



Hess celebration

By RANDY LANGHENRY

It was just the kind of party Karl had in mind. More than 200 people who wanted to celebrate not only "the most loved libertarian," but also a friend and neighbor, gathered in West Virginia on June 11 to celebrate the life of Karl Hess. They came from as close as next door and as far away as Oregon and California.

Yes, there were a few tears, but mostly conversation, laughter, joy, and love. Music filled the air, as Dean Ahmad played guitar and sang of Thomas Jefferson and liberty. Children, including Karl's grandson Patrick, ran, laughed, and played all day and into the night, breaking the rules of "normal bedtimes" in a true celebration of season and life.

Dogs romped through the crowd sneaking tidbits off the plates piled high with chicken, fruits, salads, and breads. Beer, wine, and lemonade quenched the thirsts of those who celebrated the entire day.

Many of the guests were celebrated libertarians themselves—best-selling author Doug Casey, former LP vice presidential candidate Tonie Nathan, LP National Director Perry Willis, ISIL officers Vince Miller and Jim Elwood, and many others—but many of the guests were other friends who knew Karl simply and wonderfully as a good neighbor.

Throughout much of the afternoon, one-by-one, guests took to a microphone set up outside under an open tent to recall how Karl had touched their lives. Many spoke of his writing, speaking, and philosophy, but just as many—maybe more—spoke of his kindness, gentleness, sense of humor, and smile.

Karl's long-time friend Bob Kephart was unable to attend, but sent a letter which read in part, "I can't imagine having lived my life without Karl's friendship."

Kephart's sentiments were echoed by all, including one local guest who said he had met Karl for only 20 minutes once, but felt he had to attend.

The day before the celebration, Karl's wife, Therese, and other family members planted a tree in his honor in the front yard of their home on the Opequon Creek outside Martinsburg, WV. They buried Karl's ashes under the tree.

Whenever he left the state, Karl would say out loud, "Be right back, West Virginia."

It's where he wanted to be.

Billions saved

LP in LA leads bond measure defeat

By RANDY LANGHENRY

McDonald's may be able to claim they have served billions and billions of hamburgers, but the Libertarian Party is the only political party (that I know of, at least) that can claim to have saved billions and billions of dollars of taxpayers' money.

For more than 20 years, Libertarian Party members in office have stood fast against increases in government spending, while others have led the fight against tax increases. The total amount of "taxpayer dollars saved" must be reaching a staggering total.

Well, that total jumped by more than \$2 billion last month, when Ted Brown, chair of the LP of Los Angeles County, joined with other LP activists to author the arguments against Proposition 1B and 1C, offered to the voters during the primary election. The arguments were submitted to the secretary of state and published in a ballot pamphlet that voters refer to when determining how they should vote.

Prop. 1B called for, among other things, a bond issue of \$1 billion "to provide capital outlay for construction or improvement of public schools." Prop. 1C called for, among other things, a bond issue of \$900 million "for strengthen-

How about another \$8 billion plus saved?

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ing, upgrading, and constructing public colleges and universities throughout the state."

The Libertarian Party was the only organized opposition to the measures. Those signing on in favor of the bond issues included Gov. Pete Wilson, the president of the state PTA, a local AFL-CIO official, the chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and even Dr. Jonas Salk.

In the argument against Prop. 1B, Brown, along with high school teacher John P. McCready and LP gubernatorial candidate Richard Rider, wrote: "Proponents claim see **Billions** on page 2

A-Z update

Members putting on the pressure

Libertarian activists around the country sprang into action last month to lobby for the A-Z Spending Cut Plan, while the number of congressmen who have signed the discharge petition—which would force the bill onto the floor of the House—inched upward.

According to news reports in mid-June, 203 House members had signed the discharge petition, up from 161 a month before. A total of 218 signatures is needed to pry the bill out of the House Rules Committee, and bring it to the floor of the House.

"I like to think that Libertarian lobbying activities are having an impact," said LP Director of Communications Bill Winter.

The A-Z Spending Cut Plan—which could slash billions of dollars from the federal budget—is sponsored by Rep. Bill Zeff (R-NH) and Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ). The bill is being blocked by House leadership, so Zeff and Andrews are trying to create a groundswell of public support to put pressure on members of Congress to sign the discharge petition. The LP was asked to help in the fight for the A-Z Plan by a legislative assistant to Rep. Zeff in early May.

"Zeff wanted to enlist the clout of the national Libertarian Party because he knows we're a nationwide organization with real grassroots power," said Winter. "And I'm pleased to see that individual Libertarians and state parties are having an impact!"

Some early reports on Libertarian A-Z lobbying efforts:

- New Hampshire: State Chair Jeff Emery released a press release endorsing the A-Z Plan, and publicized it on the front page of their newsletter. "We will undoubtedly field a candidate against [co-sponsor Zeff] this year, but that doesn't mean that we can't acknowledge and support Congressman Zeff's attempt to sell Congress on the need for budget cuts," said Emery.

