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# NEWS

## NH Delegation Gets Respect

For the first time in over 50 years, a national political party, other than the Democratic and Republican parties, has an officially recognized state delegation.

The new four-member Libertarian delegation in the New Hampshire State House, sworn in Dec. 1, has been notified that they will receive full recognition as a minority delegation in the legislative body.

State Rep. Don Gorman (L-Deerfield) is now one of two minority leaders in the State House. As a minority leader, Gorman has been appointed to the House Rules Committee, a customary appointment for the minority leader. Gorman will also get an opportunity to speak out on every proposed bill, a privilege accorded the minority leader. The speaker of the house has also requested Gorman present committee requests for his LP delegation.

When Libertarians had elected state representatives in Alaska in the 1980s, they were not permitted to form their own caucus.

## NatCom Approves '93 Budget, Endorses New Strategic Goals

By Randy Langhenry

The Libertarian National Committee, at its regularly scheduled meeting in Las Vegas in mid-December, approved a nearly \$1 million budget for 1993, endorsed a set of goals taken largely from a "strategic plan proposal," and received word from national chair Mary Gingell of a new interim national director.

The new budget takes an aggressive stance on party growth and short-term political success. Approximately six states have been targeted for ballot access support in 1993 with \$100,000. An additional \$40,000 has been budgeted to support winnable campaigns this year—a so-called

off-election year—more money than was budgeted during the 1992 elections.

A group of 16 LP activists offered the strategic plan proposal to the full committee, with hopes of receiving an endorsement. The group, which included 1992 LP vice-presidential candidate Nancy Lord, Marrou/Lord campaign committee members Steve Givot and Steve Dasbach, and LP campaign committee chair Ron Crickenberger, among others, had met in early December to review the 1992 elections and look toward future elections.

"What ensued was a strategic planning session," according to a written proposal given to the national committee. "We quickly recognized that the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has been so consumed with its responsibilities related to operating ongoing LNC business that it had insufficient time to perform this important function," the proposal continued. "We want to assure the LNC that our

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endorsed goals on page 14

intent was and is to provide constructive input—not an attempt to supplant or challenge LNC authority."

The group set goals addressing the Libertarian Party's image, organization, and campaigns and candidates. The most sweeping changes included a revamping of the LP Platform and the elimination of the membership "oath." Some of the changes, if they occur, will have to be made at the national convention in September in Salt Lake City. Some require revisions to the national party's bylaws.

The goals of the group, with some revisions, were endorsed by the national committee. *continued on page 14*

## The 3 Percent Solution in Georgia

By Jim Hudson

Before this year's general election, Georgia had a serious problem in the form of one U.S. senator named Wyche Fowler. Sen. Fowler is a classic big-government advocate; he never saw a tax that he didn't like, he never saw a proposal for increased government control that he didn't like, and he had no problem with the use of government coercion to further the social agenda of a variety of special interest groups. Fowler voted with Sen. Ted Kennedy on 80 percent of his votes, and the National Taxpayers Union had Fowler on their list of really big spenders along with Kennedy and Sen. Al Gore.

Due to demographic shifts in Georgia and a surging Republican Party, there now exists a rough statewide balance in the political strength of the Democratic and Republican parties. Under these circumstances, an emerging third party, like the Libertarian Party of Georgia, can hold the balance of power as long as a majority vote is required to win a general election race. This basic reality was reflected in the fact that for the first time ever, both major party candidates for a statewide position (Public Service Commission) that were forced into a runoff election were actively and publicly seeking the endorsement of the Libertarian Party candidate. In fact, it was quite amusing to see newspaper articles in which the major party candidates were each claiming to be more libertarian

than their rival. In the U.S. Senate race, the Republican candidate had foreseen the possibility of a runoff and had gone out of his way to establish a relationship of mutual respect and consideration with the Libertarian Party candidate, proving that he was both a shrewd strategist and considerably less arrogant than his Democratic Party rival. As it turned out, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate also had strong libertarian leanings in his approach to government.

Under these circumstances, it is nice to know that the actions of a dedicated group of people can have an impact and can, in fact, be a deciding factor in a major election. In the case of the U.S. Senate race, the Libertarian Party candidate pulled 3 percent of the vote in the general election, and no candidate received a majority of the vote. During the runoff campaign period, the Democrats brought in their big guns, President elect Bill Clinton and Vice-President elect Al Gore, to campaign for Fowler. Fowler's percentage of the vote on Nov. 24 was the same as on Nov. 3—49 percent. The Republicans, on the other hand, brought in the Libertarian Party candidate to support their runoff candidate, and the Republican candidate's percentage of the vote moved from 48 percent on Nov. 3 to 51 percent on Nov. 24, an increase of 3 percent, the same percentage that had been polled by the Libertarian Party candidate on Nov. 3. Hmmm.

It shouldn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the backing of the Libertar-



Jim Hudson

U.S. Senate candidate in GA

ian Party was a deciding factor in the Senate race. And even though the Libertarian percentage on Nov. 3 was not a big one, still, given the fact that Fowler represented a major problem for Georgia, the Libertarian Party can be proud that it provided the solution to that problem—the 3 percent solution.

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## Stockhausen Case Dropped By Authorities

Robert Stockhausen, the 43-year-old St. Louis LP member who was assaulted and detained by police during a Marrou campaign rally (see Nov. 1992 NEWS), was arraigned on Nov. 24.

During the arraignment, Stockhausen found that no charges had ever been filed against him. The judge and the prosecuting attorney agreed that the case should be dropped.

At the time of the incident, Stockhausen was told he was being charged with "promoting civil disobedience," a felony.

What was expected at the time of the arraignment was that authorities "would at least file charges," said Stockhausen. "Otherwise, they are pretty much admitting to false arrest."

Stockhausen and his attorney "were looking, perhaps, to see the charges dismissed, but that was not possible since none were ever filed in the first place," he explained.

"The fact that they didn't press charges doesn't undo what was done up to now," Stockhausen said. He and his attorney are now considering pressing the matter further by bringing charges of their own against authorities.



# 1993 — Time To Decide Who We Are

1992 was an incredibly exciting year for the Libertarian Party.

Our experiences ranged from highs to lows, such as:

- receiving over one million votes in U.S. Senate races around the country, but being sorely disappointed in our presidential vote total;

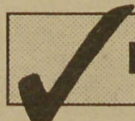
- re-electing two incumbent Libertarians, as well as electing two new state reps, in New Hampshire, but losing Tamara Clark's state senate race in Nevada, possibly because of massive government corruption; and

- obtaining more national media coverage than ever before for our efforts, which resulted in thousands of requests for information, but still not being included in the presidential debates or in News Election Service vote totals, even with our 50-state ballot status.

1993 is looking to be another exciting year for the LP. Indeed, this year may be a crucial turning point in our growth and development.

We are focusing first on responding to the thousands of information requests we received in the last six months, turning interested people into LP members and contributors. We are reorganizing the national office to provide better service to our members and affiliate parties. We are creating a shadow cabinet which will respond to the actions of the Clinton team in a timely, newsworthy manner.

Goals for 1993 and beyond that were



## From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

endorsed by the National Committee at its December 12-13 meeting in Las Vegas are detailed elsewhere in this issue, along with the votes cast for the two most controversial goals, eliminating the "oath" and completely revamping the Platform. I'd like to focus your attention on these two controversial goals. But a little background first.

Most of the goals endorsed by the national committee, including these two, were presented to us by 16 Libertarian activists who had met together in Atlanta the week-end before for a brainstorming session. Although the national committee endorsed the goals put forth by this group almost intact, and has already begun to implement some of them, the national committee cannot implement the two most controversial ones.

Only the delegates to our national convention can remove from the bylaws the requirement that "Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals." Likewise, only the delegates to our national convention can authorize any changes to our platform, much less com-

pletely revamp and downsize it.

What kind of party will we be if these proposals are adopted by our delegates in Salt Lake City this summer?

