

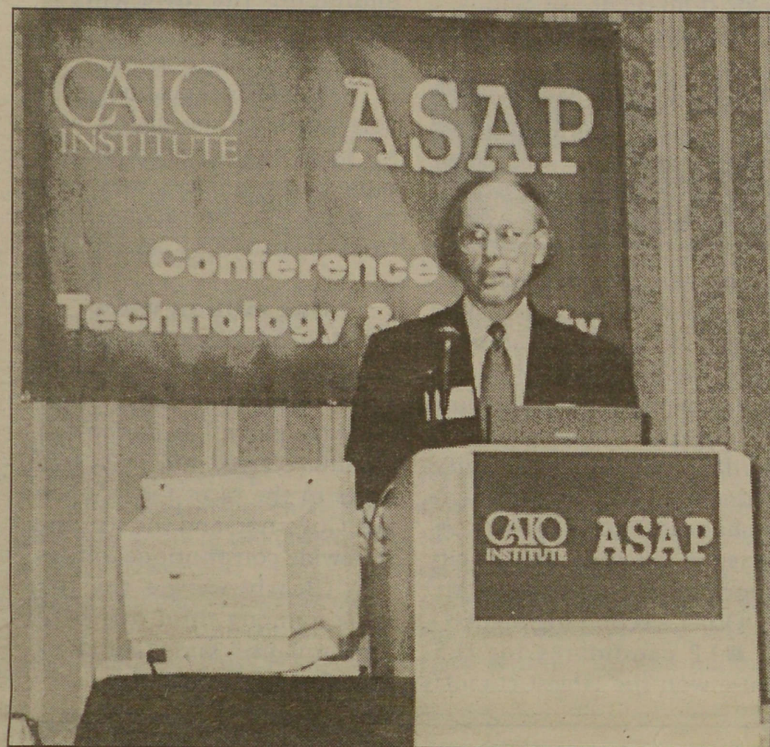
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■ LP member Dan Fylstra explained to computer industry leaders at the Cato Institute's Conference on Technology & Society why they should support the Libertarian Party.

Party makes bid for Silicon Valley support

Libertarian Party leaders traveled to Silicon Valley in November to build bridges with the computer industry — and explain to cyber-CEO's why they should "invest" in a start-up third party.

LP National Director Steve Dasbach, Political Director Ron Crickenberger, and National Committee Alternate Dan Fylstra all attended "Washington DC vs. Silicon Valley: The Annual Cato Institute/Forbes ASAP Conference on Technology & Society," which was held in San Jose, California, November 19-21.

"Our immediate objective was to begin to build personal contacts with Silicon Valley CEO's who have strong libertarian leanings," said Dasbach.

"We believe this will be important both to advance our membership growth strategies, and to support our efforts to establish ourselves as the dominant political party among voters who use the Internet as a

source of political information."

The conference attracted a flock of high-tech executives, research professionals, politicians, and authors — including T. J. Rodgers (president and CEO of Cypress Semiconductor), David Brin (award-winning sci-

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News Analysis

Libertarianism's stealthy triumph

By Bill Winter
LP News Editor

In the Libertarian utopia of the future, you will live in a privately run town and drive to work on privately owned toll roads. When you buy products, you will pay for them with privately printed, non-government-issued money.

In the libertarian utopia of the future, you will enjoy leisure

time in privately run parks, and get married in a church without a government license.

In the libertarian utopia of the future, criminals will be arrested by private police, will be tried by professional juries in front of a private judge, and may be sentenced to serve time in privately run prisons.

How long will you have to wait for this libertarian utopia? Surprise: It *already* exists today.

Quietly, without much fanfare, many free-market, libertarian-style alternatives to government-run systems — even ones considered hopelessly radical, like private roads and money — have quietly been implemented around the country.

From towns that print their own money to city parks operated like profit-making businesses to private legal systems, a

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LP victorious in 19 races in updated election results

Party picks up 2 additional wins in California and Florida, plus...

The number of Libertarian victories in the November elections has increased to 19, with late-breaking news of two more wins — one in a California city council race and one in Florida.

In addition, the strong showing of LP candidates in Ford County, Illinois, means that Libertarians will be able to appoint at least three LP members to county boards, which will push to 22 the number of Libertarians serving in public office because of Election '98.

"The good news keeps rolling in," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. "Each additional victory helps build our farm team of Libertarians in office, and helps build the credibility of Libertarian solutions at the local level."

In California, John Mehaffey won a seat on the Saratoga City Council, placing first in a field of five candidates with 24.2% of the vote.

Three council seats had been

up for grabs in the city of 28,390.

"I'm ecstatic," Mehaffey said about his unexpected win — and other California Libertarians were equally enthusiastic.

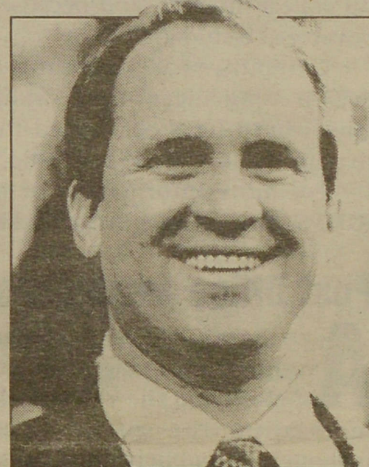
"It is another triumph for limited government," said Santa Clara County LP Chairman Marvin Rudin. "Mehaffey will do his utmost to protect the lives, liberties, and properties of his constituents."

In Florida, Rick Shepherd won an uncontested election for Palm Beach County Soil & Water Conservation Board, picking up one of two open seats.

Work hard

"Mr. Shepherd expressed excitement over the win and vowed to work hard to master the duties of the office and to promote Libertarian ideals," said State Vice Chair Tom Regnier.

"I am sure Mr. Shepherd will serve the county well in this role. And I know he will continue to be a credit to the Libertarian Party of Florida."



■ John Mehaffey: "Ecstatic" about election to the Saratoga City Council, California.

The five-member S&WC Board is charged with developing and conserving the state's soil and water resources.

Meanwhile, in Ford County, Illinois, Libertarians didn't win any races on November 3, but their strong second-place showings earned them the right to appoint at least three LP members to a pair of public boards.

Because several of the party's nine candidates broke the 5% barrier — for example, LP sheriff candidate Michael Hari picked

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NEWSBRIEFS

JUMPSTART college student recruitment

Libertarian National Committee member Ken Bisson has launched Operation JUMPSTART, a program designed to recruit more college students into the Libertarian Party by subsidizing their membership fees.

"Please join me in a new project to recruit students as LP members in your state," said Bisson, the LNC Representative for Region 3. "Your role can be as large or as small as fits your level of interest."

The Project JUMPSTART plan, he said, is that current LP members will contribute \$10 towards the cost of a student's new membership, Bisson will kick in another \$5, and the student will pay only \$10.

This low-cost student membership will make joining the party more affordable, he said, and could result in "significant increases in the number of students joining the LP."

The project was started, Bisson said, at the request of a local college student, and because of memories of "my days of poverty as a student."

Currently, "I am doing this as a demonstration project in Region 3 [Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia], but I have challenged the other Regional Representatives to the LNC to do the same," he said.

For more information or to get involved with Project JUMPSTART, contact Bisson at kbisson@usa.net.

Post Office announces Ayn Rand stamp

Ayn Rand — the iconoclastic author who made a career out of glorifying the individual and lambasting the government — is about to be publicly honored by ... the government.

Rand, the author of *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*, will be featured on a new 33¢ stamp, which will be issued by the U.S. Post Office in 1999.

"[The stamp] is extremely beautiful, wonderfully appropriate to its subject, and a most important step in the spread of Objectivism," said Barbara Branden, one-time member of Rand's Objectivist inner circle, and the author of *The Passion of Ayn Rand*.

The Post Office noted dryly that Rand "believed that a productive society is the result of individual freedom and effort. Her philosophy influenced all her books and made her a controversial but respected author."

The Rand stamp is the 16th in the Literary Arts series, which has previously honored F. Scott Fitzgerald and Thornton Wilder. Illustrated by Nicholas Gaetano, it should be available in late April or early May.

To view a full-cover photo of the new Ayn Rand stamp, visit: <http://www.usps.gov/news/stamps/98/99002stp.htm>.

Rule resigns as Region 5 LNC Rep.

Amy Rule, the Libertarian National Committee Representative for Region 5, has resigned, citing excessive job pressures as the reason.

"Over the Thanksgiving weekend I reached the painful decision to resign my position on the LNC," she said. "My business has had me on the road more than at home since August. As this business travel shows no signs of letting up in the foreseeable future, I feel I cannot adequately represent this region on the LNC."

Rule, who represented Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, was elected at the Libertarian national Convention in July 1998.

Filling in for Rule — at least until a permanent replacement is selected — will be Region 5 Alternate Jim Turney of Virginia, who can be contacted at (703) 339-3971, or JimTurney@LPVA.com



Two more wins in Election '98

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up more than 10% of the vote in his race — Libertarians gained "established party" status, giving it equal legal stature with Republicans and Democrats.

As a result, Libertarians will receive two seats on the five-member Sheriff's Merit Commission and one seat on the three-member Property Tax Board of Review.

With the "established party" status, local politics is "going to change, definitely for the better," said Hari, who is also the LP county secretary. It's also "going to make it a lot easier for us to run [again next time]."

10 states

In all, LP members were elected or re-elected in 10 states in Election '98, and five states had multiple Libertarian victories: California (4 wins), South Carolina (4), Indiana (2), Virginia (2), and Vermont (2).

The premier LP success story in Election '98 was undoubtedly Libertarian Neil Randall's election as state legislator in Vermont. Randall was elected on a dual-party nomination to the Orange County District 3 seat

with 53% of the vote in a two-way race, beating a Democrat.

After he is sworn in, Randall said his first order of business will be to try to pass a bill giving Vermont voters final say over any tax increases.

"It is time the people of Vermont have a direct say as to how much of their hard-earned money they will allow the politicians and bureaucrats to confiscate from them," he said.

Election '98 also saw Liber-



tarians win two partisan Jefferson Township Trustees seats in Indiana; elect a district attorney in Mendocino County and a city council member in Arcata (both in California), and re-elect a Sheriff in San Miguel County, Colorado. In addition, LP member Bonnie Flickinger was re-elected in a close race to the city council in Moreno Valley, CA.

Other election highlights:

■ LP candidates for U.S. House won the largest cumula-

tive vote total ever for an off-year election, with 857,769 votes. The previous record had been set in 1982.

"Our off-year record vote seems to be more proof that Americans are embracing the Libertarian message," said Crickenberger.

Other factors pushing up LP vote totals, he speculated, were the large number of candidates, more two-way races, and some possible "name-recognition" from the party's TV advertising.

One million votes

■ In California, statewide LP candidates won over 1 million votes — 55% more than the nearest third party. Libertarian candidates received 1,073,924 total votes in the races for U.S. Senate, Governor, and the six other statewide constitutional offices.

"Clearly we are the first choice among third parties for Californians," said state LP executive director Juan Ros.



■ Rick Shepherd: "Expressed excitement over win."

Party woos Silicon Valley support

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ence fiction writer), Pete du Pont (former Governor of Delaware), Milton Friedman (Nobel-prize-winning free-market economist), Jose Pinera (finance minister in Chile and Social Security privatization expert), and Scott Cook (CEO of Intuit software).

The central theme of the conference was whether Silicon Valley should "normalize relations with Washington," quipped *Wired News*.

Unregulated

The message that Libertarians wanted to get across to conference attendees, said Dasbach, is that "if we are successful in our efforts to become a major party, we offer the kind of unregulated environment in which the computer industry can thrive."

That point was also made by Fylstra, who was one of the speakers.

With a long track record in the computer industry — including a role as start-up editor of BYTE magazine and founder of VisiCorp, which marketed the first successful computer spreadsheet — Fylstra was uniquely qualified to warn the high-tech community about the dangers of

STEVE DASBACH:

The goal was to "build personal contacts with Silicon Valley."

Washington, DC.

If the computer industry thinks that the government will not favor one company over another, restrain itself from censoring the Internet, and will be efficient and responsive, "I have an

old Ethernet bridge I'd like to sell you!" he told the conference.

Instead of playing the lobbying-for-political-favors game, computer professionals should "invest in a political start-up that's capable of challenging the status quo, the Republican-Democrat monopoly," he said. "In this case, I'm thinking of the Libertarian movement, specifically the Libertarian political party. The Libertarians have the right idea about the wisdom of relying on the market [and] the futility of central planning."

In addition to the three Libertarian Party officials, 1996 LP president candidate Harry Browne also attended the event.

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Libertarian lawyer files employment ID lawsuit

Walker Chandler challenges federal law that requires employees to prove identity

A Libertarian lawyer, whose last major case made it all the way to the Supreme Court, is preparing to file a lawsuit to challenge a law that requires Americans to show identification and proof of citizenship before getting a job.

Attorney Walker Chandler is expected to file suit in federal court in Washington, DC, within the next several months to overturn the employment verification provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, arguing that it is unconstitutional.

"The right to work is one of the most important rights there is," said Chandler.

"If the federal government can condition the exercise of this right on showing ID, a terrible precedent will be set."

The Libertarian Party will also play a role in the lawsuit: It is the "employer entity" in whose name the suit will be filed. As a not-for-profit corporation, the Libertarian Party is required

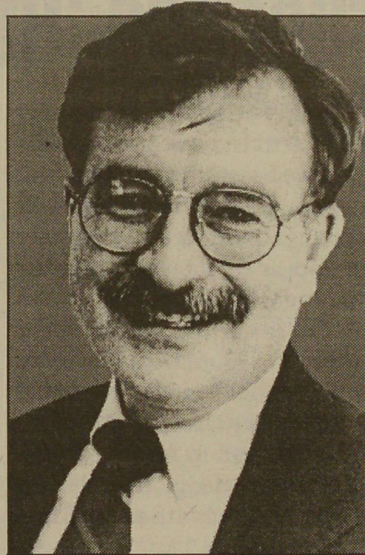
to follow the IRCA provisions and faces criminal charges for noncompliance, which gives it legal standing to challenge the law.

The IRCA mandates that Americans must sign a statement and show identification — such as a Social Security card, passport, or driver's license — to prove that they are not "illegal immigrants" as a condition of employment.

National ID card

Such a requirement is a dangerous precedent, said Chandler, and a possible precursor to a national ID card.

"In passing IRCA, Congress reasoned that a verification system would deter unauthorized aliens from coming to this country because it would be more difficult for them to obtain work," he said. "What's to stop a subsequent Congress from using this same reasoning to enact [a law] that no one may buy, sell, or trade without using a national



■ Walker Chandler: "Nearly three years of research has gone into preparing the suit."

identifier? This is truly scary.

"By challenging IRCA, we hope to set a precedent against the national identifier," he said.

The employment verification fails Constitutional muster, said Chandler, because it "presupposes one's guilt" if a potential employee doesn't fill out a government form.

"The main Constitutional infirmity of IRCA is that it places

the burden of proof on the employee," he said.

"Congress has declared that every employee who doesn't fill out the I-9 form [attesting to citizenship] is an unauthorized alien. This is a bill of attainder and a denial of due process — in that this is not the proper procedure for determining [whether] a person is engaged in illegal activity. It is unconstitutional to determine that a person has violated the law without a hearing."

If the lawsuit is successful, "there are many positive ramifications," said Chandler.

"If this case is successful, the exact same reasoning will be applied to the Brady Bill. There, Congress declared that every gun purchaser who doesn't fill out the Brady Form is guilty of violating the Gun Control Act of 1968," he said.

Wedge Issue

This makes the case "a wedge issue, impacting other requirements or mandates of the federal government," he said.

Chandler said his odds of winning the case are "pretty good, we think. We're cautiously

optimistic. Nearly three years of research has gone into preparing the suit."

