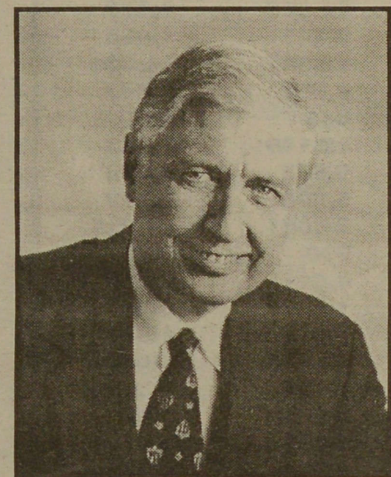


470,000 for Browne

Presidential total 'disappointing,' but party sees many good trends

With 99 percent of the vote counted, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne had received more than 470,000 votes, or just about .5 percent of all the popular votes cast.

This made his effort the second-most successful presidential campaign in Libertarian Party history—ranking behind 1980 LP presidential candidate Ed Clark, who won 921,000 votes.



Harry Browne

Browne's vote also represents a 63 percent increase in votes over the party's 1992 totals, when LP candidate Andre Marrou received 291,000 votes.

Browne said that his vote totals for the 1996 election weren't as large as he had anticipated, but asserted that the results clarify what the party must do to succeed in the future.

"We have to

start tomorrow, building a larger Libertarian Party," he said in a speech at his election-night party in Washington, DC, covered live by C-SPAN. "We have to elevate the party to the next level. We've gone from the crawling stage to the walking stage, and we're getting ready for the running stage."

"We are getting the results that are commensurate with our size and the level resources that we are able to bring to bear. And the solution is that we just have to get a lot bigger," said Steve Dasbach, LP national chair.

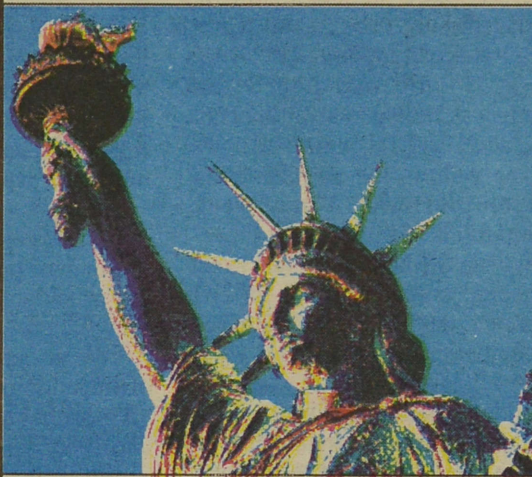
"We are all disappointed—we would have liked to see a candidate that did as good a job as Harry get a lot more votes—but if you look at what we spent this time versus what we spent in 1992," Dasbach said, the Libertarian Party picked up a proportional number of votes.

Overall, however, Browne said several positive things had been accomplished by his campaign.

"We have opened the door this year," he said. "Finally this year, people are recognizing that there is a Libertarian alternative. We have doubled the party's membership in just the past two years. And thanks to this campaign, everyone in politics and the media knows who we are and what we stand for."

"There is nothing wrong with our message or the way we're promoting it. We simply need to have it heard by more people between now and the next election. The American people are looking for solutions that don't involve more government, don't involve more tax money, see **Browne** on page 2

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Ballot access in good shape

The Libertarian Party came out of the 1996 elections in the best ballot access shape ever after a presidential election.

The party is on the ballot in 22 states, as opposed to 18 four years ago, and the party is qualified in Pennsylvania—voters can register Libertarian—but the LP will

see **Ballot access** on page 8

2 million vote Libertarian

Some victories, some disappointments

By RANDY LANGHENRY

More than two million Americans voted for Libertarian Party candidates this year, but results for individual candidates were mixed. At least seven Libertarian Party members were elected to office in four states, but several high-profile candidates lost elections.

Winners

One of the winners was Tom Tryon in California, who was re-elected to his fourth term on the Calaveras County Commission. Tryon, a rancher in Angels Camp, CA, won about 55 percent of the vote and will serve on the commission another four years. He is the longest-serving officeholder in the party.

"This has been the most miserable campaign of my career," Tryon said. He explained that the county sheriff campaigned heavily against him, including using several direct-mail pieces attacking Tryon. Tryon had called into question the sheriff's management practices recently, and he said a study into those practices will continue to be an issue now that he has been re-elected.

In a very conservative community, Tryon said his opponents attacked him on civil liberties issues. After three terms in office, Tryon's Libertarian Party membership and personal libertarian philosophy are well-known. Tryon said he was attacked because of his libertarian position on the War on Drugs and other issues—but the attacks didn't work.

In fact, Tryon was re-elected with his largest ever victory margin. He will serve as chairman of the commission through the end of this year when the chairman's position will be rotated to another member of the three-person commission.

Also in California, Dennis Schlumpf was re-elected director of the Tahoe City Public Utilities District Board. Although he won the non-partisan race, Schlumpf is a well-known Libertarian Party leader in the area.

In Alabama, two Libertarians—Steve Fischbach and John O'Donnell Rosales—were elected constables. With the victory, Rosales became the first Hispanic to be elected in the state since 1813.

In Michigan, Brett Cashman was elected to the Superior Township Parks Commission. He became the first Libertarian to be elected in Washtenaw County.

Cashman, 38, is a technical support engineer, is married, and has a daughter.

"I'm eager to bring a Libertarian perspective to my township government," Cashman said.

Also winning office in Michigan was Libertarian Party member Brian Wisneski. He won his race for the Clinton Township Trustee in Lenawee County.

Wisneski, 37, is a facilities management supervisor, is married, and has two children.

"Today voters of Clinton Township chose principle over party politics," Wisneski said on election day. "I am honored by their vote of confidence."

This was the first run for public office for both Michigan victors, and they are the first Libertarians elected in a November general election in the state.

In Oregon, Maurice Aho was re-elected to the Molalla City Council. Aho already has served two years on the council.

"I believe it's the first time we ever re-elected a Libertarian to office in Oregon," said Richard Burke, former LP state chair.

And two Libertarian Party candidates defeated major party candidates in races. This has been done only a few times by Libertarian candidates with only the Libertarian nomination.

see **Campaign highlights** on page 7

Paul elected to Congress

Ron Paul, the 1988 Libertarian Party presidential candidate and former four-term Republican congressman, was re-elected as a Republican to the U.S. House in the 14th District in Texas.

While in Congress, Paul was widely considered the most libertarian member of the House. He was often described as the conscience of Congress and won many awards from national taxpayer groups for his fights against tax increases.

Many Libertarians hope that having a former Libertarian Party presidential candidate on Capitol Hill will have benefits.

In fact, Paul already has contacted Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News*, and, according to Winger, Paul said he was "actively considering re-introducing a bill that would outlaw restrictive ballot access laws for federal office" for third-party and independent candidates.

But while most Libertarians are pleased with Paul's victory, there remains some skepticism about how Paul will find the mood in Washington.

"The same forces that caused [Paul] to switch parties in 1987 are still there," said Steve Dasbach, LP national chair. "I suspect that he is going to feel very frustrated about the inability to get the Republicans to live up to their small-government rhetoric. But we are interested in seeing government get smaller, and we wish him every success."



Ron Paul

Browne

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and don't involve more violations of the Bill of Rights," he said.

But the numbers disappointed Browne's campaign staff, who had hoped that Browne's unprecedented onslaught of talk radio appearances and TV, radio, and newspaper ads, as well as his popular book, "Why Government Doesn't Work," would push the vote totals higher.

"I think we ran the best \$3 million presidential campaign you can run, with the best presidential candidate," said Sharon Ayres, Browne's campaign manager. "But we've run up against the limits of what's possible with a \$3 million campaign. If we're going to compete more successfully in the year 2000, we're going to need a lot more members, more resources, and more money."

Browne agreed that a lack of money—compared to Clinton, Dole, and Perot—had restricted his ability to reach enough voters enough times to persuade them to vote for him.

"You are only going to get the really hard-core [supporters] unless you get an enormous amount of media coverage—so people can hear our message several times," he said. "[Most] people had no way of knowing about our message. We had tremendous exposure through talk radio, but that's just a fraction of the voting public."

The "Perot Factor" also played a role in the lower-than-expected vote totals, Ayres said.

"Just as in 1992, we were up against the Perot factor," she said. "We faced a well-financed billionaire who echoed the Libertarian Party's critique of the fiscal irresponsibility of the Republicans and Democrats, but who had \$30 million to publicize himself. Obviously, Perot picked up a lot of the generic protest vote."

Perot got 8 percent of the vote (about 7.8

million votes), spending \$30 million in federal campaign funds on his campaign.

"Since Perot got enough votes to continue to receive federal funding in 2000, we have to take that into account as we plan for the future," Ayres said. "That's reality. We can't complain about it, we have to work harder to overcome it."

Ayres also noted that the ballot was cluttered this year with an exceptionally large number of other "third-party" candidates for president—further diluting the anti-Republican, anti-Democrat vote.

"We are probably not getting too many of the random protest votes," Dasbach said. "We probably got some of those in 1984 and 1988."

But Browne beat most of the third-party challengers, including Howard Phillips of the U.S. Taxpayer's Party (178,000 votes) and John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party (110,000 votes).

However, a last-minute vote surge in California pushed the highly publicized Ralph Nader, the candidate for the Green Party, past Browne in popular votes. Nader ended with about 580,000 votes.

Browne dismissed the lasting significance of the Nader votes.

"He's not a permanent factor in politics," Browne said of the quirky candidate who capitalized on his name recognition but refused to actually join or promote the Green Party. Browne also noted that the presidential race had been called by the time California voters went to the polls, so many Clinton supporters cast meaningless protest votes for Nader.

But Browne returned to the central lesson he said he learned from the campaign.

"We have to build a party that is so big that in 2000, they can't keep us out of the debates," he said. "We can create the circumstances that will make it possible for us

to be in the thick of things in 2000."

To accomplish that goal, Browne said he would "speak out for the party wherever possible—appearing on talk radio, television, and in print—letting people know there is hope for America."

Libertarian Party National Director Perry Willis said the party is taking immediate steps to prepare for 2000.

"For the next four years, we plan to spend the bulk of our resources on membership recruitment, which is a change from the past when we've had to spend most of our money on ballot access," he said. "This election is a wake-up call: We need to do better, we need to be bigger. Let's start today."

LP President: 1996 vs. 1992

State	1996	1992	State	1996	1992
AL	5,504	5,506	NE	2,704	1,277
AK	1,873	1,118	NV	4,451	1,819
AZ	13,458	6,579	NH	3,897	4,576
AR	3,078	1,194	NJ	14,466	6,173
CA	66,482	44,390	NM	2,743	1,466
CO	12,380	6,827	NY	12,547	16,386
CT	5,890	5,514	NC	8,890	5,393
DE	2,050	965	ND	843	405
DC	565	455	OH	12,149	7,443
FL	24,185	14,756	OK	5,505	4,486
GA	18,209	7,455	OR	5,206	3,722
HI	2,493	1,119	PA	29,061	21,315
ID	3,318	1,161	RI	990	650
IL	22,134	9,106	SC	4,211	2,710
IN	16,431	7,285	SD	1,469	862
IA	2,177	649	TN	4,914	1,691
KS	4,544	4,386	TX	20,226	19,582
KY	4,022	977	UT	4,104	1,913
LA	7,559	3,477	VT	1,231	390
ME	2,903	2,060	VA	8,887	5,619
MD	9,018	4,603	WA	9,704	6,422
MA	20,720	7,084	WV	3,020	1,808
MI	27,105	10,115	WI	7,923	3,122
MN	8,059	3,287	WY	1,735	819
MS	2,750	2,788			
MO	10,511	7,924			
MT	2,524	976			

* Figures for both years are unofficial totals, but were the best available.