Are either or both of these changes really necessary for the growth of the LP, or will they just drive away some of our most dedicated, principled activists?

Will making either or both of these changes result in a party with broad appeal to the libertarian-leaning masses, or will they yield a party that offers no clear alternative, a party that just looks like a smaller, less successful version of the Democrat or Republican parties?

Can a team of candidates who are ashamed to have in writing what their party stands for ever hope to convince others of these ideas, and implement a more libertarian society? Even if they do get elected, will they just be absorbed into politics as usual?

Will we still be the Libertarian Party if these changes are implemented?

Many will be lobbying the delegates to our 1993 convention to vote in favor of these changes. But you, the members of the Libertarian Party, are responsible for choosing the delegates to our national convention. You can choose to attend the convention yourself, and run to be a delegate from your state, or you can stay home and let others make these crucial decisions. The future of the Libertarian Party is up to you.

Over the next few months, I have no

doubt that these issues will be debated widely in the NEWS, at state conventions, at local meetings, and in phone conversations, correspondence, and face-to-face conversations between Libertarians around the country.

I urge you not to sit back and let these decisions be made without your input.

Whether you believe that the membership certification is a barrier to the growth of the party, or that it helps members understand or clarify what we stand for...

Whether you feel that the platform is a valuable reference document outlining how libertarian ideas apply to public policy, or that it is a hindrance and embarrassment to our candidates...

Participate in this debate, as it takes shape in the upcoming weeks. Talk with other LP members, read the coverage in the NEWS, listen to all sides of the issues. Become a delegate from your state, and attend the convention. Speak up. Decide for yourself how you stand on these and other important issues before the convention. Be there for the final vote, so your vote counts.

Sometimes it is hard to imagine what our vote means when we vote for people running for government positions, and our candidates get only two or three percent. But we continue to vote Libertarian, and vote proudly. In this case, your votes will decide the future of the Libertarian Party.

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# LP of GA Endorsement Helps Elect Coverdell

On Nov. 24, Georgia voters went to the polls in an unprecedented general election runoff race for a U.S. Senate seat and gave Republican Paul Coverdell 51 percent of the vote, while giving incumbent Democratic Sen. Wyche Fowler 49 percent.

Fowler's percentage was the same as he had received on Nov. 3, but Coverdell's percentage went up three points between Nov. 3 and Nov. 24.

One of the key factors in getting Coverdell's percentage up was the active support of the Libertarian Party of Georgia. On Nov. 4, the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, Jim Hudson, endorsed Coverdell for the runoff race. The state LP then went to work to maximize the Libertarian voter turnout for the Nov. 24 special election.

The primary vehicle for getting the word out about the endorsement (beyond the series of press conferences arranged by the Republicans on Nov. 4) was a special edition of The Georgia Libertarian, the state LP newsletter. The Coverdell campaign paid for the entire cost of preparing and distributing the usual 25,000 copy run, including first-class postage for a mailing to the state party's entire database of names. The revenues from the several thousand dollars' worth of advertising in that special edition will be free and clear. Hudson and LP vice-presidential candidate Nancy Lord were both recruited for additional press conferences in a later stage of the runoff campaign.

The bottom line on the Nov. 24 runoff election results is that Georgia has elected a U.S. senator who is much closer to the Libertarian Party's views than was Fowler.

According to the Hudson, "Fowler was an unrepentant gun-grabber; Coverdell is not. Fowler voted with Sen. Ted Kennedy and Sen. George Mitchell most of the time; Coverdell will not. Fowler believed in using government to redistribute wealth; Coverdell does not. Fowler did not believe in academic freedom or parental choice for our secondary schools; Coverdell does. Fowler had no problem with severe taxation which squelches business initiative and inhibits the formation of capital; Coverdell does have a problem with heavy taxation and big government."

"By supporting the Libertarian Party of Georgia's leadership by voting for Paul Coverdell on Nov. 24, the party's supporters have struck an important blow for freedom," Hudson explained.

In addition, members of the Republican Party have agreed to work with the state LP on changes to the ballot access laws in the state, and Coverdell has stated that he wants to consult with the LP on health care reform after he is sworn in to office.

"The 1992 elections may continue to pay the Libertarian Party big dividends for some time to come," Hudson said.



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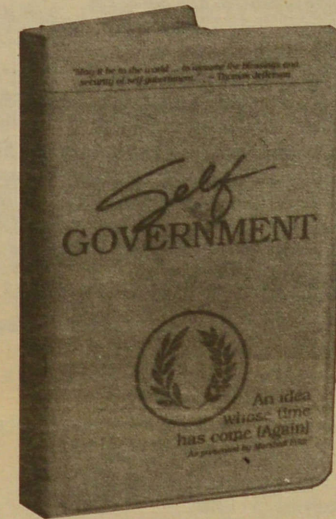
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# Elected CA Libertarian Makes Presence Felt

## California

Bonnie Flickinger, who won a Moreno Valley city council seat in June, has wasted no time in making the LP presence felt on the council. Flickinger offered a long list of items that the city didn't need to fund. The result: \$139,000 cut from the 1993 city budget.

## Florida

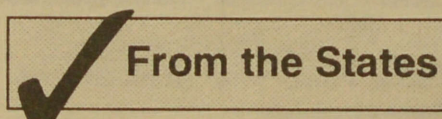
Edward Reasor, a 19-year member of the LP, has been appointed to the newly created position of "spokesman" for the state LP. Reasor will represent the state party to the press. "This is part of the LP's efforts to become more professional," said state vice chair Lynda Lyon. "As we grow, and we are growing rapidly, we are putting more of the structure in place to support a large organization."

## Illinois

Ken Prazak was praised for collecting the most petition signatures in the state during the last election petition drive. Prazak collected over 1,500 signatures for the state LP slate, plus over 1,200 for a congressional candidate, 700 for his own candidacy, and 250 for another LP candidate.

## Massachusetts

Cambridge residents who subscribe to cable TV can tune in a new Libertarian talk show. The program, a one-half hour talk show, is called "Freedom Vision." Tufts University student Libertarian activist Mathew Taylor is the series host. Along



Activities noted in newsletters  
and news releases

with being guests on the first show, Philip Robertson and Jim Sullivan are assisting in the production of the series.

## New Hampshire

At the state LP convention, State Rep. Calvin Warburton was honored with the prestigious "Libertarian of the Year" award by former state chair Bill Winter. Winter noted that Warburton had been "in the party for a short time, but his list of accomplishments is long." Winning "Rookie of the Year" awards for their contributions as new state party activists were Danielle Donovan and Amy Bollenbach.

## South Carolina

Libertarians in Darlington and Horry counties are campaigning against local

sales tax efforts. Noting that businesses in downtown Darlington are now lacking business, local Libertarians note that a new county sales tax would drive customers across county lines to a large mall in a neighboring county.

## Texas

Brenda Anderson, LP candidate for Denton County commissioner, has filed suit seeking to void her Nov. 3 race.

Investigations by Anderson and volun-

teers have uncovered many apparent irregularities in the Denton County election procedure. Violations seem to have included: duplicate voter registrations, candidates' names left off of absentee ballots, school board equipment used to print campaign literature, and other departures from the Texas election code. Anderson is hoping to clean up the election process in Denton County.

For more information, contact Anderson at 214-317-7201.

## Campus News

By Marti Stoner  
College Organizing  
Activities Coordinator

### Campus Activities

We will be reporting on the activities of the many LP campus clubs around the U.S. on a regular basis. Give us something to talk about! Call me and let me know what you have accomplished on your campus. Your creative ideas and energetic efforts will encourage the rest of the campuses to do likewise.

### Clippings Sought

Keep an eye out for articles or editorials about your club or activities in your student newspaper. Clip out the original, or make a clean copy, and send them to me.