Since the time the IRCA was implemented, Congress has passed even more stringent anti-immigrant laws, and is now in the process of setting up a national employment database. When fully operational, every employer will be required to verify the citizenship of every new employee with the federal government before making hiring decisions.

However, the current lawsuit does not address the database issue, but is solely challenging the basic employment verification provisions.

Chandler, a Zebulon, Georgia-based attorney and two-time LP candidate for public office, shot to national prominence in 1997 when he won a Supreme Court case that overturned a candidate drug testing law.

Representing himself, Chandler earned an 8-1 victory in the case of Chandler v. Miller, in which a one-of-a-kind Georgia state law mandating drug tests for political candidates was declared unconstitutional.

Project Archimedes: The numbers

Here is the scorecard for Project Archimedes since it was launched in late 1997. Numbers are as of December 1, 1998.

■ **Total number of membership recruitment letters mailed: 1,588,190**

■ **Total number of different lists tested: 45**

■ **Total number of new party contributors recruited: 8,924 ***

■ **Average response rate to test mailings: .56%**

■ **Average contribution per person: \$43.38**

■ **Total cost of mailings: \$547,987.25**

■ **Total income from all mailings: \$387,120.00**

■ **Total net cost of project: \$160,867 ****

* Note: Does not include non-Archimedes membership growth.

** Does not include the future financial value of new members

1998 Project Archimedes report: Party passes 30,000-member mark

Project Archimedes has propelled the Libertarian Party to a new membership record — 30,000 members as of November 25 — but will have to pick up the pace if the party wants to reach its ambitious growth goals by the 2000 presidential election.

"Thanks to Project Archimedes, we had the largest percentage membership increase in a non-presidential year in 1998, and recruited more new members in one year than ever before in LP history," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

However, a lack of money — and slower than expected testing procedures to discover the most effective membership appeal and most productive lists — have prevented the party from rolling out the massive million-piece mailings needed to generate even more explosive membership growth, he said.

Larger mailing

"As we learn more, test more, and raise the capital to make larger mailings, we expect the

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"to mail about 500,000 pieces every other month from now until the 2000 convention."

membership growth rate to accelerate further," said Dasbach.

In all, the party dropped six Project Archimedes mailings during 1998 — in February (229,000 pieces), April (252,000), June (422,000), September (195,000), October (221,000), and November (150,000).

The November mailing targeted readers of *Investor's Insight*, *Moneyworld*, *Institutional Investor Newsletter*, *Asimov's SF Magazine*, *Wired* magazine, and *National Review*, among others.

As a result of these mailings — and from other membership-generating activities — 12,904 new members joined the Libertarian Party (plus an additional 2,899 contributors) from January to the beginning of December 1998, said Dasbach.

Subtracting the 5,999 members and contributors who lapsed, the party finished the first 11 months of 1998 with a net gain of 7,549 members and 2,255 contributors.

216% increase

The record membership — 30,110 as of November 25 — represents a 216% increase since 1994, when there were 9,512 contributing party members.

But the new record wasn't reached solely because of Archimedes, noted Dasbach.

"We also get new members from our regular prospect inquiry conversion," he said. "In addition, about 8% of the party's new members come in from state and county affiliates."

However, Project Archimedes is the "engine that is driving

most of the LP membership growth," he said.

What's next for Project Archimedes?

In January 1999, said Dasbach, the party will drop another 200,000 pieces of mail to lapsed LP members, inquiries, and registered Libertarians.

A million pieces

After that, "The next mailings will be roll-outs to all lists with positive test results, using the current [best-performing] letter," he said. "This will be a million pieces, split between mailings in February and April. These mailings should generate another 6,000-plus members."

Also, for the next several months, the party will also concentrate on fine-tuning its prospecting techniques, he said.

"Our focus will be on trying to improve response rates," said Dasbach. "Our goal is to develop a [membership recruitment] package that has a response rate that is double that of our old control letter."

Looking further into the future, "We should be able to mail about 500,000 pieces every other month from now until the 2000 convention, in addition to periodic mailings to lapsed members, inquiries, and registered Libertarians," said Dasbach.

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THE ISSUES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, "The Issues" will highlight several Libertarian Party press releases. To get the complete text of all press releases issued by the LP, send a message to "announce-request@lp.org" with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Background checks: Unsafe, unconstitutional

The government's so-called "instant background checks" for gun buyers should be abolished immediately before any innocent Americans are robbed, raped, or murdered while waiting to buy a firearm, the Libertarian Party says.

The party's demand followed an admission by the FBI that because of computer glitches, 34% of all gun buyers were unable to buy a gun on November 30, the program's first day.

Meanwhile, just one-quarter of one percent of would-be gun-buyers were rejected because of a criminal record — meaning that 135 law-abiding citizens were denied a gun for every criminal rejected during the first day of the new program.

"How many Americans have been sentenced to death by bureaucracy as a result of the government's failed instant check system?" asked Steve Dasbach, national chairman of the Libertarian Party. "If even *one* American is harmed while waiting for government approval to defend themselves, it's one too many."

But forcing Americans to undergo background checks is not only unsafe — it's unconstitutional, too, Dasbach said.

"An instant check of the Constitution reminds us that the government doesn't have the authority to restrict gun ownership," he said. "Politicians have no more right to demand a background check before you exercise your Second Amendment right than it does to require a background check before you exercise your First Amendment right to go to church."

Why not sue politicians for their damage?

If politicians can sue gun and tobacco companies for the damage caused by their products, why shouldn't ordinary Americans be able to sue politicians for the damage caused by their products: Government programs?

"Government programs have killed and maimed tens of thousands of Americans over the years," said Steve Dasbach. "It's time to set a new precedent — and start holding the government accountable."

Dasbach's comments came as 41 state governments start to divvy up a \$40 billion tobacco settlement and several big-city mayors decide whether to join New Orleans in its lawsuit against gun manufacturers.

For example, Dasbach suggested, why not prosecute the government for:

■ **War deaths:** "Military actions totally unrelated to U.S. national security — like those in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Lebanon, Panama, and Somalia — have claimed tens of thousands of American lives," Dasbach said. "Why not hold presidents, Congressmen and generals liable when they use American troops irresponsibly?"

■ **Cancer deaths:** "The federal government admitted last year that Cold War nuclear tests exposed 230,000 Americans to high levels of radioactive iodine, and may cause 75,000 people to develop fatal thyroid cancer," Dasbach said. "If it's fair to force tobacco companies to pay for smoking-related illnesses, it's fair to force the government to pay for legislation-related illnesses — like thyroid cancer."

■ **Air-bag deaths:** "According to the federal government, 87 Americans have been killed by government-mandated air bags," Dasbach said. "Their grieving relatives ought to be able to file a wrongful-death suit against the Congressmen who demanded this law, and the Transportation Department bureaucrats who wrote it."

But Libertarians aren't holding their breath waiting for the government to be prosecuted in any of these cases, Dasbach acknowledged.

"Courts have ruled that governments are protected from prosecution by the legal doctrine of sovereign immunity," he said. "In other words, death-by-government program is not against the law. But Libertarians believe that politicians ought to be held to the same standard as any other American."

Party's top activists will present Success '99 seminars in Orlando

Four of the LP's most successful activists will present the first Success '99 seminar in Orlando, Florida, the Libertarian Party has announced — and then will appear in rotating shifts at other events around the country.

"We're starting with our best team as we launch the Success '99 workshops," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "Participants will get to hear real-life political knowledge from Libertarians who have had real-life political success."

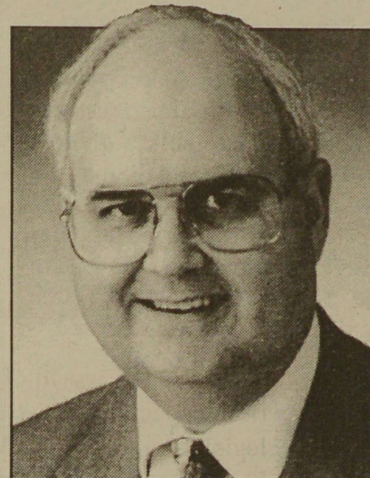
In all, 25 Success '99 events will be held around the USA — with events within driving distance of 75% of LP members.

Appearing at the January 16-17 event at the Orlando Select/University of Central Florida Hotel will be:

■ **LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger:** He's been the hands-on manager of two winning LP campaigns and has helped increase the number of Libertarians in office by more than 200% during his tenure.

■ **College organizing guru Jim Lark:** Currently the advisor to the student Liberty Coalition at the University of Virginia, he has conducted workshops on campus organizing at four LP National Conventions.

■ **LP National Director Steve Dasbach:** During his two terms as party Chairman, the LP



increased its registered voter base by more than 50% and the number of members by 150%.
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Washington (February 6-7); Baltimore, Maryland (February 20-21); and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina (February 27-28).

Success '99 is designed to teach Libertarian activists — both long-time activists and new members — the basic skills to build a successful local LP organization and to run successful campaigns, said Dasbach.

12 hours

Each of the Success '99 events will consist of about 12 hours of workshops and seminars, running all day Saturday and a half-day on Sunday. The primary focus of the seminars: Integrating successful local Libertarian Party organizations and campaigns.

Individual workshops will focus on such "nuts-and-bolts" political activities as fundraising, dealing with the media, membership recruitment, communication with members, and generating prospects, he said.

In other Success '99 news, the date of the workshop in Augusta, Maine, has been changed to November 6-7, 1999. Previously, the event had been planned for April 23-24.

For a list of upcoming Success '99 events — and to register or request more information — see the full page advertisement on page 7 of this issue of LP News.

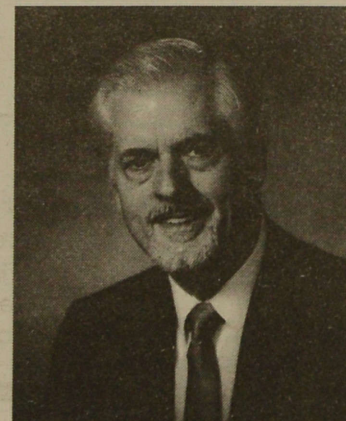
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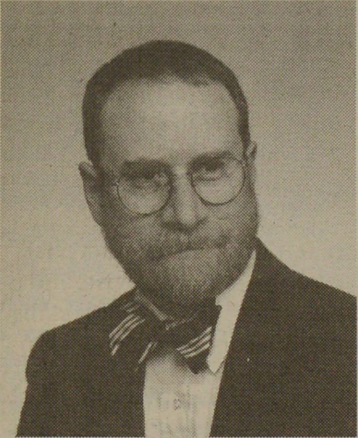
Edmund Contoski is a former Director of Planning for an internationally-renowned environmental consulting firm doing business in more than forty countries. A long-time libertarian, he was one of the founders of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota 26 years ago and its first state chair. He is also the author of two recent books, *Makers and Takers* and *The Trojan Project*. He has appeared on radio talk shows across the country and spoken at various colleges and universities. To book him for speaking engagements, call American Liberty Publishers at (612) 789-3908.



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Eliminate, Don't Reform the IRS

by Sheldon Richman

Yet again a taxpayer "bill of rights" has been enacted into law. And so, after all the recent revelations of Internal Revenue Service abuse, we can all now be confident the tax collector will respect the rights and dignity of every American.

Right. And pigs have started flying.

We've been here before. This is the third so-called bill of rights for taxpayers passed in recent years. Doesn't that strike you as strange? Do you think they got it right this time?

At first glance, the law might look like it will afford some protection for taxpayers. It will create a nine-member board to oversee operations, six of whose members will be from the private sector. The law will also shift the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the IRS in court cases. Currently, the taxpayer is guilty until he proves himself innocent. Other provisions will

let citizens harmed by IRS negligence sue for damages and relieve taxpayers of liabilities of former spouses. Homes can no longer be seized without a court order. Some penalties will be reduced and IRS deadlines tightened.

But in the world of legislation, especially IRS "reform" legislation, things, as W.S. Gilbert wrote, "are seldom what they seem."

The oversight board and the shift in the burden of proof "are said to be the silver bullets that will end IRS abuse," writes Daniel J. Pilla, one of the great IRS watchers. "They are more likely to be blank cartridges."

Pilla writes that the oversight board is not what we have been led to believe it is. To judge by the news summaries, you'd think that this board of overseers will be able to come to the rescue of battered citizens. But that's not the case. The new body will be involved in planning for the future and in overseeing the IRS budget and commissioner. "In other words," writes Pilla, "the Board will function as a forum for thinking about the overall direction of the IRS." It won't have the power to prevent agents from treating taxpayers like child molesters. Pilla

notes that the board is specifically denied authority over the agency's law-enforcement apparatus. Don't expect it to rectify the abuses associated with audits and other activities designed to wring more revenue of Americans. Pilla says the board could not avert the tyrannical conduct citizens reported at Senate Finance Committee hearings.

And what of the burden of proof? A clue to the bogus nature of the "reform" lies in the bill's command that Americans keep records and cooperate with the IRS during investigations. In other words, the IRS may have the nominal burden of proof, but you must furnish the records it will use against you. But there's even less to this provision than meets the eye. The burden is shifted only in court proceedings. "The problem," Pilla writes, "is that 97 percent of everything the IRS does involves no 'court proceeding.'" Most of the problems that citizens have with the IRS occur outside of the court. They involve, Pilla says, "its powers of lien, levy, and seizure." In other words, the shift in the burden will make no difference to most taxpayers who are hounded by the IRS.

Even in court, there is hardly

real relief forthcoming. To shift the burden to the government, a taxpayer will have to make a "reasonable" case that the IRS position is defective. In other words, the citizen has the burden of showing that the burden should be shifted! Some protection.

Bills of rights have never restrained the IRS. In a sense, it's not the agency's fault. The fault lies with Congress, which has charged the IRS with extracting more than a trillion dollars from the hide of the American people. There's no way to do that while being nice. No amount of legislation will make the agency a "service provider." Taxpayers cannot be its customers.

There is one way — and only one way — to respect taxpayer rights: Repeal all income taxes, abolish the IRS, and repeal the outrageous spending that requires them.

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TALKINGPOINTS

Why the French are so stingy & how you resemble a drug courier

■ Our socialism

Regulation has become America's version of socialism. A recent report from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, *Ten Thousand Commandments*, tallies the price tag for implementing and sustaining federal regulations. The grand total is \$688 billion per year.

More than 4,400 new regulations seeped through the bureaucratic pipeline last year, imposing at least \$12.5 billion yearly in future costs. [At least] 125 rules qualified for "economically significant" status: They will cost at least \$100 million apiece annually.

— DAN MILLER

Intellectual Ammunition

November/December 1998

■ Compassion?

Nathan Naylor, press spokesman for U.S. Vice President Al Gore, was giving staff from the American television networks an advance briefing during [an early November] trip to Honduras by Mr. Gore's wife, Tipper.

"She's gonna be shovelin' mud," Mr. Naylor told the crews. "Then she'll wipe the sweat from her brow, like this. Make sure you get that shot, all right?"

Naylor even did the gestures, pretending to shovel with an imaginary spade, then running his right hand along his forehead to brush off imaginary sweat.

— THE DRUDGE REPORT

November 17, 1998

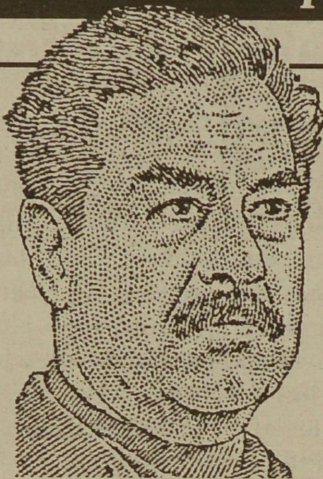
■ The "Pure" French

According to one recent study, the French citizen gives, on average, approximately 0.15% of his annual taxable income to nonprofit organizations. The figure in Germany, according to the same study, is twice that. In the United States, it is eight times larger — about 1.2%.