- Florida: Libertarians are circulating petitions in the 14th Congressional District demanding that Rep. Porter Goss sign the discharge petition. "It's time for free and fair debate on real spending cuts," they noted.

- California: Libertarians contacted Democratic Rep.

Don Edwards, but were unsuccessful in getting his support. "You can count him firmly against HR 406. Seems he thinks it'll lead to all sorts of amendments that won't be double-checked by the various committees. Seems like a lame excuse," said LP member Mark Hinkle.

- Colorado: Information about the A-Z lobbying effort was published in the state party newsletter.

- Minnesota: Libertarians contacted Rep. Rod Grams' office. "They say that he has signed the discharge petitions. That was the easy one," said state party Secretary Jack Stecher. Libertarians also met with staff members of the office of Rep. Jim Ramstad. "Representative Ramstad supports it, has signed or is about to sign the discharge petitions, and appreciated our help. This brings the number of favorable replies we've had to two (out of Minnesota's eight representatives)," said Stecher.

- Ohio: Donald Gallick, secretary of the Ohio LP, received written assurance from Rep. Deborah Pryce that she had "recently signed the discharge petition to bring H.R. 3266 to the floor."

Also, the national LP office sent a camera-ready "advertising" insert to every state party and encouraged them to run the insert in their newsletters, or distribute them at meetings. The one-page insert has all the information state party members need to participate in the A-Z lobbying effort.

On the Washington political front, according to news reports in late May, conservative House Democrats were unable to reach an agreement with House leadership to restrict the parameters of the A-Z debate, should it reach the floor of the House. The leadership wanted to limit the debate to entitlement programs, and declare the \$541 billion worth of discretionary programs off limits.

Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-TX) and 24 other Democratic co-sponsors to the A-Z plan said they will continue to withhold their signatures from the discharge petition until "better procedures" are put in place to "guide the spending cut debate." For example, the group wants to require five days of public notice for review of each spending cut see **A-Z** on page 5

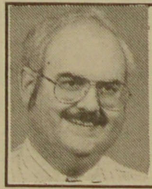
We are the opposition

As reported in this month's update on Project Healthy Choice, Mike Tanner of the Cato Institute recently appeared on an NBC Town Hall forum on health care. With the exception of one comment by a small businessman, Tanner voiced the only opposition to expanding the role of government in the health care system.

As with so many other issues today, the Republicans on the panel failed to defend the free market. Sen. Dole's comment, to the effect that if we all work together we can work it out, is merely a prelude to appeasement. Republicans like Dole hope that by giving in to a small expansion of government into health care, they can delay a larger expansion. They aren't prepared to fight for free-market health care.

The problem is, even if their strategy succeeds, the government will still continue to grow. New bureaucracies will be created, and they will grow. Government spending and taxation will grow as well. Health care will be rationed, and its quality will decline. Whether slowly or quickly, the result will be the same. The State will grow, at the expense of both our health and our liberty.

We've already seen the effects of this strategy of appeasement in the debate over our right to keep and bear arms. Republicans talked about hunting and target shooting—and lost. The Brady Bill is now law, the ban on semi-automatic weapons is part of a crime bill that is sure to pass, and Brady II looms on the horizon. Republicans could have stopped the Brady Bill with a filibuster, and didn't. They can still stop the ban on semi-automatic weapons, but they won't. And, when Brady II rolls around, they won't go to the mat over that issue either.



From the Chair

Steve Dasbach
National Chair

Only the Libertarian Party openly defends the true purpose of the Second Amendment—to protect the inherent right of free men and women to protect themselves from tyranny, be it foreign or domestic. On this issue, as with the debate over health care, we are the opposition.

Republicans talk about balanced budgets—but no Republican president since Eisenhower has had the guts to submit one to Congress, and fight for it. Even when Republicans controlled both the White House and the Senate, tax revenue increased, total government spending increased, and the national debt increased.

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Proposition 1B won't raise taxes. Where do they think the money will come from to pay for \$1 BILLION in bonds, plus \$800 million interest over 20 years? From the taxpayers, of course. Bonds are NOT free money!"

The LP did not just oppose the bonds, it also offered an alternative to them. "Instead, let's fire unnecessary bureaucrats and use their salaries to lease commercial space. Better yet, give parents and kids a choice: tax credits or vouchers so they can afford more efficient private schools."

In their argument against 1C, the Libertarians—Jon Petersen, Brown, and Rich-

ard Newhouse—reminded voters that there is no end to the request for taxpayers' money. "Two years ago voters narrowly passed Proposition 153, a \$900 million higher education bond. Now the politicians want taxpayers to pay another \$900 million in bonds, plus \$700 million in interest, over 20 years. These politicians just don't get it. The people of California know the economy is floundering. We are sick and tired of higher taxes and more government spending. And bonds almost double the cost of any government project."

Final results showed Prop. 1B was de-

dangered species" with their plows.

As each new atrocity occurs, we can expect a few politicians in the established parties to wring their hands, make a few speeches, and do nothing. Only the Libertarian Party can be counted on to oppose any threat to our liberty, whatever the source.

