a little left over." A remarkable cooperative effort between the Libertarian Party of Boulder County and the Colorado Hemp Initiative Project, Hempstock '97 featured a very successful Libertarian booth. More donations were raised, more books and bumper stickers were sold, and more names were taken at Hempstock than at either the Boulder Creek Festival or the Boulder Freedom Festival, reported booth organizer Chuck Wright.

The final roster of speakers



"I think that every single responsible parent in this community should be incensed by (Hempstock)," said Jann Scott, Boulder drug abuse recovery expert.

included Kriho, LPBC chair Ken Kirkmeyer, Boulder County Commissioner Paul Danish, former State Senator Lloyd Casey, NORML attorney Warren Edson, and legal medical marijuana recipient Elvy Musikka, (pictured below) who altered travel



plans to attend and speak at Hempstock.

Vendors reported earning ten times the value of their booth fee, and business was brisk at the booths throughout the day.

Several musicians known in the Boulder area, including Wendy Woo and Master Cylinder, were the featured performers at Hempstock. Acoustic acts included Blair Wilson, Jack Woehr, Craig Cornet and Michael Perkins, but the electric highlights of the event were provided by Master Cylinder and Who Cares, a band playing the music of The Who.

Plans are already underway for Hempstock '98, with several musicians, vendors and politicians already vying for spots on the Hempstock itinerary for next year. A planning meeting for Hempstock '98 will be announced sometime early next year.

Excitement is building for possible citizen's initiatives regarding cannabis to be on the state ballot in 1998.



## From the Temporary Chair

About three years ago, Democratic Governor Roy Romer toyed with staunch Republican radio talk show host Mike Rosen, saying he would sooner be a Libertarian than a Republican. Maybe Roy wasn't joking.

Can you believe that a classic tax-and-spend Democrat like Romer would ever admit that the government doesn't need any more money!? It's true! He said last week "We don't need the additional revenue" from the proposed \$2.5 from the nickel a gallon gasoline tax increase that will be on ballots statewide this November. Stopping and turning on a nickel, Roy and his minions in the "private sector" have publicly and completely abandoned their previous die-hard support for the gas tax hike. What is going on here?! (Despite its rejection by its sponsors, the measure will still be on the ballot.)

Meanwhile the US Congress has found another "problem" requiring massive government intervention: they think there are too many doctors out there. So, Bill Archer (R-TX) offered up an "innovative" \$9.7 billion solution: Let's pay medical schools to **not** train so many doctors.

A spokesman for Archer called the new subsidy program "consistent with the Republican preferences for market solutions to health care problems..." Talk about double-speak! Just what language does this "fiscally conservative" Republican speak, and what planet does he live on. This is a "new and improved" version of paying farmers **not** to grow crops.

Speaking of the Department of Agriculture, here's a spot quiz. Who recently said: "The way the federal government inspects meat and poultry hasn't changed in 90 years." Was it:

- A Harry Browne
- B Frank Purdue
- C Ralph Nader
- D Ronald McDonald
- E Bill Clinton

Answer: E, Bill Clinton. It's true. Maybe Bill has been talking to Roy. Can you believe that a nanny-statist Social Democrat like Clinton actually admitted that "government doesn't work!?"

Incredible as it may seem, the Feds still inspect meat the way they first did under the 1907 Federal Meat Inspection Act - with the "poke and sniff" system. Do you think a nationwide network of **private** meat inspectors and guarantors, doing what Consumers Reports and Consumers Union do for general consumer products and what Underwriters Laboratories does for the appliance industry, would use **slightly** more sophisticated and effective methods than "scratch and sniff?"

Deciding not to die from e-coli infection is a no-brainer. Cook your meat to 180 degrees and get on with your life.

Meanwhile the Ag Dept. reported last week that, despite spending billions of our bucks on propaganda, according to a study conducted from 1989-1991 **only 1%** of American children eat properly, and that's measured against the Ag Dept.'s own standards, which are not exactly rigorous. Not only does government not work, it's literally killing us! Which is worse: The results of that study, or the fact that it took the Feds **six years** (and untold \$ millions) to analyze this survey data!?

One more one-liner on the Ag Dept.: They have more employees than there are family farmers in the US. The inmates are running the asylum.