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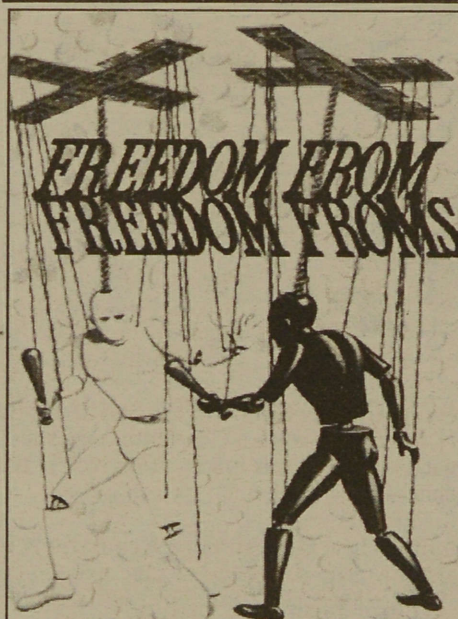
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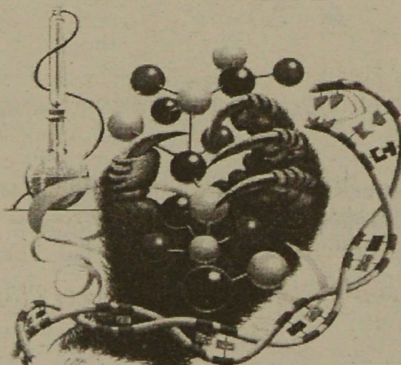
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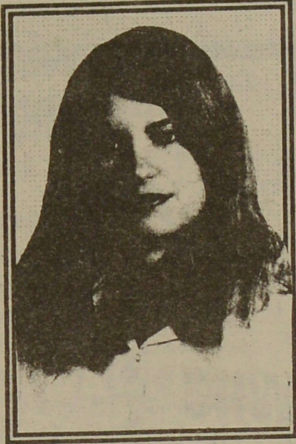
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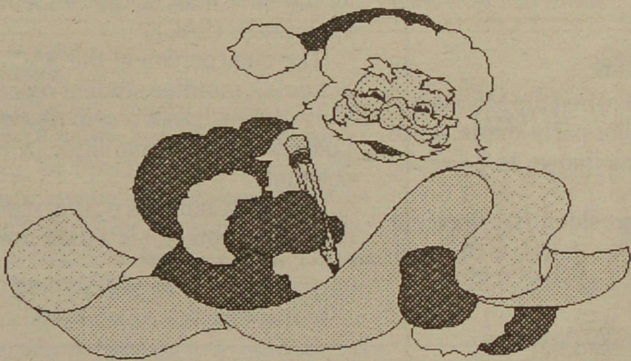
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Libertarian Party registrations skyrocket in many states

California

In late September, Libertarians in Loomis made a high-profile showing at the annual Eggplant Festival. **Steve Watanabe** and **Bruce Daniel** operated a **Harry Browne** pushcart—handling out brochures. **Janet and Sara Daniel** and **Damon and Priscilla Falconi** operated a kids' game booth, offering entertainment and prizes. **Clyde Smith** and **Robert Page** of the Placer LP ran the political survey booth and offered a video presentation of Browne's acceptance speech from the national convention.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

Colorado

Doug Anderson, **BetteRose Smith**, **Deb Bishop**, and **Gary Sandritter** operated an outreach booth at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo. LP vice presidential candidate **Jo Jorgensen** made a special appearance at the booth.

The booth was staffed during every hour of the 17-day event, with approximately 2,000 hours of volunteer time donated.

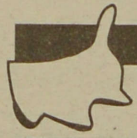
Rocky Frisco, keyboardist for the popular J.J. Cale Band, was spotted wearing a Harry Browne button at the Lyons Folk Festival. Frisco also had a "Browne '96" bumper sticker prominently displayed on the front of his keyboard.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

Florida

Libertarian Party voter registrations in the state went from 4,529 in February to 5,142 in August—a 13.5 percent increase. The number of LP dues-paying members also increased by 22.5 percent in 37 days—during August and September.

Source: affiliate party newsletter



National pulse

News from the states

Kansas

There was an 112 percent increase in the number of registered Libertarians in the state in the last two years, according to the Kansas Secretary of State's office. In 1994, there were 4,654 registered Libertarians in the state. The latest figures from August 1996 show there are 9,869 registered Libertarians.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

Maryland

With a presidential election and the motor voter law in full effect, voter registrations for the state's Libertarian Party grew by more than 180 percent, making every other party look anemic this year.

According to figures compiled by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, the LP grew by 186.1 percent, as registrations climbed from 1,322 on Jan. 1, to 3,782 by Oct. 7. During the same period, independent voter registrations grew by 13.4 percent, Republican registrations grew by 5.9 percent, and Democratic Party registrations grew by 4.9 percent.

"Despite the enormous obstacles third parties face in Maryland, our growth shows that our message is starting to get through—people are hearing us," said **Amy Rule**, LP state chair.

Rule said that the grassroots organizing the Libertarians implement this year will pay off next year as the party starts running more state and local candidates for public office.

In mid-October, the state party elected the following new state party officers: **Amy**



NEWS photo by Jack Bova

DEBATE PROTEST - Libertarians gathered with hundreds of other protestors at the first presidential debate in Hartford, CT. "We heard speakers, sang, chanted, saw some press, and stared down riot cops and dogs," LP activist Jack Bova reported.

Rule, chair; **Keith Halderman**, vice chair; **Bruce Godfrey**, treasurer; **Glenn Howard**, assistant treasurer; **Terry Atwood**, secretary; **Joe Miller**, assistant secretary; and **Jesse Markowitz**, parliamentarian.

Source: state party officer

Massachusetts

In November 1994, when the Massachusetts LP achieved major-party status, there were 300 Libertarians known to be registered in the state.

At the time of the presidential primary in March of this year, the number of registered Libertarians was about 3,000.

Just before the presidential election, the number of registered Libertarians in Massachusetts was more than 8,100, a 2,600 percent increase in less than two years.

Ryan G. Chaves, a student at Ludlow High School (LHS), was recently elected as the chairman of the Student Advisory Committee (SAC).

The chairperson of the SAC is also the School Committee student representative. This gives Chaves a seat on the Town of Ludlow School Committee, a non-voting position.

Though Chaves is not yet old enough to register to vote, he is a professed libertarian.

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ian. Ryan edits his own internet magazine called Pusch, and was recently elected treasurer of the LHS Student Council.

"The Libertarian Party of Massachusetts wishes Ryan continued success, and recognizes that he is well on his way to being a future leader," said **John Brickner**, LP state chair.

Source: state party official

Minnesota

The University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus restarted its College Libertarian group this fall. That brings to four the number of college Libertarian groups in the state.

"It's heartening to see student activity picking up," said former LP state chair **David Dean**. "College students are one of the LP's greatest resources, as they provide us with both political savvy and enthusiasm."

For more information on the group, contact **Shannon Daniels** at <dani0138@maroon.tc.umn.edu>.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

Missouri

Mid-Missouri Libertarians purchased a **Harry Browne** for President billboard on I-70 near Columbia. The billboard went up in September and stayed up through the election. Among those who helped organize the effort were **Hugh Emerson, Mike Bellman, Kevin Goodwin, and Mitch Moore**. Along with more usual fund-raising efforts, money also was raised via the Internet.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

New York

Six Libertarians ran for public office in the state last month, but all chose to run as candidates for other parties. Four candidates ran for state senate, one for state assembly, and one for city court judge. The candidates included **Andre Soleil, David Harnett, Robert Flanzer, David Greene, Thomas Hamilton, and Dan Duncan**.

The newly revitalized Westchester-

Rockland LP has voted to incorporate Putnam and Bronx counties. A simultaneous convention to disband the old party and form the new one was held last month.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

North Carolina

Just prior to the election, two LP candidates withdrew from their races and replacement candidates were named. Since the statewide ballots had been printed already, the original candidates names appeared on the ballots.

The replacement candidates were **Shannon O'Shields** for superintendent of public instruction, and **Jim Rowh** for U.S. House, District 7.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

Ohio

Donald Iiams, Galen Fries, and Ralph Mullinger raised money and purchased four billboards in the Toledo area promoting the LP and **Harry Browne**.

Source: state party officer

West Virginia

State party membership increased by 167 percent between November 1994 and March 1996.

"We're getting disgruntled Democrats who are tired of their former party continuously raising taxes," LP state chair **John Brown** said. "And we're getting disgruntled Republicans who are scared of their former party's move toward becoming the morality police. We are the home for people who want economic and personal freedom."

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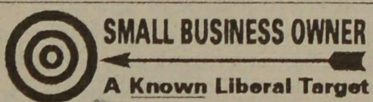
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Harry Browne looks ahead

By HARRY BROWNE

I want to express my deep gratitude to Libertarians all over America. . .

- For your hard work and dedication in taking our message as far and wide as possible.

- For the many kindnesses you have shown Pamela and me over the past two years.

- For the confidence you placed in me to carry the Libertarian message to the public.

As I write this, we don't have final vote totals. But, even so, there's no question we have a great deal to be pleased about.

Our total vote will far surpass the 1992 total—close to doubling it.

Based on the media coverage received, we far outpaced the other candidates. We apparently received about one-eighteenth of Ross Perot's vote total, while getting less than one-hundredth of his media coverage. We got roughly the same vote as Ralph Nader, while receiving less than a fifth of his media attention. Evaluating our performance this way, it was even better when measured against the coverage given Clinton and Dole. And we far outpolled all the other small parties.

For a \$3 million campaign and a party with 20,000 members, we achieved a great deal.

But it's obvious that we will never break into the big leagues with a \$3 million campaign.

The task ahead of us is clear: We have to

create a party so big, so strong, so well-financed that in the year 2000 no one can ignore us. We have to make an enormous splash before and throughout the next election year, so that the media will have to give us the same attention and respect they give to the two old parties. We have to be so well known to the public that the Republicans and Democrats can't hold a debate without us. And if they decide not to hold the debates at all, then we must have an army of people so large that we can carry our message door to door to every voter, and we must have the money to tell our story through advertising.

Is this a realistic goal? Yes. It is a formidable goal, but far from impossible. We are already well along the road to that goal. . .

- We have doubled the party's membership in just the past two years. And our new compatriots aren't going to go away.

- We have already made inroads, small but significant, into the business and investment community—to where the money is.

- The Internet has become our bailiwick. And it will be more and more influential in politics in the coming years. Libertarians know how to use it, and we'll always be in a position to make the most of any new technology that develops.

- We have established wonderful relationships in talk radio. More than 300 radio and TV talk show hosts endorsed the idea of my being in the presidential debates; 69 of them endorsed me for president. We have established excellent relationships



"So let's get started now building the party to the magnitude necessary for every American to know what we can give them. Let's begin now—while the others relax and take a year or two off."

— Harry Browne

with popular talk show hosts such as Michael Reagan, Art Bell, Mary Matalin, Oliver North, Blanquita Cullum, Barry Farber, Randy Jackson, Alan Combes, and dozens of other syndicated and big-city personalities who are now glad to hear from us whenever we have something we want to say.

- We have developed good relationships with many people in the print media—editors at political magazines, columnists, and local daily newspaper editors. More than 75 publications or columnists endorsed my being in the debates, of which 21 endorsed me for president. We will continue cultivating these relationships.

Thanks to this campaign, everyone in politics and the media knows who we are and what we stand for.

These may seem like small satisfactions. But, in fact, they are an important foundation for the work ahead. We need to stay in the public eye by continuing to have Libertarians on talk radio and television as often as possible. We need to continue churning out press releases—showing the Libertarian alternatives to the self-evidently meaningless proposals of the Republicans and Democrats.

And, more than anything else, we have to build the party membership—starting right now.

With the numbers of members will come the money.

With the money will come the media attention.

With the media attention will come the public awareness of what we offer.

Three-quarters of the American people think government is way too large. We are the only party offering those people what they want—significantly smaller government. There is nothing wrong with our message or the way we're presenting it. We simply need to have it heard by more people more often between now and the next election.

We are the only party offering proposals that will make a substantial difference in the average person's life. We're going to

repeal the income tax so that every dollar you make is yours—to spend, to save, to give away as you see fit, not as the politicians think best. We're going to get Social Security out of the clutches of the politicians so that your parents and grandparents know their retirement is safe and the rest of us are free forever from the 15 percent Social Security tax. We're going to make the cities safe by implementing the only proposal that would dramatically reduce crime—end the insane War on Drugs before it destroys America. And we're going to restore harmony among all the ethnic, social, lifestyle, and generational groups in America by taking away from the politicians the power to inflict one group's values upon another.

This is what Americans want. This is what we offer. And we are the only ones offering anything of the kind.

What is missing is the ability to let all Americans know what we offer. Although we can experiment with short cuts, the only sure way to acquire that ability is through the steady building of party membership, which will lead to the money necessary to attract attention, which will lead to the media coverage that will make us part of the national discussion.

So let's get started now building the party to the magnitude necessary for every American to know what we can give them. Let's begin now—while the others relax and take a year or two off.

I intend to speak out for the party wherever possible—appearing on talk radio, television, public forums, and in print—letting people know there is hope for America. I will counsel Americans not to despair—not to feel they're alone in their wishes for a government a fraction of today's size. I will invite them to join us in this great movement to make America a free country again.

Again, I want to thank you for the honor you have given me—allowing me to be your candidate. And for all the help and encouragement you have provided. It has been a wonderful two years.

But we're just beginning. . .

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The Liberty Council congratulates Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen for running an incredible campaign in 1996. Their effort, combined with the hundreds of grassroots campaigns throughout the United States have made our party stronger.

As a grassroots political action committee, the Liberty Council is pleased to have helped fund state and local LP candidates this year, including Don Gorman, Bonnie Flickinger, Jon Coon, Steve Green, Bob Kingsbury, Paula Werme, Thomas Tryon, Earnest Walker, and Mark Whitney.

Our award-winning radio advertising campaign was test marketed in the Delaware Valley, rural Maryland, and Madison, Wisconsin, with strong results.

Because of generous contributions from Libertarians we were able to do this as well as help fund party status retention, help the New York LP launch their drive for a ballot access-winning gubernatorial race in '98, and put more than 200 county organizing manuals in the hands of grassroots activists.

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Disappointments

One of the most disappointing aspects of the 1996 election was the failure of State Rep. Don Gorman in New Hampshire to win re-election.

Gorman received 23.5 percent of the vote in a three-way race.

Gorman knew it was going to be a tough election, but was somewhat surprised at the victory by the Democrat in a very Republican-heavy district.



Don Gorman

Although obviously disappointed, Gorman said, "We put up a hell of a battle here. We laid out a game plan and followed it very closely, and we achieved 100 percent of everything we put on our game plan. We just weren't able to overcome the opposition."

But Gorman said he could "not say enough good things about support from the Libertarian Party—from national, the Harry Browne campaign, Gene Cisewski's [Liberty Council] group, Ron Crickenberger [LP national campaign committee chair], and Libertarians across the country. Funds were pouring in from all across the country."