Richard Van Ham, an American-born accountant in Paris, said he is always struck by the paradox: "The French are good socialists, but they are lousy philanthropists. Americans are good philanthropists even though they think socialism is a dirty word."

One French foundation executive, who did not wish to be named, scathingly framed the

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ROUGHLY \$50 billion in U.S. defense spending goes toward keeping the Iraqi president in line.

historic assumption behind this habit: "Private money is impure, it's immoral. Only the state has pure money."

— THE WASHINGTON POST

November 27, 1998

■ Race: Human

Last year, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) completed a contentious 4-year review of the racial and ethnic categories that will be used to define the U.S. population in federal reports, including the 2000 census. It finally settled on seven groupings: American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian (added after OMB received 7,000 postcards from Hawaiians) or Other Pacific Islander; White; Hispanic or Latino; and Not Hispanic or Latino.

The categories could have enormous implications — from the distribution of government resources to political districting to demographic research. But as far as geneticists are concerned, they're meaningless.

"Ridiculous" is the word cultural anthropologist John Moore of the University of Florida, Gainesville, uses to describe such racial typing. This view is based on a growing body of data that indicates, as Moore says, that "there aren't any boundaries between races."

Geneticist Kenneth Kidd of Yale University says the DNA samples he's examined show that there is "a virtual continuum of genetic variation" around the world. "There's no place where you can draw a line and say there's a major difference on one side of the line from what's on the other side." If one is talking about a distinct, discrete, identifiable population, Kidd adds, "there's no such thing as race in [modern] Homo sapiens."

Indeed, the American Anthropological Association urged the government last year to do away with racial categories and, in political matters, let people define their own ethnicity.

— SCIENCE MAGAZINE

October 23, 1998

■ The \$50 Billion Man

Containing Saddam Hussein isn't cheap. Frequent military buildups in the Persian Gulf since the 1991 war have cost the nation about \$7 billion, in addition to the tens of billions of dollars some budget analysts estimate is spent annually on maintaining a strong U.S. military in the region.

The Pentagon does not release figures on the spending for day-to-day Gulf duties, [but] by private budget analysts' estimates, roughly \$50 billion of the annual \$270 billion in U.S. defense spending goes toward maintaining the Gulf deployment and keeping the Iraqi president in line.

"You've got carriers, ground troops in Kuwait, pre-positioned equipment all over and you're spending money on no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq," said Lawrence Korb, a former as-

sistant secretary of defense.

Around the Gulf, U.S. forces include at least 24,000 soldiers, sailors, and Marines.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

November 26, 1998

■ Under suspicion

From a list compiled by Georgetown University law professor David Cole, of characteristics included in the "drug-courier profiles" that are used by U.S. law enforcement officials:

Arrived late at night. Arrived early in the morning. Arrived in afternoon.

One of first to deplane. One of last to deplane. Deplaned in the middle.

Bought coach ticket. Bought first-class ticket.

Used one-way ticket. Used round-trip ticket.

Paid for ticket with cash. Paid for ticket with small-denomination currency. Paid for ticket with large-denomination currency.

Made local telephone call after deplaning. Made long-dis-

tant call after deplaning. Pretended to make telephone call.

No luggage. Brand-new luggage. Carried a small bag. Carried a medium-sized bag.

Carried two bulky garment bags. Carried two heavy briefcases. Carried four pieces of luggage.

Overly protective of luggage. Dissociated self from luggage.

Traveled alone. Traveled with a companion.

Acted too nervous. Acted too calm.

Made eye contact with officer. Avoided making eye contact with officer.

Wore expensive clothing. Dressed casually.

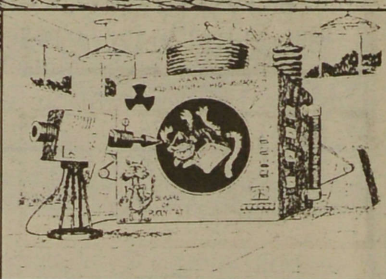
Went to rest room after deplaning. Walked quickly through airport. Walked slowly through airport. Walked aimlessly through airport.

Left airport by taxi. Left airport by limousine. Left airport by private car. Left airport by hotel courtesy van.

— THE FLUMMERY DIGEST

October 1998

Jurassic Horde Whisperer of Madness County



This new novel by Titus Stauffer is a wacky tale of lawyersaurs, Quart Low Trackers, Ale Run Hubba-Bubba and His Church of Omnology, Panderwood, and officials at THEMNOTUS and NADGRAB run amuck. A tale so utterly bizarre as to defy all rationality. A tale beyond belief. But then we get to the annotated end portion of the book and we see that *Jurassic Horde Whisperer of Madness County* is based on FACTS - facts too irrational, crazy and destructive to be pure fiction. Church, State, Media, and Hollyweird have provided all the madness spoofed here. Fun, yes, but also a disturbing warning about how destructive irrationality runs rampant in our modern, supposedly enlightened scientific age.

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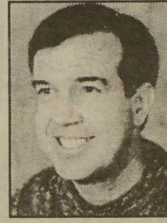
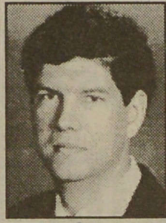
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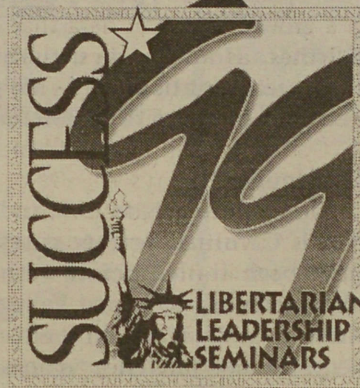
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Is the libertarian "utopia" happening now?

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vast libertarian network has been spreading — in a stealthy, piecemeal fashion — across the USA over the past several decades.

Why haven't you heard more about this? Two reasons.

First, the solutions tend to be small and local. For example, if you don't live in Ithaca, New York, you may not know that the town issues its own currency, which is accepted by most businesses in town. And if you don't follow the legal system closely, you may not have heard that since 1995, three civil cases in California have been conducted by Inland Valley & Mediation Service (IVAMS), a company that "rents" judges and juries.

Parallel

Second, these private alternatives haven't replaced government systems. Instead, they co-exist with them, creating a parallel government — except this new "government" is privately owned and operated. As inefficient, costly government services continue to deteriorate, the free market has quietly begun to build the structures that will need to be in place as we move toward a fully libertarian society.

Here's a quick tour of our libertarian "utopia," circa 1999, starting with some ideas that Libertarians are told "will never work" — private money and private roads.

■ **PRIVATE MONEY:** In 1991, Ithaca, New York, began issuing "Ithaca Hours" denominations — privately produced money that is now accepted by 370 businesses within a 20-mile radius of the town. Each Ithaca Hour note is redeemable for one hour of basic work or \$10.

Why would a community want its own money? In Ithaca's case, it was started during the early-'90s recession, so unemployed people could buy merchandise and pay with hours of their time and skill. It survived because townspeople and businesses say it builds community spirit and encourages local people to spend their money at local businesses.

Today, Ithaca Hours are spent at restaurants, bowling alleys, the local medical center, and even the nearby nudist park. They are accepted as payment for music lessons, taxi rides, house

cleaning, and by hairdressers.

Is Ithaca a fluke? No. At least 40 other U.S. towns also print and use their own currency.

■ **PRIVATE ROADS:** "Ridiculous!" scoff skeptics. But in at least two places in the USA, private roads already exist — and work.

In Virginia, there is a 14.2-mile stretch of privately owned highway that leads to Dulles Airport. Opened in 1995, the Dulles Greenway charges a \$1.15 toll.

And in Orange County, California, a privately owned stretch of Route 91 charges a 60¢ toll at night and \$3.20 during rush hour — letting demand dictate price. The owner, California Private Transport Company, also provides cruising tow trucks that offer motorists free gas and tire changes.

These roads, notes the *Wall Street Journal*, are examples of how "profit-making companies are invading areas once thought to be the exclusive preserve of government."

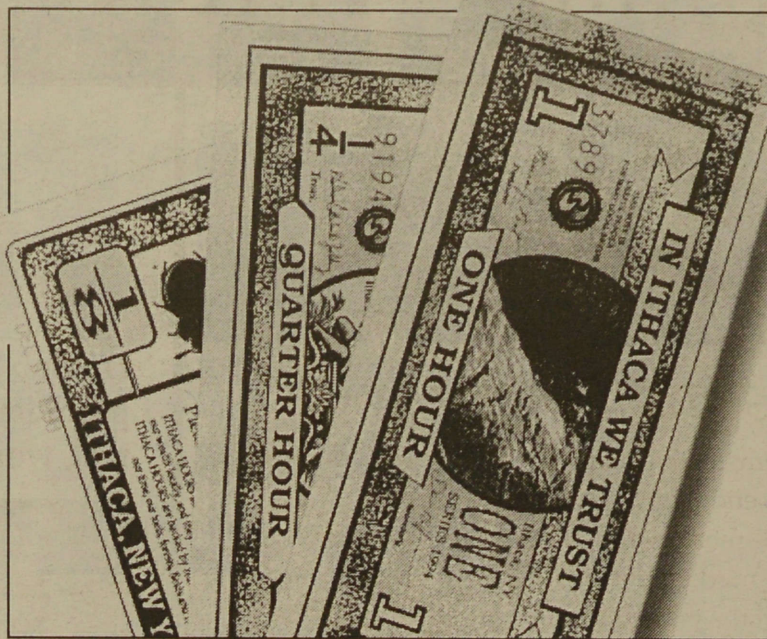
■ **PRIVATE PARKS:** Bryant Park in New York City used to be a disaster; a dangerous, run-down area rife with robberies, rapes, and car thefts. The park's public toilets had been out of service for 35 years.

But things changed in 1987, when a group of property owners and neighbors formed the Bryant Park Restoration Corp. (BPRC), and leased the park from the city government.

Now the privately run park — patrolled by friendly unarmed security guards — is virtually crime-free. On an average summer day, it attracts up to 10,000 people who picnic, sunbathe, or attend the Bryant Park's 380 annual entertainment events. And the free restrooms are clean and scrupulously maintained.

The cost of the park is paid for by new businesses — including the immensely successful Bryant Park Grill restaurant, which pays the BPRC \$700,000 a year in rent.

■ **PRIVATE JUDGES & JURIES:** Private justice isn't just *The People's Court* anymore: In at least three states, you can have your civil trial decided before free-market judges and profes-



■ "Ithaca Hours" — in denominations of One Hour, Quarter Hour, and Eighth Hour — are privately printed money accepted by more than 300 businesses in that New York town.

sional juries.

In California, New York, and North Carolina, private cases have been settled before such companies as the Inland Valley Arbitration & Mediation Service (IVAMS) and JAMS/Endispute, which offer judges (usually a retired government judge), juries (recruited through newspaper ads), and a courtroom — all for a set per-day fee.

And expect to see more companies enter the justice market in the future: JAMS/Endispute predicts that there will be at least a 20% jump in private jury trials

over the next 15 years.

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■ **PRIVATE POLICE & JAILS:** There's a revolution going on in America's jails, but it's a peaceful one. With the stealthiness of a jail break, private prisons have grown into a major player in the incarceration industry, to the point where now one in 20 federal inmates are now serving time in a for-profit prison.

Leading the charge is the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), which was founded in 1983 and now operates 77 facilities across the USA.

Yes, part of the surge in private prisons is caused by the government's ongoing war on victimless crimes, which is filling the nation's jails at a record rate. But the trend is also being pushed by the efficiencies of the free market.

Notes the *Wall Street Journal*: "[Private prison operators] say they can create major savings for taxpayers by using their own capital to build prisons more quickly and cheaply. Once built, they add, private facilities can be operated more efficiently than those run by the Department of Corrections."

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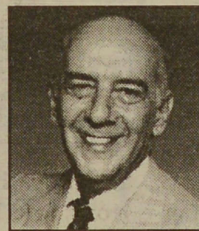
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■ California

The Chairman of the LP of Santa Clara County made a "big bang" at the September meeting of the National Rifle Association's Member Council — convincing more than two dozen listeners to take Libertarian voter registration forms.

Marv Rudin gave a "short talk on the Libertarian alternative" at the meeting, said county newsletter editor **Jascha Lee**. "He drew quite a response when he told them, 'The Libertarian Party supports the Second Amendment, no ands, ifs, or buts.'"

Lee said one person attacked Libertarians on the drug issue, "[but] the speech must have been received favorably as approximately 25 people took the voter registration forms with the intent of registering Libertarian."

■ District of Columbia

The attempt by Congress to short-circuit democracy and censor the results of a medical marijuana initiative inspired Libertarians and others to rally against the decision on November 10.

"We support the right of doctors to prescribe medicine to patients and support the democratic right to have your vote counted," said **Dan Smith**, Chair of the DC Libertarians. "In fact, I think we should hold U.S. Rep. Bob Barr in contempt of the Constitution for authoring this democracy-crushing measure."

Barr inserted a rider into a Congressional spending bill that prohibited any money from being spent to count the votes for Initiative 59. Nevertheless, private exit polls showed the measure passing by a 69% majority.

Protesters — including Smith and other DC Libertarians who had lobbied for Initiative 59 — denounced Congress for intervening in the election and waved placards saying, "Free DC" and "Count the Votes Now."

■ Florida

Don't mess around with Revision 11: That's the message that the Florida LP wants to send to state legislators.

After winning a huge ballot access victory on November 3 when voters passed Revision 11 — which requires the state gov-

ernment to impose equal ballot access standards for all candidates — state LP leaders want to make sure the government doesn't increase petitioning requirements or the state's highest-in-the-nation filing fees to keep smaller parties off the ballot.

"What will the legislature do? Lower the fees or — God forbid! — raise them?" asked **Tom Regnier**, state party vice chair. "We can't assume that they'll lower them if we do nothing. We have to put pressure on them."

The state LP has hired a lobbyist to track legislation and offer a model election law bill, and is urging members to write letters to their state representatives.

"If these politicians don't get lots of demands from their constituents to ease the ballot requirements, they might very easily ignore the mandate of Revision 11 and continue their exclusionary policies," said Regnier.

■ Indiana

A federal judge's ruling in support of random police roadblocks didn't change the opinion of state Libertarians on the issue.

DAN SMITH:
"I think we should hold U.S. Rep. Bob Barr in contempt of the Constitution."

"Just because something is legal doesn't make it right," said **Joe Hauptmann**, State Chair of the Indiana LP, in response to the November 20 ruling in support of the Indianapolis Police Department's tactics.

The party issued a press release blasting the roadblocks as a "misguided mission" conducted without probable cause.

The roadblocks are also dangerous, the party pointed out, because they obstruct the roads and distract police from more important activities, like tracking down murderers, rapists, and other criminals.

■ North Carolina

A Libertarian candidate whose name was left off the ballot in one county won't ask for a new election — in order to save money for state taxpayers.

Anthony Bush, the LP candidate for State Rep. in North Carolina's 68th District was accidentally left off the ballot in seven precincts in Henderson County. The oversight wasn't noticed until Election Day.

But because he finished in third place, and the votes from that one county would not have affected the outcome of the race, Bush said that a formal apology from the Henderson County Board of Elections — and a promise that guidelines would be put in place to prevent such a mistake from happening again — would satisfy him.

"I didn't think that it served any cause to spend the amount of money it would've cost to have a re-election," he said. "Being a Libertarian, I believe in saving [taxpayers'] money."

■ Oregon

A state Libertarian was a runner-up in a contest to find ways to reduce the cost of local government — coming up with a proposal to shift funding of public parks towards user fees and private sector alternatives.