The main focus for political pundits and talking heads this November will be New Jersey. The gubernatorial race in "The Garden State" (yeah, right) will be the one most closely watched for clues about the state of mind of the voter, and the state of the Democratic and Republican parties.

The good news is that (unconfirmed at press time) NJ Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Dr. Murray Sabrin, a professor of Finance and talk radio show host, will be right in the thick of things. At least officially, he is being accorded equal status with the D and R candidates under NJ's absurd campaign finance laws. Dr. Sabrin will be participating in both of the official, state-sponsored "debates," which will be broadcast nationally by CSPAN.

If Dr. Sabrin puts on an effective and professional performance, it could go a long way toward perhaps our most important goal for the year 2000: getting our presidential candidate into the prime-time national

"debates." Give 'em hell Murray!

"To Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness,"

Larry Hoffenberg  
Public Information Director  
Libertarian Party of Colorado

## LP Colorado Website Up and Running

By David Aitken

The LP of Colorado's web site is now open for business! For those of you with access to the world wide web, you'll find our site at [www.pageplus.com/~lpcolorado](http://www.pageplus.com/~lpcolorado) filled with current information, news, up-to-the-minute calendar information, and all sorts of stuff. We've got all the articles from recent issues of the Colorado Liberty, our Constitution and Bylaws, platform planks, news releases, and contact information including e-mail addresses for board members and local groups.

If you are looking to help the party, but don't know how, go to our Needs page which has several ways you can participate in the political process. If you want to know where the party stands on state and local issues, go to the Issues page. The Candidates page has links to various libertarian organizations as well as state and local government links.

If you have an event to publicize, a special libertarian project, or local meetings to promote, please send them to David Aitken at [daitken@tde.com](mailto:daitken@tde.com), 1240 Ogden #4, Denver, Co 80218, 303-831-4334. Your event will be listed on our Calendar page within 48 hours and will also appear in the next issue of the Colorado Liberty, if it is still timely.

Your suggestions and comments about our web site are also appreciated. Please visit it at [www.pageplus.com/~lpcolorado](http://www.pageplus.com/~lpcolorado) and let us know what you think!

"It pains me that I have lived to see the transformation of the United States from a republic to a feudal aristocracy. Not pretty."

—Mr. Hamel, teacher in "Higher Education" by Charles Sheffield & Jerry Pournelle



## Calendar

### September

- 9/20 - Sat - Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 9/27 - Sat - Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 9/26-28 - Fri-Sun - Gun Rights Policy Conference - Denver. Free. To register or get info, call (206) 454-4911 or e-mail jbarsaf@aol.com

### October

- 10/1 - Wed - Board of Directors - 7:00pm - LPCO Office, 720 E. 18th Ave #309, Denver. (303) 837-9393. All members welcome; public comments 6:45 and 9:00
- 10/2 - Thu. - Libertarian Community of Jefferson County - 7:00pm - Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th. Ave., Lakewood, (303) 421-3675
- 10/4 - Sat - Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 10/11 - Sat - Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 10/14 - Tue - Denver Activists Meeting - 7:00pm - home of David Aitken, 1240 Ogden #4, Denver, Co 80218, 303-831-4334.
- 10/18 - Sat - Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 10/25 - Sat - Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.

### November

- 11/8-9 - Sat/Sun - Success '97 - Denver. This two-day workshop is your chance to learn the secrets and techniques of Libertarian political success. Call Kris Williams at the national office (202) 333-0008 x231. Program and dinner: \$89; program: \$59; dinner: \$50

### July, 1998

- 7/2-5 - National Convention - Washington, DC. (202) 333-0008

## Political Influence

If you've been wondering about ways to influence your political environment, Dave Aitken has found one you could easily emulate. Here's a letter he wrote to the members of the Denver City Council:

September 2, 1997

Denver City Council  
City and County of Denver  
Bannock and Colfax  
Denver, Co 80204

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of its members and taxpayers, the Denver Libertarian Party would like to compliment the City Council for its willingness to look at alternatives to our jail overcrowding problems as mentioned in recent newspaper stories. It is refreshing to see a government body look at new ideas instead of taking the path of least resistance and opting for the usual tax and spend policies which do little except perpetuate the status quo.

I hope you will continue to hold an open mind and to actively seek out new and innovative solutions from organizations and individuals who are outside your usual sources of ideas. I know it's difficult to read and pursue ideas we at first don't agree with, but often they bring new insights which lead to new and better solutions.