"Locally, we were out every weekend for the last six weekends pounding signs in the ground, making signs, licking stamps, and

doing all this mundane stuff that nobody ever really appreciates. Fortunately for me, I had great support from everybody here in the state and right across the country," Gorman said. "I can't say enough good things about that. There was a lot of effort put out by the local Libertarians."

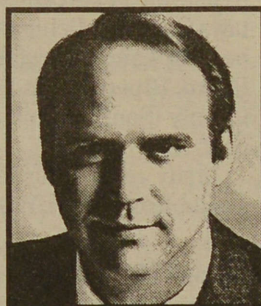
What next? "I don't have any plans one way or the other right now. I'm just going to keep my options open at this point," Gorman said he might consider running again in the future. "That's an open possibility. Right now is probably a bad time to ask me that."

"Right now, I probably just need a good rest, more than anything else," he said. "I will be available for speaking engagements. If anybody needs any information or pointers, I'd be more than willing to help out."

Another race that was closely watched was that of Jon Coon for state house in Michigan. Coon finished second in a three-way race with a Republican and a Democrat—defeating the Republican—but his total return of 15.9 percent was disappointing.

Even so, the Coon campaign received high praise from many quarters.

"They ran the most professional campaign, both this time and last time, we have ever seen outside of the presidential campaigns," Ron Crickenberger, LP campaign



Jon Coon

committee chair, said.

The Coon campaign pulled out all the stops. Along with the usual efforts, Coon came up with some innovative campaign techniques. An 18-minute videotape showing Coon on the campaign trail was hand-delivered by volunteers to 23,000 homes in the district.

"We wanted to make sure the voters got to see a side of me a lot of them don't get to see on literature," Coon said.

Local newspapers reported that the videotapes gained some converts. "He left one humongous impression on me," a newspaper quoted one woman who had received and watched the videotape. "The tape is unique and caught my attention. This is the first time I've decided not to vote for a Democrat or Republican."

Crickenberger summed up the Coon campaign efforts saying, "In short, Jon Coon and [campaign manager] Barbara Goushaw ran a more professional campaign, and accomplished more with it, than 99 percent of the candidates in our history."

Statewide races

There were a number of races across the country that should be considered successful, even though they did not result in victories for the Libertarian Party.

In Texas, John B. Hawley received more than 611,000 votes in his partisan two-way race for associate of the state supreme court. This race secured ballot status for the Libertarian Party in Texas through the 1998 elections.

West Virginia has some of the toughest

ballot access laws in the country, and the LP spends tens of thousands of dollars each election cycle to achieve ballot status in the state. But this year, in his gubernatorial race Dr. Wallace Johnson received 16,032 votes, or 2.6 percent, and gained the LP ballot status through the year 2000.

Johnson needed 1 percent of the vote to win the state LP major-party status, allowing the party to nominate candidates for any partisan office in the 1998 and 2000 elections without petitioning.

Johnson's well-run campaign included a debate with his Democratic and Republican opponents that was televised nationally on C-SPAN, and local newspapers declared Johnson the winner of the debate.

The Johnson campaign also used some innovative methods of campaigning.

Johnson's press secretary, Roger Fritz, constructed and operated an FM transmitter that ran continuous ads for Johnson. Fritz and another Johnson supporter stood at busy intersections with signs directing motorists to tune their car radios to the transmitter frequency. The station had a range of approximately half a mile. A tape deck, powered by a deep cycle boat battery and placed in the trunk of Fritz's car, ran ads for Johnson and Harry Browne and fed them into the transmitter.

"We are trying to find new ways we can let people know about Dr. Johnson," Fritz said. "We can't afford the ad repetition" Johnson's opponents were capable of running.

Other excellent vote totals in statewide races included: Darren Allen, Georgia pub- see **Campaign highlights** on page 8

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lic service commission, 81,306; Steve Dasbach, Indiana superintendent of public instruction, 59,406; Diane Barnes, Michigan state board of education, 153,812; William Hall, University of Michigan regent, 119,164; Michael Miller, Michigan State University trustee, 110,770; Stacy VanOast, Wayne State University governor in Michigan, 107,127; Jeanne Bojarski, Missouri lieutenant governor, 55,460; John Larson, Montana state auditor, 62,930; Robert Dorsey, North Carolina state auditor, 39,929; Lauren Dowling, Ohio state school board, 27,386; Sharon Shepps, Pennsylvania auditor general, 103,305; David Parker, Texas supreme court, 162,427; Eileen Flume, Texas supreme court, 189,159; Thomas Stults, Texas supreme court, 129,180; Richard Draheim, Texas railroad commissioner, 102,897; Hugh Butler, Utah state treasurer, 20,503; and Rich Shepard, Washington attorney general, 44,790.

U.S. Senate races

The Libertarian Party contested 18 seats in U.S. Senate races across the country. The 18 candidates garnered a total of about 380,000 votes.

Several Libertarian campaign results stand out.

In Georgia, Jack Cashin received 81,421 votes, or 4 percent, in a hotly contested race that ended with a 1 percentage point victory for the Democrat. Cashin gained support from many voters after an extremely nasty campaign between the two older party candidates and a good showing by Cashin in several debates televised statewide. In fact, Cashin was endorsed by one state newspaper.

In New Hampshire, Ken Blevens ran an excellent campaign and received 5 percent of the vote in the three-way contest. The margin of victory was 3 percent.

In Wyoming, W. David Herbert ran a strong campaign and received more than 2 percent of the vote in the four-way contest. Herbert finished well ahead of the Natural Law Party candidate.

In Alabama, the LP's senatorial candidate Mark Thornton received about 28,000 votes and was endorsed by the Reform Party. Thornton's vote total set a record for a minor-party candidate in a four-way race.

U.S. House races

The Libertarian Party fielded a total of about 170 candidates for U.S. House. This number by far outdistanced any other third party. The total for Libertarians in U.S. House races was about 675,000 votes.

A number of Libertarian Party candidates in U.S. House races also produced some excellent results. Some of the highlights included: Robert Anderson, Arizona three-way race, 6.2 percent; Emil Rossi,

California three-way race, 7 percent; Gary Flanders, New Hampshire three-way race, 3 percent; Richard Piotrowski, Pennsylvania four-way race, 3 percent; Jim Coffey, Tennessee three-way race, 4 percent; Michael Childers, Tennessee three-way race, 3.8 percent; Catherine Anderson, Texas four-way race, 6.9 percent; and Dave Dawson, Wyoming three-way race, almost 4 percent.

State races

Libertarian Party candidates made strong showings in a number of races for state senate or house.

In New Hampshire, Paula Werme ran a very strong race for the state house. Werme campaigned for and received the Democratic nomination, as well as the Libertarian nomination.

Werme was in a four-way race for two seats, and with a total of 881 votes, finished third, with about 23.5 percent, and less than 100 votes behind the second winner.

Other good showings by Libertarian candidates in state senate and house races included: Scott Grainger, Arizona state senate, 25.2 percent; John McCready, California state assembly, 7.7 percent in a three-way race; Chris Rowe, Delaware state senate, 17.6 percent; Drew Gregg, Delaware state house, 17.9 percent; Jack Houman, Georgia state house, 15.7 percent; Tracy Ryan, Hawaii state house, 26.9 percent; Philip Mielke, Kansas state house, 20 percent; Richard Eaton, Maine state house, 24.3 percent; Michael Fellows, Montana state house, 19.4 percent; Charles O'Neill, Nevada state assembly, 22.5 percent; Jim Burns, Nevada state assembly, 16.8 percent; Jim Wallack, New Hampshire state senate, 16 percent; Robbie Payne, North Carolina state house, 17 percent; Timothy Moultrie, South Carolina state house, 15.1 percent; Brad Clardy, Texas state house, 17 percent; Brian Swim, Utah state house, 19 percent; Kaylin Robinson, Utah state house, 7 percent in a three-way race; Joe Whelan, West Virginia state senate, 16.4 percent; Ann Durney, Wyoming state house, 20.2 percent; and Larry Gray, Wyoming state house, 18.2 percent.

Local races

A number of local contests deserve special recognition as well.

Ernest Walker ran an extremely active campaign for the Washoe County Commission in Nevada. His campaign received financial support from the national party.

Although he didn't win his election, Walker did receive about 5,000 votes, 36 percent, and his race secured ballot status for the Libertarian Party in Nevada.

Walker held office as a city councilman in Sparks, NV, from 1991 to 1995. He narrowly missed re-election in 1995.

Along with hundreds of signs up all over the county, Walker ran about 250 campaign spots on five radio stations, had several large ads in the local newspaper, and

sent out mass mailings to voters in his district.

Walker was endorsed by the Independent Voters organization. The group bought radio ads to tout its endorsement.

In Indiana, K.D. Benson finished a strong second in her race for Tippecanoe County Commission. Benson received 34 percent of the vote, defeating the Democrat who got 26 percent. The Republican won with 40 percent.

Other strong showings by Libertarians in local races included: Brian Erickson, Colorado regional transportation board, 32.6 percent in a three-way race; Carol Stuckey Hill, Lake County (Colorado) Commission, 22.3 percent in a three-way race; Monica Meyers, Allen County (Indiana) treasurer, 14 percent; Jeffrey TerHaar, Ottawa County (Michigan) Commission, 15.5 percent; Lauren Dowling, Ohio State School Board, 10 percent; and Tom Arant, Calhoun County (South Carolina) Council, 15.8 percent.

Many returns for local races were not available to the NEWS at press time.

Debates, endorsements

Libertarian candidates across the country saw a marked increase this year in invitations to major debates and endorsements from organizations and media.

A number of LP candidates appeared in debates broadcast statewide by radio and television. Several Libertarians even participated in debates that aired nationwide on C-SPAN television.

In a debate sponsored by the Ohio League of Women Voters, the Athens (OH) Chamber of Commerce, and Ohio University, state LP Secretary Donald Gallick, although not a candidate, participated in a debate against some high-powered opponents. Gallick, representing the LP, went up against David Wilhelm, former Democratic National Committee chair and 1992

Clinton campaign manager. The 60-minute debate was broadcast on public television.

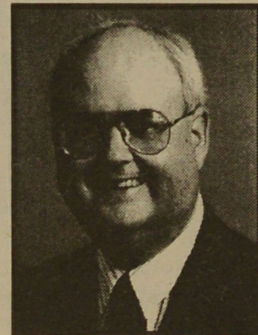
Endorsements came to Libertarian candidates from a variety of organizations. LP candidate for Arizona State Senate Gary Fallon received an endorsement from the NRA over both his Republican and Democratic opponents. The Illinois State Rifle Association endorsed LP candidate Frank Stratman in his two-way race against incumbent Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.

In Indiana, Steve Dasbach, LP national chair and LP candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, received an endorsement from the Fort Wayne newspaper.

Other LP candidates, although

not endorsed outright by newspapers, were praised for their campaigns and stances. One example is *The Burlington (NJ) County Times*, which endorsed all the incumbents, but wrote the following: "Of the three independent candidates running in the Third, one deserves special mention. Janice Presser, a forensic and education specialist from Moorestown, is a Libertarian who closely adheres to her party's small government philosophy. Like most Libertarians, Presser underestimates the role government plays in our lives, and what people have come to expect from Washington. But Presser impressed us with her intelligence and perspective; voters looking for an alternative to the two-party monotony should give her serious consideration."

The increase in media attention and organization endorsements bodes well for Libertarian Party candidates in the future.



Steve Dasbach

Ballot access

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still have to petition to get candidates on the ballot.

There currently are three additional states where there is only an administrative procedure to get on the ballot—no need to petition.

"We are essentially now at a point where in half of the states, we have no petitioning to do, which is the best we have ever had," Steve Dasbach, LP national chair, said.

"If you compare the states we have now with the ones we had in 1992, the states we lost have relatively easy petitioning requirements, whereas the ones we have picked up have been some very difficult ones," Dasbach said.

"The big, huge success this time was West Virginia," Dasbach said.

"It's a wonderful blessing to have that state," Richard Winger, nationally-recognized ballot access expert, agreed.

West Virginia is difficult because the state law is set up to make it virtually impossible to get the gubernatorial candidate on the ballot, and a party needs a candidate in that race in order to qualify.

"That's obviously a major pick-up for us," Dasbach said.

The states in which the Libertarian Party now has ballot status are: Arizona, Califor-

nia, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Narrowminded?

Libertarian Leah Sungenis was denied entrance into the University of Maryland's Graduate History and Library Sciences Program in part because of her "libertarian" beliefs.

Sungenis filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

Although the complaint was denied, part of the department's finding stated: "Interviews with the three committee members that reviewed the complainant's application focused on... the complainant's intellectual inflexibility due to her narrowminded world outlook which was a result of her libertarian political views as reasons for the complainant's rejection."

"I only hope that this information can be of some benefit to libertarians, and a detriment to the narrowminded professors that were terrified of someone with a viewpoint different from theirs," Sungenis said.

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Talking points

A look at the drug war, welfare reform, and more

This month the popular Talking points column returns with a new editor, Marc Beauchamp. Formerly *Forbes* magazine's West Coast bureau chief and chief spokesman for The Nasdaq Stock Market, Beauchamp now works for a Washington, DC, public relations firm. He joined the Libertarian Party in 1991 while living in Hawaii.

The presidential campaign was wall-to-wall demagoguery on drugs, ending welfare "as we know it," immigration, gay marriages, Social Security, and the minimum wage. Herewith some perspective on these issues missing from the mainstream politicians, pundits, and press.