Richard Burke, the 1998 LP candidate for governor, was one of two runners-up in a contest sponsored by the Cascade Policy Institute, a Portland-based think tank.

The contest, the 1998 Oregon Better Government Competition, focused on free market

ways to reduce the cost of local government services or to enhance their delivery. Winners were announced in November.

Burke's entry: "More Ways to Play: Funding Alternatives for Local Park and Recreation Districts," a research paper which examined "how communities have instituted user fees and tapped the private sector to increase the availability of park and recreational services."

The winning reports and two runners-up can be found online at www.CascadePolicy.org.

■ Pennsylvania

Gail Mastroberte didn't win her campaign for State Representative — but that hasn't stopped her from spreading the word about Libertarian-style solutions. The day after the November 4 election, the Pocono Township resident announced a website devoted to "market-based solutions" which don't involve tax money or government sponsorship.

"The work of liberty doesn't end on Election Day," she said. "We will continue to show the practical side of how Liberty works and the innovation and diversity that it brings."

For example, said Mastroberte, "most people may not be aware of market alternatives to many of the problems that face individuals such as poverty, illiteracy, homelessness, unemployment, lack of adequate health care, [and] drug addiction."

The site explains how to subscribe to an e-mail list which will discuss the merits of volunteerism, entrepreneurship, the role of charities, and real life stories of individuals who exemplify a spirit of risk taking and personal responsibility, she said.

Visit her website at: <http://www.angelfire.com/pa/private/solutions>

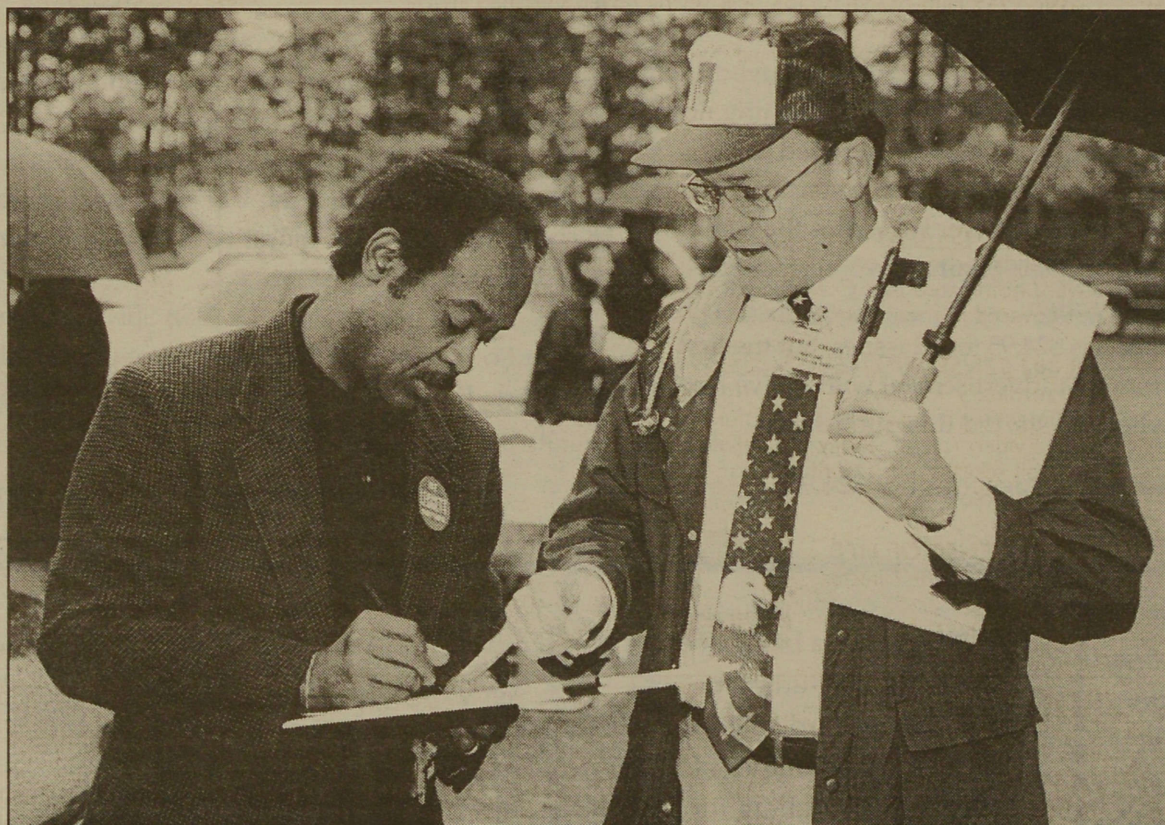
■ South Dakota

What can "a few dedicated people" do, even in a small state? How about boosting voter registration rates by 97%?

That's what happened in South Dakota, where the number of registered Libertarians is growing 32 times faster than Democrats and 29 times faster than Republicans, according to new numbers from the Secretary of State's office.

"We were really pleased by this," said State Chair **Nathan Barton**. "We have a few dedicated people who talk constantly one-on-one and in small groups to encourage people to register Libertarian, and vote."

Apparently that strategy is working: Over the past four years, the number of registered Libertarians has jumped to 924, an increase of 97%. Republicans



Rockville Gazette photo by Dan Gross

The early bird gets the ballot access signature

■ Libertarians in Maryland aren't wasting any time: On Election Day 1998, they were already circulating petitions for the 2000 election. Shown here, LP member Robert Creager gathers signatures in Silver Spring on November 4. The goal: 10,000 signatures, which will qualify the party, let voters register Libertarian, and put the LP's presidential candidate on the ballot.

and Democrats, in contrast, were nearly stagnant, with growth rates of 3.3% and 3%.

"Now we're looking at establishing specific goals of 2,000 registrants by the 4th of July, 1999, or 4,500 by December 15 — Bill of Rights Day," Barton said. "Obviously, these are some very high goals, but we need to stretch out and try."

■ Texas

A Libertarian in Floresville, Texas doesn't have to worry about term limits. In fact, **Tom Kane**, the chairman of the Wilson County LP, set a new record for the shortest amount of time served in public office: Zero seconds.

How did he do it? It's simple: He was elected to an office that was abolished at the exact same instant.

Kane was one of 15 residents elected on August 8 to the Floresville Home Rule Charter Commission. But, in the same election, a separate ballot item on whether to actually impose home rule was defeated — so Kane and the commission were immediately out of a job.

Despite his whirlwind trip through public service, Kane said he enjoyed the experience.

"Local politics can be fun," he said. "Winning is even more fun!"

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Money raised from the sale of the coins will be used to fund LP candidates, said Dexter.

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Party passes 30,000 members

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"This would get us to about 50,000 members by the end of 1999, 65,000 by the 2000 convention. However, by improving our response rates — which will increase the list universe we can effectively mail to — and raising additional working capital, we hope to be able to reach 100,000 members by the 2000 national convention."

How could the party pick up

the membership recruiting pace? More money, said Dasbach.

"The only thing holding us back from doing the entire million-piece mailing in February is not having sufficient working capital," he said. "We need an additional \$200,000 in working capital in order to move to million-piece mailings."

Project Archimedes is the Libertarian Party's direct-mail membership growth campaign.

Using extensive testing, the party hopes to discover mailing lists that contain relatively high numbers of natural libertarians — and then tap into the 50 million or so libertarians that pollsters say exist in America.

Public demand

"Numerous national polls indicate that there are 50 million people who already hold essentially libertarian views," said LP

National Director Steve Dasbach. "In addition, many other polls indicate a large public demand for a new party."

If the project is successful, the party could recruit as many as 200,000 contributing supporters — which means "we'll have the grassroots strength to duplicate, at the presidential campaign level, what Ross Perot did in 1992," said Dasbach.

The project is named "Archimedes" for the Greek mathematician's quote: "Give me a lever long enough and I shall move the earth."

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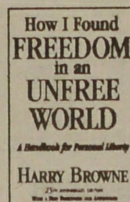
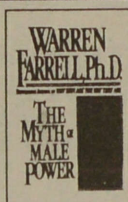
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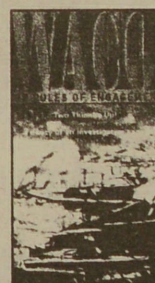
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Libertarianism's stealthy triumph

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private police — which now outnumber government police by a three-to one margin.

That's right: While there are 1.5 million government law enforcement personnel in America, there are about 4.5 million *private* security guards, paid for by businesses, communities, and individuals. Even more surprising, Americans today spend \$90 billion on private security, but only

about \$40 billion is collected in taxes for police expenses.

And the trend towards private police is accelerating.

"Over the past several decades, privatization in law enforcement has grown to such an extent that virtually every function — including police, security, jails, prisons, and court-related services — is being contracted out somewhere in the U.S.," notes analyst Bruce Benson.

For example, private security firms transport prisoners in Maryland, provide patrols for the Miami Downtown Development Authority, patrol the Chicago Housing Authority housing projects, and fill support roles for police departments in 18 states.

■ **PRIVATE CITIES:** Getting tired of bad roads, dismal service from city employees, and skyrocketing local taxes?

Move to a private city.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, 10 million Americans now live in so-called "master-planned communities" (MPC), which are privately developed and privately operated towns.

What's the appeal? Strict covenant and deed restrictions (which are the free market alternative to zoning laws); generous parks, jogging trails, and wooded areas; tight security; and community associations that allow all property owners to share in decision-making, say residents.

"Within their enclaves these

associations perform all the functions of a small government," reports *The Economist*.

Planned communities are so popular that they now account for 30% of all the new-home sales around Houston, Texas.

■ PRIVATE MARRIAGES:

First comes love, then comes marriage . . . but only after you get a license from the state.

Not any more. Fueled by the government's ban on gay marriage, more Americans are bypassing state-sanctioned weddings. Instead, their ceremonies are being blessed only by a church — such as the Metropolitan Community network of churches, which perform 5,000 "unofficial" marriages annually.

Currently, the trend is being driven by gay and lesbian couples, and is a reaction to the spate of marriage "protection" laws passed by states and the U.S. Congress, outlawing official state recognition of same-sex marriages. And it's being encouraged by private companies such as Apple, Disney, and Xerox, which offer partnership benefits, regardless of gender.

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From private marriages to private judges . . . from private towns to privatized government agencies . . . there is a quiet libertarian groundswell taking place across the USA, as inefficient government functions are being absorbed into the private sector.

No, it's not a Libertarian utopia; government still exists, bigger than ever.

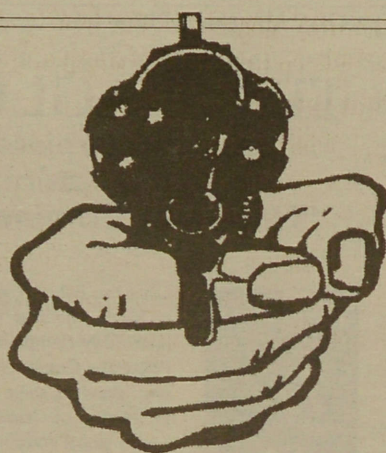
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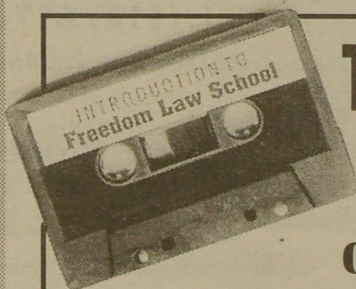
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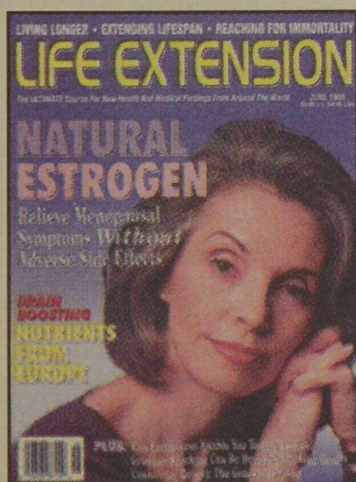
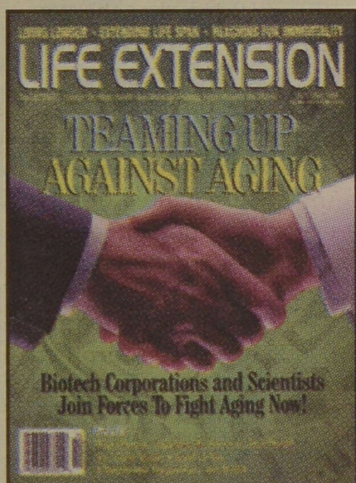
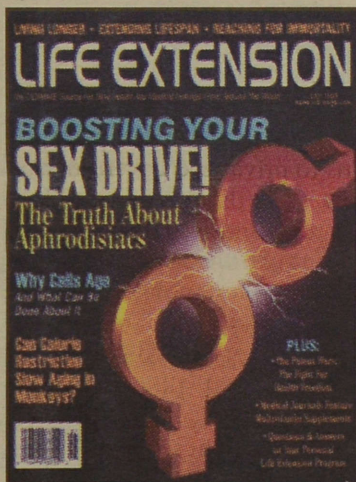
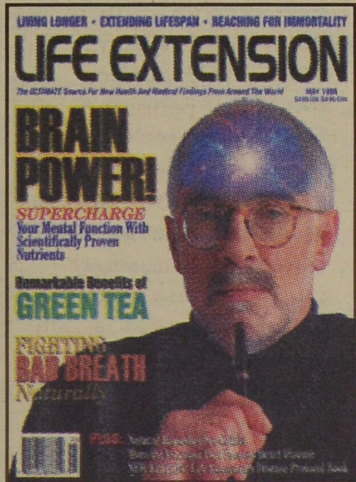
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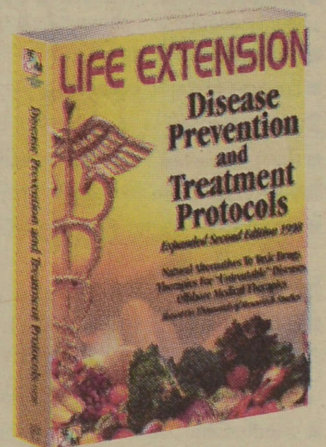
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_____	Brochure: "Is This the New Political Party...?"
_____	Brochure: "Towards More Sensible Drug Policy"
_____	Brochure: "What Happened/Your Family Budget?"
_____	Brochure: "Ending the Welfare State"
_____	Brochure: "Making Neighborhood Safe Again"
_____	Brochure: "Equal Rights/America's Gun Owners"
_____	Brochure: "Working to Cut Your Taxes!"
_____	Flyer: "Political Party/100% Pro-Gun Rights?"
_____	Why Government Doesn't Work book
_____	Libertarianism In One Lesson book
_____	America's Libertarian Heritage booklet
_____	Million Dollar Bill Literature
_____	Fact Sheets: LP history/bibliography (package)
_____	1995 LP Program
_____	World's Smallest Political Quiz

Yard Signs

_____ ENOUGH IS ENOUGH/Vote Libertarian

Bumper Stickers

_____ Don't Blame Me...I Voted Libertarian

_____ I'm Pro-Choice on Everything!

_____ ENOUGH IS ENOUGH/VOTE LIBERTARIAN

_____ Vote Libertarian/1-800-682-1776

Buttons

_____ Don't Blame Me, I Voted Libertarian

_____ VOTE LIBERTARIAN/800-682-1776

_____ Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything

Miscellaneous Items

_____ Sheets of LP stickers (24 per sheet)

_____ Lined windbreaker. Circle one: M L XL

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Tools for Campaigning

_____ Libertarian TV Ads Video

_____ Statue of Liberty logo master

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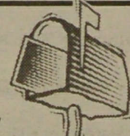
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ELECTION '98 RESULTS

Here are Election '98 results for all Libertarian Party candidates — other than governor, U.S. House, and U.S. Senate (which ran in the December 1998 issue). Each contains the candidate's name; office sought; district/town; total votes won; and percentage won. Missing information means that results were not available.