Sincerely,  
David Aitken  
Chairman Denver Libertarian Party

## Libertarians Protest 67% Tax Hike

A number of libertarians, including Doug Anderson, Deb Bishop, Dave Bryant, Jerry Van Sickle, Judd Ptak, Tom Goonan, Bette Rose Smith, Bud Hall, Jim Misa, Jim Phelps, Angela Chalmers, Grace Reed, and David Aitken joined other protesters to demonstrate against the opening of the Transit '97 campaign headquarters just south of downtown Denver. Transit '97 is backing the 67 percent increase in the RTD tax. The protesters, many of whom carried signs calling attention to the special interest money from businesses which may get contracts if

the sales tax increase passes, carried out a peaceful demonstration which got a limited amount of media coverage.

The protest was organized by Jon Caldera, RTD board member from Boulder.

## Kudos

- Kudos to Stuart Barr, Gerry Hatch, Ron Parrish, Jim Misa, Michele Bethke, Dave Bryant and David Aitken for assembling the last issue of the Liberty for mailing.
- Kudos to Larry Hoffenberg for once again pinch-hitting for Sandra Johnson in the Chair's duties.
- Kudos to Sandra and Bob Johnson for being the perfect hosts for the September board meeting.

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## Relining America's Birdcages

By L. Neil Smith <[Ineil@ezlink.com](mailto:Ineil@ezlink.com)>

Historians of the future—like paleobiologists describing some bizarre underseascape populated with crinoids, trilobites, and giant water-breathing scorpions—will regard the century we've almost lived through as the "Age of Lies".

We all swim in an ocean of lies, every day.

Some of us even drown in them.

How many people do you know who still believe that Jack Kennedy was shot by a lone assassin? Or that if the Navy says it didn't shoot down TWA 800, then it didn't? Or that the government couldn't possibly have murdered those women and children near Waco? One belief we all share, however, is that if more people knew the truth—about JFK, TWA 800, Waco, the Federal Reserve, Social Security, or anything else that the government, the public schools, and the media use each other to lie to us about—we'd have a chance at a better world.

For decades, many individuals and entire movements have tried tackling the government on its own terms and failed miserably. Government will be the last thing that changes. It should be obvious by now to anybody with half a brain that politics—at least at the national level—is not the answer to any question anybody genuinely concerned with individual liberty ever intended to ask.

The school system is in the process of self-destructing, as surely as if Captain Kirk, Scotty, and Mr. Spock were giving it all the proper pass-words. Not only has it abandoned any pretense at teaching kids what they must know to become autonomous

adults, in favor of pumping them full of fascist propaganda, it's now fallen victim to its own agenda. NEA union members unable to read, write, or calculate themselves, and who know nothing of science, economics, or history, can only pretend to earn their overbloomed salaries by battling the

"Menace of Midol", enforcing "political correctness", and confiscating pocket knives too small to be of utility for anything but skinning and field-dressing butterflies.

There is a way to knock another leg from under the three-legged stool of government, public schools, and media, a workable substitute for conventional politics that demands no compromise on the part of those who wish to be free. What's more, if the enemies of liberty possess no integrity, it can even make that fact an asset, instead of the frustrating liability it's always seemed to be.

From now on, whenever you hear reporters lying on radio or television, or read lies they've written in newspapers or magazines—about the internet, about your right to own and carry weapons, about Waco, about anything—wait for the next commercial, or take note of the nearest quarter- or half-page advertisement, the kind of ads that constitute a publication's "bread and butter".

Now ordinarily, if you did anything about any of the million lies a day the media spew at you and your children, it would simply be to complain about it to a friend in person or on the internet, or write a letter to the editor. A letter you know will be published only if it makes your side look like a gaggle of lunatics. A letter which, if it fails to serve their purposes, the editorial crew will snigger at obscenely, crumple into a sweaty little ball, and toss into the circular file—"Missed, dammit! How about three out of five?"

Instead of going through that useless

empty ritual one more time, write your letter to that advertiser, telling him about what you've just read in the publication, or heard on the station, whose bills he pays with his advertising fees. Tell him the intellectual thugs whose wages he pays are lying about all the vital issues of the day. (Each of us has his own pet peeve, and you can stick to that if you prefer.) They're trying to help vile pressure groups and politicians deprive you of your rights. They're trying to get you injured or killed—and even worse, to get your *children* injured or killed—on *his* nickel!