We are the opposition. But to become effective, we must grow. We must reach out to every group whose liberty is under attack. We must help them understand that in unity, there is strength. We must help them realize that building an effective Libertarian Party is the most pragmatic way to protect their liberty, that continuing to support Democrats and Republicans will result only in appeasement.

As our Founding Fathers understood, "we must hang together, or surely we shall hang separately." As with them, the future of liberty lies in our hands. We are the opposition—and this is a war that we must win!

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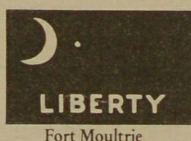
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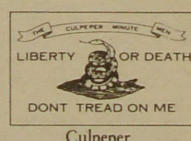
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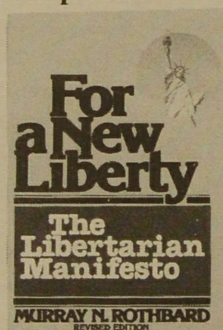
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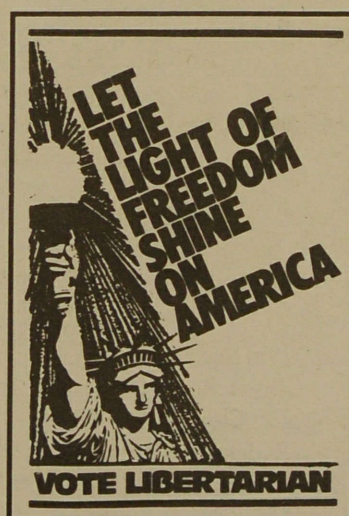
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Cato's Tanner pushes free-market health care on network TV

Free-market health care ideas made the leap to prime-time network television in June, thanks to an appearance by Mike Tanner of the Cato Institute on an NBC television "Town Hall Meeting" on June 21 - a publicity breakthrough that the national LP headquarters helped arrange.

During the taping of the show, Tanner got an opportunity to sharply rebut "single payer" proposals, was screamed at by another expert, and got a frosty reception from Hillary Clinton.

The appearance came about after NBC called Libertarian Party headquarters in Washington. "They wanted to discuss including the libertarian viewpoint on their health care special," said Director of Communications Bill Winter. "They said they wanted to present all different points of view. I recommended several of our elected Libertarians, some LP grassroots activists, and Mike Tanner at the Cato Institute."

The Cato Institute is one of the nation's leading non-partisan libertarian think tanks.

Tanner, who is also one of the authors of the Libertarian Party's Project Healthy Choice, got his moment in the spotlight on the issue of single payer plans.

"Maria Shriver came up to me with a microphone and said something like, 'Here's Mike Tanner with the Cato Institute. He says this is nothing short of socialized medicine and he's angry about it,'" recounted Tanner. "I got about two min-

utes to respond, and said that every socialist national health care system in the world rations health care. I gave examples from Canada and England."

Tanner's presentation drew an immediate loud response from Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, from Physicians for National Health Care. "She was so angry that she jumped up and started screaming at me in the middle of [my talk]. She said I was a shill for the insurance industry, which is making money off the pain of the American people. I got another minute to respond," said Tanner.

Tom Brokaw hosted the forum, and other guests included Bob Dole, George Mitchell, C. Everett Koop, and Hillary Clinton - who "spent 20 minutes explaining why her plan was wonderful," said Tanner.

Tanner said Dole did a terrible job of presenting any semblance of free-market alternatives to the Clinton plan. "Dole was like a zombie—he mumbled something about if we all work together we can work it out," said Tanner.

Overall, Tanner said he was disappointed by the biased nature of the program. "It was a two-hour propaganda piece for the Clinton health care plan," he said. "It was much more biased than I thought it would be. The panels of experts were weighted heavily in favor of the Clinton plan, and the audience was overwhelmingly pro-national health care. Free-market reforms were not

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discussed at all."

Tanner also got an opportunity to speak to Hillary Clinton, who was seated directly in front of him.

"During a break, I introduced myself, and said I was from Cato Institute," he recounted. Her response was, 'Oh yes... the Cato Institute.' Her tone was frigid. I also asked her about Medical Savings Accounts. Her response was, 'We looked at that; they won't work.'"

Tanner said the program also briefly featured another famous Libertarian, radio talk show host Gene Burns. "They showed a clip of Gene from his radio show. He compared national health care to the failures of Medicare, Social Security, the VA hospitals, and the Post Office," said Tanner.

In other Project Healthy Choice news:

• The national LP headquarters arranged two more radio interviews to promote the

Libertarian Party's free-market health care alternative. LP National Committee member Don Ernsberger was scheduled to appear on the Peter Weissbach show on KOGO Radio in San Diego, CA, on June 22. National LP Chair Steve Dasbach was slated to be a guest on the Sam Elliot program on WIBW Radio in Topeka, KS, on July 5.