Alaska

Billy Toien • State Rep. • Dist. 16 • 111 • 3.95%

Alabama

Ron Taylor • Sheriff • Covington Co. • 921 • 9.7%

Arizona

Karen Cadell • Clerk of Courts • Pima Co. • 6712 • 3.64%
 Scott Stewart • County Board, Pima College Board of Governors • 19929 • 49.95%
 Gay Lynn • Goetzke • Co. Board • Pima, Dist. 4 • 10803 • 20.75%
 Floyd Shackelford • State Rep. • Dist. 6 • 3712 • 6%
 Ed Kahn • State Rep. • Dist. 14 • 3828 • 8%
 John Buttrick • State Rep. • Dist. 25 • 4718 • 13%
 Ted F. Schlinkert • State Senator • Dist. 12 • 5839 • 12%
 Jon Hoffman • State Senator • Dist. 14 • 5530 • 24%
 Gary Fallon • State Senator • Dist. 24 • 2553 • 7%
 Ray Price • State Treasurer • 171769 • 19%

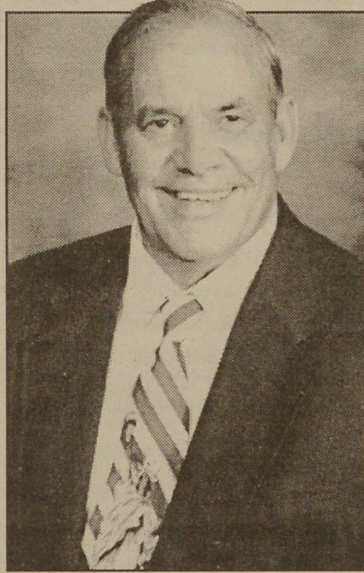
California

Joseph Farina • Attorney General • 144830 • 1.87%
 Richard E. Armstrong • Board of Directors • BART • 4 • 12978 • 25%
 Jack Hickey • Board of Directors • Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space Dist., Ward 6 • 4885 • 21.4%
 Kennita Watson • Board of Equalization • Dist. 1 • 387808 • 22.02%
 John R. Graham • Board of Equalization • Dist. 3 • 70004 • 3.68%
 William Jennings • Board of Equalization • Dist. 4 • 40682 • 2.84%
 Robert A. Noble • City Council • Arcata • 2170 • 30.29%
 Bonnie Flickinger • City Council • Moreno Valley • 1964 • 48.20%
 Sandi Webb • City Council • Simi Valley • 10655 • 24.44%
 John Mehaffy • City Council • Saratoga • 6073 • 24.27%
 Pamela Pescosolido • Controller • 142538 • 1.84%
 Norman L. Vroman • Dist. Attorney • Mendocino Co. • 13737 • 51.74%
 Dale Ogden • Insurance Commissioner • 164370 • 2.11%
 Thomas Tryon • Lt. Governor • 161904 • 2.05%
 Tom Razooley • Mayor • 1635 • 25%
 Gail Lightfoot • Secretary of State • 209982 • 2.69%
 Pete Bret • State Assembly • Dist. 2 • 4050 • 3.34%
 Robert Mulvany • State Assembly • Dist. 4 • 6220 • 4.21%
 Gene Frazier • State Assembly • Dist. 5 • 4432 • 3.44%
 Mike Rodriguez • State Assembly • Dist. 7 • 3478 • 2.86%
 Tom Kohlhepp • State Assembly • Dist. 10 • 3903 • 2.85%
 R. Duncan Wheat • State Assembly • Dist. 15 • 3849 • 2.6%
 Steve Marsland • State Assembly • Dist. 19 • 4202 • 3.94%
 Paul Rako • State Assembly • Dist. 22 • 3524 • 3.66%
 Raymond Strong • State Assembly • Dist. 24 • 4586 • 3.81%
 Johnathan Zwickel • State Assembly • Dist.

25 • 1964 • 1.79%
 David Eaton • State Assembly • Dist. 26 • 1101 • 1.46%
 Dirk Deardorff • State Assembly • Dist. 27 • 4516 • 4%
 Kate Woods • State Assembly • Dist. 28 • 3967 • 4.4%
 David Bersohn • State Assembly • Dist. 33 • 2672 • 2.32%
 Jeffrey Laing • State Assembly • Dist. 34 • 3302 • 3.52%
 Greg Bashem • State Assembly • Dist. 36 • 3130 • 3.13%
 Christopher Maira • State Assembly • Dist. 39 • 6308 • 13.31%
 Kelley Ross • State Assembly • Dist. 40 • 4162 • 5.71%
 Daniel White • State Assembly • Dist. 43 • 1748 • 2.10%
 Ken Saurenman • State Assembly • Dist. 44 • 1724 • 1.52%
 Eric Fine • State Assembly • Dist. 47 • 2552 • 2.73%
 Rachel Brown • State Assembly • Dist. 49 • 1607 • 2.66%
 Alan Carlan • State Assembly • Dist. 54 • 2032 • 1.89%
 Guy Wilson • State Assembly • Dist. 55 • 2105 • 3.69%
 Bruce McKenzie • State Assembly • Dist. 56 • 2369 • 2.61%
 Jerry Johnson • State Assembly • Dist. 59 • 1831 • 2.97%
 Leland Faegre • State Assembly • Dist. 60 • 2148 • 2.42%
 Maureen Lindberg • State Assembly • Dist. 63 • 26610 • 28.27%
 Autumn Browne • State Assembly • Dist. 67 • 5693 • 4.97%
 Bolynda Schultz • State Assembly • Dist. 69 • 605 • 1.44%
 Loren Meierding • State Assembly • Dist. 72 • 2953 • 2.84%
 Don Rollins • State Assembly • Dist. 73 • 3480 • 3.27%
 Steve Dorsey • State Assembly • Dist. 74 • 2405 • 2.08%
 Donna Tello • State Assembly • Dist. 75 • 6009 • 4.88%
 Edward Teyssier • State Assembly • Dist. 76 • 3145 • 2.93%
 Elizabeth Meyers • State Assembly • Dist. 77 • 3369 • 3.45%
 John Murphy • State Assembly • Dist. 78 • 3544 • 3.07%
 Susan Weber • State Assembly • Dist. 80 • 3342 • 3.70%
 Gerald Klaas • State Senator • Dist. 6 • 8137 • 3.53%
 Mary Lee Gowland • State Senator • Dist. 12 • 5840 • 3.11%
 Jack Ray • State Senator • Dist. 18 • 3857 • 1.74%
 Linda Starr • State Senator • Dist. 20 • 8234 • 6.72%
 Kim Goldsworthy • State Senator • Dist. 24 • 3012 • 2.60%
 Bob Weber • State Senator • Dist. 26 • 3390 • 2.46%
 Neal Donner • State Senator • Dist. 28 • 6226 • 3.53%
 John McCready • State Senator • Dist. 30 • 3752 • 3.50%
 John Ballard • State Senator • Dist. 32 • 4263 • 3.32%
 Paul King • State Senator • Dist. 38 • 4297 • 1.90%
 David Graham • State Senator • Dist. 40 • 5178 • 3.32%
 Jon Petersen • State Treasurer • 177419 • 2.31%

Colorado

Wayne White • Attorney General • 32835 • 2.58%
 Dan Cochran • Lt. Governor • 22194 • 2%
 Geoff Lloyd • Secretary of State • 31796 • 3%
 Timothy Lloyd • State Rep. • Dist. 2 • 1497 • 16.34%
 Kurtis Klinghammer • State Rep. • Dist. 3 • 424 • 3%
 Warren Kruse • State Rep. • Dist. 4 • 2037 • 16.93%
 Dave Aitken • State Rep. • Dist. 5 • 516 • 4.83%



Neil Randall: The Libertarian Party's newest State Representative, elected in Vermont with 52.8% of the vote.

Doug Anderson • State Rep. • Dist. 6 • 3229 • 17.85%
 Walter Schlomer • State Rep. • Dist. 8 • 558 • 3.82%
 Michael Perkins • State Rep. • Dist. 11 • 969 • 4.17%
 Ken Kirkmeyer • State Rep. • Dist. 12 • 534 • 2.81%
 Jeff McQueen • State Rep. • Dist. 18 • 477 • 2.19%
 Lloyd Sweeny • State Rep. • Dist. 27 • 683 • 2.87%
 W. Earl Allen • State Rep. • Dist. 31 • 556 • 2.36%
 Christopher Smith • State Rep. • Dist. 37 • 513 • 2.31%
 Randall Phelps • State Rep. • Dist. 43 • 2154 • 17.76%
 Kathy Romack • State Rep. • Dist. 56 • 1097 • 5.07%
 Brent Schroyer • State Rep. • Dist. 57 • 2905 • 15.03%
 Robert Johnson • State Rep. • Dist. 60 • 344 • 1.93%
 Michael Simpson • State Rep. • Dist. 61 • 1581 • 6.89%
 David Bryant • State Treasurer • 29533 • 2.35%

Connecticut

Richard Pober, J.D. • Attorney General • 7455 • .81%
 Stephen Edelman • Comptroller • 9076 • 1.03%
 Ken Mosher • Secretary of State • 10120 • 1.14%
 Richard Connelly • State Rep. • Dist. 11 • 57 • 1.36%
 Darlene Nicholas • State Rep. • Dist. 39 • 42 • 1.44%
 George Eggert • State Rep. • Dist. 66 • 706 • 10.34%
 Carl Vassar • State Senator • Dist. 22 • 175 • .69%
 Joe Bucciarelli • State Senator • Dist. 25 • 721 • 4.91%
 Dan Fitzgerald • State Senator • Dist. 32 • 433 • 1.36%
 Louis Garafolo • Treasurer • 11278 • 1.28%

Delaware

Victor Letonoff • Clerk of the Peace • Sussex Co. • 997 • 2.56%
 Robert Sigler • Register of Deeds • Sussex Co. • 1510 • 3.95%
 Eugene Pierce • State Rep. • Dist. 2 • 223 • 8.84%
 Jim Larsen • State Rep. • Dist. 7 • 436 • 13.11%
 Ralph Durham • State Rep. • Dist. 16 • 162 • 5.69%

Georgia

Mark Bierley • Agriculture Commissioner • 57321 • 3.3%

Walker Chandler • Attorney General • 66485 • 3.9%
 Josh Batchelder • Insurance Commissioner • 59170 • 3.4%
 Lloyd Russell • Lt. Governor • 79174 • 4.5%
 Mark Antieau • Secretary of State • 50281 • 2.9%
 Michael Cartwright • State School Superintendent • 76800 • 4.4%

Hawaii

Lawrence Bartley • Lt. Governor • 4398 • 1%
 James O'Keefe • State Rep. • Dist. 2 • 424 • 5.1%
 Aaron Anderson • State Rep. • Dist. 4 • 1612 • 17.3%
 Guy Monahan • State Rep. • Dist. 34 • 1193 • 14.5%
 Glen Elliot • State Rep. • Dist. 44 • 119 • 2.2%
 Michael Dyer • State Senator • Dist. 6 • 1497 • 8.4%
 Darryl Gardner • State Senator • Dist. 10 • 2813 • 2.7%
 Robert Grayson • State Senator • Dist. 17 • 2548 • 14.2%
 Li Zhao • State Senator • Dist. 19 • 1106 • 7%
 Michael Powell • State Senator • Dist. 23 • 385 • 2.5%

Idaho

Jamie Weems • Co. Clerk • Ada • 14234 • 19%
 Sylvia Zitek • Co. Commissioner • Payette • 1154 • 23%
 T.J. Angstman • Secretary of State • 12410 • 3%
 David Eppes • State Rep. • Dist. 12, Seat B • 2191 • 19%
 Ron Wittig • State Rep. • Dist. 8, Seat B • 2175 • 18.1%

Illinois

Daniel Adams • State Senator • Dist. 18 • 2501 • 24%
 Doug Swisher • Co. Board • Ford Dist. 1 • 217 • 7.74%
 Larry Gardner • Co. Board • Ford Dist. 1 • 231 • 8.24%
 Harold Forbes • Co. Board • Ford Dist. 2 • 270 • 15.85%
 Toby Sutton • Co. Board • Ford Dist. 3 • 232 • 5%
 Doug McLure • Co. Board • Ford Dist. 3 • 321 • 6.91%
 Tracy Filicksly • Co. Board • Ford Dist. 3 • 150 • 3.23%
 Houston Ker • Co. Clerk • Ford • 580 • 11.78%
 Louise McWhorter • Co. Treasurer • Ford • 506 • 10.13%
 Michael Hari • Sheriff • Ford Co. • 1166 • 24.42%
 Ljubomir Marinov • State Rep. • Dist. 33 • 1215 • 7%
 David Wood • State Rep. • Dist. 104 • 544 • 2%

Indiana

Bradley A. Klopfenstein • Co. Assessor • Marion • 4276 • 2.3%
 Brian Majors • Co. Assessor • Vanderburgh • 1205 • 2%
 Donald Warren Mantooth • Co. Assessor • Washington • 1428 • 19.97%
 Stephen L. Todd • Co. Auditor • Marion • 4820 • 2.6%
 Robbin Stewart • Co. Clerk • Marion • 4479 • 2.5%
 Daniel McKee • Co. Commissioner • Miami • 479 • 7.3%
 James F. Bilyeu • Co. Commissioner • Washington Dist. 2 • 1078 • 13%
 Clifford Eibeck, Sr. • Co. Council • Dearborn Dist. 1 • 583
 Michael R. Houze • Co. Council • Kosciusko Dist. 1 • 552 • 14.4%
 Anthony J. Michna • Co. Council • Washington Dist. 1 • 229 • 11.7%
 Cornelius (Neil) Vanderkolk • Co. Council • Benton Dist. 2
 Deanna Newton • Co. Council • Kosciusko Dist. 2 • 265 • 6%
 Patricia Jean Sluder • Co. Council • Sullivan Dist. 2 • 120
 Stephen D. Coleman • Co. Council • Washington Dist. 2 • 162 • 9.46%