Pretend you're a liberal, or that he is. Don't let it sound intellectual. Keep it easily understandable, expressed in short words and shorter sentences. Stick to one concept per letter. Make your pen or keyboard drip with emotion. Think with your tear ducts (and parts south). Tell him he's helping evil be perpetrated. He pays for it, therefore it's his fault. If he's the average guy who manages a furniture store, he won't know what to do with a letter like this, blaming him for all the world's problems. If he gets a *dozen*, and they all seem independent and spontaneous, he may quit selling furniture and join a monastery!

So now it's time to reverse yourself (remember, you're a liberal, or he is) and let him off the hook. Tell him that you don't necessarily hold him responsible. After all, we're men of the world. We know that newspaper and TV people are the "something worse" that *scum* keeps from floating to the top.

But don't forget to ask him this question: if the newspaper or TV station lies about something as simple and basic, for example, as the Bill of Rights, then why should anybody believe anything they have say about

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### *Relining America's Birdcages* (continued from page 4)

his goods or services? Don't threaten or bluster—nobody actually gives a damn in any case, and your guilt-trip was just a buildup to the punchline—simply demand an answer to your question. If they'll lie about A and B then why not C and D?

Now comes the most important part: be sure and send a copy of your letter to the newspaper or television station. But *don't* send it to the editorial department. Send it to the advertising manager. He'll pay close attention to it. He never gets any letters, except from the advertisers themselves, bitching that last Tuesday's grocery store double-trucker employed the wrong typeface.

Unlike the hairsprayheads and J-school graduates upstairs who only *think* they run the joint, he doesn't care that you can be credibly blown off as a "right-wing kook". He won't argue with you about what the Second Amendment "really" provides. And he won't sniff haughtily that your letter is eleven words over some 400-word limit. The only thing he cares about is advertising revenue.

If he thinks editorial's policy is

fiscally harmful, he'll go straight to the top management and—provided you're consistent and persistent enough—the First Amendment be damned, they'll come down on editorial like a ton of bricks.

Before I wrote this column, I checked with Vin Suprynowicz, the assistant editorial page editor of the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, celebrated syndicated columnist, and editor-in-chief of *The Libertarian Enterprise*. Vin's worked all his adult life at papers of varying size across the country. I asked him if the idea was sound and how many letters might be required to have noticeable effect.

Vin astonished me by replying that six or seven letters a week for three to five months would probably do the trick. I'd thought it would take many times that number and at least twice that long. If he's only half right, then a mere 300 letters could, in only half a year, change the editorial policy of the most left-wing metropolitan birdcage liners. As if by a miracle (the usual kind, requiring lots of elbow-grease and skull-sweat on our part) the "little men" by whom we find ourselves governed will have lost one more pillar of support.

Naturally, there's no reason you can't wage this kind of campaign all by yourself. On the other hand, if you and your friends get together and hold a "Libertyware Party" on a regular basis—say, monthly—you can share any research you've done (you may find that addresses are remarkably hard to root out for certain national advertisers who want your money but don't want any other kind of contact with their customers) and plan ways to distribute your letters throughout the month in order to make them appear as independent and spontaneous as you want them to. Be sure you all use different kinds of paper or stationery, different ink colors, and different handwriting, typewriters, or printer typefaces. It sure beats standing in the rain collecting petition signatures.

It's time to take some of the energy we put into national electoral politics and move it into an undertaking which can actually achieve real results.

L. Neil Smith is a Fort Collins science fiction author. "Bretta Martyn" is now available at a bookstore near you. "The Libertarian Enterprise" is at <http://webley.zq.com/tle/index.html>



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## **Quote/Unquote**

*"I was very impressed with the expertise [of] all the speakers. I have not stopped talking about it."*