• The Life Extension Foundation in Hollywood, FL, has endorsed the LP plan, writing in its newsletter "Life Extension Report," "The only health care plan we've seen to date that truly recognizes the fundamental necessity for health care freedom has been proposed by the Libertarian Party. The Libertarian Plan has the courage and good sense to propose replacing the FDA as a means of liberating us from government oppression."

• The LP of Tennessee circulated petitions at its May meeting "urging Congress to reject the various socialized medicine schemes."

• LP activist Keitt Miller of Lakeland, FL, got the entire Project Healthy Choice summary printed in the *Winter Haven News-Chief* newspaper, in a column entitled "Libertarian Perspective."

• Miller also had a personal meeting with Rep. Charles Canady (R-FL) on June 1, to explain Project Healthy Choice. "Overall, he was pretty positive," said Miller. "He liked the Medical Savings Accounts and the tax equity."

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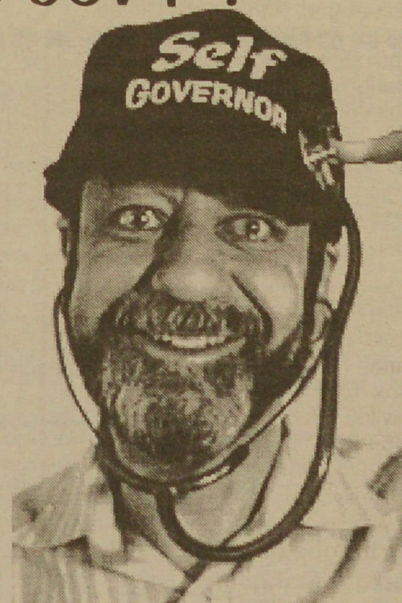
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Gun rights march on DC planned

A gun rights group is planning a march in Washington, DC to bring national attention to Second Amendment issues, and is inviting Libertarians to participate.

The Committee of 1776 has scheduled the rally for Aug. 14, at the Lincoln Memorial.

"We want the rally to be grassroots and massive, to send a message," said Ron Long, one of the principle organizers. "Be in Washington to send a message to this administration that this attack on our liberties will not stand!"

Long said the Committee of 1776 is organizing the rally with support from Gun Owners of America, the JPFO, and 37 other groups in 25 states. The Libertarian Party is helping to publicize the march, but is not officially sponsoring or authorizing the event.

To receive more information or to volunteer to be a state or local coordinator, call 803-269-6704.

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proposal.

Zeliff charged that this is a "stalling tactic," and that the Democrats are looking for "political cover."

The "A-Z Spending Cut Plan" consists of two parts:

- House Resolution 406, to set aside 56 hours of House time to debate proposals to reduce federal spending. Every program, entitlements included, would be on the table. There would be an on-the-record "yes or no" vote on each spending cut. No tax increases could be considered.
- House Bill 3266, to provide for automatic reductions in congressional spending limits by the amount of the cuts, so the savings couldn't be redirected into other government programs.

"This is a bill that every Libertarian can support. It does nothing but reduce federal spending," said LP national chair Steve Dasbach.

"The A-Z plan would reveal the hypocrisy of any member of Congress who intones that he or she favors less government spending in the abstract but then steadfastly resists any actual attempt to trim spending," said Michael Schuyler of the Institute for Research on the Effects of

Taxation.

What Libertarians can do

- Call or write your congressperson. Urge them to sign the discharge petition for the "A-Z Spending Cut Plan" if they haven't done so already.

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LP campaigns heating up

Alabama

The state party elected the following new officers at its recent convention: **Mike Probst**, chair; **Steve Dow**, vice chair; **Anemari Stancil**, secretary; and **Bob Burns**, treasurer.

Alaska

At the state convention in mid-May, the party re-elected the following officers: **Len Karpinski**, chair; **Ed Hoch**, vice chair; **Debie Bloom**, secretary; and **Damon Cruz**, treasurer.

Karpinski, Eric Skidmore, and Ronda Marcy are working on an initiative to re-legalize marijuana for adults.

Arizona

LP candidate for governor **John Buttrick** participated in a candidate forum at the University of Arizona. All of the candidates, except Buttrick, backed increased funding for higher education—not surprisingly. Buttrick suggested government should stay out of education and stick to its only proper role of securing our rights.

Scott Grainger, who manages his own fire protection engineering firm in Mesa, has announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate. Grainger is new to the LP, but said he decided to run because of his strong feelings about individual liberty, individual responsibility, and the need to release busi-



National pulse

News from the states

ness from the shackles of government.

California

Libertarians in Torrance have formed the **Karl Hess Supper Club** as a tribute to the former NEWS editor.

LP candidate for governor **Richard Rider** created some controversy by formally endorsing his opponent, Republican Ron Unz.

"Clearly, Ron Unz represents the limited government alternative to stealth Democrat Pete Wilson," Rider said. "After meeting with Ron several times and listening to Wilson's petulant whining in last week's radio debate [late May], I have come to recognize that Ron Unz represents the only hope for the future of our decaying state economy, not to mention the decaying Republican Party."