Daniel M. Stevens • Co. Council • Kosciusko Dist. 3 • 401 • 12.1%
 Terry M. Giese • Co. Council • Allen Dist. 4 • 1107 • 5.8%
 James S. Walker • Co. Council • Dearborn Dist. 4 • 164
 Shirley Litz • Co. Recorder • Cass • 181 • 1.5%
 Andrew M. Horning • Co. Recorder • Marion • 5028 • 2.7%
 Ted O. Sputh • Co. Sheriff • Marion • 4083 • 2.1%
 David E. Schalk • Prosecuting Attorney • Monroe • 2108 • 7.4%
 Stephen W. (Steve) Dillon • Secretary of State • 47533 • 4%
 Paul Schram • Sheriff • Allen • 1235 • 1.6%
 Max Robinson • Sheriff • Lake • 9542 • 11%
 Dennis Earl Withered • Sheriff • Monroe • 1565 • 5.5%
 Malcolm Southwood • Sheriff • Sullivan • 181
 Francis Leon (Frank) Findley • State Auditor • 36519 • 3%
 Michael Backlund • State Rep. • Dist. 15 • 930 • 8.98%
 Mark Rumps • State Rep. • Dist. 27 • 287 • 1.78%
 Phillip A. Miller • State Rep. • Dist. 53 • 863 • 4.31%
 Steve Kristoff • State Rep. • Dist. 68 • 709 • 11.76%
 Judy Spurling • State Rep. • Dist. 75 • 1250 • 9.64%
 Victor Germann • State Rep. • Dist. 76 • 1303 • 8.71%
 Dan Steward • State Rep. • Dist. 77 • 1190 • 9.81%
 Anthony M. Morris • State Rep. • Dist. 87 • 897 • 6.19%
 John Pasqua • State Rep. • Dist. 88 • 341 • 4.15%
 Jade F. Hubertz • State Rep. • Dist. 89 • 230 • 1.62%
 Richard E. Villegas • State Rep. • Dist. 92 • 244 • 2.13%
 Daniel Ferris • State Rep. • Dist. 93 • 662 • 5.42%
 Michael Alan Neal • State Rep. • Dist. 94 • 232 • 1.51%
 Richard E. Gordon, Jr. • State Rep. • Dist. 96 • 252 • 1.82%
 Joseph S. Upton • State Rep. • Dist. 98 • 247 • 2.36%
 Webster J. Smith • State Rep. • Dist. 99 • 200 • 1.77%
 Michael D. Miessen • State Rep. • Dist. 100 • 240 • 2.63%
 Rob Place • State Senator • Dist. 29 • 1554 • 6.61%
 Leona McPherson • State Treasurer • 74146 • 3.78%
 Ronald J. (RJ) Tavel • Supreme Court Clerk • 33895 • 2.91%
 Scott Baker • Township Advisory Board • Elkhart • 1083 • 7.5%
 James Bannon Caniff • Township Advisory Board • Washington • 311 • 3%
 David C. Caniff • Township Advisory Board • Washington • 342 • 4%
 Christie Lee Bowling • Township Advisory Board • Washington • 508 • 6%
 Bert Stephen Engler • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Brown • 60 • 5%
 John D. Nicholson • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Brown • 95 • 8%
 Marlene Zeigenbein • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Brown • 72 • 6%
 C. Marie Webb • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Franklin • 88 • 8%
 Charles R. Miller • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Franklin • 103 • 10%
 Willis L. Kay • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Jackson • 108 • 11%
 Daphna S. Lindsey • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Jackson • 93 • 9%
 Tuck B. Lindsey • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Jackson • 114 • 11%
 Zenneth Caudill • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Jefferson • 109 • 17.5%
 Edith E. Rigdon • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Jefferson • 93 • 14.9%
 Charles Zeigenbein • Township Advisory Board • Washington/Polk • 105 • 9%

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Dan Headlee • Township Assessor • Allen/Ft. Wayne • 6486 • 11.7%
 Sheri Joan Meissen • Township Assessor • Center/Marion • 937
 Christopher P. Smith • Township Assessor • Marion/Perry • 81
 Gary J. Proksch • Township Assessor • Marion/Washington • 1018 • 2.5%
 Lisa L. Tennies • Township Constable • Center/Marion • 1279 • 4.6%
 Eric J. Barnes • Township Constable • Marion/Lawrence • 467
 John R. Calderone • Township Constable • Marion/Washington • 1070 • 2.7%
 Gregory C. Vollmer • Township Trustee • Dearborn/Miller • 327 • 17.1%
 Lewis J. Richardson • Township Trustee • Marion/Perry • 487
 Wayne H. Kirk • Township Trustee • Marion/Pike • 255 • 1.6%
 Robert F. Shuford, Jr. • Township Trustee • Marion/Washington • 1104 • 2.7%
 Louis Lee Bowling • Township Trustee • Washington • 524 • 17%
 Larry L. Terrel • Township Trustee • Washington/Jackson • 111 • 30%
 Mary M. Dufour • Township Trustee • Washington/Jefferson • 133 • 60.45
 Debra Ann Zeigenbein • Township Trustee • Washington/Polk • 100 • 19%

Kansas

Steve Rosile • Secretary of State • 14961 • 2.15%
 Phil Mielke • State Rep. • Dist. 14 • 168 • 3%
 Michael Kerner • State Rep. • Dist. 30 • 801 • 15%
 John Boger • State Rep. • Dist. 51 • 208 • 3%
 Carl Kramer • State Rep. • Dist. 84 • 521 • 18%
 Jack Warner • State Rep. • Dist. 115 • 1664 • 27%

Kentucky

Luis Pinto • City Council • Fort Wright • 10.1%
 Dave Hatter • City Council • Fort Wright • 15.6%
 Mark Gailey • Clerk • Madison Co. • 1%
 Ronnie Lee Smith • Sheriff • Gallatin • 12.4%

Massachusetts

Elias Israel • Lt. Governor • 31790 • 2%
 David Atkinson • Secretary of State • 85846 • 5%
 Carla Howell • State Auditor • 101498 • 5.7%
 Ronald Bargoot • State Rep. • 1176 • 12.59%
 Alfred (Pit) Warren • State Senator • 4123 • 13.91%
 Merton Baker • Treasurer • 53083 • 2.96%

Maine

Benjamin Barth • State Rep. • 172 • 8.3%
 Mark Cenci • State Rep. • Dist. 3 • 408 • 15.5%
 Shawn Lavasseur • State Rep. • Dist. 62 • 101 • 4.3%
 Jeff Weinstein • State Senator • 379 • 2.6%

Michigan

Gregory Willis • Co. Commissioner • Wexford Dist. • 5 • 153 • 18.39%
 Laurel Pietrangelo • Co. Commissioner • Macomb Dist. • 6 • 186 • 2%
 Karin Corliss • Co. Commissioner • Wayne Dist. • 12 • 2285 • 11%
 Loel Gnadl • Co. Commissioner • Wayne Dist. • 13 • 3788 • 11%
 Mike Drummond • Co. Commissioner • Wayne Dist. • 14 • 582 • 2%
 Tonya Storey • Co. Commissioner • Oakland Dist. • 15 • 554 • 3%
 James Runestad • Co. Commissioner • Macomb Dist. • 23 • 181 • 2%
 Paul S. Woolum • Co. Executive • Wayne • 7447 • 2%
 David Raaflaub • Justice of the Supreme Court • 81783 • 4.53%
 Jerry Kaufman • Justice of the Supreme Court • 167472 • 9.28%
 Diane Barnes • State Board of Education • 81418 • 1.95%
 Jon E. Coon • State Board of Education • 68051 • 1.63%

Joann M. Karpinski • State Rep. • Dist. 3 • 393 • 2.4%
 Greg Stempfle • State Rep. • Dist. 15 • 1288 • 4.2%
 Kerry Smith • State Rep. • Dist. 16 • 758 • 2.3%
 Robert Irwin • State Rep. • Dist. 17 • 396 • 2%
 Michael Corliss • State Rep. • Dist. 18 • 562 • 2.8%
 John Tatar • State Rep. • Dist. 19 • 1059 • 3.6%
 Doug McDonald • State Rep. • Dist. 20 • 1193 • 3.2%
 Jim Sager • State Rep. • Dist. 22 • 678 • 3.6%
 Gary Lloyd • State Rep. • Dist. 23 • 531 • 2.2%
 Kathie Orvis • State Rep. • Dist. 24 • 472 • 2%
 Nicholas S. Stoner • State Rep. • Dist. 25 • 635 • 2.7%
 Keith P. Edwards • State Rep. • Dist. 26 • 876 • 2.8%
 Thomas R. Sydlow • State Rep. • Dist. 27 • 807 • 3.3%
 Ronald L. Burcham • State Rep. • Dist. 28 • 442 • 2%
 E. Dean Sahutske • State Rep. • Dist. 29 • 588 • 1.8%
 Gerald McKeon • State Rep. • Dist. 30 • 562 • 2%
 John Fagan • State Rep. • Dist. 31 • 914 • 3.3%
 Robert VanOast • State Rep. • Dist. 32 • 1169 • 3.5%
 Joseph Zemens • State Rep. • Dist. 33 • 813 • 2.3%
 Terrence Adams • State Rep. • Dist. 34 • 643 • 2.9%
 Pamela Collins • State Rep. • Dist. 35 • 839 • 3.1%
 Lorna Tate • State Rep. • Dist. 41 • 858 • 2.8%
 Mark Carney • State Rep. • Dist. 46 • 1876 • 5.8%
 Daniel LaFavers • State Rep. • Dist. 54 • 414 • 1.9%
 Teresa Pollok • State Rep. • Dist. 66 • 1405 • 4.1%
 George Sise • State Rep. • Dist. 67 • 825 • 2.6%
 Mike Brinkman • State Rep. • Dist. 70 • 909 • 3.5%
 Glenn Barr • State Rep. • Dist. 77 • 419 • 1.9%
 Jay Sauve • State Rep. • Dist. 78 • 411 • 2%
 Scott Beavers • State Rep. • Dist. 79 • 638 • 3%
 William H. Bradley • State Rep. • Dist. 80 • 261 • 1%
 Peter Porcaro • State Rep. • Dist. 81 • 915 • 3%
 Max Eugene Dollarhite • State Rep. • Dist. 85 • 1089 • 3.8%
 William White • State Rep. • Dist. 86 • 565 • 1.9%
 Allen Bauer • State Rep. • Dist. 97 • 651 • 2.4%
 Robert Black • State Rep. • Dist. 110 • 1053 • 3.7%
 Constance Catalfio • State Senator • Dist. 1 • 1345 • 2.3%
 Michael Donahue • State Senator • Dist. 5 • 1090 • 2%
 Erich Trager • State Senator • Dist. 6 • 2116 • 2.8%
 Kristin Stoner • State Senator • Dist. 7 • 1924 • 3.1%
 David Nagy • State Senator • Dist. 9 • 3415 • 4%
 Donald McCluskey • State Senator • Dist. 10 • 1856 • 2.7%
 Scott Allen • State Senator • Dist. 11 • 2081 • 2.5%
 Paul M. Soyk • State Senator • Dist. 12 • 1983 • 2.3%
 Gary Atkinson • State Senator • Dist. 13 • 2551 • 2.8%
 Thomas A. Baker • State Senator • Dist. 20 • 1423 • 2.2%
 Richard Whitelock • State Senator • Dist. 23 • 1570 • 2.3%
 Mark Owen • State Senator • Dist. 25 • 2568 • 3.1%
 Richard Samul • State Senator • Dist. 26 • 2097 • 2.2%
 David C. Jackson • State Senator • Dist. 28 • 1530 • 2%
 Charles Gershfield • State Senator • Dist. 38 • 1247 • 1.6%
 Thomas Jones • University Governor • Wayne State • 68799 • 1.72%
 Scotty Boman • University Governor • Wayne State • 108257 • 2.71%
 William Hall • University Regent • University of Michigan • 59684 • 1.44%

James Montgomery • University Regent • University of Michigan • 59973 • 1%
 Mark Heil • University Trustee • Michigan State University • 86371 • 1.67%
 Barbara Goushaw • University Trustee • Michigan State University • 167693 • 3.24%

Minnesota

Ruth Mason • Attorney General • 48548 • 2.4%
 Rob Babione • City Council • 416 • 12%
 Mike Strand • Lt. Governor • 1862 • .09%
 Ken Iverson • Secretary of State • 44004 • 2.2%
 Bob Odden • State Auditor • 46516
 Rich Osness • State Rep. • B • Dist. 27 • 1121 • 8.4%
 Mitch Berg • Treasurer • 37304 • 1.9%

Missouri

Greg Tlappek • Co. clerk • Cape Girardeau • 2692 • 16%
 Richard Newton • Co. clerk • Franklin • 970 • 4%
 Bill Wayne • Co. Commissioner • Johnson • 11.01%
 Roxie Fausnaught • Co. Commissioner • Newton • 2%
 Doug Bozarth • Co. Recorder • Buchanan • 2%
 Richard J. Doyle, Sr. • Judge • Newton Co. Circuit Court Associate Judge Division III • 13.55%
 Gerald Geier • State Auditor • 26950 • 1.74%
 Charles Kerner • State Rep. • Dist. 1 • 8.09%
 Jimmy Dykes • State Rep. • Dist. 6 • 4.23%
 Tom Wahl • State Rep. • Dist. 13 • 2.71%
 Dean Hodge • State Rep. • Dist. 16 • 13.97%
 Lisa Hoffman • State Rep. • Dist. 19 • 13.97%
 Mitch Moore • State Rep. • Dist. 23 • 3.82%
 Brad Spangler • State Rep. • Dist. 31 • 6.31%
 Jeanne Bojarski • State Rep. • Dist. 38 • 8.9%
 Timothy Peterman • State Rep. • Dist. 48 • 14.04%
 Kevin Babcock • State Rep. • Dist. 59 • 10.17%
 Mark Kauffman • State Rep. • Dist. 82 • 1.3%
 Matt Peters • State Rep. • Dist. 87 • 1.77%
 Gary Gerstenecker • State Rep. • Dist. 94 • 9.9%
 Terry Joseph Meyer • State Rep. • Dist. 101 • 1.19%
 Richard E. Ford • State Rep. • Dist. 105 • 5.26%
 Randall Smith • State Rep. • Dist. 135 • 2.05%
 Dennis Bentley • State Rep. • Dist. 139 • 2.47%
 Jeff Kenkel • State Rep. • Dist. 142 • 1.62%

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Jesse Ventura: The good (and bad) news

What are Libertarians to make of Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura's election as Governor of Minnesota? Well, there is some good news:

The "wasted vote" myth has been proven wrong. If a third party is on the ballot, people can vote for that candidate and the candidate can win.

Third parties can bring new voters to the polls. The turnout was almost 10% greater than predicted — and most of those were Ventura supporters.

Voters are not scared by (at least some, watered-down) libertarian themes. Ventura was quoted as supporting medical marijuana, he questioned the laws against prostitution, and he strongly supported gun rights. Ventura spoke out on ideas that some libertarians are afraid to mention — yet he didn't suffer

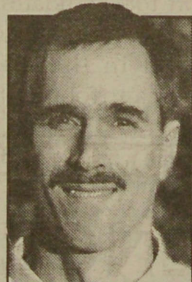
for it. In fact, Ventura was described as "frugal yet tolerant"—much as we sometimes describe ourselves.

Access to debates is important. Even if the pundits and other candidates did not take Ventura seriously, the voters were willing to listen. They liked what they heard.

Remarkable

Honesty and humility are surprisingly effective. I only heard Ventura a couple times but each time he said something remarkable:

First, when asked about crime, he pointed out that he



By James Foster

was running for governor, not sheriff, and "the primary thing that the governor can do about crime is call out the national guard. Do we really think that is necessary?"

Second, after the election, when asked if the voters were trying to send a message, he replied, "I don't know. You will have to ask them." A politician without spin? How refreshing!

This willingness to admit ignorance is perhaps the greatest lesson for me. As a long-time Libertarian, I can quickly debate almost any political issue and this may come across as arrogant at times. This is a turn-off and Ventura was appealing without it.

There is room for concern, however. Much as we may enjoy seeing the politicians and pundits humiliated, we should not cheer too loudly. Nor should we

slacken our efforts to influence the political process.

Not a libertarian

Remember this: Ventura is not a libertarian.

A quick check of his web site (www.jesseventura.org) shows that he is actually rather vague or mainstream on many issues. Since the election, both he and the established politicians have gone to some pains to insist that Ventura does not represent a radical change — and they are right.

Among other things, Ventura wants to do the following as governor:

- Make government "more efficient."
- Create jobs.
- Reduce the student/teacher ratio.
- Provide Internet access to schools.

- Put monitors on school buses.
- Provide shots for children.
- Manage recycling programs better.
- Provide public funding of political campaigns.
- Establish a year-round legislature.
- Develop a rail/bus transportation system.

While we can all applaud such goals as creating jobs (and we can all fear a year-round legislature) it is worth noting that this platform does not distinguish Ventura from the other major-party candidates. Without clear principles to guide him in what actions are appropriate for government, Ventura is likely to be very similar to the traditional politicians, only more colorful.

In fact, one of my greater fears is that the electorate may be willing to follow a charismatic person who does not have a particularly clear agenda.

In any case, we can rejoice that a third party is having some success and that the voters are willing to consider alternatives. Someday, the nation will wake up and find that a state has elected a *real* Libertarian governor!

■ James Foster is the editor of the North Dakota Libertarian.