The Drug War

"Bob Dole is blaming increased teen drug use on Clinton. Clinton's counter-strategy is to out-tough Dole by backing expanded drug law-enforcement budgets, appointing a general as drug czar and proudly pointing to the tough 1994 crime bill he supported. Can we ever win the drug war? There is overwhelming evidence that the centerpiece of the drug war—the fight to stop the supply of drugs into and within the United States—can never work. But no candidate is willing to say that the emperor's drug war has no clothes. A smart drug strategy would measure the harms caused by drug abuse against the harms caused by drug policies, to make certain that the cure isn't worse than the disease.

How can we lower addiction? A RAND study showed treatment is seven times more cost effective than law enforcement in curbing cocaine use. There are no winners in this year's non-debate on drugs. But there are hundreds of thousands of losers. As long as candidates trip over each other to escalate the failed war on supply, the problems of drug abuse and addiction will continue unabated."

Eva Bertram and Kenneth Sharpe, co-authors of "Drug War Politics: The Price of Denial," in *Newsday*, and reprinted in the *Roanoke (VA) Times*, Sept. 24, 1996.

Meanwhile, on the home front

"The drug warriors tell us their crusade will make us safe. They don't tell us the powers they exercise threaten us worse than any drug. The land of the free and the home of the brave has become the garrison of the busybody state. When government outlaws a substance, it doesn't disappear. It gets passed to the black market, where thugs rule and profits skyrocket. Prohibition thus increases violence, corrupts children by the lure of lucre and destroys neighborhoods. The drug problem was born with drug control. It was inflated to crisis proportions when the federal government declared outright war in the 1960s. Thus the drug problem, and much of the infringement of our liberties, won't go away until the drug laws are repealed."

Sheldon Richman, vice president of policy affairs at the Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, VA, in the *Roanoke (VA) Times*, Aug. 7, 1996.

Libertarian talking points

Marc Beauchamp

Editor

Let them come

"Support entrepreneurial immigration. The case against immigration is riddled with holes. Immigration replenishes the nation's entrepreneurial energies. It also expands the labor pool for small business."

Success magazine, June 1996.

This is welfare reform?

"Taking the first tentative steps toward eventual welfare reform, the legislation actually falls far short of the reform truly needed to end this destructive program. Congressional Republicans correctly diagnosed the problems with today's failed welfare state, but they lacked the courage to make the really difficult choices needed to cure this disease. At the heart of the new welfare reform is block grants. One may question the logic of sending money from the states to Washington, having Washington take a cut from the top, then sending the money back to the states. Past block-grant programs seldom have achieved savings of more than 5 percent. Block grants reduce accountability by separating the revenue collector from the spender of the money. As to providing an incentive for recipients to get off welfare, this idea largely is based on the belief that welfare recipients essentially are lazy, looking for a free ride. But the choice to go on welfare more likely is a result of a logical conclusion that welfare pays better than low-wage work. A 1995 Cato Institute study revealed that the value of the total benefit package received by a typical welfare recipient averaged more than \$17,000, ranging from a high of more than \$36,000 in Hawaii to a low of \$11,500 in Mississippi. In nine states, welfare pays more than the average first-year salary for a teacher. Ultimately the new welfare bill is based on the unconservative idea that government knows best. Government programs are far less capable of changing human behavior than simple economic reality."

Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute in *Insight magazine*, Sept. 2, 1996.

Another kind of welfare

"In the minds of the Clinton administration, FEMA's generosity is reinvented government at its finest. 'FEMA is now a model disaster relief agency,' Clinton declared in February, 'and in some corners thought to be by far the most successful part of the Federal Government today.' What's been reinvented at FEMA, however, is the idea of federal giveaways as a political tool. The disaster rate multiplied almost overnight. In 1993 Clinton broke Bush's record by declaring 58 disasters. A press release from the agency last February proudly noted that, in the first six weeks of 1996, Clinton had declared 27 disasters.

Not surprisingly, the agency's generosity can slow a local community's response to disasters. In Auburn, Alabama, after Hur-

ricane Opal hit the city last year—instead of starting to clean up, the city delayed until it received FEMA money. According to Jeffrey Tucker, an editor at the Mises Institute, 'the city stopped doing anything—everything froze—this went on for weeks. Trees were still in the streets.'

Just as with welfare, FEMA's free help tempts communities into becoming dependent on the feds rather than remaining self-reliant."

James Bovard of the Competitive Enterprise Institute in *The American Spectator*, September 1996.

Gay marriages

"Nowhere in the Constitution is the word 'marriage' mentioned. What we have is a transparent intrusion of federal power on the rights of the people to make their own laws at the state level. In their Contract with America, congressional Republicans promised to reduce the size, scope, and power of the federal government. Why do they, and, as it happens, Bill Clinton, support legislation that aims to outlaw same-sex marriages by defining marriage under federal law as a 'legal union between one man and one woman,' which increases the intrusiveness of the federal government by encroaching on what has previously been reserved to the states?"

Richard Sincere, *Libertarian Party of Virginia*, in the *Roanoke (VA) Times*, May 26, 1996.

Social Insecurity

"Our Social Security system is fatally flawed—the greatest Ponzi scheme ever is going to collapse. To sustain the current system would require that payroll taxes be raised to a level of between 25 and 40 percent. Under partial privatization we would be able to invest a percentage of our payroll tax into an IRA. It will allow us to enjoy the same level of retirement benefits our grandparents have had. Privatization involves risk but refusing to act involves even greater risk. Collapse is probably more than 30 years away. Both presidential candidates are fond of saying the upcoming election is for our future. Their refusal to consider Social Security reform, however, sends an entirely different message."

Chris Baker, in the *Christian Science Monitor*, May 10, 1996.

Minimum wage

"The minimum wage is awful policy, punishing firms for employing low-wage workers and locking the least-educated and skilled out of the workplace. People receive low wages for a reason—they typically lack the training to earn more.

Unfortunately, government wage-setting does not give them the necessary skills. Rather, it tells employers not to hire anyone who can't produce the official minimum. As a result, there are fewer jobs, especially for society's most disadvantaged, such as urban teens."

Doug Badow of the Cato Institute in the *Christian Science Monitor*, May 3, 1996.

Cut taxes instead

"If politicians are sincere about helping lower-wage workers, they could start by exempting them from federal income taxes. Last year, the bottom half of income earners paid only 4.8 percent of all federal income taxes. The first job for Washington politicians is to deliver tax relief to those who need it the most.

Tax exemptions would reward the work ethic—let people keep more of the money they've earned, all without expanding the deficit or increasing joblessness or inflation. [A higher minimum wage] stimulates inflation, reduces working hours, costs approximately 400,000 jobs, and expands the welfare rolls."

Ralph R. Reiland, an economics professor at Robert Morris College who owns Amel's Restaurant in Pittsburgh, in *Insight magazine*, June 1, 1996.

Labor pains

"Samuel Gompers was president of the American Federation of Labor from 1886 to 1924. In 1915 he wrote: 'Doing for people what they can and ought to do for themselves is a dangerous experiment. In the last analysis the welfare of the workers depends on their own private initiative. Gompers opposed the creation of state health and unemployment insurance programs, welfare initiatives, and minimum wage and eight-hour-day legislation. This is a far cry from the sentiments of Mr. (John) Sweeney (president of the AFL-CIO), who wishes to see government's role increased in virtually every area.'

The AFL-CIO spent more than \$35 million this election year lobbying for candidates that favor bigger, more intrusive government."

Aaron Steelman of the Cato Institute in *The Washington Times*.

Edison as libertarian

On Feb. 11 we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, world's greatest inventor and, few people realize, a libertarian.

"The government never really goes into business, for it never makes ends meet. And that is the first requisite of business. It just mixes a little business with a lot of politics and no one ever gets a chance to find out what is actually going on.

Any large extension of the Government into business affairs—no matter what the pretense and no matter how the extension is labeled—will be bound to promote waste and put a curb on our prosperity and progress. Somehow, and probably it is in the very nature of things, a government office is below the level of a private office."

From an interview in the Jan. 5, 1929, *Saturday Evening Post*.

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1996 Libertarian Party election results

Alabama

Mark Thornton	U.S. Senate	27,633	1.8%
Dr. Bob Burns	U.S. House, District 1	3,302	1.6%
Michael Probst	U.S. House, District 2	2,659	1.3%
R. E. Stokes	U.S. House, District 3	1,992	1.0%
Alan Barksdale	U.S. House, District 4	3,596	1.7%
Craig Goodrich	U.S. House, District 5	1,973	.9%
T. Franklin Harris Jr.	U.S. House, District 6	2,309	.9%
Dr. Ken Hager	U.S. House, District 7	3,167	1.7%
Mike Seibert	Supreme Court Justice		
Mike Chappell	President, Public Service Commission		
Steve Fischbach	Constable, Mobile District 34104		WINNER
John O'Donnell Rosales	Constable		WINNER

Alaska

William Toien	State House, District 16	90	3.2%
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Arizona

Ray Price	State Corp. Commissioner	51,566	4.3%
Alice Bangle	U.S. House, District 2	5,053	4.2%
John C. Zajac	U.S. House, District 5	6,957	2.8%
Robert Anderson	U.S. House, District 6	14,090	5.9%
Donna Hancock	State Senate, District 18	2,641	6.2%
Richard Lee Duncan	State Senate, District 20	1,280	5.2%
Scott Grainger	State Senate, District 21	10,324	25.2% 2-way
Gary Fallon	State Senate, District 24	3,639	7.7%
John Williams	State Senate, District 25	1,490	4.4%
Sunny Reid	State House, District 2	7,400	9.9%
John S. Williams	State House, District 2	7,954	10.6%
Michael T. Haggard	State House, District 4	2,838	3.3%
Ernest Hancock	State House, District 18	3,283	4.7%
Joe Susnjara	State House, District 19	7,485	10.2%
John P. Wilde	State House, District 20	1,368	3.2%
Scott Grainger	State House, District 21	6,180	8.3%
Jim Hamilton	State House, District 24	3,535	4.3%
Kent B. Van Cleave	State House, District 25	1,940	3.3%
Ted Louis Glenn	Pima County Board of Supervisors		

California

Emil Rossi	U.S. House, District 1	13,701	7%
William Brunner	U.S. House, District 2	5,308	2.4%
Erin Donelle	U.S. House, District 3	4,025	1.9%
Patrick McHargue	U.S. House, District 4	8,489	3.5%
Joseph Miller	U.S. House, District 5	2,408	1.3%
Gregory Lyon	U.S. House, District 10	2,222	.8%
Kelly Rego	U.S. House, District 11	4,738	2.8%
Christopher Schmidt	U.S. House, District 12	5,495	3%
Terry Savage	U.S. House, District 13	7,211	4.4%
Joseph W. Dehn III	U.S. House, District 14	3,103	1.5%
Ed Wimmers	U.S. House, District 15	4,867	2.4%
David Bonino	U.S. House, District 16	3,748	2.9%
Jim Morzella	U.S. House, District 18	2,059	1.4%
Pamela Pescosolido	U.S. House, District 19	5,012	2.9%
Jonathan Richter	U.S. House, District 20	3,770	4.5%
Mike Hodges	U.S. House, District 21	2,716	1.6%
David Bersohn	U.S. House, District 22	1,948	.9%
Gail Lightfoot	U.S. House, District 23	7,328	4.4%
Erich Miller	U.S. House, District 24	5,162	2.7%
Bruce Acker	U.S. House, District 25	5,638	3.2%
Scott Fritschler	U.S. House, District 26	3,275	3.5%
Elizabeth Michael	U.S. House, District 27	6,062	3.6%
Ken Saurenman	U.S. House, District 28	4,183	2.4%
Mike Binkley	U.S. House, District 29	4,299	2.2%
Pam Probst	U.S. House, District 30	2,464	3.4%
Michael Everling	U.S. House, District 31	4,252	4.5%
Neal Donner	U.S. House, District 32	5,870	4.2%
Howard Johnson	U.S. House, District 33	2,030	3.8%
David Argall	U.S. House, District 34	2,528	2%
Bruce Dovner	U.S. House, District 36	4,505	2.2%
Paul Gautreau	U.S. House, District 38	3,020	2%
Jack Dean	U.S. House, District 39	9,416	5.3%
Joseph Kelley	U.S. House, District 40	4,131	2.9%
Richard Newhouse	U.S. House, District 41	6,736	5%
Gene Berkman	U.S. House, District 43	2,713	1.7%
Mark Murphy	U.S. House, District 45	8,150	4.3%
Tom Reimer	U.S. House, District 46	2,094	2.4%
Vic Wagner	U.S. House, District 47	5,991	2.7%
Ernie Lippe	U.S. House, District 49	3,745	2.1%
Phil Zuebisch	U.S. House, District 50	1,249	1.2%
J.C. Jack Anderson	U.S. House, District 51	4,624	2.3%
Dante Ridley	U.S. House, District 52	3,159	2%
Donald Harte	State Senate, District 3	15,525	5.5%
Jon Matonis	State Senate, District 11	10,096	3.7%
John Webster	State Senate, District 13	6,095	3.3%
Bob New	State Senate, District 21	9,070	4.1%