**—MICHAEL DIXON,  
LP OF ILLINOIS**



# Agenda

## Successful Party-Building

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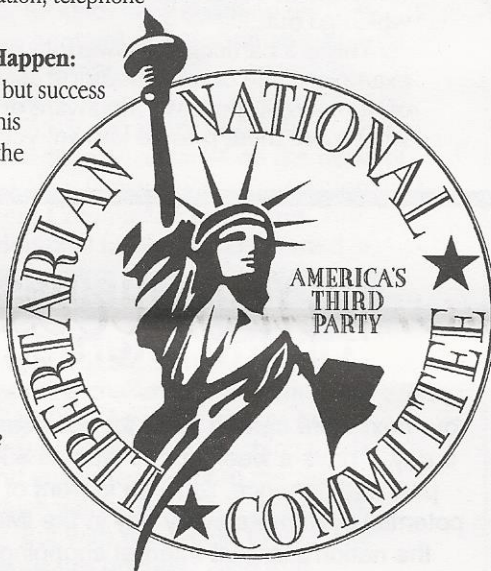
school & college classes; successful radio and TV interviews; participating in forums.

■ **Fundraising:** How to raise \$100 per member per year.

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■ **Making It Happen:**

Ideas are great, but success takes *action*. This session covers the essentials of planning and management: Setting goals; developing timelines; preparing budgets; and finding *effective* volunteers.



### Quote/Unquote

*"One of the most informative meetings I've ever attended. I brought back all sorts of ideas."*

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## Speakers

■ **Steve Dasbach:** National LP Chair

■ **Perry Willis:** Libertarian Party National Director.

■ **Bill Winter:** LP Communications Director; former N.H. State Chair.

■ **Ron Crickenberger:** National LP Political Director.

■ **Jim Lark:** Faculty Advisor to the College Liberty Coalition.

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☐ **I'm not sure yet — I may attend.** Please send me a complete information package about the **Denver, Colorado** Success '97 conference.

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.



# "Waco, the Rules of Engagement"

reviewed by Bennett Rutledge

(Not rated: language, graphic violence)

The program opened with a short introduction by Mike McNulty, one of the co-producers. The videotape itself (it was not available as a film) opens with a telephone conversation between Jim Cavanaugh, an FBI negotiator, and a small child. This movie, however, is not for small children. One member of the audience described it as "Schindler's List" without the happy ending. The closeups of incinerated bodies are way more distressing than, for example, Luke Skywalker finding Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru. Even though I had not had lunch, my own 46-year-old stomach was getting unsettled by the end.

The video is broken into segments. The first consists of excerpts from the controversy surrounding the Branch Davidian community. It goes on at some length about the history of the Davidian movement, going back to the 1930's. It also explained a bit about what David Koresh meant by referring to himself as a "sinful messiah" or prophet/rescuer. The background on the Federal side was much sketchier, but did include a note about hopes for good publicity for an upcoming ATF budget hearing.

The major phases of the show covered the ATF operation on February 28, 1993, its aftermath, and the final confrontation on April 19, in brutal depth. A particularly powerful sequence has portions of an FLIR (forward looking infra red) recording. Parts showing muzzle flashes from on or near the FBI tanks engineering vehicles are intercut with congressional testimony by Deputy FBI Director Larry Potts that "the FBI did not fire one shot." There were a few other details that I hadn't known before. The chronology, the CS "tear gas" powder being first used about seven a.m. and the fire breaking out near noon,

trashed my favorite theory about how the fire started. The show closes with the camera panning the smoking wreckage, and the phone conversation from the beginning: "are...are you coming in to kill me?" "no...nobody's coming."

At times the sound track is a bit overpowering. There is an emphasis on snare drums when the federal forces are on screen, and a sort of humpback whale sound at other key points in the show, that rubs one's nose in the producers' agenda. I think those passages would have done better with "deafening silence." The video format costs a lot of resolution. It is difficult to make out a lot of things that would have been very persuasive. The front doors, for example, don't show enough detail to verify which bullet holes go in and which go out.

This is a particularly powerful example of the documentary. In spite of its flaws, it did leave me aware of what more there is to be known, yet

convinced that the action at Mt. Carmel was the most stunning defeat for American freedom in our long history. It is scheduled for the Film Festival in Denver in October, and Judd Ptak will be trying to arrange other showings.

See it. Not because you will like it (you won't), but because you can't afford to ignore it.