### Fall '92 Tour a Success

Joseph Knight, LP field organizer, and Brad Klopfenstein, LP student organizer, started their tours in South Dakota. Taking separate routes, working 8-10 hours a day, they managed to visit over 75 campuses, and helped organize many clubs. Thanks to all our state advance coordinators who made these visits possible.

### Volunteer Wanted

We need a volunteer student to be the student organizer for the Spring '93 Organizing Tour. Call Steve Dasbach at 219-432-7145.

### Spring Break Bonanza

Our coordinator for the Spring Break Project is Amanda Brand, at 212-853-1725.

Amanda has been busy putting together our organizing teams to conduct the Campus Survey in the three or four of America's spring break hot spots. Please call her and volunteer to help.

### Spring '93 Organizing Tour

The LP Campus Outreach Program is now scheduling campuses across the U.S. for our spring organizing effort. We need your input to help you build your campus cornerstones.

To volunteer or to provide material for this column, please write Marti Stoner, P.O. Box 13135, Las Vegas, NV 89112, or call her at 702-438-5912.

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# Clark Contests

On Dec. 1, Tamara Clark, LP candidate for the state senate in Nevada (see Dec. 1992 NEWS), filed a "statement of contest" with the Nevada secretary of state. This action allows Clark to present evidence of election fraud to the state senate in mid-January.

Among other charges, Clark claimed that the Democratic Party caused a "massive number of fraudulent registrations" by paying people \$2 for each Democrat they registered.

Clark hopes not only to have the election results overturned, but also to bring about changes in the election laws that will ensure fair elections in the future.

Clark hired attorneys Nancy Lord, the LP 1992 vice-presidential candidate, and Sam Samsil to assist with the legal actions.

For more information, write the Committee to Elect Tamara Clark, 6897 E. Mesquite, Las Vegas, NV 89110.

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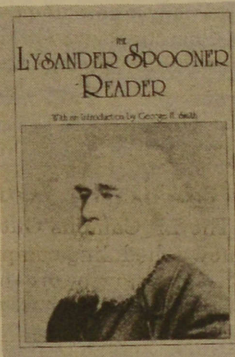
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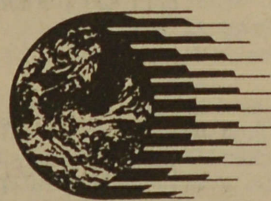
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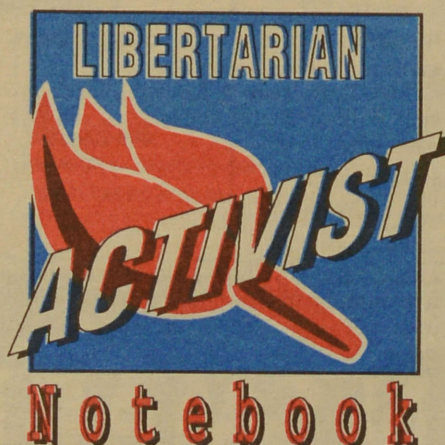
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# Experts Address Taxation, Waste, and More

Edited by Dave Walter

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## ISSUE: TAXATION

Various pundits have suggested that Americans tax themselves less than Europeans and Japanese. This "fact" is used as a reason for advocating higher taxes because Americans apparently have it too good. The "fact" comes from a study of 24 industrialized countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Says OECD, the tax take in the U.S. is only 30 percent of the economy, while it's 40 percent on average for the European community.

Forbes magazine, using data from the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, has destroyed the myth of "undertaxation." They point out that 90 percent or more of medical costs are borne by the government in most developed countries but only 43 percent in the U.S. (1991). "Currently the private sector's medical bill comes to 7.5 percent of the total U.S. economy. Add that to total... tax receipts, and it is clear that the U.S. devotes as much of the total economy to public-type goods and services as most other countries spend. (Add amounts spent by Americans on private schooling, and probably the U.S. pays a bigger slice of GNP for public goods than other rich nations do. College is... paid out of tax revenues, in most OECD countries, but in the U.S. the private sector pays over half the cost of higher education.)"

*Forbes, June 22, 1992.*

## ISSUE: LEGAL REFORM

Does an excess of litigation cost Americans jobs and money, in addition to adding to the level of injustice?

"Particularly in large companies and in finance and service industries, the threat of litigation has reduced employment levels by 2 percent to 5 percent from where they would otherwise be."

*Business Week, Sept. 21, 1992, citing a Rand Corporation study by economists James Dertouzos and Lynn Karoly.*

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"A nation that has 70 percent of the world's lawyers, and its most backlogged courts, is in danger of becoming less a nation of laws than a nation of lawyers and lawsuits. Studies out of Brookings and elsewhere have estimated the burden of lawsuits on the economy from \$120 billion to as much as \$300 billion a year."

*Wall Street Journal editorial, Aug. 27, 1992.*

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"I remember a bill that had whistled through the Arkansas House and Senate

that would have given immunity from liability to 'good Samaritan' doctors who provided medical care to indigent patients. Once again, we got on the horn" to Gov. Bill Clinton, who vetoed the bill.

*David H. Williams, president of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, in a fund-raising letter for Clinton. Cited in the Wall Street Journal, Aug. 27, 1992.*

## ISSUE: ELITES AND POWER

"... the cultural wars are being waged to get decision-making powers transferred to elites who do not pay, either in money or in other ways. Family responsibilities, for example, have been taken over by schools, courts, social agencies, and others who pay no price if their decisions turn out disastrously for children or their parents, or for the whole society."

"The basic thrust of the so-called 'consumer movement' is likewise a drive for pre-empting the consumer's choice, not simply informing it. The 'consumer must be protected at times from his own indiscretion and vanity,' Ralph Nader said in his first article, published in The Nation in 1959."

"It is much the same story in the economic sphere, where having an economic 'plan,' or perhaps even an 'industrial policy' or an 'energy policy' are all widely and uncritically regarded among opinion elites as good things in themselves. But government 'planning' is not an alternative to chaos. It is a pre-emption of other people's plans."

"Cultural wars are so desperate because they are not simply about the merits or demerits of particular policies. They are about the anointed's whole conception of themselves—about whether they are in the heady role of a vanguard or in the pathetic role of pretentious and silly people, infatuated with themselves."

*Dr. Thomas Sowell, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution in Stanford, CA. From his article in Forbes, Aug. 31, 1992.*

## ISSUE: GOVERNMENT WASTE

Anyone who denies that a large percentage of their tax dollars is not being wasted by government has not been paying attention. Certainly, the people they elect, for the most part, have not been paying attention, or have been actively wasting and stealing tax dollars. So long as the voters keep sending Republicrats to elected office, the kind of waste cited below will continue. Even if one opposed all Libertarian proposals to end various govern-

ment services, one would still have to put Libertarians in charge of watching and auditing the spending follies of bureaucrats entrusted with those services.

"Today, 376 congressional aides make more than \$100,000 per year. More than 1,000 aides now pull down \$80,000 a year or more. Other highly paid staffers are the Senate chaplain at \$110,200 and the executive director of the self-congratulatory Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Senate at \$122,000 a year. Members and staffers who began service after 1983 can retire with a full pension after 20 years of employment at age 50. The House recently voted to retain a \$500,000 subsidy for the House beauty shop."

*From a Wall Street Journal editorial, Sept. 3, 1992, citing statistics from the Report of the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate.*

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On Monday, Sept. 21, 1992, *The Washington Post* ran a partial list of White House and executive staff salaries for fiscal 1991, per a House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee report. Listed were seven staffers assigned to "the First Lady." Total salary for the seven was \$428,990, or an average of \$61,284 each. Two staffers for Mrs. Quayle made \$100,000 and \$75,500. The White House has five ushers, the top one making \$83,141. There are five calligraphers on call making from \$27,431 to \$52,475. There are also five florists, with the top one making \$54,037. The five butlers don't do as well: the top guy makes "only" \$47,303. But the Maitre d' does better at \$64,051. "Ninety-five people were listed as employees of the White House residence in 1991."