It's a liberty bonanza at the movies this holiday season

An "individual versus the state" theme runs through many big box-office hits

As my wife and I take in some of the latest releases, I am struck by the "individual versus the state" theme in many of the biggest box office hits.

First we saw *The Siege*. When FBI agent Denzel Washington can't stop a string of terrorist bombings, army general Bruce Willis declares martial law. He seals off Brooklyn, and rounds up all Middle Eastern citizens, herding them into detention camps, stripped of their Constitutional rights.

National security is often used as an excuse to weaken individual freedom. Anti-terrorist bills sailed through Congress after the TWA 800 flight blew up. None of those laws were repealed after it was learned that the explosion was actually caused by an equipment malfunction.

Depose Saddam

In the movie, it turns out that the terrorists had actually been trained and funded by the U.S. government in the hope they might depose Saddam

Hussein. (Hussein, of course, was armed by our government as a counter to the Ayatollah in Iran.) The scenario is very plausible. There are dozens of terrorist groups around the globe that got their starts as pawns in the U.S. government's global game of World Policeman. Many of them resent America's meddling in their domestic affairs. They respond by using our own weapons against us.

Next we saw *Pleasantville*. No geopolitical intrigue here. Just good old-fashioned family values. A boy and his sister find themselves transported into the black-and-white, perfect world of an old time TV show. There is no crime, no unemployment, no sex — and no individuality. Everyone performs the roles society expects of them, and they are happy — they think.

Eventually, the siblings' values of individual freedom and self-determination begin to rub

off, literally as well as figuratively. As the townspeople discover that they have the freedom to do what they want to do with their lives, their black-and-white world begins to see splashes of color.

The colorful people enjoy their newfound freedoms. They make love, and paint, and listen to rock music, and don't hurt anyone. But some members of the society don't want color.

They respond by passing laws designed to curb the behavior of the "coloreds."

When the coloreds refuse to have their lifestyles dictated to them they are ostracized. The B&W folks become violent, smashing the colored's storefronts, burning their books, and eventually arresting the boy and his friend, and putting them on trial because they don't like the individuality they are seeing.

Our society is engaged in much the same conflict today. People are attacked and even prosecuted because they read books and magazines society doesn't approve of; or they put chemicals into their bodies society doesn't approve of; or they have romantic relationships with people society doesn't approve of. It matters not that these are peaceful people who are just trying to pursue happiness.

Pleasantville has a happy ending, as the society accepts that these differences are the natural expression of hopes and dreams inside every one of us.

Finally, we saw *Enemy of the State*. In this movie, a government faction is trying to enact a new law that will authorize widespread government surveillance of individuals — again in the

name of security. An uncooperative Congressman's murder is caught on tape, and the tape is given to attorney Will Smith without his knowledge. The conspirators then use the government's intelligence capabilities to hunt down Smith in an effort to recover the tape.

Ability to snoop

The government's ability to snoop is truly frightening. Cameras and microphones see and hear everything Smith does. They use tracking devices and satellites so powerful they can zoom in on the movements of a single individual. Computer networks enable them to listen to cellular telephone calls, cancel your credit cards, or make withdrawals from your accounts. I won't reveal the end for those who haven't seen it yet.

As we watch this holiday season's movies, Americans should remember the words of Benjamin Franklin who said: "Those who would give up essential liberty for some temporary security will have neither liberty nor security."

■ Jonathan Richter is the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Fresno County (California).

PLEASANTVILLE



Illinois ballot access battle takes strange new twists

The election is over, but the battle for ballot access in Illinois continues to develop new plot twists.

Over the past month, a newspaper report exposed the illegal use of state employees by the winning Republican candidate, allegations were floated of a million-dollar bribe, and a renewed legal challenge was launched against the decision that knocked seven Libertarian Party candidates off the ballot.

"We continue to fight on behalf of Illinois voters against the old Machine-style politics that put the fix on our ballot access rights," said Jim Tobin, the LP gubernatorial candidate, as he announced a new appeal on November 24 in the First District Appellate Court in Chicago.

Tobin and six other statewide candidates had been removed from the ballot on October 13, when the Illinois State Board of Elections arbitrarily voted to throw out over 4,000 valid signatures — and then ruled that the Libertarians had not filed the 25,000 signatures required by state law.

At the time, Tobin charged that the effort to remove him from the ballot was orchestrated by George Ryan, the Secretary of State who was running for governor as a Republican.

With Tobin — the popular head of National Taxpayers United of Illinois — off the ballot, Ryan squeaked to victory on November 3.

Gained credibility

But after the election, Tobin's allegations gained considerable credibility when the *Chicago Tribune* revealed that 73 state employees had illegally participated in the effort to keep the Libertarians off the ballot, many while drawing state salaries.

According to the newspaper, state employees were used to monitor the signature-challenge process at the Board of Elections in August and September.

Using the Freedom of Information Act, the newspaper obtained state employee schedules and matched them against the sign-in sheets at the Board of Election office.

When the article came out, Tobin said he wasn't surprised at the extent of the corruption.

"Everyone knows Illinois has the lyingest, cheatingest politicians," he said.

Two weeks later, another bombshell dropped. The producer of a cable television news program charged that Ryan had spent \$1 million in bribes to keep Tobin off the ballot.

The producer, Sherman Skolnick, reported that "Ryan arranged to bribe, corrupt, or... influence members of the Illinois State Board of Elections as well

as the County judge and others."

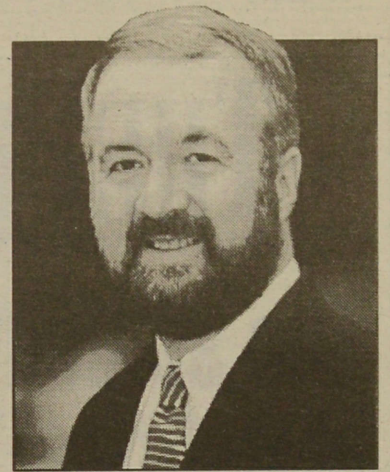
"The astonishing thing is that Ryan thought sinking my candidacy was worth so much money," said Tobin. "Maybe I should be flattered."

Tobin said he is now talking to attorneys about possible legal action on the illegal use of state employee and bribery charges. In the meantime, however, he has filed another legal challenge.

After the Illinois State Board of Elections ruled he had not

filed enough signatures to get on the ballot Tobin appealed that decision, but his case was dismissed on "legal technicalities" by the Cook County Circuit Court. The new appeal seeks to overturn that dismissal.

"What we're talking about here is making sure that Illinois voters can exercise their right to vote for candidates who meet the legal requirements to be on the ballot in Illinois," said Steve Merican, Tobin's lawyer.



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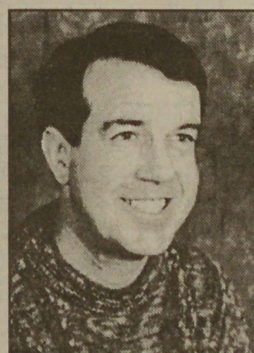
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From THE EDITOR

The seahorse theory of political success

Have you heard the story of the 1,000 seahorses? It goes like this: A young boy was walking along the beach as high tide came in. With every crash of the waves, he noticed that dozens of seahorses were being cast onto the beach, where they lay gasping and squirming. Hurriedly, he ran to the first seahorse he could find and gently tossed it back into the surf.

A man stood watching this small act of kindness, and couldn't help but notice that hundreds — even thousands — of seahorses remained stranded on the beach.

So, he approached the boy and said, "Son, what you're doing won't make a difference."

To which the boy replied: "To that one seahorse... it will."

Sometimes, we Libertarians have to put ourselves in the position of that boy. Sometimes, when it seems that the challenges we face are simply too great and when it seems that the road to political victory is too steep and rocky... we should remember all the seahorses that Libertarians have already rescued.

Since this is the first LP News issue of the new year, I took a moment to review some of the highlights that we've reported on over the past 12 months.

For example, did you know that in 1998, LP members saved taxpayers at least \$1.275 billion dollars, thanks to their lobbying campaigns against new taxes and new government programs?

Libertarians helped stop a \$200 million sales tax hike (Alachua County, Florida); a \$7 million government-funded swimming pool (South Whidbey, Washington); a \$697 million sales tax (Jefferson County, Alabama); a \$250 million government-funded baseball stadium (Kernesville, North Carolina); a \$34.5 million government stadium project (Lucas County, Ohio); a \$74.5 million school tax hike (Illinois); and an \$11.5 million city-financed soccer stadium (Dublin, Ohio).

No, \$1.275 billion isn't a lot of money compared to the mountains of cash that the government still spends annually.

But to every taxpayer in, say, Jefferson County, Alabama, whose tax bill will be a few dollars lower this year because of what Libertarians accomplished — it makes a difference.

To those cynics and defeatists who say, "Libertarians, what you're doing won't make a difference"... I say, "To those taxpayers, it already did."

Over the past 12 months, LP News also reported that 58 more Libertarians were elected to public office, and another four were appointed to office.

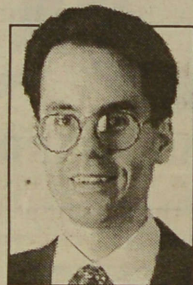
That's 62 more Libertarians who are working to lower taxes, repeal regulations, stop censorship, protect property rights, halt government discrimination, and defend liberty.

To those cynics and defeatists who say, "Libertarians, what you're doing won't make a difference"... I say, "To the citizens of those towns and counties where Libertarians are serving in office, it will."

Let's face it: In the next 12 months, we Libertarians won't repeal every excessive tax, privatize every unneeded government agency, or eliminate every harmful law.

But a look back at what we've accomplished over the past 12 months reminds us that we can solve *some* problems. Libertarians can get things done, and make our communities better — and more free — places to live.

Why is this important to remember? Because as Libertarians, we have an *obligation* to do what we can do for liberty — even if it means rescuing just one seahorse at a time.



By Bill Winter,
Editor

Non-governmental solutions to the 'problem' of global warming

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, LP News will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

**LIBERTARIAN
Solutions**

By John Semmens

I recently had the opportunity to appear in a televised debate on the state of the environment. My debate opponent announced that she had just participated in a telephone conference call set up by the Environmental Protection Agency. The main focus of this call was *global warming*.

I was informed that the *scientific consensus* is that there is a warming trend and that this is bad news. It was also asserted that the cause of this undesirable warming is *our love affair with the automobile*. It is this line of thinking that has inspired our Vice President, Al Gore, to assert that we must endure a wrenching change in our lifestyle by doing away with the internal combustion engine.

Dictatorial powers

Before we give up our cherished mobility, wreck our economy, and hand dictatorial powers to government so it can deal with this purported *crisis* of global warming, let us consider the issue from a more dispassionate perspective.

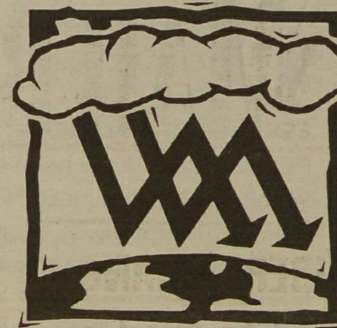
First, there is the question of whether there is, in fact, a warming trend. While many climatologists believe so, others are not convinced that this is the case, or that a human-caused increase in greenhouse gases is responsible. The climate of the planet has always been variable. The magnitude of these climatological changes has far surpassed anything that might be the result of recent human activity.

This alone would seem to create a good deal of uncertainty about in which direction the global temperatures might be headed and whether anything that humans do has a significant part to play.

There are other reasons for uncertainty. In the 1970s, some of the same people who are now demanding drastic action to prevent global warming were demanding drastic action to prevent global *cooling*. They seem to have a fixed idea that *some* global disaster must be underway.

Second, though, even if we accept the proposition that the

earth is getting warmer, it is by no means clear that this would, on balance, be a bad thing. The current climate is relatively warm compared to the norm over the past several million years. We are in the midst of a warm interlude between ice ages. For 90% of the last 100,000 of those years, a mile-thick sheet of ice covered half of North America and substantial portions of Europe and Asia. It seems



QUESTION:

How can global warming be reversed without government regulation?

doubtful that a plunge into another ice age, even if it were a natural occurrence, would be favorably perceived by most human beings.

After all, the warming of the planet after the last ice age seems to have coincided with the rise of human civilization. Maybe warmer is better. Growing seasons might be extended. Agricultural output might increase. Our ability to overcome hunger and malnutrition could be enhanced.

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Third, even if we accept that global warming is taking place and is a bad thing, it does not follow that *wrenching* changes are appropriate. The much-maligned automobile, for example, is responsible for only a small fraction of the greenhouse gases blamed for the current reputedly unnatural warming trend.

Each year, there are about 150 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions from all sources. Only about 7 billion (or 5%) of this tonnage is the result of human activity. The remaining 95% are from natural (non-human) sources. Less than 3/10ths of a billion tons of CO₂ are emitted by autos in the U.S. So, if every car in America were parked, global carbon dioxide emissions would be reduced by less than 2/10ths of 1%. That is, 99.8% of the emissions would be untouched by this draconian strategy against American mobility.

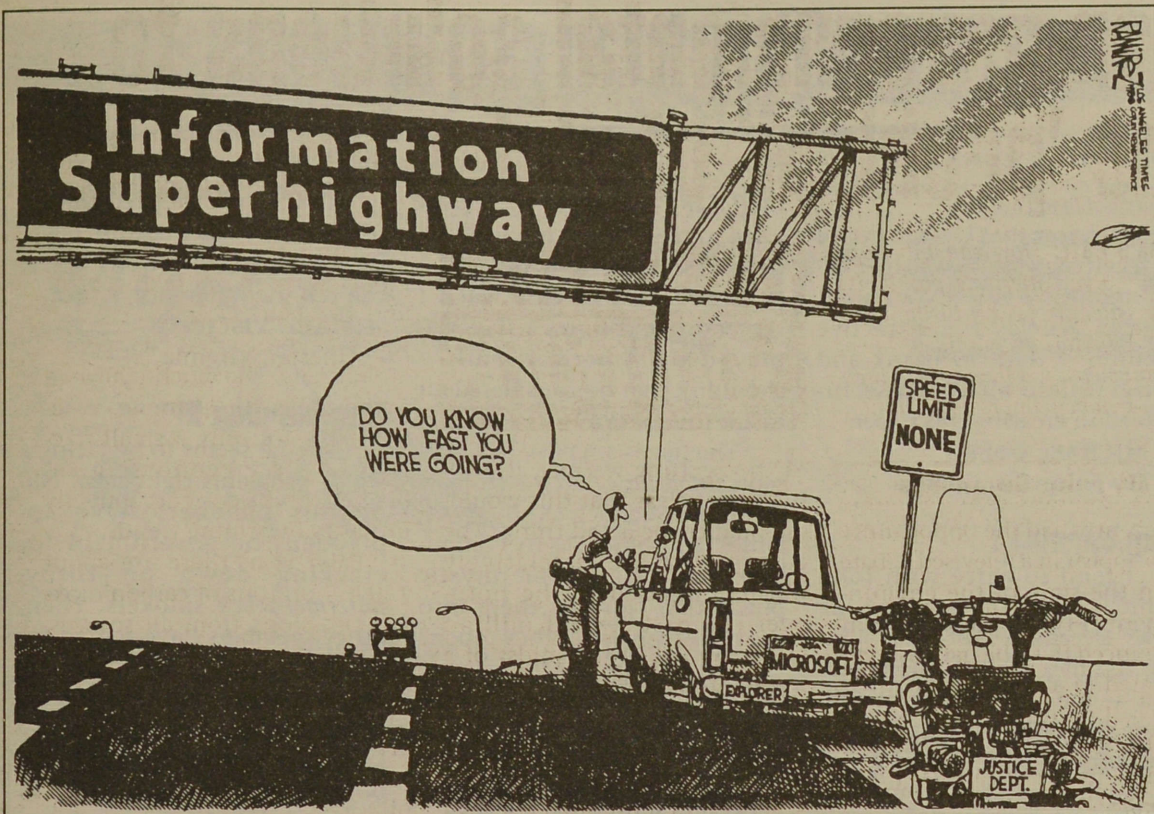
Minuscule results

In general, then, an effort to prevent CO₂ from getting into the atmosphere by restricting mobility and retarding industry does not appear very promising. The cost would be huge and the results minuscule.