Charles Black	State Senate, District 23	6,719	2.5%
Donna Tello	State Senate, District 37	9,167	4.1%
Al Swain	State Assembly, District 2	5,059	3.6%
Mary Jane Clifford	State Assembly, District 6	5,531	3.5%
Harold Helbock	State Assembly, District 8	7,277	5.7%
Tom Kohlhepp	State Assembly, District 17	3,267	3.3%
Christopher Inama	State Assembly, District 21	2,729	2%
Jon Petersen	State Assembly, District 24	6,425	4.8%
Ronald Payne	State Assembly, District 25	4,063	3.1%
Mark Hinkle	State Assembly, District 28	3,826	3.9%
Joseph Peacock II	State Assembly, District 31	2,292	4.1%
Steve Zinn	State Assembly, District 32	3,974	3.4%
Gary Kirkland	State Assembly, District 33	4,590	3.7%
Kelley L. Ross	State Assembly, District 40	6,444	8% 4-way
Phil Baron	State Assembly, District 41	3,481	2.4%
Eric Fine	State Assembly, District 42	5,222	4.4%
Willard Michlin	State Assembly, District 43	3,260	3.5%
Ted Brown	State Assembly, District 44	3,928	3.2%
Bob Weber	State Assembly, District 47	3,914	3.9%
Arthur Hays	State Assembly, District 56	3,239	3.1%
John McCready	State Assembly, District 58	6,417	7.7% 3-way
Michael Piltch	State Assembly, District 61	3,674	4.7%
Phil Turner	State Assembly, District 64	3,420	3.7%
Bill Reed	State Assembly, District 66	4,530	3.5%
Gene Beed	State Assembly, District 70	5,706	4.3%
Douglas Webb	State Assembly, District 74	7,509	6.1%
Elizabeth Meyers	State Assembly, District 77	4,815	4.4%
Tom Tryon	Calaveras County Commissioner		54.5% WINNER

Colorado

Richard Combs	U.S. House, District 1	5,656	2.9%
W. Earl Allen	U.S. House, District 2	5,709	2.2%
Kevin Wilkerson	State House, District 11	1,704	6%
Chuck Wright	State House, District 13	1,139	3.6%
Doug Newman	State House, District 42	667	5%
Dan Cochran	State House, District 51	1,938	7.5%
David Aitken	RTD Board	2,599	7.6% 5-way
Brian Erickson	RTD Board	14,676	32.6% 3-way
Carol Stuckey Hill	Lake County Commission	544	22.3% 3-way

Connecticut

Edward Tonkin	U.S. House, District 4	2,755	1.4%
Walter Thiessen	U.S. House, District 5	1,353	.6%

Delaware

Mark Jones	U.S. Senate	3,333	1.2%
George Jurgensen	U.S. House, District 1	3,991	1.5%
Dan Beaver	Lt. Governor	5,562	2%
Chris Rowe	State Senate, District 5	1,992	17.6%
J. Burke Morrison	State House, District 1	517	9.6%
Gene Pierce	State House, District 2	383	9.7%
Peggy Schmitt	State House, District 7	709	13.9%
Dave Wood	State House, District 8	780	13.9%
Richard Cohen	State House, District 17	772	15.8%
Eric Doerr	State House, District 23	623	13.2%
Drew Gregg	State House, District 26	827	17.9%
John Cooper	State House, District 28	85	1.5%
Dan Lake	State House, District 30	391	8.3%
Terri Lewis	State House, District 32	77	1.5%
Victor Letonoff	State House, District 37	126	1.2%
Brian Lintz	New Castle County Council, District 2	3,970	14.5%

Florida

Scott Diehl	Collier County Commissioner		
Stephen Boyd	Orange County Commissioner		

Georgia

Jack Cashin	U.S. Senate	81,421	3.6%
Roger Wilson	Secretary of State	63,096	3%
Mark Antieau	Public Service Commission	65,527	3.2%
Darren Allen	Public Service Commission	81,306	4%
John L. "Jack" Houman	State House, District 82	2,665	15.7% 2-way

Hawaii

Jim Keefe	U.S. House, District 2	4,769	2.5%
Tracy Ryan	State Senate, District 12	3,623	26.9% 2-way
Sean Porter	State House, District 21	160	2.9%
Roger Christie	Hawaii County Council		
Aaron Anderson	Hawaii County Mayor	393	.8%

Idaho

John Redd	State Senate, District 30	758	5.4%
Ron Wittig	State House, District 8	625	3.8%

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Donovan Bramwell	State House, District 26	2,578	20.4%	2-way	Rich Gagnon	Hamilton County Council		
M. Jay Sorensen	State House, District 29	1,675	16.1%	2-way	Merle Strom	Monroe County Council at Large		
J. Scott Decker	State House, District 33	548	4.3%		K.D. Benson	Tippecanoe Co. Commissioner	34%	3-way

Illinois

Robin J. Miller	U.S. Senate	40,717	1%	
Tim Griffin	U.S. House, District 1	3,330	1.7%	
Frank Stratman	U.S. House, District 2	10,706	6%	2-way
Robert Prazak	U.S. House, District 3	1,882	.9%	
William Passmore	U.S. House, District 4	5,602	6.4%	
George Meyers	U.S. House, District 6	4,724	2.3%	
Toietta Dixon	U.S. House, District 7	1,475	.9%	
Dan Druck	U.S. House, District 8	3,474	1.7%	
Geoffrey Nathan	U.S. House, District 12	3,824	1.8%	
William Hermann	U.S. House, District 17	1,925	.8%	
James Lacher	U.S. House, District 19	1,242	.5%	
Maggie Kohls	State Senate, District 3	1,804	4%	

Indiana

Steve Dillon	Governor	35,125	1.7%	
Leona McPherson	Lt. Governor	35,125	1.7%	
Steve Dasbach	Superintendent of Public Instruction	59,406	3%	
Mike Crass	U.S. House, District 1	3,122	1.6%	
Paul Zimmerman	U.S. House, District 2	4,662	2.2%	
Bernie Taylor	U.S. House, District 3	2,331	1.9%	
Ken Bisson	U.S. House, District 4	4,774	2.4%	
Tom Lehman	U.S. House, District 5	5,253	2.6%	
Fred Peterson	U.S. House, District 6	5,295	2.1%	
Barbara Bourland	U.S. House, District 7	7,125	3.4%	
Paul Hager	U.S. House, District 8	3,799	1.7%	
Diane Feeney	U.S. House, District 9	2,315	1%	
Kurt St. Angelo	U.S. House, District 10	3,505	2.3%	
Tim Ashby	State Senate, District 16	3,407	11%	2-way
James Satterthwaite	State Senate, District 30			
Tony Satterthwaite	State Senate, District 32			
Mark Marich	State Senate, District 33			
Jeff Satterthwaite	State Senate, District 36			
Mark Rumps	State House, District 27			
Colin Roney	State House, District 35			
Joe Gravagna	State House, District 38			
Thomas Hallett	State House, District 40			
Scott Baker	State House, District 49			
Victor Germann	State House, District 60			
Rebecca Sink-Burris	State House, District 61			
Kevin Arvin	State House, District 63			
Jason Godsey	State House, District 86			
Bo Pogue	State House, District 87			
John Pasqua	State House, District 88			
John Currotto	State House, District 90			
Dan Ferris	State House, District 93			
Mike Neal	State House, District 94			
Andrew Horning	State House, District 96			
Scott Upton	State House, District 98			
Webster Smith	State House, District 99			
Frank Brogan	State House, District 100			
Heather Harrison	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Bradley Klopfenstein	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Robbin Stewart	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Paul Yearwood	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Kay Matthews	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Eric Barnes	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
James Wolfinger	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Mark Cudworth	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Joseph Hauptmann	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Andrew Van Vlyman	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Bryan Van Vlyman	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Robert Place	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Timothy Copeland	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
James Rainey	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Jake Winkles	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Lila Satterthwaite	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
J.L. Sosna	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Robert Shuford Jr.	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Eric Peterson	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Gary Proksch	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Kenneth Fary	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
John Calderone	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Donald Lee Dewees	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
William Winkles	Marion County Township Advisory Board			
Monica Meyers	Allen County Treasurer	11,019	14%	2-way
Christine Arnold	Allen County Council at Large	6,440	2%	
Stephen Sliger	Allen County Council at Large	4,787	2%	
Brent Waibel	Benton County Commissioner, District 1			
Neil Vanderkolk	Benton County Commissioner, District 2			
Michael Tolen	Benton County Commissioner at Large			
Brad Stephenson	Miami County Council			

Iowa

Gerald Carroll	U.S. House, District 1		
Albert Schoeman	U.S. House, District 2	756	.3%
Dick Kruse	U.S. House, District 3	1,215	.5%
Carl Olsen	U.S. House, District 4	1,117	.4%

Kansas

Steven Rosile	U.S. Senate	12,938	1.2%
Bill Earnest	U.S. House, District 1	5,189	2%
Art Clack	U.S. House, District 2	5,775	2.3%
Charles Clack	U.S. House, District 3	3,687	1.3%
Seth L. Warren	U.S. House, District 4	8,722	3.4%
John Brewer	State Senate, District 32	1,193	5%
Stephan Corn	State House, District 1	283	4%
Philip Mielke	State House, District 14	2,000	20%
Nathan Messer	State House, District 44	353	3%
David J. Gleue	State House, District 54	245	3%
Maike Warren	State House, District 75	370	4%
Lora Self	State House, District 77	161	2%
David Moffett	State House, District 85	243	3%
Bob Shepherd	State House, District 88	231	4%
Rick Travis	State House, District 96	361	6%
Jack Warner	State House, District 101	146	2%
Tom Knopp	State House, District 103	188	5%

Kentucky

Dennis Lacy	U.S. Senate	8,647	.7%
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Maine

Richard Eaton	State House, District 28	842	24.3%	2-way
Wayne Leach	Winslow Town Council, District 1			

Massachusetts

George Phillies	U.S. Senate		
Dean Cook	State House, District 6	1,121	7%
Ron Barghoot	State House, District 30	1,939	16% 2-way

Michigan

Jerry Kaufman	Justice of the Supreme Court	314,834	12.2%
David Raaflaub	Justice of the Supreme Court	85,714	3.3%
Diane Barnes	State Board of Education	153,812	2.4%
Barbara B. Goushaw	State Board of Education	98,405	1.5%
Stacy VanOast	Governor, Wayne State University	107,127	1.7%
Thomas Jones	Governor, Wayne State University	91,605	1.5%
William Hall	Regent, University of Michigan	119,164	1.9%
Calvin Matle	Regent, University of Michigan	86,269	1.4%
Michael H. Miller	Trustee, Michigan State University	110,770	1.8%
Brian Kluesner	Trustee, Michigan State University	82,386	1.3%
Kenneth L. Proctor	U.S. Senate	37,407	.9%
Michael Oleniczak	U.S. House, District 1	2,828	1.1%
Bruce A. Smith	U.S. House, District 2	3,032	1.2%
Erwin J. Haas	U.S. House, District 3	2,993	1.2%
Ben Steele III	U.S. House, District 4	2,395	1%
Mark Owen	U.S. House, District 5	2,903	1.3%
Scott Beavers	U.S. House, District 6	3,342	1.6%
Robert F. Broda	U.S. House, District 7	2,929	1.5%
Douglas MacDonald	U.S. House, District 8	3,615	1.4%
Malcolm Johnson	U.S. House, District 9	3,464	1.5%
Stuart E. Scott	U.S. House, District 10	3,506	1.6%
Richard Gach	U.S. House, District 11	5,061	1.8%
Albert Titran	U.S. House, District 12	2,934	1.5%
James Montgomery	U.S. House, District 13	3,070	1.5%
Scott Boman	U.S. House, District 14	1,692	1%
Raymond Warner	U.S. House, District 15	1,357	.8%
Bruce Cain	U.S. House, District 16	3,067	1.4%
Paul Kane	State House, District 15	1,560	4.1%
John Tatar	State House, District 19	1,259	3.4%
Brad Tidik	State House, District 23	614	1.7%
Jon Coon	State House, District 24	4,246	15.9% 3-way
Loel Gnadt	State House, District 25	864	3.2%
Keith Edwards	State House, District 26	863	2.2%
Thomas Sydlow	State House, District 27	963	3%
Mathew Ignash	State House, District 29	645	1.7%
Robert VanOast	State House, District 32	807	2%
Richard Frost	State House, District 47	984	2.5%
Joe Smolinski	State House, District 50		
Michael Wirick	State House, District 54	710	2.6%
Edward Wallace	State House, District 66	1,483	3.9%
Mike Brinkman	State House, District 70	1,037	3.6%
Thomas Baker	State House, District 78	971	3.4%

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Max Dollarhite	State House, District 85	822	2.5%
Leslie Ellison	State House, District 108	440	1.2%
Jerry Pierre-Trettel	State House, District 109	400	1.3%
Robert Black	State House, District 110	744	2.1%
James Kuhn	Berrien Co. Commission, District 2		
Richard Whitelock	Ionia Co. Commissioner, District 4	200	10.8%
William Bartelt	Ionia Co. Commissioner, District 5	59	2.9%
William Warner	Ionia Co. Commissioner, District 8	144	8.2%
Jerold T. Coon	Kalkaska County Prosecutor		
Glenn Barr	Kent Co. Commissioner, District 10	501	4%
Gregory Pattok	Kent Co. Commissioner, District 11	248	2.2%
Todd Greene	Kent Co. Commissioner, District 15	247	3.9%
Dan Marsh	Kent Co. Commissioner, District 17	141	2.4%
Steve Butler	Kent Co. Commissioner, District 18	279	2.8%
Steve Warren	Kent Co. Sheriff	6,427	3.1%
Bart Tinder	Lenawee County Sheriff		
Richard Samul	Livingston County Clerk	3,889	10.1%
Dennis M. Jacques II	Macomb County Clerk	9,511	3.5%
Ronald Burcham	Macomb Co. Commissioner	308	2.7%
Laurel Pietrangelo	Macomb Co. Commissioner	218	2%
Paul Soyk	Macomb Co. Commissioner	329	2.6%
Russell Kohler	Macomb Co. Commissioner	425	3.9%
James McAbee	Macomb Co. Commissioner	489	4.1%
Mark Heil	Macomb Co. Commissioner	323	3.2%
Bill Carver	Macomb Co. Commissioner	469	4.3%
Jeffrey TerHaar	Ottawa Co. Commissioner	931	15.5%
Russ Smith	Ottawa Co. Commissioner	615	12%
Kerry Smith	Wayne Co. Commissioner	1,977	3.9%
Mike Woodall	Arcadia Township Trustee		
Brian Wisneski	Clinton Township Trustee	279	46.6% WINNER
Matthew Dickinson	Hamburg Township Trustee	962	20.8%
Brett Cashman	Superior Township Parks Commission	925	47.6% WINNER
James Hudler	Sylvan Township Trustee	387	20.8%
Geoffrey Foster	Ypsilanti Township Trustee	2,567	24.1%