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"The first (Golden Garbage Award) winner brought to (Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith's) attention was a \$90,000 garbage truck that the city spent \$242,000 repairing over eight years; 166 work orders were issued on it in 1991 alone. The truck's odometer indicates it has been driven only 15,178 miles, with records showing only 904 miles during the past 18 months."

*Insight, Oct. 5, 1992.*

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"At the Schnell Elementary School in West Carrollton, OH, there's no district money for new textbooks this year. At West Carrollton Senior High, the band room has just gotten a facelift and student thespians perform in a \$2.3 million state-of-the-art theater/auditorium. But the computer lab has just 36 PCs (19 of them antiquated Commodores) and no funds to buy more. The entire school district's only substantial computer purchase in the past few years was \$55,000 for a new state-mandated management information system for administrators."

*Forbes, "What do we get for our school dollars?," Oct. 12, 1992.*

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"Since assuming his post (Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer) in 1986, (Richard Dixon) has hardly done his part to alleviate needless federal spending in an area that has been hit hard by the troubled economy. In 1989, during a budget crunch that threatened to cost 300 mental health department employees their jobs, Dixon recommended increasing the

salaries of 24 department heads. Last year, despite the fact that jobs and services continued to be slashed, he authorized \$85,600 in bonuses for 37 members of his personal staff. County taxpayers also were enraged to learn that Dixon had spent almost \$730,000 in tax money for county managers to attend out-of-town retreats since 1988. But the straw that broke the camel's back came in June, when Dixon decided to put \$6 million into remodeling the chief administrative office. Under severe pressure, Dixon decided to step down. It's not too bad for him, either. In April, Dixon changed the pension structure to allow supervisors and other top county officials to count their fringe benefits in determining their retirement pay. Dixon's pension rests comfortably at \$137,595 annually. *The Los Angeles Daily News* estimates that the pension restructuring will cost county taxpayers an estimated \$265 million over the next 30 years."

*Insight, Oct. 19, 1992.*

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Martin Gross, a former reporter, editor, and college professor, has written a new book, "The Government Racket: Washington Waste from A to Z," (Bantam) which has climbed high on the paperback best-seller lists.

Gross says that while researching his book, "I found \$300 billion in waste and got burned out. I could have found another \$100 billion." The federal government's overhead was "\$130,000 per employee" with \$7 billion spent on travel alone.

According to *Insight* magazine, these other egregious examples of waste were cited in Gross' book:

"The White House maintains 29 limousines, and 50 government officials have door-to-door limo service at a cost of \$100,000 apiece."

"Former presidents continue to be subsidized by taxpayers, as are the libraries the former chief executives build to commemorate themselves (with the exception of Richard Nixon's). The cost is \$25 million a year and rising with every new ex-president. Ronald Reagan's office rent in Los Angeles is \$345,000; Reagan and Gerald Ford are in a tie for the most travel expenses; and Jimmy Carter has spent the most on office overhead costs."

"At a time of military down-sizing, the Pentagon is adding a wing for several thousand new employees—at a cost of \$112 million."

"The cost of defaulted student loans this year was expected to reach \$3.5 million—a default rate of almost 30 percent."

*Insight, Oct. 26, 1992.*

## ISSUE: SPECIAL INTERESTS

Having achieved fame as the octogenarian leader of the radical Gray Panthers, Maggie Kuhn has a wide following among those who favor government redistribution of wealth. After years and years of fighting for, and winning, more privileges and entitlements for senior citizens has she decided to change her tune?

"In this country, this election year, we need more common ground. What we have now are competing special-interest groups." If Kuhn has indeed seen the light, perhaps inter-generational 'warfare' and plundering can cease.

*Quoted in New Choices for Retirement Living, Oct. 1992.*



# Dave Recalls the Highlights of 1992

By Dave Barry

## January

1—George Bush, while practicing the Secret Handshake of the Six or Seven Top World Leaders club, glances out the Oval Office window and notices that the darned U.S. economy is STILL in trouble. He vows to write a stern note to his economic advisers, Wayne and Garth. Meanwhile, Bill Clinton—a virtual unknown on the national scene, despite the fact that he has been governor of Arkansas since he was 17—arrives in New Hampshire with a truck containing 957 separate eight-point policies and enough hair spray to immobilize the Brazilian rain forest.

5—True Item: A Florida state appeals court rules that Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro has to stop an operation under which sheriff-department personnel MANUFACTURED CRACK COCAINE, then sold it to citizens, then arrested these citizens for buying it, because of course drugs are bad and need to be eliminated.

8—President Bush flies to Japan accompanied by 237 high-level aides, 322 leading U.S. business executives, 517 journalists, 856 security personnel, the first lady, 26 grandchildren, and both White House dogs. Left behind, tragically, is the black briefcase containing the presidential Pepto-Bismol.

10—In Tokyo, President Bush scores an economic coup as the Japanese government, under intense pressure to open its doors to U.S. imports, agrees to purchase a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice. At a formal dinner hosted by the prime minister, the President formalizes the agreement by performing the ceremonial Ralph of Friendship.

20—The Japanese government's Caprice develops transmission trouble.

26—In a surprising Super Bowl outcome, the Washington Redskins and the Buffalo Bills stop playing in the third quarter so they can watch Bill and Hillary Clinton discuss their marriage on "60 Minutes."

## February

11—Bill Clinton's character comes under further scrutiny when the news media obtain a 1969 photograph showing him reporting for a draft physical wearing a dress.

17—Jeffrey Dahmer is sentenced to life in prison with no refrigerator privileges.

20—Ross Perot announces that if his supporters put him on the ballot in all 50 states, he will have them investigated.

25—The U.S. Postal Service, bored with trying to deliver the actual mail, announces a plan to spend millions of taxpayer dollars deciding which face to put on the Elvis stamp.

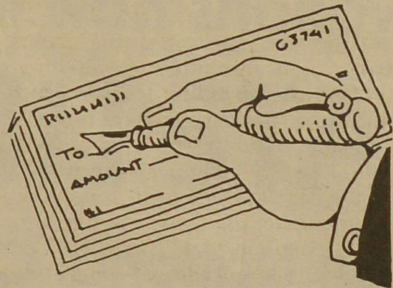
## March

1—Pat Buchanan wins the Austrian primary.

10—Jerry Brown wins the Disneyland primary.

11—In the trial of accused Mafia kingpin John Gotti, the judge considers a defense motion to declare a mistrial because "the air seems to be running a little low inside the 55-gallon drum where we are keeping your honor's mother."

17—A ray of sunshine penetrates the gloomy national mood as Americans are brought to a hilarious new nightly TV com-



edy, "Congresspersons Explain Why They Were Not Responsible For Overdrawing Their Own Personal Checking Accounts As Many As Several Hundred Times In One Year," featuring a parade of elected officials maintaining straight faces while offering excuses that make the act of balancing a checkbook appear far more complex than a space-shuttle launch.

19—The sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, who had been responsible for the House bank, resigns to accept a key position in the savings-and-loan industry.

31—"Silence of the Lambs" is the big winner in the Academy Award ceremonies, which culminate in an emotional moment when Best Actor Anthony Hopkins breaks down on stage and ralphs up what is later identified as a segment of Best Actress Jodie Foster.

## April

1—Members of the U.S. House of Representatives vote to stop getting themselves re-elected by spending billions of taxpayer dollars on unnecessary weapons and military bases and moron projects for purposes such as asparagus research. April Fool.

9—Great Britain elects an entire new government following a campaign that took less time, total, than U.S. politicians will need, later in the year, to agree on a debate format.

17—Downtown Chicago is paralyzed for what will turn out to be several days by a massive, multimillion-dollar flood, the cause of which is ultimately traced to the home of Arnold Spooterman, whose last words, according to his wife, were "We don't need a plumber. I'll just tighten this..."

27—The War on Drugs scores a major victory when U.S. agents, acting on a tip, arrest Peru.