A better approach might be to focus on strategies aimed at *absorbing* carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Plants use it as an input to their growth. Consequently, a strategy that promotes plant growth would act to convert carbon dioxide into vegetative biomass. Growing more trees, harvesting mature wood and converting it into durable wooden products, replanting new trees, would promote a sustainable cycle that would remove CO₂ from the air and reduce whatever contribution it is in fact making to global warming.

Another solution to the problem of greenhouse gas concentrations (and, again, one which is not wrenching to American lifestyles and industries) is the fertilization of the oceans with iron-based compounds, which would extract CO₂ from the air by stimulating plant growth. After all, some of my readers probably put iron-based fertilizers on the ground in front of their homes to get a lush lawn — i.e., to stimulate plant growth.

Spreading fertilizer in the oceans could also substantially increase food supplies for aquatic animals throughout the food



THE MAILBOX

The lessons of Jesse

I have voted Libertarian for years and I just wanted to point out what the significance of [Reform Party candidate] Jesse Ventura's victory in Minnesota could mean to us Libertarians. When really given a choice, the people voted for a complete change — for Jesse. But he had name recognition. That is what gave him free media coverage — name recognition.

The Libertarians need to find a 2000 candidate with name recognition. Find an athlete, a movie star, an astronaut, etc. Start looking now. Harry Browne was excellent for those of us who knew of him. The vast majority of voters, however, did not. The major media will freeze out any Libertarian coverage unless they are forced into it by a candidate with superior name recognition.

— **ROB KUZMAN**

Hiawassee, Georgia

Best essay

I just wanted to say that the article by Hugh Emerson ["I Gave Up A Little Liberty," *LP News*, November 1998] is the best short piece on why to support liberty that I have seen in the past decade. The party should reprint and distribute it to every new prospect that asks for more information.

— **WALT THIESSEN**

Naugatuck, Connecticut

Great in theory

When I talk to my friends about Libertarianism, a common

"LIBERTARIANS need to find a 2000 candidate with name recognition."

reaction is "That sounds great in theory, but how do we get there?" — a reasonable question that deserves a well thought-out answer.

Unfortunately, Jacob Hornberger's "how do we get there" on Social Security, "Why Not Simply Repeal Social Security?" [*LP News*, December 1998], is not very well thought out and not something I would share with a prospective Libertarian.

The retirees who currently depend upon Social Security taxes over their entire working lives. Those tax dollars could have been privately invested and, even at a very conservative rate of return, provided far

greater retirement benefits than are now available from Social Security. Current retirees are victims of the Social Security system and should not be deprived of whatever meager compensation their victimizer is providing. Social Security should be phased out so that current and future generations can save and invest for a prosperous retirement, but those who are currently stuck in the system deserve protection, just as any victim of theft is entitled to compensation.

If we Libertarians are to be taken seriously, our platform must go beyond a simple laundry list of laws and government agencies to repeal and abolish overnight.

The LP must extensively address the messy "how do we get there" part.

We must explain how we would untangle Social Security and all the other intricate webs of government dependence without unleashing massive social and economic upheavals — like throwing Grandpa and Grandma into the street.

— **FREDERICK SINGER**

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Well-written, attractive

I have been a proud member of the Libertarian Party for almost a year, and would like to

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THE PULSE

The power of a party slogan

Libertarians, it is said, don't agree on anything. But they agree on this: The party should have a slogan. Of those who expressed a firm opinion, a whopping 84% voted in favor of an "official" Libertarian Party slogan — an advertising-style catchphrase that sums up, in just a few words, what we stand for.

But Libertarians veered off in divergent directions when it came to the second part of this month's Pulse question: What should the party's slogan be?

More than 100 different suggestions were offered, with no one slogan gaining more than a handful of votes. The "winners" — tied with just 4% of the vote — were the old stand-by "The Party of Principle" and a surprise newcomer, "Liberty and Justice for All." Coming in second with 3% was "Live and Let Live."

Here is a sample of the slogans that were offered (with an occasional explanation or elaboration):

■ "The Unpolitical Tax-Opposed Citizen-Run Libertarian Party of Principle."

— **EDWARD D. TURNER**, Newport Beach, California

■ "Live and Let Live." I feel this sums up our platform quite nicely.

— **HAROLD WILSON**, Voorheesville, New York

■ "Ask not what your country can force other people to do for you."

— **JOHN BENNETT**, Sequim, Washington

■ "Libertarians: The Other 'L' Word — Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Your Dreams."

— **SALLY EASTMAN**, Halfmoon, New York

■ "Fighting the Struggle for Freedom!" We are leading a crusade to make America the freest nation the world has ever seen!

— **KEITH DONAT**, Shaker Heights, Ohio

■ "Libertarian Party: Individual Freedom, Loving Relationships."

— **K.C. BLAIR**, Solebury, Pennsylvania

■ "Libertarian Party — Less of What Ails You."

— **H.R. BOWLES, JR.**, Huntington Beach, California

■ "Better Government for Working Families."

— **DAVE SHANKLIN**, Sacramento, California

■ "Maximum Freedom—Minimum Government." I feel this sums up Libertarianism in the fewest words possible.

— **RON CROTHERS**, Ocoee, Tennessee

■ "Liberty For Life."

— **SONJA EEDERER**, Lauderhill, Florida

■ "Limited Government, Unlimited Dreams."

— **BOB CASSLER**, Alexandria, Virginia

■ "The party you need for the government you want."

— **EDWARD TEXTOR**, Fontana, California

■ "Choice: For a Change."

— **LELAND FAEGRE**, West Covina, California

■ "Libertarians Give, the Others Take!"

— **BARRY CAULFIELD**, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey

■ "The Party of Principle." This slogan advocates integrity and equal treatment, not the whims of the majority.

— **JACK GARDNER**, Austin, Texas

■ "With Liberty and Justice For All." The allegory is strong, the substance uncomplicated and it has good

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emotional context; brevity is, after all, the soul of wit.

— WALLACE K. AIKEN III, Indianapolis, Indiana

■ "Open your eyes." It's a direct solicitation to the reader. It invites a question, and it also implies a need for change.

— JEFFREY D. BENTLEY, Greensboro, North Carolina

■ "Got freedom?"

— JOE ZITZELBERGER, Columbus, Georgia

■ "The Official Party of the New Millennium."

— WARREN KRUSE, Denver Colorado

■ "Providing Principled Solutions for a Free Society."

— MARY L. MAAS, Coupeville, Washington

■ "Working every day to make your life . . . *your* life."

— BRIAN MULHOLLAND, El Cajon, California

■ "Really Vote Independent — Vote Libertarian."

— MICHAEL S. BOERSTE, North Augusta, South Carolina

■ "The Libertarian Party — The *Real* Liberals." While leftists deceptively go by the name "liberal," we should seize the opportunity to attempt to take it back.

— JIM TURBETT, Fairfax County, Virginia

■ If the Libertarian Party changed its name to "The Liberty Party," it would not need a slogan! Only intellectuals could have come up with the confusing name we have.

— WILL FERRELL, High Point, North Carolina

March Question: Libertarian hero?

Maybe it's the author of an influential book that opened your eyes politically. Maybe it's a Libertarian Party candidate who got you excited about liberty. Maybe it's one of our nation's Founding Fathers, or a Revolutionary War hero. Maybe it's a particularly persuasive spokesperson for a libertarian think tank. Maybe it's a parent or relative who exposed you to the freedom philosophy at an early age. Maybe it's a free-market economist. In other words, it's your Libertarian "hero" — a person you respect for their work for liberty . . . and for the influence they've had on your life.

■ QUESTION: Who is your "libertarian hero" — the person in the freedom movement (living or dead) that you most admire? And why? (Limit answers to 100 words.)

■ DEADLINE: February 5, 1999

February Question: Shut up, please?

Is it just us, or does it seem that some LP members spend most of their time pontificating about the *least* popular Libertarian positions? Or explaining a popular Libertarian position so badly that it's guaranteed to offend? Or seem to be obsessed with some pseudo-Libertarian issue — that really *isn't* (a Libertarian issue)?

■ QUESTION: Which one Libertarian position do you wish other Libertarians would *just stop talking about* — either because it's politically unpopular, or because they mangle the sales job, or because it is a "low-priority" position, or because it's not *really* a Libertarian position? In other words, what issue triggers the "shut up, already!" reflex in you? And why? (Limit answers to 100 words.)

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let you know that I look forward to receiving your newspaper every month. I enjoy your well-written articles and attractive pictures. I want to thank and congratulate all of those involved in creating this paper.

— MICHAEL OBERG

Lawrenceville, Georgia

Flag-burning I

I tend to agree with John White's idea [The Mailbox, LP News, December 1998] that burning the flag is a behavior problem — but I do not agree that there should be a law banning it as a form of expression.

Such laws are common in dictatorships and require a separate suppressive police force or bureaucracy to search out and enforce the law.

That flag is beyond desecration by anyone. Those men who have fought under it and died for the principles for which it stands have consecrated it beyond anyone's ability to deride or desecrate it. The act of burning only desecrates the ones who do the burning. That identity is not easily corrected by those who would impose their will upon others nor by those who wish to atone for their actions.

The overriding principle of Libertarianism is to live as you want to live so long as it does no harm to anyone else, so long as anyone else does no harm to you, and so long as the government harms neither.

I am not free unless you are free, and those who desecrate surrender the dignity which autonomy provides.

— THOMAS R. TIBBELS

West Point, Nebraska

Flag-burning II

A comment on "OK to Desecrate the Flag?" Mr. White notes that burning a flag is OK in some cases, but states in others it is "desecration."

Desecration relies on intent — intent of insult. Accidentally dirtying a flag shouldn't be a crime, but purposely soiling it should be? Shouldn't wearing a flag on the seat of your pants warrant arrest? Following the logic, shouldn't any display of a flag that can be construed as disrespectful be the same as desecration? What about fervently urging someone to burn a flag?

Should it be illegal to burn a Nazi flag? A Connecticut flag? A U.N. Flag? A university flag? What if the intent leaves someone insulted? Shall we also ban flags from being displayed on

cars? Hardly a suitably sober platform to place the symbol of the United States of America on! I personally take offense when I see another country's flag displayed on American soil — shouldn't that be considered an insult to America?

The flag is a *symbol*. It represents something, but it is still just an object. So much cloth, in red, white, and blue. Do its component parts have some mystic power that converts them into the object as soon as they touch?

Symbols are not the same as the object — otherwise, we'd

BURNING A FLAG

"only desecrates the ones who do the burning."

have to ban movies portraying flags being burned and movies with murders in them.

Burning the American flag is a form of expression. Not one that I would take, but, as a Libertarian, one that I would allow others to do as is their right.

That there are "stiff penalties" for the "criminal behavior" of burning any symbol, including a Star of David, shows that the people who wrote such laws couldn't separate the object from what it represents.

That White supports the use of the same laws against burning a flag makes me wonder if he can tell the difference, either.

— MARC VISCONTE

Chester, Virginia

Flag-burning III

The LP seems to be facing a lot of problems right now. Numerous members have applauded the government for cracking down on filthy, *untermenschen* smokers. Then, other members have rooted for the government to tackle the evil, greedy, rich Bill Gates for his success with Microsoft. In the last issue, Mr. John White supported government action to protect our holy flag from desecration. Just how many non-libertarians exist in the LP anyway?

Contrary to what Mr. White has stated, the First Amendment can be summed up to recognize our God-given right to freely express ourselves. But even without the Bill of Rights or the Constitution, our party and our libertarian cause supports freedom. That means the right to do whatever you please with your property, unless your use of it infringes on the rights of others.

When you own a U.S. flag, you have the right to do with it whatever you please. It is ludicrous for Mr. White to compare desecration of the flag to a "punch in the mouth," since you own no mouth but your own.

— KEITH M. DONAT

Shaker Heights, Ohio

Solutions: Global warming

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chain — possibly aiding in the preservation of some endangered species.

Neither the increased planting and harvesting of trees for wood, nor the fertilization of the oceans would require the kinds of sacrifice being demanded by environmentalists like Vice President Gore. Neither would they require that we yield our freedom to live our lives to some environmental czar or bureaucracy.

The fact that more practical, cost-effective, and less intrusive

options for dealing with the perceived threat of global warming are ignored in favor of schemes that would place broad new powers in the hands of government persuades me that saving the planet is at best a *secondary* concern of those demanding that we sacrifice freedom and prosperity.

More likely, the continuing stream of environmental crises are pretexts for the acquisition of more government power over how people live their lives.

As the violent history of the twentieth century's governments has amply demonstrated, there are few things worse for human and other life forms than expanded government power.

■ John Semmens is a member of the Arizona Advisory Council on Environmental Education. Reprinted courtesy of The Pragmatist, Box 392, Forest Grove PA 18992.

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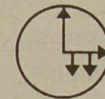
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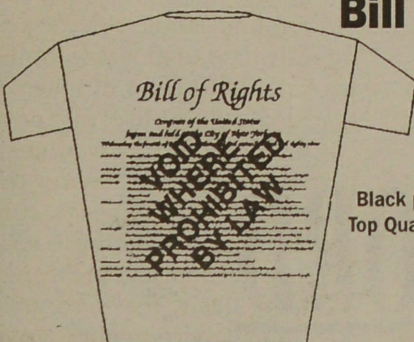
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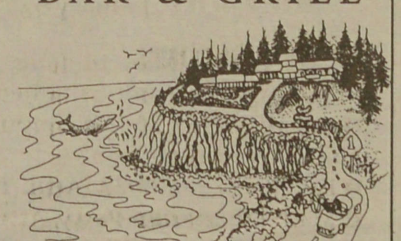
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February 12-15, 1999

California LP Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose. Speakers include Marshall Fritz (Separation of School and State Alliance), David Brin (science fiction author), and Dan Fylstra (President, Frontline Systems, Inc.). For information, call (818) 506-0200.

February 20-21, 1999

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Mississippi LP Convention, Holiday Inn Coliseum, Biloxi. Speakers include Harry Browne (1996 LP presidential candidate), Jim Lark (campus organizing expert), and Elliot Shaw. For information, call convention coordinator Jim Smith at (228) 392-3204. Or write: 7122 Princeton Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532.

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March 6-7, 1999

Delaware LP Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Dover. Speakers: TBA. For information, call Brad Thomas at (302) 834-3596. E-mail: bradct@delanet.com.

March 19-21, 1999

Pennsylvania LP Convention, Pittsburgh Holiday Inn Airport, Pittsburgh. Speakers include Julian Heiklen, Anita Hoge (Save Our Schools), Felix Livingston, Ph.D (Foundation for Economic Education), Dimitri Vassilaros (radio talk show host), and Sharon Harris (Advocates for Self-Government). For information, contact Chuck Gilch at (724) 935-4937. E-mail: ckg@usaor.net.

March 27, 1999

New Jersey LP Convention, National Conference Center, Hightstown. Speakers include Jacob Hornberger (Future of Freedom Foundation), Tanya Kangas (NORML), Elizabeth Macron (Libertarian attorney), and Michael Buoncristiano. For information: chair@njlp.org. Website: www.lp.njlp.org.

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Ohio LP Convention, Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay. Speakers TBA. For information, call Ralph Mullinger at (419) 425-2702. E-mail: rmullinger@yahoo.com. Or, e-mail LeRoy Lloyd at lloyd@wcnnet.org.

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