Minnesota

Roy Ezra Carlton	U.S. Senate	4,788	.2%
Larry Fuhol	U.S. House, District 8	3,664	1.4%
Tim Knoedler	State Senate, District 6	681	2%
Rich Osness	State Senate, District 27	1,217	3.9%
Jonathan Wirth	State Senate, District 55	815	2.6%
Robert J. Odden	State Senate, District 62	817	2.6%
Robert Babione	New Prague City Council		

Mississippi

Andy Rouse	U.S. House, District 1	2,220	1.2%
Will Chipman	U.S. House, District 2	4,256	2.5%
C.T. Scarborough	U.S. House, District 3	1,525	.8%
William Fausek	U.S. House, District 4	952	.5%
Dan Rogers	U.S. House, District 5	470	.3%

Missouri

J. Mark Oglesby	Governor	53,192	2.5%
Jeanne Bojarski	Lt. Governor	55,460	2.6%
LaDonna Higgins	Secretary of State	50,911	2.4%
Jacques Tucker	State Treasurer	44,580	2.2%
Tamara Millay	U.S. House, District 1	4,132	2.2%
Anton Stever	U.S. House, District 2	2,738	1%
Michael Crist	U.S. House, District 3	3,956	1.7%
Ed Hoag	U.S. House, District 4	5,573	2.3%
Kevin Hertel	U.S. House, District 5	4,111	1.9%
Karl Wetzol	U.S. House, District 6	5,208	2.1%
Mike Harman	U.S. House, District 7	6,546	2.6%
Greg Tlappek	U.S. House, District 8	2,496	1.1%
Mitch Moore	U.S. House, District 9	7,153	2.9%
Matthew Peters	State Senate, District 15	1,367	1.8%
Daniel Dodson	State Senate, District 19	2,354	3.7%
Kurt Trachte	State Senate, District 23	1,588	2.4%
Charles Rohde	State House, District 20	243	1.9%
Gordon Rogers	State House, District 23	508	2.9%
Ed Ricciotti	State House, District 25	473	4.2%
Chris King	State House, District 41	319	4.3%
Timothy Peterman	State House, District 48	1,351	12.9% 2-way
Nancy Webb	State House, District 59	859	14.2% 2-way
Dean Scott Hodge	State House, District 80	1,539	14.6% 2-way
Jim Higgins	State House, District 82	254	1.6%
Mark Kaufmann	State House, District 83	374	2.5%
Richard Illyes	State House, District 84	312	2.4%
Craig Williamson	State House, District 91	314	1.8%
Fred Stout	State House, District 93	1,207	8.3% 2-way
Ken Petty	State House, District 113	1,806	14.7% 2-way
Phillip Horras	State House, District 136	280	1.9%
N.C. Blydenburgh	State House, District 141	470	3%
Jim Mackoy	Boone County Commissioner		
Mark Sanders	Jasper County Commissioner		

Karen Brown	Jefferson County Commissioner, District 1
Dave Ericson	Jefferson County Commissioner, District 2
Mike Lindstedt	Newton County Commissioner, District 1
Thomas J. Chapman	Clay County Public Administrator
Dave Holden	Jefferson County Sheriff
Lee Martin	Howell County Assessor

Montana

John Larson	State Auditor	62,930	17.1% 2-way
Michael Fellows	State House, District 67	666	19.4% 2-way
Scott Butler	State House, District 68	87	2.4%
E.L. Bernosky	State House, District 70	129	3%
Walter Deets	State House, District 77	160	3.6%

Nebraska

John DeCamp	U.S. Senate	9,249	1.4%
Philip Torrison	U.S. House, District 2	1,867	.9%
Jerry Hickman	State House		

Nevada

James Dan	U.S. House, District 1	3,266	1.9%
Louis Tomburello	U.S. House, District 2	3,711	1.3%
Craig Kuntz	State Senate, District 2	1,153	5%
Timothy Hagen	State Senate, District 5	2,609	4.6%
Jerry Simms	State Senate, District 8	1,457	4.5%
Lewis Roesberry	State Assembly, District 3	326	4.1%
Charles O'Neill	State Assembly, District 5	1,992	22.5% 2-way
Paul R. Conte	State Assembly, District 10	281	5.2%
Earle Severance	State Assembly, District 11	276	5.3%
Brendan Trainor	State Assembly, District 27	243	3%
James Burns	State Assembly, District 28	301	16.8% 2-way
Kent Cromwell	State Assembly, District 32	547	5%
Calvin Nash	State Assembly, District 42	243	3.8%
Jeff Rousseau	Clark County Commissioner	2,669	4.9%
Anthony Bator	Washoe County Commissioner		
Ernest Walker	Washoe County Commissioner	~5,000	36% 2-way

New Hampshire

Robert "Bob" Kingsbury	Governor	5,944	1%
Ken Blevens	U.S. Senate	22,261	5%
Gary Flanders	U.S. House, District 1	8,176	3%
Peter Gamble	Executive Council	4,539	3%
Jim Wallack	State Senate, District 14	2,771	16% 2-way
Relf Fogg	State House, Carroll Co.		
Stephen J. Varone	State House, Cheshire Co.		
Anthony Harp	State House, Coos Co.	974	5%
Paula Werme	State House, Grafton Co.	811	23.5% 4-way
Joshua Reed Leiter	State House, Grafton Co.	182	15%
John Schwoerke	State House, Grafton Co.	573	4%
John Babiarz	State House, Grafton Co.	115	8%
Brian Cristeson	State House, Grafton Co.	119	8%
Danielle Donovan	State House, Hillsborough Co.	844	3%
Gaston "Gus" Morin	State House, Hillsborough Co.	293	6%
Mark Tuniewicz	Hillsborough Co. Commissioner	6,514	15.5%
Howard Wilson	State House, Merrimack Co.	381	9%
Brad Dorsey	State House, Merrimack Co.	518	4%
Don Gorman	State House, Rockingham Co.	1,196	23.5% 3-way
Diane Clark-Epstein	State House, Rockingham Co.	1,680	2%
Len Epstein	State House, Rockingham Co.	1,302	2%
William Discipio Jr.	State House, Rockingham Co.		
John W. Parmalee	State House, Rockingham Co.	1,501	3%
Michael Harrington	State House, Strafford Co.	231	21% 3-way
William Miller	State House, Strafford Co.	538	10%
Bob Stock	State House, Strafford Co.	727	16%
Dean S. Murdo	State House, Strafford Co.	376	12%

New Jersey

Mike Edmondson	U.S. House, District 1	2,588	1.3%
Janice Presser	U.S. House, District 3	2,945	1.2%
Bob Figueroa	U.S. House, District 4	2,903	1.3%
Dan Karlan	U.S. House, District 5	2,102	.8%
Keith Quarles	U.S. House, District 6	2,009	1%
Leon Myerson	U.S. House, District 9	1,441	.8%
Austin Lett	U.S. House, District 11	2,485	1%
Virginia Flynn	U.S. House, District 12	3,929	1.5%
Mike Buoncristiano	U.S. House, District 13	2,165	1.5%
Dan Maiullo	Monmouth County Freeholder		
Steve Nagle	Belmar Town Council		
Dino D. Toro	Commercial Township Committee		

New Mexico

Bruce "Mike" Bush	U.S. Senate	5,656	1.1%
Ed Nagel	U.S. House, District 3	4,070	2.2%
Maurice McDonald	Santa Fe County Commission		

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North Carolina

Ray Ubinger	U.S. Senate	25,959	1%	
Todd Murphrey	U.S. House, District 1	1,058	.7%	
Mark D. Jackson	U.S. House, District 2	2,873	1.3%	
David Allen Walker	U.S. House, District 4	4,063	1.4%	
Barbara J. Howe	U.S. House, District 5	4,141	2%	
Gary Goodson	U.S. House, District 6	2,665	1.2%	
Chris Nubel	U.S. House, District 7	1,543	.9%	
David L. Knight	U.S. House, District 9	2,217	1%	
Phil McCanless	U.S. House, District 11	2,272	1%	
Roger L. Kohn	U.S. House, District 12	1,849	1.1%	
Scott D. Yost	Governor	17,267	.7%	
Lewis B. Guignard	Secretary of State	20,797	1%	
Robert J. Dorsey	State Auditor	39,929	2%	
Lewis B. Hunter	State Treasurer	31,998	1%	
Chris Spruyt	Superintendent of Public Instruction	25,617	1%	
Eugene Paczelt	Commissioner of Agriculture	23,830	1%	
Sean Haugh	Commissioner of Insurance	26,466	1%	
Seth Fehrs	Commissioner of Labor	24,940	1%	
Sandra Barone	State Senate, District 4	4,808	8%	
Max Lloyd	State Senate, District 14	2,289	1%	
Richard Hollenbeck	State Senate, District 18	8,831	15%	2-way
Jeanette Small	State Senate, District 19	1,567	3%	
Larry Scheck	State Senate, District 20	1,708	1%	
Michael P. Coffee	State Senate, District 28	1,606	1%	
Christopher Heckert	State Senate, District 29	721	1%	
David M. Schmidt	State Senate, District 34	760	1%	
Eric W. Henry	State Senate, District 42	3,898	9%	2-way
Bob Geller	State House, District 4	1,269	3%	
Johnny Rouse	State House, District 9	228	1%	
R. Stephen Smith	State House, District 23	5,568	3%	
Tom Bailey	State House, District 29	1,878	8%	
Christopher S. Cole	State House, District 36	270	1%	
Robbie Payne	State House, District 44	2,130	17%	2-way
Mark T. Seiler	State House, District 48	1,817	1%	
Myron W. Bodtker	State House, District 50	365	2%	
Gary "Chief" Ridge	State House, District 51	1,130	1%	
Jeff Taylor	State House, District 60	1,378	9%	
Roy G. Halliday	State House, District 61	389	1%	
Larry Nomer	State House, District 65	307	1%	
J. Wendell Drye	State House, District 83	1,830	10%	2-way
Kathryn Parker	State House, District 84	881	3%	
Anna Lyon	State House, District 88	2,033	9%	
Lynn Fogwell	State House, District 92	488	1%	
John L. Sams	Chowan County Commissioner			
Tommy Perkins	Dare County Commissioner, District 2			
Chris Vaughn	Gaston County Commissioner Southpoint Township			
Richard T. George	Henderson County Commissioner, District 5			
Dale Grote	Mecklenburg County Commissioner			
Stephen C. Peterman	New Hanover County Commissioner			
Jack White	New Hanover County Commissioner			
Henry Weyerhaeuser	New Hanover County School Board			
James Sechler	Rowan County School Board			

Ohio

Lauren Dowling	State School Board, District 6	27,386	10%
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Oklahoma

Agnes Regier	U.S. Senate	14,595	1.3%
Robert Murphy	U.S. House, District 4	4,499	2.4%
Randy Boyd	State Senate, District 45		

Oregon

Jon Zimmer	Secretary of State	18,988	1.5%	
Marshall Montchalin	State Treasurer	15,819	1.2%	
Tom Cox	Attorney General	32,609	2.7%	
Paul "Stormy" Mohn	U.S. Senate	12,245	.9%	
Richard Johnson	U.S. House, District 1	5,974	2.2%	
Frank Wise	U.S. House, District 2	4,506	1.7%	
Bruce Knight	U.S. House, District 3	4,353	1.8%	
Tonie Nathan	U.S. House, District 4	4,852	1.8%	
Larry Knight-Duquesne	U.S. House, District 5	5,031	1.9%	
Tom O'Connor	State Senate, District 7	3,232	9.2%	
John Benneth	State Senate, District 11	2,589	7.1%	
Kristopher K. Barrett	State House, District 13	1,946	12%	2-way
Patrick Stephens	State House, District 14	546	2.9%	
Tim McHenry	State House, District 30	3,974	20.4%	2-way
Robert Fauvre	State House, District 39	501	2.4%	
Jack Alan Brown	State House, District 49	2,185	10.6%	
Maurice Aho	Molalla City Council		WINNER	