Rider was quick to point out that Unz is definitely no Libertarian, disagreeing with Libertarians on such issues as legalizing drugs. However, Rider said he was pleasantly surprised at Unz's opposition to the unconstitutional asset forfeiture laws so cherished by Wilson and Kathleen Brown. Rider also feels the key campaign issue is



PENNSYLVANIA OFFICEHOLDERS - State Libertarian Party officeholders gathered at the recent Pennsylvania convention. Shown in the photo are: Back row (l to r) - Vance Mays, Tim Moir, Ted Slampyak, Ken Sturzenacker, Danielle Cauley, John Erb, Berlie Etzel, Fred Crocker, Michael J. Goldman, and John Patta; Front row (l to r) - Todd Zollinger, Robert Trump, and Christopher Davis. Not pictured are Stephen Mattox, Hugh Odner, and Bill Vogt.

the state economy, and he said he believes Unz would reverse Wilson's disastrous policies.

Rider noted, however, that if Unz lost the primary to Wilson, Rider would pick up where Unz left off. "If Wilson wins the Republican Party primary," Rider said, "I will campaign full-time to win the November election, or at least assure that Pete Wilson loses. I will siphon off conservative and libertarian Republicans, pro-gun advocates, school voucher supporters, and helmet law opponents who otherwise might have held their noses and voted for Wilson. If Republicans want to hold on to the office

of governor, they would be wise to vote for Ron Unz in the primary."

This endorsement of Unz did not represent the official position of the state LP, only that of candidate Rider.

Wilson did defeat Unz in the Republican primary in early June, so Rider is now campaigning full-time to win in the general election.

Rider filed a lawsuit against a local tax increase several years ago and won. That saved San Diego County taxpayers more than \$1 billion, and the far-reaching precedent probably has saved California taxpayers

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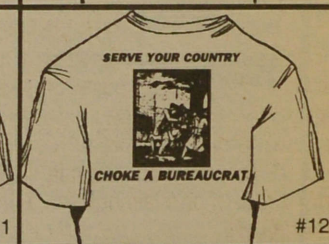
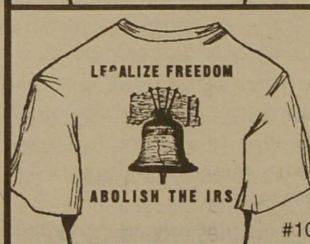
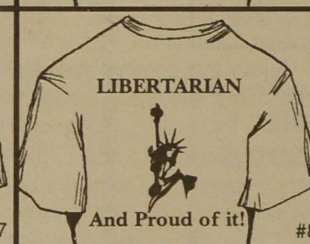
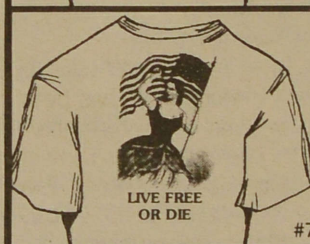
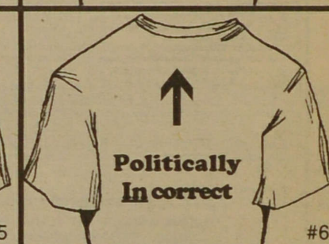
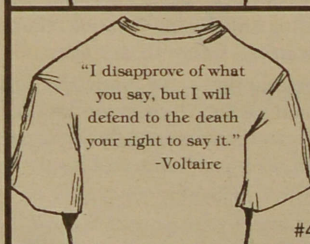
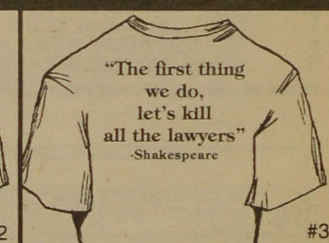
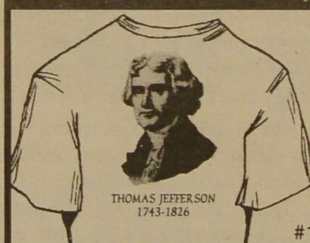
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HOW TO MAKE A FORTUNE PRACTICING AND SPREADING FREEDOM

As a professional consultant I've worked with computers for many years. Among other companies, I've studied Microsoft to determine why it has been so successful. Why has it overtaken IBM in terms of market valuation? Microsoft basically sells software programs to make computers more efficient and effective and easier to use. We could call Microsoft's programs “computer success programs.” At the time Microsoft was created its potential could have been measured by the difference between how successful computers were at that time compared to how successful they could become. There was a gap between what was and what could be. This gap represents potential. By utilizing this gap of potential, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates became a billionaire and the richest man in America.

In human affairs there is also a gap between what is and what could be. We suffer from “human failure programs” (like government!) that keep us as society stuck at a low level. The gap between what is and what could or should be represents potential. **This potential is vastly greater than the potential that enabled Bill Gates to become the richest man in America.**

TERRA LIBRA

Terra Libra is a phenomenal societal breakthrough for taking advantage of the gap between what is and what could or should be. Terra Libra is a worldwide free country that extends across national borders. It's an information-based rather than a territorial country. Its inhabitants are Free Sovereign Citizens.