## May

14—Another True Item: Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-AZ, endorsing a balanced-budget amendment, says: "We're going to finally wrestle to the ground this gigantic orgasm that is just out of control."

16—Sen. Dennis DeConcini denies any knowledge of a life-sized inflatable copy of the federal budget found in his car.

21—In what will later be viewed as a mistake, the crack Middle East Peace Negotiating Team is sent into what used to be Yugoslavia.

26—The Food and Drug Administration announces a ban on molecules.

## June

3—Clinton, seeking to improve his image among young voters, goes on "The Arsenio Hall Show" and, after donning a pair of dark sunglasses, smokes a joint.

10—Scientists detect a large new hole in the ozone layer, believed to be caused by fumes from flaming desserts served at the Earth Summit.

17—Seeking to boost the sagging U.S. humor industry, Vice President Quayle gives a spelling lesson.

18—True Item: A federal audit shows that William Reilly, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, which sets strict mileage standards for cars owned by ordinary humans, often drives a federal car that gets 6.3 miles per gallon.

23—In yet another indication of public anger, voters in Kansas approve a referendum mandating the death penalty for anybody who runs for Congress more than twice.

## July

7—A freak tidal wave hits Daytona Beach, FL. Scientists are baffled until satellite photos detect Ted Kennedy breaststroking about three miles offshore.

17—Clinton begins his speech accepting the Democratic nomination.

19—Clinton concludes his speech and sets out on a bus tour of the Heartland with Al Gore, whose body is unable to bend enough to fit in the bus seats, so his aides just stick him up on the luggage rack, still in a waving position.

29—In Olympic basketball action, the Dream Team defeats the Republic of Zwit 563-4, with Charles Barkley scoring 153 points before being ejected late in the second quarter for arson.

## August

5—The Supreme Court, in a landmark decision, rules that, once on the island, Gilligan is not legally required to obey orders from the Skipper.

19—Pat Buchanan gives the Bush-Quayle ticket a nice boost, appealing to a broad spectrum of Americans with a speech entitled, "Vote for Us; We're Better Than You."

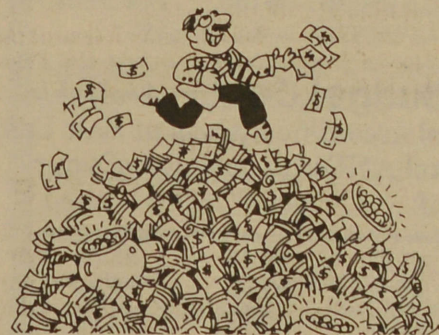
20—General Motors announces that, in an effort to cut costs, it will stop making cars. Delegates to the Republican Convention reaffirm their support for Traditional Family Values by burning a suspected witch.

21—President Bush, showing a new awareness of the task ahead, pledges to "think up some programs or something."

## September

10—The U.S. Congress, long ridiculed for avoiding the tough issues, courageously passes a law regulating cable-TV rates.

25—In a landmark ruling, an Orlando, FL, judge declares that a 12-year-old boy has the right to select his own parents. He selects Marge and Homer Simpson.



30—Political observers begin to suspect that something is afoot when Ross Perot, in what a spokesperson describes as "merely a gesture of appreciation, with no strings attached," donates \$750 million to the Electoral College.

## October

13—Clinton promises to increase spending for jobs, education, health care, the environment, the infrastructure, the outrastructure, and parking, while at the same time reducing the deficit and cutting taxes. Bush says Clinton is a bozo. Perot says it's time to cut bait and talk turkey.

19—Clinton promises to increase spending on the cities, suburbs, farms, wilderness, ozone layer, and asteroid belt, while at the same time eliminating waste and heart disease. Bush says Clinton is a communist whoremonger. Perot says you have to bale hay while the tractor is warm.

23—Clinton promises to give every voter a briefcase full of money while at the same time fighting cavities and saving Bambi's mom from the hunters. Bush bites Clinton on the leg. Perot says it takes two snakes to cross a puddle.

29—Bill Clinton loses his voice and stops talking. He surges in the polls.

## November

3—Clinton wins and announces that he may not be able to fulfill all of his campaign promises IMMEDIATELY, but he does expect, within the first 100 days, to ask Congress to declare National Reed Instruments Week.

8—Clinton is plunged into the first major controversy of his failed presidency when top-level military officials object to his plan to eliminate the armed forces' long-standing policy against admitting people who have good haircuts.

25—In Britain, a fire strikes the Queen's clothes closet, destroying 4,317 hats with an estimated street value of \$11.

26—Superman dies, probably as a result of wearing the same underwear for 50 years.

## December

1—What begins as a friendly transitional get-together between the Bushes and Clintons ends in tragedy when Millie ralphs up what is later identified as Socks the cat.

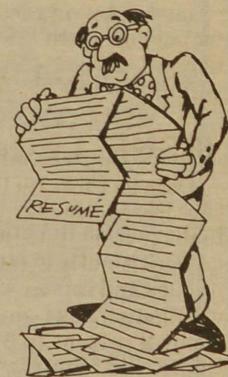
8—Congress, seeking to ease the pain during difficult times, approves a \$34.7 million program to teach defeated and retiring congresspersons how to deal with ordinary civilian life, including courses on Paying For Your Own Meal, Parking With Common People, Not Writing Checks For More Than You Actually Have, and How To Buy A Postage Stamp And Attach It To An Envelope.

15—NASA suffers another setback when the space Shuttle Determined, attempting to deploy a military satellite, is found to be unmaneuverable due to the fact that a previous commander accidentally left "The Club" on the steering wheel.

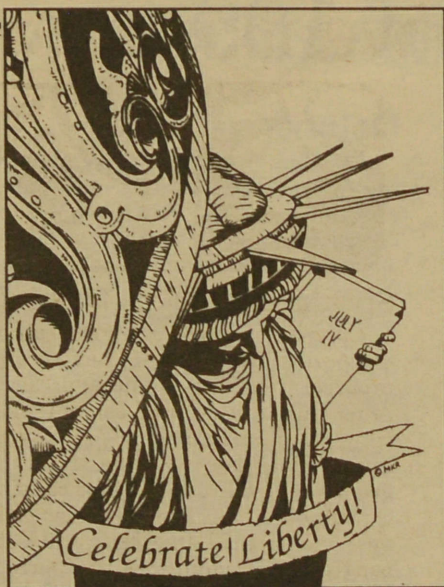
23—The Supreme Court votes 53-1 to request more pornography cases.

31—Bands of white men in dark suits are converging on New Hampshire to prepare for the 1996 presidential campaign, which starts next week. Until then, have a Happy New Year.

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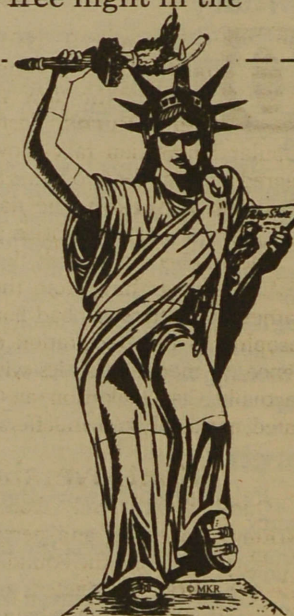
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# Celebrate Liberty: 1993 LP National Convention News

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tor, Orange County Register), **Dr. Karl Hess Jr.** (Senior Fellow in Environmental Studies, Cato Institute; New Mexico State University), **John Fund** (Wall Street Journal), **Frances Kendall** (South African Libertarian leader, three-time Nobel Peace Prize Nominee), **Gene Burns** (nationally-syndicated talk show host—tentative).