Pennsylvania

Timothy William Collins	Attorney General	92,651	2%
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Sharon Shepps	Auditor General	103,305	2%
John Famularo	State Treasurer	56,660	1%
Richard J. Piotrowski	U.S. House, District 8	6,928	3.1%
Patrick Burke	U.S. House, District 13	4,942	2%
Tom McGrady	State Senate, District 19		
Charles Zatavekas	State House, District 18		
Charles Stutler	State House, District 20		
Sherry Rizzo	State House, District 61		
Don McGeady	State House, District 144		
Antoinette Hilmer	State House, District 145		
Bob Cassel	State House, District 147		
Hugh Braun	State House, District 150		
Peter Mergen	State House, District 152		
Brian McHugh	State House, District 153		
Stephen Gilber	State House, District 172		
Joseph Sabatina	State House, District 174		
John Featherman	State House, District 181		
Joe McCarthy	State House, District 194		
Terry Zellers	State House, District 202		

Rhode Island

Michael Rollins	U.S. House, District 1	1,653	1%
David Bibeault	State House, District 69	110	3.1%

South Carolina

Richard T. Quillian	U.S. Senate	12,794	1.1%
Marion Hopkins	State House, District 70	234	2.9%
Walter Rolandi	State House, District 72	217	2.2%
Julian Griffith Jr.	State House, District 74	698	11.6%
Sarah Flemming	State House, District 81	1,265	13%
Timothy Moultrie	State House, District 89	1,281	15.1%
Ronald D. McCoy	Aiken County Auditor	1,415	3.3%
Ronald Houck	Calhoun County Council, District 1	77	7.6%
Tom Arant	Calhoun County Council, District 2	184	15.8%
Rodney Travis	Charleston County Council, North	6,001	4.1%
Bill Woolsey	Charleston County School Board	1,497	11%
Jim Sims	Charleston County School Board	579	4%

South Dakota

Jim Christen	Public Utilities Commission	15,851	5%
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Tennessee

Greg Samples	U.S. Senate	4,155	.2%
Paul Schmidt	U.S. House, District 1	368	.2%
Chris G. Dimit	U.S. House, District 2	1,289	.6%
William Cole	U.S. House, District 3	929	.5%
Preston Spaulding	U.S. House, District 4	529	.3%
Michael Childers	U.S. House, District 5	7,306	3.8%
Jim Coffey	U.S. House, District 6	9,108	4%
Steve E. Romer	U.S. House, District 7	2,802	1.3%
Donna Malone	U.S. House, District 8	4,768	2.6%
Greg Voebringer	U.S. House, District 9	325	.2%

Texas

Michael E. Bird	U.S. Senate	51,539	.9%
David Parker	State Supreme Court, Chief Justice	162,427	3.1%
Thomas Stults	State Supreme Court, Associate	129,180	2.5%
Eileen Flume	State Supreme Court, Associate	189,159	3.7%
John B. Hawley	State Supreme Court, Associate	611,656	16%
Richard N. Draheim Jr.	State Railroad Commissioner	102,897	1.9%
David Constant	U.S. House, District 2	1,240	.6%
John Davis	U.S. House, District 3	5,045	2.6%
Steven Rothacker	U.S. House, District 4	3,171	1.5%
Catherine A. Anderson	U.S. House, District 6	14,456	6.9%
Gary Johnson	U.S. House, District 10	3,950	1.7%
Alejandro DePena	U.S. House, District 20	2,156	1.6%
Clay McFaden	U.S. House, District 22		
Brady Byrum	State Board of Education, Place 12	13,426	3.2%
Randal Morgan	State Senate, District 8		
Bill Utterback	State House, District 45	4,781	11.3%
Louis W. Imholt	State House, District 66		
Brad Clardy	State House, District 83	3,711	17%
Mike Neder	State House, District 100	532	2.1%
Steven May	State House, District 107	688	2.5%
Cliff Murphy	State House, District 108	972	1.9%
Howard Bridges Jr.	State House, District 110	2,053	7.1%
Marshall Beerwinkle	State House, District 112		
Matthew Trotter	State House, District 114	4,116	11.7%
Gary William Moore	State House, District 136	2,969	7.6%
Clifford Lee Messina	State House, District 144	794	2.6%
Lance Flores	Dallas County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1		
Honey Lanham Dodge	Dallas County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1		
Donald W. Eastman	Dallas County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Place 1		
Becky Warren	Garza County Constable, Precinct 1 & 2		

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Peter C. Elloway
Michael Rubin
Larry R. Preddy
Vincent J. May

Harris County Tax Assessor
Lubbock County Public Weigher
Randall County Constable, Precinct 4
Travis County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Utah

W. Andrew McCullough	Attorney General	8,929	1%	
Hugh Butler	State Treasurer	20,503	4%	
Dwight Steffner	U.S. House, District 2			
Amy L. Lassen	U.S. House, District 3	2,337	1.1%	
Carol S. Williamson	State Senate, District 16	1,285	8%	
Will Marshall	State Senate, District 27	510	2%	
Walter Abbott	State House, District 8	209	2%	
Norman Parker	State House, District 15	304	5%	
Blair C. Hampshire	State House, District 16	882	10%	
Theda Judd	State House, District 17	346	3%	
Ben Valdez Jr.	State House, District 25	372	3%	
Arthur Reilly	State House, District 27	303	4%	
Mark Lewon	State House, District 28	207	2%	
Charles G. Pierce	State House, District 31	226	2%	
Brian Swim	State House, District 37	1,727	19%	2-way
Curt James	State House, District 42	233	3%	
Alan Hepner	State House, District 46	256	3%	
Kathryn L. Burnham	State House, District 50			
Kaylin Robinson	State House, District 52	765	7%	3-way
David E. Piccus	State House, District 56	274	3%	
Jason Gallentine	State House, District 59	195	3%	
K. Brent Olsen	Salt Lake County Commission	7,439	3%	

Vermont

Neil Randall	Governor	2,872	1.1%
Tom Morse	U.S. House	2,641	1%
Chris Costanzo	Secretary of State	7,062	3.1%
David A. Baker	Auditor of Accounts	5,789	2.5%
Mark Whitney III	State Senate, Windsor County	1,739	3%
Tom McLeod	State Senate, Washington County	680	1%

Virginia

Shelley F. Tamres	U.S. Senate (write-in)		
Jay P. Rutledge	U.S. House, District 6	4,184	2.1%
Gary Reams	U.S. House, District 10	6,323	2.8%

Washington

Rich Shepard	Attorney General	44,790	2.6%
Arthur Rathjen	Lt. Governor	31,178	1.8%

West Virginia

Dr. Wallace Johnson	Governor	16,032	2.6%
Dr. Joe Whelan	State Senate, District 9	3,994	16.4%

Wisconsin

Ben Masel	U.S. House, District 2	4,247	1.6%
Jim Dean	U.S. House, District 6	4,528	2%
Mike Oprish	State Senate, District 16	1,200	1.6%
Kevin Scheunemann	State Senate, District 20	5,258	8.2% 3-way
Ed Kozak	State Assembly, District 43	873	4.1%
Tom Ender	State Assembly, District 46	557	2.2%
Jim Mueller	State Assembly, District 47	503	2%
Terry Gray	State Assembly, District 48	2,254	11.4% 2-way
Michael Wynhoff	State Assembly, District 61	912	7.8% 3-way
Jim Sewell	State Assembly, District 62	454	2.3%
David Blair	State Assembly, District 67	262	1.3%
Timothy Wing	State Assembly, District 76	535	2%
Scott Jensen	State Assembly, District 77	2,792	12.7% 2-way
Anthony Tardola	State Assembly, District 78	659	2.9%
Don Carlson	State Assembly, District 97	1,549	7.9% 2-way
David Lampman	Dane County Sheriff		
David Jensen	Dane County Treasurer		

Wyoming

W. David Herbert	U.S. Senate	5,261	2.5%
Dave Dawson	U.S. House	8,261	3.9%
James E. Blomquist	State Senate, District 26	968	15.7% 2-way
Ann Durney	State House, District 24	843	20.2% 2-way
Frank Hart	State House, District 25	501	15% 2-way
Elmer Kuball	State House, District 29	128	3.8%
Larry Gray	State House, District 40	607	18.2% 2-way
Craig McCune	State House, District 42	472	17.8% 2-way
Lewis Stock	Converse County Commissioner		
Steve Richardson	Natrona County Commissioner	3,171	6.5%

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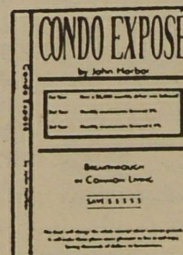
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Letters

Letters on rights, membership, secession, more

The Second

In the November NEWS, Don Wacker states that, "The right to keep arms is for the purpose of maintaining 'A well-regulated militia,'" implying that it is the only reason for the right.

There are a multitude of excellent books on the Second Amendment. I consider two of the best to be "That Every Man Be Armed" by Stephen Halbrook and "Stopping Power" by J. Neil Schulman. I encourage Mr. Wacker and others to read them.

The Second Amendment does not create rights. It recognizes the natural right to keep and bear arms. If one has the right to life, one has the right to the tools used to defend that life against aggression—with or without a Constitution.

In "Stopping Power," Schulman reported on his consultation with two experts in grammar on the construction of the Second Amendment and the following sentence, "A well-schooled electorate, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and read Books, shall not be infringed."

Both experts said independently that the second sentence could not be read to restrict the right to keep and read books only to a well-schooled electorate, nor could the right to keep and bear arms be restricted just to militias.

One expert said, "The right to keep and bear arms is deemed unconditional by the entire sentence." Both agreed that other grammar experts would not disagree with their analysis.

Tom Glass
Houston, TX

Membership

There are few people I respect more than Kris Williams, so when he strongly defends membership dues, I immediately reconsidered Kevin Arvin's suggestion to eliminate them. I have come to the conclusion that membership dues are not only necessary, but their elimination would have disastrous implications.

Applying market-based concepts to political activism may be appealing, but in this case it is flawed. Party members are not consumers, and our philosophy is not a product. For a brief moment, it seemed reasonable that raw membership numbers is all that is necessary to get people to notice us.

Without even considering how much fund-raising effort would be required to make up the lost revenue, suppose that we could triple our membership in one year if dues were eliminated. I find it hard to believe that our activism would triple.

I'm interested in building a political party, not a social club. Requiring a person to



Staying in touch

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separate themselves from their cold hard cash provides a good way to limit frivolous participation in this endeavor we call the Libertarian Party.

Membership dues pay our freight. Stamps and telephones cost money, we all know that. However, I am concerned that many of us, including myself, can easily fall victim to losing the focus of our ultimate goal. We should remind ourselves what kind of organization do we want, and what do we want it to accomplish?

I would hope that joining the LP is motivated by a passion to get something done. Raw numbers don't cut it. The LP needs activists. Without serious members dedicated to growing the party through practical politics—willing to be active, willing to contribute their time, energy, and money, willing to pay their \$25 U.S. American dollars to the LP—we are just wasting our time.

Bob Rilee
State Chair, LPRI

Secession

Our national platform says, "We recognize the right to political secession. . . Exercise of this right. . . does not remove the legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others." How can a government protect the rights of individuals who are no longer under its jurisdiction?

This is the only item in our platform that I do not embrace. I would like to hear from those who hold the opposing point of view.

John DeMeo
Cumberland, RI

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Libertarianism is quite a remarkable philosophy in that it recognizes the right to secede and the right to be free as inseparable. Especially in the 1990s, secessionism seems to be moving out of the realm of the history books and into real life once again.

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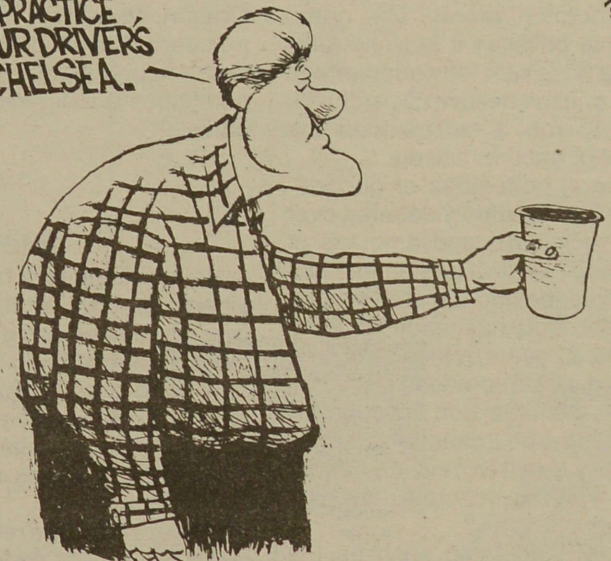
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For diehard LP'ers, the act of seceding from another dominion holds particular relevance. Who among us has not dreamed of a new country, free of all the taxes, regulations, bureaucrats, and idiocy that often make life all but unbearable in the civilized world? Political reform seems impossible at times, so why don't we far-out libertarians get together and start our own country?

Indeed, the evidence already speaks for itself. There have been many different "new country" projects at one time or another, and throughout history—dissident groups such as the Pilgrims, the Mormons, and the Back-to-Africa Movement have experienced success in their endeavors. Especially since 1960, several radical communes and micro-countries like Sealand and Minerva have come about,

and we libertarians could probably use some living space of our own. . .

This epic libertarian proposal has been tentatively titled "Unity City." All hardcore libertarians interested in the possibility of forming some type of intentional community are strongly encouraged to send their thoughts and opinions to: Unity City, c/o Adrian C. Hinton, 8860 Nabida Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45247.

Individualists, oddballs, dropouts, and self-liberators are also welcome to respond. We can establish free markets, legal hemp, and no taxes in this lifetime.