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TERRA LIBRA STRATEGY

When you oppose something, or try to reform it, you encounter opposition. Your effort elicits an almost automatic counter-effort. Terra Libra does not attempt to change, oppose, reform, or overthrow any political or economic systems. We simply create our own voluntary alternatives. In fact, Terra Libra does not threaten or challenge the authority of any legitimate governments.

The bogus power of illegitimate freedom-violators depends on the support of their victims. Terra Librans find practical ways to legally, elegantly, and safely withdraw their support. The

power of illegitimate freedom-violators is tenuous — flimsy, fragile, and of little substance. Understanding the dynamics of human power enabled Mohandas Gandhi to defeat the armed might of the British Empire without firing a shot. The armed might of the East German freedom-violators, backed by 300,000 Russian troops, could not keep the Berlin wall standing. When the victims of the soviet freedom-violators withdrew their support, the Soviet Empire collapsed overnight.

Because of currency debasement (inflation), huge budget deficits, property seizures, Nazi-like terrorism, and other criminal violations, many freedom-violators are destroying their own coercive power systems. They are rapidly losing control.

We distinguish three sectors: the **public** sector, the **private** sector, and the **free-enterprise** sector. The **public sector** operates on the principle of coercion: the force of the gun. The **private sector** mixes coercion and freedom — politics and business. People in the private sector enjoy a modicum of freedom. However, they obey, bribe, and finance the freedom-violators of the public sector. They often obtain special privileges such as monopoly licenses, subsidies, tariff protection, and welfare from the freedom-violators.

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Terra Libra is the free-enterprise sector of the world. Terra Librans create voluntary institutions in areas such as education, currencies and banking, justice, communications, energy, etc. As the coercive institutions of the freedom-violators worsen and collapse, people naturally shift their economic activities into Terra Libra — the “**Terra Libra Shift**.”

Freedom Technology enables you to legally, elegantly, and safely shift some or all of your economic activities into the free-enterprise sector. The Terra Libran entrepreneurs who facilitate this shift will become the millionaires and billionaires of the next century. To get an idea of the potential, consider the size of the public and private sectors. These two sectors will fade away or collapse and be replaced by the free-enterprise sector.

Over the years there has been a shift in the nature of power. At one time power was almost totally based on **violence** (coercion). Then power came to be based more on **money** than on violence. In today's world power is based primarily on **information**. This shift in the nature of power is described in the book ***Powershift*** by Alvin Toffler. Territorial countries are based on violence, money, and brainwashing (the perversion of information). Terra Libra is primarily an information-based country. We provide the information that shifts power, resources, and wealth from the freedom-violating elite to Free Sovereign Individuals.

I believe that we maximize our prospects for freedom by applying a wide range of strategies — circumvent, ignore, criticize, ridicule, weaken, reform, and replace the enemy on many fronts. Terra Libra should be viewed as an **adjunct** to other strategies. Our strategy is outlined in much more detail in the Terra Libra reports.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR

Much more has been achieved than space allows me to mention. A few highlights:

- There are now thirty-eight Patrons and fifty Professional Liberators in: Arizona, Arkansas, Australia, Bulgaria, California, Canada, Colorado, Delaware, England, Florida, France, Hawaii, Illinois, Ireland, Jamaica, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Sark (Channel Islands), South Carolina, Texas, Turkey, Washington. (Patrons and Professional Liberators are basically people who provide services related to Freedom Technology, for example, alternative currencies & banking, privacy & asset protection, tax abatement, education, secure communication, etc.)
- We have customers in all fifty U.S. States and dozens of other countries around the world.
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- One of our Professional Liberators operates a private financial services organization in California. Last year his company was raided by freedom-violators. They illegally seized computers, files, and money. Two days later he was back in business. He presented some documents to the appropriate officials, essentially indicating that he is a **Sovereign Individual not subject to their jurisdiction**. In January this year the freedom-violators returned everything they had seized. This was a brilliant application of Freedom Technology.
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Colorado

The Denver LP's 2nd Annual Right to Bear Arms Rally drew more than 1,000 participants. "We're quite pleased," said rally organizer and Denver LP chair **David Segal**. "We tripled last year's turnout."

Florida

At the state party convention in early June officers were elected: **Brian Dietz**, chair; **Len Roughgarden**, vice chair; **Paula Zimmer Crosby**, secretary; and **Sandy Koplowitz**, treasurer. Media coverage was the best ever, including solid news reports on the local CBS and ABC television affiliates, and an interview with former state Chair **Bill Bragg** by the Florida Radio Network.

Candidates were also nominated to run for partisan public offices: **Richard Vajs** of Fort Walton Beach for U.S. House, District 1; **Paul Crumrine**, State House, District 49; **Michael Kerner**, State House, District 98; **Richard Vickers**, State House, District 16; and **Bob Wilson**, State House, District 4.