Also **Eric Sterling** (president, Criminal Policy Foundation), **James Ostrowski** (libertarian attorney), **Dan Rosenthal** (editor, Privacy Report), **Dr. Mary Ruwart** (research scientist and author), **Dr. Richard Ebeling** (Ludwig von Mises Professor of Austrian Economics, Hillsdale College), **Dr. Nancy Lord** (medical doctor, attorney, candidate), **Michael Tanner** (president, Georgia Public Policy Foundation), **Jacob Hornberger** (Future of Freedom Foundation), **Terree Wasley** (Cato author, "What Has Government Done to our Health Care"), **Don Ernsberger** (Libertarian leader and professor), **Jeff Hummell** (Libertarian economist).

And, **Jane Shaw** (senior associate, Political Economy Research Center in Bozeman, Montana), **Dr. Richard Stroup** (Professor of Economics, Montana State University, senior associate, Political Economy Research Center), **Richard Winger** (editor, Ballot Access News), **Dean Ahmad** (research scientist, Libertarian leader, Palestinian advocate, Islamic scholar), **Jarret Wollstein** (ISIL), **Vince Miller** (ISIL), **Me-Me King** (LP activist), **Maury Modine** (Mood For A Day/hemp

advocate), **Bob Waldrop** (him you know), **Karen Allard** (former NatCom, Mother, Homeschooler), **Amy Lassen** (Utah State chair, homeschool graduate), **Alexander Joseph** (Big Water (UT) mayor), **Kathleen Richman** (MKR Associates).

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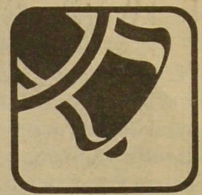
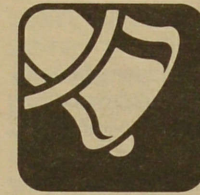
Attention Libertarian interest groups! *Celebrate Liberty* offers you an excellent opportunity to meet with friends and co-workers and discuss information and involvement in your activities. MGP will provide free space to groups wishing to schedule meetings in conjunction with *Celebrate Liberty*. Contact MGP prior to April 1, 1993 to schedule your space.

## Essay Deadline.

Deadline for entering essays in Anti-Federalist Two, the convention writing contest, is June 1, 1993. Consult the contest prospectus before submitting entries.

## Late NEWS Flash!

Russell Means, American Indian Movement activist and candidate for the 1988 LP presidential nomination, will present the Keynote Address at *Celebrate Liberty*. Recently, Mr. Means played a role in the popular film, "Last of the Mohicans." He reports he will appear in a movie to be filmed next year on the life of the Apache leader Geronimo.



## Special Campaign Training.

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## Additional Information.

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bic comments, and timely quotes.

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# Letters: Credibility, New Strategies, More

## Wrong Bus?

Did somebody get on the wrong bus—or the wrong political bandwagon? I'm referring to the letters from Steven A. Rosile and Martin G. April (Sept. and Nov. 1992 NEWS). Excuse me, folks, but the Libertarian Party IS anti-statist.

The goal of the LP is to reduce government to the minimum needed for a safe, just society. Some libertarians think that the protective and legal functions of the state are essential. Others believe that all state functions can be given to the free market.

At this time, no one can be sure which position is right. April favors keeping some government, and I favor the free market. However, from the typical Republican point of view, we are both the enemy.

I agree that we must create far more effective ways of communicating the benefits of freedom. However, we won't convince anyone if we're in a state of denial about denying the state.

**Don Cormier**  
San Jose, CA

## Barry Upset

I have never written a letter to any publication before, but I am so annoyed right now that I feel I must write this letter to you. I just finished watching an interview with Dave Barry on ABC's Good Morning America program. Barry was asked several questions about the election, and about the presidential candidates who are running this year. This was his chance to mention Andre Marrou!

But, not only did Barry not mention Andre or the LP, not only did he squander this opportunity by blowing his own horn about his own "candidacy," but he did us further damage by referring to "the other three candidates." If Barry is actually an LP member, then he certainly must know better than that.

Why are you wasting valuable space on his column each month, if he cannot even do something as minimal as mentioning us when asked?

**Evan R. Williams**  
St. Paul, MN

## Credibility

Paranoid articles like this ["Beating, Arrest at MO Rally," Nov. 1992 NEWS] make me question the wisdom of rejoining the LP. Credibility for the LP, with its radical (but correct) agenda, is certainly not in the cards if these types of articles continue. Straighten up your act.

**Don Bowman**  
Nashville, TN

## Land of the Free

Land of the free means to me the right to be an American citizen, the right to live where I want to live, walk where I want to walk, go places without people making fun of your race or where you live or your name, to have different races as friends, to have a clean place to live, to have no needy people. That's what land of the free means to me.

**Christy Reeves**  
Age 12  
Montgomery, AL

## Open Letter to Andre Marrou

In my school we had an election for who we wanted to win based on what we knew about the candidates. When I went into the class that held the election, I asked my teacher if we could vote for people other than

Bill Clinton, George Bush, or Ross Perot, and she asked for who and I said Andre Marrou, and she said she never heard of you. So if you say you are the third largest party in the nation, you should advertise your party more to let people know who you are.

In the class election I told my friend about you and he decided to vote for you, too. The election ended out Perot, Clinton, Marrou, Bush. With only my friend and I, we beat out the President of the United States! My father is the one who first told me about you, and he told me a little about what you stood for. I read more about you and decided to root for you, too.

Good luck if you run in any more elections.

**Alan Gentile**  
Age 11  
W. Springfield, MA

## Positive Results

Many of the letters to the editor of the NEWS contain complaints, demands, and threats of withdrawal of support. Surely we are not all always so negatively motivated. I'd like to read of libertarians who are finding joy in their voluntary actions and associations.

For example, I am involved in Total Quality Management, Unitarian-Universalism, Montessori education, personal growth, Nature Conservancy, Habitat for Humanity, Project Vote Smart, and family history. Anyone else willing to share some positive ways that libertarianism manifests itself?

**Andy Nousen**  
Corvallis, OR

## Bikers

In regard to the article by Dave Barry (Nov. 1992, NEWS), I'd just like to inform you that bikers are very active in the political arena, fighting for personal freedoms and rights through various motorcycle organizations across the country. Remember, "Bikers vote, too!"

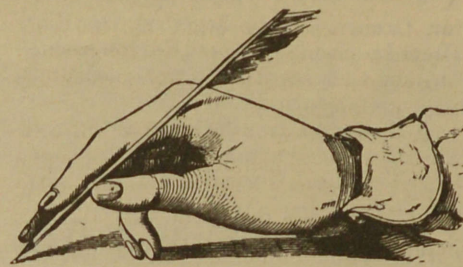
**Paul Lasicki**  
Warwick, NY

## RLC

I was disappointed to read C. Thies' letter (Nov. 1992 NEWS) claiming such great success for the so-called Republican Liberty Caucus. The Republicrats endorsed by the RLC include former New Hampshire Governor Judd Gregg (who recently vetoed a bill that would have ended pre-trial forfeiture in NH) and Paul Cronin (a Nixonite big-government hack). Looking at the latest issue of Republican Liberty, I am amazed what depths the RLC will sink to in order to claim success. It seems that anything that wants it can have the RLC endorsement—no principles need stand in the way.

The RLC is still stinging over the loss of NH State Reps. Calvin Warburton, Finlay Rothhaus, and Don Roulston to the LP. In their latest issue the RLC claims that because Republicans cross-endorsed Cal and Finlay that Cal and Finlay have "made somewhat of a return to the GOP," because Cal and Finlay had received both the LP and GOP endorsements in the '92 election cycle.

No way. I spoke to both Cal and Finlay at the NHLP convention and both of them are sick and tired of the whining, compromising, unprincipled wishy-washy small "I" libertarianism promulgated by the RLC hypocrites. Calvin Warburton and Finlay Rothhaus may have been endorsed by the Republican Party, but that only means that the GOP is now cross-endorsing Libertarians—not the other



way around. Neither Cal nor Finlay have any intention of rejoining the GOP.

The Republican Party will not get Cal and Finlay back. WE will get a few more Republican incumbents before '96, though. As a matter of fact, the ones we get will be the best the GOP has to offer.