Adrian C. Hinton
Cincinnati, OH

Moral free fall

The expression "moral free fall" has been used to describe the state of the union. It prompts one to consider the social symptoms that might validate that observation. Moral leadership, such as the Christian Coalition, has predictably pointed to abortion, gang violence, same-sex marriages, teen pregnancy, and substance abuse as symptomatic proof.

However, one might do better to argue

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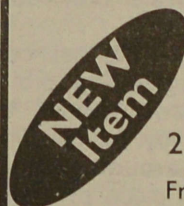
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that the telling symptom of moral free fall is not what moral leadership identifies as immoral, but what they fail to identify as immoral. Those who understand that federal law does not make abortion moral, fail to discern that federal law does not make redistribution moral. The same leadership that believes it is sinful for a doctor to kill a fetus with the endorsement of a woman, doesn't believe it is sinful for a politician to rob a citizen with the endorsement of another citizen.

For 50 years, both sides of our two-party system have blatantly debated over the victims, recipients, and amounts of their theft. . . and one side or the other has always received the support of our moral leadership. Bob Dole has made his living in Congress for 27 years by legally robbing one citizen to give it to someone else. Still, moral leaders endorse Bob Dole simply because he has the best chance of beating a man that they deem to have an inferior agenda of victims, recipients, and amounts.

When moral leadership such as the Christian Coalition can look covetousness and theft right in the eye and not recognize it for what it is, *that* is "moral free fall". . . and, yes, we're in it.

Grant W. Kuhns
Carlsbad, CA

Getting old

Libertarians typically refer to the Republicans and Democrats collectively as the "Old Parties." I suggest that we call them instead the "Big Government Parties," or if we wish to differentiate them from the third-party big government parties, the "Two Big Government Parties." This better names what's wrong with them, and more clearly differentiates us as we near our 30th birthday and old age!

Michael R. Edelstein
San Francisco, CA

National parks

Although I personally agree with Harry Browne's proposal to sell federal assets to fund annuities to extricate us from the Social Security mess, I think it would be easier to sell this idea to the general public if we exempted the national parks. Many people I talked to about this idea were basically in agreement as long as the

assets in question were office buildings, non-descript land, etc., but balked at the idea of selling the national parks. Forbes magazine says the feds own more than half the west, including 96 percent of Alaska, 87 percent of Nevada, 66 percent of Utah, 64 percent of Idaho, 53 percent of Oregon, 48 percent of Wyoming, and 36 percent of Colorado. That should be more than enough assets to fund the annuity purchases without including the national parks.

John C. Sproul
Rochester, NY

Unions

Being a relatively new member of the Libertarian Party (four years), I find that over time I have come to agree more and more with the official positions of the party. The logic and integrity of the party's positions are easy to present and defend to other potential members. And I have had some successes in converting others to our point of view.

However, being a retired union member with a good union pension and fair health care coverage I am proud to have been a member of such a collective organization.

I have read and heard other Libertarians speak with disdain about unions. I feel that this kind of rhetoric is neither correct nor productive. My position as a Libertarian and union member I feel is a very libertarian one. I feel that any true and thinking libertarian would aggressively defend my right to collectively bargain with my employer. I understand that I should not expect nor seek any special favors or legislation from government that would give me an unfair advantage over any other worker. I also understand that the only true negotiating tools I have are quality of workmanship, productivity, and dependability. If a majority of a union's members have these qualities, they should have every right under the law to collectively bargain.

Libertarians need to understand that in an imperfect world many employers care only about the "bottom line." And collectivism for workers is a useful tool for a more equal playing field. It's a matter of survival and self defense, in my opinion.

If we think it through, I have to conclude that libertarians have come together to form a party to advocate a justifiable agenda in a collective manner. This, I believe, makes Libertarians collectivist.

There are many good union members out there, folks. The party needs an official appealing, justifiable union position for members such as myself to present to others, if we really want our party to grow. After all, we are collectivist.

Bob Rowe
Barnsboro, NJ

HR 2535

In 1974, Richard N. Gardner, a member of the world-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission which also promotes world government (the New World Order), wrote an article entitled "The Hard Road to World Order." Gardner is now President Clinton's ambassador to Spain.

In his article, Gardner wrote that hopes for "instant world government" had proven illusory. So he proposed to build "the house of world order" by, as he put it, doing an "end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece." And Gardner also said that it would be

best to do this on an ad hoc basis by using treaties and international "arrangements." These treaties and international "arrangements" would be concerned with environment, trade, security, etc., which would later be brought within "the central institutions of the U.N. system." These treaties are to be given "teeth" so as to destroy the sovereignty of the United States. Examples of what Gardner meant are the NAFTA and GATT agreements that violate the sovereignty of the United States.

When national sovereignty is completely destroyed, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights also will be destroyed. Since the United Nations is the framework for the planned world government, the best way to throw a monkey wrench onto the globalists' plans is for the U.S. to withdraw from the United Nations. Rep. Joe Scarborough has introduced HR 2535, which provides for the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.

Please write to your congressmen and Senators. Ask them to support HR 2535.

W.L. Clayton
Rose Hill, MS

Germany

Not to beat a dead horse, but I'd like to correct Joe Hull's correction of Tonie Nathan. While it is true that Hitler became chancellor before the Reichstag fire in 1933, it is also true that Hitler used the fire (which appears to have been set by one of his own people) as a pretext for cracking down on many of his political opponents. I believe that this may have been what Tonie Nathan had in mind when she said that "Hitler became a dictator by using the Reichstag Fire. . ." Thus, anyone who might attempt to "correct" Nathan for this remark would only wind up looking foolish, themselves.

Brandon D. Ray
Iowa City, IA

Liberal

Liberal (n) 1a. Not limited to or by established, traditional, orthodox or authoritarian attitudes, views or dogmas: free from bigotry. 1b. favoring proposals for reform, open to new ideas for progress, and tolerant of the ideas and behavior of others, broad-minded [The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Third Edition 1992].

Now that the silly season is over, it is time for the Libertarian Party to claim for itself one of the discards of the recent political campaign—the word 'liberal'. When asked by my friends whether the Libertarian Party is liberal or conservative, I say 'neither'. We usually stand apart from a one-sided dimension such as this. If you want to tag me with a name, I would prefer to be known as a radical. But in the left-right distinction of liberal versus conservative, it may be better to say the Libertarian Party is 'both.'

I admit that I have a problem with the word conservative. Although I admire the ideals of the Founding Fathers, I cannot say that I look back in longing to an era where people were bought and sold. This country finally began the long journey to redemption at the end of the Civil War, but we were then faced with the excesses of the robber barons, Jim Crow, and the second-class status of women. Even in this century, we flopped over into a socialist extortion racket, anti-trust laws, and a

bureaucratic climate based on a chronic sense of guilt. Although our past has a lot to be proud of, I do not want to conserve anything if it means we have to go back to the bad old days.

Personally I am proud to consider myself a liberal Libertarian. This is an aspect of our party that needs to be celebrated more often. Some essential corollaries to the Libertarian ideal are that there will be no establishment, tradition, orthodoxy, or authority that will hold me back; that life is change, so we must maintain an openness to new ideas and reforms; and with liberty comes the obligation to realize that everyone will follow their own path and that we must be tolerant of that freedom. The preservation of our traditional values in a liberal manner will enable this party to be a strong and viable force for the future.

Antony Van der Mude
Summit, NJ

Extremists

Government employees have a television campaign going on now to assert that they are just "like everyone else." A parasite is not like "everyone else." A predator is not like "everyone else."

The campaign goes on to accuse government's critics as being extremists. I define tax extortion to be an extreme method of acquiring money. I define regulation extortion as an extreme method of getting innocent people to do what one wants. The real extremists are therefore in government.

I am one of the "extremists" they talk about. I believe in extreme liberty of all innocent citizens to live free of government threats, violence, and fraud. That means I believe in zero taxation and zero regulation of the innocent. Those in government are on the other end of the extreme believing in as much extortion as they can get away with at any given moment.

I am also a terrorist though I own no guns or bombs. What I do own is the word "No." Nothing terrorizes the government parasite and predator more than for his victims to refuse to submit to his extortions. Governments are the world's real terrorist organizations. They function by means of inducing fear in their victims to gain compliance.

Westley F. Deitchler
Miles City, MT

Multi-year memberships

We should consider offering multi-year memberships. For example, three years for \$75 or five years for \$125. This would reduce the cost of renewal notices and associated office time. Personally, I'd be willing to pay a little bit more for a multi-year membership—for example, \$150 for five years—so that I wouldn't have to worry about renewing. The downside is that we would dilute the information about the year-to-year intensity of interest in our party.

I also want to encourage people to put signs in their yards before elections. This not only shows support for our party, but it lets people know where they can go for information. You could even make a sign that reads, "Ask me about the Libertarian Party." Then have a supply of platforms, brochures, and candidate information ready to hand out. Stock up!

Scott Frost
Seattle, WA

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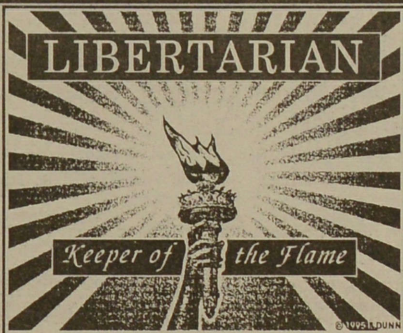
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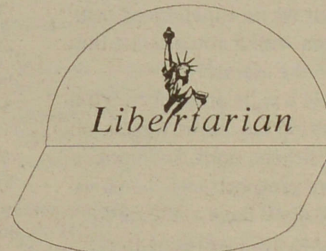
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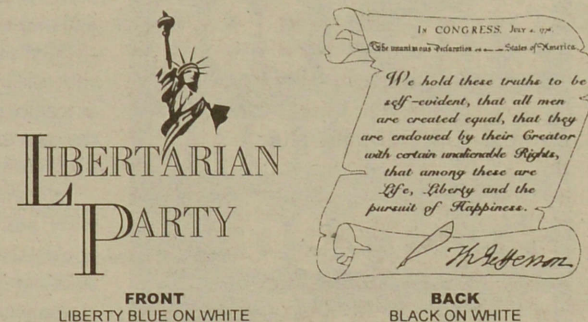
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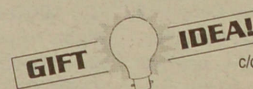
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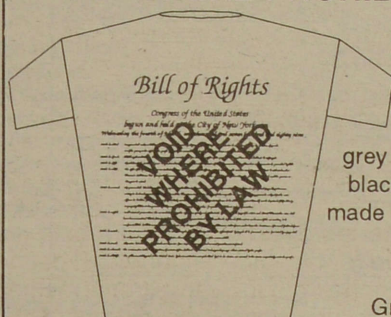
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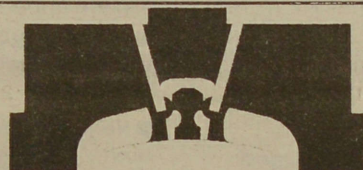
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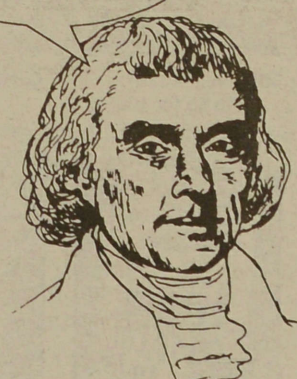
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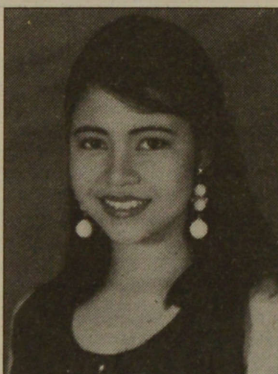


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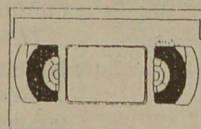
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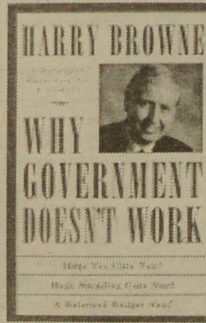
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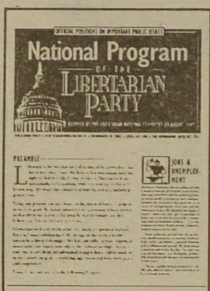
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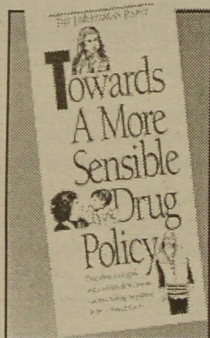
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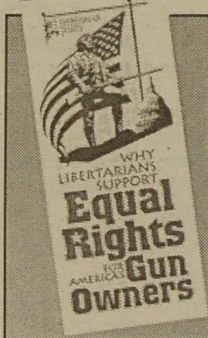
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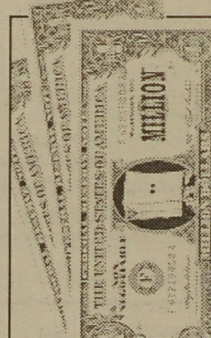
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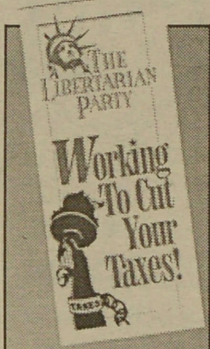
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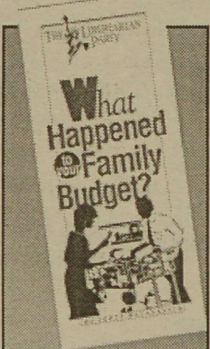
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