*Bennett Rutledge is the LPUS Alternate Representative for Area 2, which includes Colorado*

## What Have You Done For Your Liberty Lately?

by Jim Misa

In the hunt for volunteers for the Success '97 phone campaign over the last month, I've gotten some good, positive responses — although I still need more. So if you think you'll have three free evenings in October, please call me. But volunteer recruitment is not the specific purpose of this essay. In addition to the affirmative responses, I also got some that caused me to think. "We put so much effort into last year's campaign. I'm disappointed and burned out." Or, "I'm down on the whole political process. Politics in general and politicians themselves are the problem." These kinds of responses began to simmer in my mind. I wanted to ask these fellow Libertarians what they expected of the '96 elections, and the political process in general. Did they expect Harry to win the election? Did they expect him to get 20%, 10%, 5%, 2%? Did they hope to see a few Libertarians in the U.S. House, or in the State House in Denver? Did they expect to see a Libertarian candidate who had a supposedly "good" chance of winning, make it onto the county or

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### What have you done?

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town council?

My response to you folks, is that even had we elected Harry and Jo, majorities in the U.S. House and Senate, a Libertarian Governor and majority in the Statehouse, and Libertarians into local office, our work would still not be done. How can I say that? Because there always remains an opposition, and next year's election. There is no end to the political process, there is just the political process.

There was once a wise, old DWAM (Dead, White American Male) sage who said, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." Eternal. As in every day. Like brushing your teeth. Living as an independent citizen in a free republic requires more than just voting once every four years. Active, regular participation in the political process is part of a full, balanced, self-governed life. Because if you don't do everything you can to assure your voice is heard in decisions that affect you, believe me, someone else will make them without you. So, what have you done for your Liberty lately?

When Hitler attacked the Jews, I was not a Jew; therefore, I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the Catholics, I was not a Catholic; and therefore I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the unions and the industrialists, I was not a member of the unions; and I was not concerned. Then, Hitler attacked me and the Protestant church, and there was nobody left to be concerned.

—Martin Niemoeller

When they took the Fourth Amendment, I was quiet because I didn't deal drugs. When they took the Sixth Amendment, I was quiet because I was innocent.

When they took the Second Amendment, I was quiet because I didn't own a gun. Now they've taken the First Amendment, And I can say nothing about it.

—Jerry and Nancy Herrington

## Murray Sabrin Qualifies for National Debates

WASHINGTON, DC — A frenzied, last-minute fund-raising effort by Libertarians over Labor Day weekend appears to have earned New Jersey gubernatorial candidate Murray Sabrin a spot in two televised debates this fall.

Sabrin, a college professor, radio host, and author, will share the stage with Republican Governor Christie Whitman and Democratic candidate James McGreevey if he is officially certified by the New Jersey election commission. A decision is expected on Tuesday, September 9.

With just 30 minutes to go before the 5:00pm filing deadline on Tuesday, September 2, Sabrin and a horde of campaign workers dropped 50 pounds of paperwork documenting \$236,050 in contributions—\$26,050 more than necessary—on the desks of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in Trenton. The additional funds may be needed in the event of errors or incomplete paperwork.

With just \$70,000 in the bank on August 15, the campaign faced the daunting challenge of reaching \$210,000 in just 18 days to qualify under state law for matching funds and guarantee a spot in the debates, which will be held Oct. 21 and 24.

But with two weeks to go, "The floodgates opened," said Ron Crickenberger, political director for the national Libertarian Party in Washington, DC. "Fund-raising letters and e-mail appeals sent out over the last two weeks pulled in more than \$150,000 — and another \$10,000 has been raised since the deadline.

"This effort showed the value of teamwork as well as the importance of the individual. If one single staffer or volunteer had been missing last weekend, we probably wouldn't have made it over the top."

Crickenberger attributed the fund-raising success to the party's surging membership.

"Three years ago, when the party was half its current size, a Libertarian candidate could not have raised this much money this fast — we simply weren't big enough."

Sabrin, 50, is a professor of corporate finance at Ramapo College in Mahwah Township and author of a book, "Tax Free 2000: The Rebirth of American Liberty."

He lives in Leonia.

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# Ex-GOP Activist Tells Jim Nicholson, RNC Chair, Where He Got Off

by David Shaffer of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Nicholson,

For my entire adult life I have: \* Voted Republican, \* Walked door-to-door for Republican candidates \* Donated the maximum amount of money possible to Republican candidates, \* Worked at polling places for Republicans, \* Ferried voters to the polls to cast Republican ballots, \* Tried to recruit new Republicans from the ranks of Democrats and Independents, and... \* Suffered the enmity of my friends for advocating a limited constitutional republic.