**Clay Conrad**  
Beverly, MA

## New Strategies

It is very apparent to me that it is extremely difficult to gain party recognition by running a strong presidential campaign. At this point in time it is an impossible race to win. We are putting our maximum effort into the race that gets us the least return.

It is also apparent that due to our success in New Hampshire that smaller races are very possible to win.

It is my suggestion that for the near future we stop running our presidential candidates so hard and stop collecting so much money for that campaign. If we had put the majority of our efforts into legislative and congressional seats it would have been better spent. Imagine if Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord or their equivalent had spent as much time and money on two congressional races, it would not be outside the realm of possibility that they would be heading for Washington in January. Getting a few people into Washington is the breakthrough we need to give us credibility with the voting public.

I am not saying we shouldn't run people for president and have 50-state ballot status. The people who run for these offices should be more of the "paper" candidates unless we have a known "name." They should limit their personal appearances and concentrate on talk radio interviews.

In 1994 the party should pick a handful of winnable races and conduct those races with the fervor of a presidential race. We absolutely need the status of congressional and state legislative wins in order for the party to grow the way we want it to.

**Irene Hudaish**  
Tucson, AZ

Rather than expend scarce resources on a presidential race that we admit is more of an outreach effort than a serious shot at The White House, I think we would be better served by dedicating available funds to state legislative and congressional races. When the day comes that sees a multi-term Libertarian congressperson running for president, we will finally be taken seriously on a national level.

**Jerome Tuccille**  
Allston, MA

Instead of sucking for media attention, we must focus our own attention: i.e., pick out one single state and concentrate on it. For we must become a big fish in a little pond before we can make headway in the bigger pond . . .

I know not where the rest of you might choose to focus, but as for me it shall be in New Hampshire.

**Doug Fowle**  
Redondo Beach, CA

Why does the LP have a membership oath? I've been a member for two years and I still don't know why. Most people who I know think it is silly. . .

Most people expect a platform to spell out what a political party will try to accomplish in the upcoming term (a two- to four-year time span). The LP platform does not do this. In fact, it is impossible to distinguish between what the LP intends to accomplish in four years compared to 40. This gives the impression that Libertarians will move too quickly and recklessly in pursuing their goals. The platform is also a source of harmful division among Libertarians, and obscure planks that sound "fringe" have been used to attack Libertarian candidates in the press.

Perhaps we could write up a new, short-term goal platform, and use the Statement of Principles alone as our long-term guide towards a completely libertarian society.

**Mark Sulkowski**  
Buffalo, NY

## Thank You's

Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord have done incalculable good for our nation and the LP.

A little over a year ago I did not even know of the Libertarian Party, and because of these two energetic, enthusiastic, and eloquent people, ideologically I am home. Thank you, Andre Marrou, for your beautiful voice of freedom. Thank you, Nancy Lord, for your wonderful voice of liberty. You two have introduced me to the Libertarian Party and the tremendous prospects it offers for our future.

**Bill Chaitow**  
Tampa, FL

I have a bouquet to deliver, made before the votes are counted.

Though a long-time LPer, I'm not running for public office, so I am quite well placed to observe those who are.

And I think all who love liberty should join me in a huge "thank you" to all of them. They have done a truly magnificent job, and when the war is won it would be nice if all their names could be inscribed in some prominent place.

At the Chicago convention I supported Richard Boddie, and feel sure he too would have done well at the head of the ticket, but there's no doubt about the dedicated hard work and superlative performance Andre Marrou has given us.

Mary Gingell, NatCom, and staff have also done everything that could possibly be done to make this campaign succeed. That such efforts were rewarded with so little coverage in the major media reflects only on the latter.

**Jim Davies**  
Ridgefield, CT

## Irwin Schiff

How many people do you know who have been imprisoned by their government for writing a book, and have gone back to prison time and again for continuing to speak out against government oppression?

Irwin Schiff languishes in prison in the U.S. Schiff's crime was writing a book or

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# Letters: Another Approach, Alcohol Benefits

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books—The Biggest Con, How Anyone Can Stop Paying Income Taxes, etc.—judged by the federal government as threatening to its revenues, thus blasphemy.

Irwin Schiff's incarceration and the suppression of his books are the most flagrant assaults on the First Amendment since the Alien and Sedition Acts.

The IRS has exacted Irwin Schiff's fortune; his life remains on the line. The government recently sent him back to prison for two more years for violating probation by writing another book and continuing to make the legal and political case against the income tax.

Our request of you is this: Make an independent investigation of the Irwin Schiff affair. If you reach the same conclusion we reached and you care about freedom, you too may feel compelled to plead Schiff's case in the public forums available to you. Won't you join in defending Irwin Schiff and the First Amendment by demanding—loud and clear—his freedom at every opportunity?

**Bernard Baltic**

**Jim Russell**

Shaker Heights, OH

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Do the Fourth and Fifth Amendment constitutional rights exist? Not for long if the federal government and the federal courts have their way.

I know many Libertarians think active tax protesting is not a course to follow. However, I strongly suggest all Libertarians obtain and read a book entitled *The Federal Mafia* by Irwin Schiff. Though this book is concerned primarily with income taxes, I think, upon reading it, you will become extremely alarmed at the actions being taken by the federal government and the federal courts to deliberately and expediently abolish the rights secured by the Constitution.

**Patrice LeBlanc**

Coventry, RI

## Another Approach

I have an approach to suggest to help our ideas get into the consciousness of government officials (if that's not an oxymoron). Let's take a leaf out of Amnesty International's book and write nice letters to Clinton and our congresscritters proposing libertarian approaches to problems, of course without mentioning their origin.

If dictators and other thugs can be persuaded to let torture victims go by politely worded letters from people they've never heard of, maybe sending thousands of letters a week espousing free market solutions to problems will have some effect. In any event, I'm going to write Clinton (and probably my congressman) a letter every week about some topic on which we know the answers; the first one is about solving the health care crisis by medical IRA's, which allow the health care consumer to make his own spending decisions.

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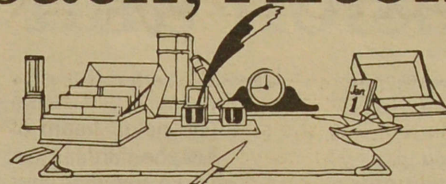
## Alcohol

Unfortunately a number of Libertarian publications have accepted uncritically one of the federal government's many half-truths. Specifically that alcohol consumption yields no benefits.

Far from being a dangerous drug with no merits, as outgoing Surgeon General Antonia Novello suggests, alcohol in moderation

actually brings many health benefits. As any insurance actuarial chart will tell you, moderate drinkers live somewhat longer than abstainers—both of whom live considerably longer than abusers.

Why? Researchers in the U.S., Canada, France, and England have found many benefits for wine in particular. As viewers of "60 Minutes" will recall, red wine reduces heart disease. It also contains anti-cancer



compounds. Moreover a glass of wine at mealtime stimulates the appetite, aids digestion, and increases absorption of nutrients from foods.

Abuse of almost any substance can be

harmful. Alcohol or aspirin, bennies or butter, caffeine or candy. You name it. But for whatever reason, the federal government has spotlighted alcohol as its next target. I would hope that no freedom-loving Libertarian willingly assists them in this misguided crusade.

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# Text of Mission and Goals

The following is the Mission Statement adopted by the Libertarian National Committee at its Dec. 12-13, 1992 meeting:

The mission of the Libertarian Party is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by electing candidates of the Libertarian Party to public office.

The LNC also endorsed the following goals:

## Image: Goal #1

- \* Change the image of the LP to make it attractive to people anywhere in the libertarian quadrant.
- \* Change platform criteria to be:
  - \* Maximum of 10 topical planks
  - \* 2-4 year perspective
  - \* Transitional proposals consistent with libertarian philosophy and the Statement of Principles
  - \* Presented in a positive, solution-oriented manner so that it helps rather than hurts LP candidates
  - \* Start from scratch at each convention
  - \* Majority delegate approval
- \* Employ outside professionals to conduct a market analysis to determine how best to improve our image, attract members and increase vote totals.
- \* Develop a strategy for TV and radio ads to attract people in the libertarian quadrant to join the LP.