It is anticipated several state party members will seek non-partisan offices, including **Bill Bragg** for Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Board and **Dr. Sylvia**

Wilson for Santa Rosa County Commission.

Illinois

Libertarians at the **University of Illinois at Chicago** have a new College Libertarian club on campus. **Mark D. Mathes**, group president, reported that the club has been "debating health care with the campus socialists and saturating the medical campus and student body with Project Healthy Choice literature." Membership has already grown to more than 25, and the goal is to double that number by next year. Mathes also reports that College Libertarian clubs are forming at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Harpers College, and local community colleges as well.

Iowa

The state party nominated **Carl Olsen** as candidate for governor and **Brenda Carey** as candidate for lieutenant governor. Both candidates are longtime NORML activists and will be highlighting their opposition to the war on drugs. The goal is to gain 2 percent of the vote, which would assure ballot access through 1998.

Massachusetts

The state party has a new executive director, **Kathleen Sherrod**. Sherrod will be working on the gubernatorial campaign of **Cris Crawford** and concentrating on membership growth. Sherrod is originally from Wyoming.

Michigan

The late **Dick Jacobs**, former LP candidate for governor and U.S. Senate, was honored posthumously with the state's Freedom Fighter Award at the state convention.

During a three-day guest host stint on WRIF radio, music star **Ted Nugent** announced his support for the LP's U.S. Senate candidate **Jon Coon** several times. The Coon campaign reports many calls from "Nugent Commandos" requesting information about Coon and the LP. Nugent is an outspoken supporter of the Second Amendment.

Nebraska

Two LP members qualified for the general election by excellent showings in the state primaries. **Mike Andsager**, the state LP secretary, received 33 percent of the vote in a four-way race for the Lavista City Council. **Klaus Lidner** captured 40 percent of the vote in a three-way race for another seat on the same city council. Lavista is a suburb of Omaha.

New York

Howard Stern's campaign of governor generated an article in *Vogue* magazine entitled "Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Libertarians," and ran next to a photo of Stern. The short piece quotes longtime New York LP activist **Vicki Kirkland** describing what the Libertarian Party is, what it stands for, and some other pertinent information.

It was also announced that the E! Enter-

tainment cable television network would begin carrying a one-half hour show featuring highlights from each day's Howard Stern radio show. Television cameras will be installed in the radio studio to catch all the action. The show was to begin broadcast in late June.

Pennsylvania

During the primary election in May, **Abington Libertarians** conducted a petition drive to place **Ken Krawchuk** on the November ballot as the Libertarian candidate for state representative in the 153rd District. The goal was to collect 300 signatures, but volunteers ended the day with more than 1,000 signatures. "The positive reaction has surpassed our wildest dreams," Krawchuk said. "The large number of signatures, and during a primary no less, reflects the pent-up frustration that most of us have with politicians and government. It would seem that the Libertarian message of less government, less taxes, and less spending has finally come of age, at least here in Abington."

South Carolina

At the state convention, the Libertarian Party gave its 1994 Freedom Fighter Award to **John Harlee** of Florence in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the cause of liberty in South Carolina. Harlee is a certified public accountant and college teacher, and was a founding member of the state LP. Harlee is also editor of the "Southern Libertarian Messenger."

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Shy Libertarian Gives Speeches

"Dear Michael,

"I used to be the shy guy who quietly sat through libertarian meetings. Since I started using your Persuasion Tapes, my communications skills and self-confidence have skyrocketed. I joined Toastmasters, and practiced 'Political Cross-Dressing' and 'Reverse Macho Flashing' from your *Essence of Political Persuasion* on them.

"Now I'm giving libertarian speeches to Service Clubs in my town.

"I used to be Clark Kent. Now I'm faster than Brady Bill bullets, more powerful than an Amtrack locomotive, and able to leap IRS buildings at a single bound."

C.N., San Antonio, TX

1-900 Libertarian Phone Sex?

"Dear Michael,

"The libertarian movement is like 1-900 phone sex. We spend hours talking with people about all the amazing things we're going to do, what it's going to be like and how good it'll feel. We spend hours Liber-teasing each other until we get our fantasy release.

"I'm married. My wife and I have a young daughter. Being a good husband and a good daddy to our little girl takes commitment and work. But I wouldn't trade one minute of my marriage or my family life for any amount of phone fantasy talk.

"I want real individual freedom in my life time. Your *Essence of Political Persuasion* audio tapes have given me the skills and confidence to bring more

people into the libertarian movement and get them active.

"I'm fed up with liber-fantasy. I want liber-reality. We can't lose with the stuff you use. Your Persuasion tapes are the shortest distance between 2 minds."

C.M., Portland, OR

Captain Convinces Commander

"Dear Michael,

"The other night, at a social event, I got into a conversation with fellow officers over foreign policy. My Commanding Officer overheard our discussion and joined in.