You can therefore imagine my elation at the election results of 1994!

Yet, here I am in May, 1997, a proud, new, card carrying member of the Libertarian Party. I presume, therefore, that you will wish to withdraw my nomination as a sustaining member of the RNC. Should you, for some inexplicable reason, choose not to withdraw, I nevertheless do not accept.

If you will take instruction from the defection of so long a loyal and energetic party member, then I am only too anxious to offer it. To wit,

I did not work to save immoral Social Security and Medicare programs, but to repeal them.

I did not contemplate a rise in the minimum wage, but its abolition.

I did not expect that the defeat of Clinton-care would be followed by Kennedy-Kassebaum and now Kennedy-Hatch.

I did not expect the continued deployment of US troops overseas following Cold War victory.

I did not expect the 'end of welfare as we know it' to include continued federal taxation to support welfare as we know it now.

I did not anticipate that promised deregulation would place tobacco under the FDA.

I did not dream that the demise of politically correct speech would be succeeded by proposals to censor the Internet.

I did not expect the dismantling of

corporate welfare to be blocked by Republicans.

I did not think that the equal protection of the law meant that parents are more equal than the childless in structuring the tax code.

I did not consider that the arbitrary powers of the LSC, ATF, IRS, SBA, NEA, NLRB, FDA, Export/Import Bank, EEOC, and on and on would continue as if no change in legislative control had ever happened.

I am still amazed that no shrinkage in the number of Cabinet departments has occurred, that the number and complexity of the forms that I must submit to the federal government in order to operate my small business has not decreased, but increased.

I certainly hoped that the Republican majority would not continue to permit the war on drugs to justify assaults on liberty (RICO, asset forfeiture, forceful entry and destructive searches of property without compensation to innocent targets).

I do not understand why there is a war on drugs in the first place (apart from educational and rehabilitational efforts which can all be done voluntarily), and particularly why this war should be a FEDERAL one.

I do not understand how it is that the agents of the federal government who caused the loss of innocent life at Ruby Ridge and Waco, not only were not prosecuted, and did not suffer the loss of employment and benefits, but were instead promoted.

I am dismayed that the group who rightly attacked liberal Democrats for forcing secular humanism down our throats should find no contradiction in forcing fundamental Christianity down our throats, regardless of its benefits when taken voluntarily.

No one can prevent a person from praying to his God, short of killing him, and I have as yet had no report of a teacher taking this step.

And while homosexuality, prostitution, pornography, and other such activities voluntarily engaged in by consenting adults may offend the morals of some, or even many, they most certainly do not circumscribe the liberty of anyone.

I could continue in this vein, but I won't.

Now I come to the letter of nomination itself, wherein you list what you believe to be the most compelling reasons for concerted

Republican action, and what do I find?

1. A complaint about Clinton/Gore scandals.

If you can find sufficient grounds for so doing, impeach one or both of these scoundrels. If not, why not embrace enthusiastically the serious and pressing business of restoring our liberties?

2. Balancing the budget.

Excuse me, but the early reports of how Republicans are planning to do this do not bring comfort. The end of deficits as far as the eye can see will not occur without the accompaniment of real spending reductions as far as the eye can see.

And the absence of such spending cuts will only mean that the monster state is simply frozen at its present freedom-crushing proportions.

3. Crime and drug abuse among our children.

I have read the U.S. Constitution many times, and more books on the Constitution than many Americans have read books, and nowhere do I find an enumerated power of the national government to concern itself with crime and drug use amongst our children, our adults, or anyone else.

Nor, while we are at it, with 'improving our schools,' helping 'working and retired Americans struggling to make ends meet,' helping parents defend their children against 'television and the Internet,' or helping us 'prepare for retirement.'

You have, it seems to me, been seduced by the enemy's propaganda. No, I do not think you are on the right track, notwithstanding the fact that I wish to arrive — through unfettered personal efforts — at some of your stated destinations.

I did not, after all, choose the Republican Party as my political vehicle simply to conserve fuel on the 'Road to Serfdom.'

That I want my voice to be heard in Washington is certain. I am convinced, however, that a higher decibel level will be registered by my departure to the Libertarians than any size contribution I could make to the RNC. If, in this conviction I am mistaken, then God help us all.

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An open Foe may prove a curse;  
But a pretended Friend is worse.  
-Benjamin Franklin

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