## Image: Goal #2

- \* All libertarians should feel equally welcome in the LP. No person within the libertarian quadrant should be considered inferior to any other. The LNC should take a leadership role in promoting this attitude and achieving this goal.

## Image: Goal #3

- \* Create a sustained and pro-active program to improve the LP's public image:
- \* Establish a "Shadow Cabinet" to comment regularly on current issues
- \* Publish and release comments on current topics weekly; topics can include items from Shadow Cabinet, what elected Libertarians have done, etc.
- \* Develop and vigorously market a speaker's bureau of screened representatives of the LP who can convey the positive image of the LP as a place where all in the libertarian quadrant are welcome

## Organization: Goal #1

- \* Improve internal operations of the LP by:
- \* Operating an efficient and effective national office by 4/1/93
- \* Having a presentable national office by 4/1/94
- \* Striving for a dual-management approach to the operation of the national office
- \* Producing an operating handbook for state parties describing their interface with the national party, services available, etc.
- \* Defining and implementing an ongoing strategic planning process to establish goals as input prior to the beginning of each budget cycle

## Organization: Goal #2

- \* Increase LP membership and contributor base by identifying them as different and distinct. Specifically:
  - \* Eliminate the "oath"
  - \* Assure that all statistics and all communications use the broadest definition of "member"
  - \* Establish reciprocity between national and state LP membership, where possible
  - \* Include all registered Libertarians as non-contributing members
- \* Develop new outreach materials building on image changes
- \* Attract mainstream, articulate, successful, functional members
- \* Increase proportion of minorities, women, and other groups not currently well represented in the LP membership
- \* Improve outreach to special interest groups
- \* Improve fundraising yield from membership by:
  - \* Doubling percentage of prospects who contribute
  - \* Increasing the number of contributing members by 400%
  - \* Reducing by 50% the proportion of contributing members who fail to maintain that status

## Organization: Goal #3

- \* Improve the effectiveness of LP NEWS as a means to attract members and contributors by:
  - \* Including a monthly column on the activities of

elected Libertarians

- \* Including to the extent possible a state-by-state list of activities monthly
- \* Adopting an ongoing review of the LP NEWS editorial policy to ensure consistency with desired public image and mission

## Organization: Goal #4

- \* Improve affiliate party support:
  - \* Develop a suggested blue-print for state parties including organizational structure and objectives from the state level to the precinct level
  - \* Create and distribute a "Libertarian Data Book" (vote totals, ballot access facts, list of elected Libertarians, etc.)
- \* Develop a world-class campus organizing program, with:
  - \* Contacts on 500 campuses and between 100 and 200 organized and functioning campus clubs going into the '96 elections
  - \* Such a visible presence on campus that any student attending an American college or university will have heard of the LP and have some idea of what a libertarian is

## Campaigns and Candidates: Goal #1

- \* State and local 1994 goals are to:
  - \* Elect 5 state legislators (outside NH)
  - \* Raise \$1,000,000 to support state house candidates
  - \* Recruit 1,500 candidates (all levels) nationwide
  - \* Identify and provide campaign materials and promote professional campaign training

## Campaigns and Candidates: Goal #2

- \* Federal 1994 goals are:
  - \* Have 200 federal candidates file with the FEC
  - \* Obtain NES coverage of returns
  - \* Obtain 30-state ballot access by 12/94
  - \* Provide support for federal candidates including:
    - \* bookkeeping, caging, and FEC reporting
    - \* generic TV and radio ads
    - \* other services, if possible
  - \* Recruit qualified 1996 presidential candidates

## Campaigns and Candidates: Goal #3

- \* 1996 Campaign goals include:
  - \* 51-state ballot access
  - \* Enabling presidential candidate to qualify for federal matching funds
  - \* Participation in presidential debates
  - \* Recruiting 50 former or current non-Libertarian officeholders to run as Libertarians
  - \* Doubling our average 1992 U.S. House vote percentages by 1994

# NatCom Voting

Several votes were involved in the endorsement of these goals.

The bulk of the text was passed as a package on a voice vote. Dehn and Gingell asked that their "no" votes on this motion be noted, giving as their reason that there had not been sufficient time for any discussion of most of the individual points.

"Organization: Goal #2" was voted on separately, after a discussion which dealt almost exclusively with the question of eliminating the membership "oath" (certification that the individual opposes the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals). Voting in favor were: Crickenberger, Dasbach, Givot, Hall, Karlan, Kohls, Neale, Prazak, and Redpath; voting against were Alexander, Clark, Dehn, Ernsberger, Gingell, Johnson, and McLean, with Gingell noting that she voted "no" primarily because there had not been time to discuss the other points.

The second part of "Image: Goal #1", concerning changing the nature and scope of the Platform, was also voted on separately. Voting in favor were: Clark, Crickenberger, Dasbach, Ernsberger, Givot, Hall, Karlan, Neale, Prazak, Redpath, and Schumacher; voting against were: Alexander, Dehn, Gingell, Johnson, Kohls, and McLean.

Several other small portions were approved separately by voice vote, with no members asking that their votes or comments be recorded.

# NatCom Goals

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mittee.

Both support and opposition to some of these changes have already surfaced, and the NEWS will address these issues in more detail next month.

Stuart Reges, who worked in the national headquarters during a part of last year, was named the new interim national director, replacing Nick Dunbar who had served as national director for four years. Dunbar will stay on at the national headquarters for about one month.

Reges is a former assistant chairman for education at Stanford University. Along with Reges, the new national headquarters staff will include Rick Sincere, currently the Virginia LP chair.

Several changes were also made in national LP area managers. Joe Dehn, national secretary, was appointed area manager for administration, and Jo Jorgensen will direct the marketing area, formerly called the education area.

# Election Results

The following results from the November election were received after publication of the December issue:

## Ohio

U.S. House: District 9		
Ed Howard	11,281	5%
State House: District 6		
Russ Osborn	2,662	5.7%
State House: District 27		
Brian Ryman	2,198	4.2%
State House: District 42		
Steve Smith	2,323	4.9%

## Oregon

State Senate: District 7		
Myles Twete	6,813	16%
State Senate: District 21		
Tonie Nathan	7,438	17%
State Senate		
Ed Marihart	5,836	14%

## Pennsylvania

State House: District 64		
Vance Mays	1,163	5.5%

## Wisconsin

U.S. Senate			
William Bittner	9,147	.5%	7-way
State Senate: District 20			
Larry Gravel	1,395	3%	
State Assembly: District 58			
Dave Howard	431	2%	3-way
State Assembly: District 59			
Kevin Scheunemann	2,501	12%	2-way
Washington Co. Clerk			
Craig Lemonds	4,391	11%	2-way
Washington Co. Treasurer			
Ann Kutz	6,057	15%	2-way
Washington Co. Sheriff			
Dave Ameringer	2,949	8%	3-way
Washington Co. Register of Deeds			
Betty Scheunemann	3,594	9%	3-way
Washington Co. Clerk of Circuit Courts			
Steve Chantelois	4,061	10%	2-way
Party Committeeman			
Kevin Scheunemann	3	100%	
		uncontested winner	
Don Carlson	14	100%	
		uncontested winner	



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## Needs Photos

The NEWS is looking for good, clear, quality black and white or color photos for publication (it would help to get both a print and negative for color). The NEWS will be making some design changes in the next few months, and we hope to use more color and photos in the future.

Action photos are especially sought, rather than "grip-and-grins" or "mug shots."

Please send photos with a brief description of the activity and the name of the photographer to the NEWS, P.O. Box 780, Winchester, VA 22604.

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