"I used your 'Welfare Pigeons' and other Self-Responsibility ideas, 'Political Cross-Dressing', and turned your 'Welfare Junkies' Metaphor into a 'Warfare Junkies' Metaphor. We talked for a couple of hours.

"A few weeks later, I ran into my Commanding Officer at another gathering. He waved me over to his table and introduced me to his guests as the man who had convinced him that Europe should pay for its own defense. He then repeated my persuasive case for his guests. We had an interesting, thoughtful discussion.

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Captain stationed in Germany

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BY MICHAEL EMERLING

At a recent California Libertarian Convention, I met a new member of the Libertarian Party. During our conversation, I asked, "Why are you a libertarian?" He said, "Because no one has the right to initiate the use of force." "What's wrong with initiating the use of force?" "Because," he replied, "all human dealings must be voluntary." A tautology, a restatement of his first assertion. "But why," I asked, "must all human dealings be voluntary?" No answer.

He could mouth the words, but he didn't know the language. A Lip-Sync Libertarian.

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At a Nevada Libertarian Party gathering, I met an ex-Republican, who told me that one reason he left the Republican Party is that their candidate trainings emphasized talking about issues and "shutting up about The Constitution."

He spoke with a reverence usually reserved for The Bible.

"Are these principles and freedoms right because they're in the Constitution or are they in the Constitution because they're right?" I asked.

"They're in it because they're right," he answered.

"Suppose that they were left out of the Constitution, or amended out, or suppose the Constitution were never written," I suggested. "How would you explain and justify them without any reference to the Constitution?" No answer.

He could mouth the words from a revered document, but he didn't know the meaning. A Lip-Sync Libertarian.

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A libertarian recently appeared on one of the tabloid TV talk shows. His mission? To persuasively present a case for a controversial libertarian position.

The show made the McLaughlin Group look scholarly. It was on the level of Professional Wrestling.

The good news? He was no worse than his opponents. The bad news? He was no better.

He's a Generation X libertarian. He doesn't read books. Nor policy papers. Nor allow himself to be briefed by those who have done their homework. He didn't make one memorable, thought-provoking statement, nor offer a single fascinating fact or statistic on behalf of our position.

He mouthed the words that he's heard other libertarians mouth on the issue. He's Lip-Syncing other Lip-Sync Libertarians.

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Lip-Sync Libertarian candidates appear to offer America an undigested, unconnected and unsupported cluster of claims.

Lip-Sync Libertarians don't know the music, can't carry the tune, don't understand the lyrics, but they can fake the performance.

They can parrot the basic libertarian vocabulary. And repeat what they hear other libertarians say.

They haven't examined the meaning of the words they're using. Of the ideas or principles. Of the foundations or the framework. Of the implications and applications.

They haven't read the theoretical nor the empirical research that supports and explains different aspects of libertarianism. Nor have they stood on the shoulders of the giants who came before them.

Bad news used to get the messenger murdered.

Today, bad messengers murder the message.

Lip-Sync Libertarian candidates are bad messengers.

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Some of these candidates are No Book Libertarians. Their friends don't read and they don't either. Besides, they're only running for office. How much do they need to know?

Gives a whole new meaning to Know-Nothing Party, doesn't it?

Some are One-Book Libertarians. They've read the first 68 pages of RESTORING THE AMERICAN DREAM, the scales have fallen from their eyes, and now they're going to save everyone—whether they want it or not.

They don't know enough to intelligently communicate libertarianism. An inadequacy in their personal education is often taken for an inadequacy of libertarianism.

Some are I've-Read-Enough-Books Libertarians. They did their reading years ago. And their thinking, too. They're living off old effort, as a hibernating bear lives off old fat.

It's freedom spring, and it's time for them to forage for new ideas, new research and new books.

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How did we get the Lip-Sync Libertarians? Steve Jobs noticed a similar problem with Apple. He divided people who join a cause into three categories:

A - The most committed, curious and thoughtful

B - Those who are 70% to 80% as conscientious as A's

C - Those who are 50% as conscientious as B's

Then Steve Jobs noted, "A players recruit A players. B players recruit C players."

Apple software evangelist Guy Kawasaki observed, "The effects of superficial members are twofold. First, they cause a high attrition rate because they come and go more frequently than true-blue members. Second, they foster disharmony among members. True believers and superficial members move in different directions and at different paces. If you are negligent, your organization will secrete the slime of a new status quo instead of the aura of a cause."

"Avoiding superficiality is easy: Don't lower your standards. . . It's quality, not quantity."

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In life, we begin to learn language by lip-syncing, by repeating happy "mama" and "dada" sounds. With more exposure, experimentation and practice, we grow and learn and grasp.

In libertarianism, we begin by lip-syncing, too. With reading, reflection and conversation, we move from primary to secondary to college levels of libertarian learning.

Lip-Sync Libertarians should be encouraged to learn, not leave. To grow, not go.

As they develop greater knowledge and understanding, they become better able to present libertarianism, and represent libertarians. More qualified to become Libertarian candidates, spokespersons and leaders.

But having Lip-Sync Libertarians run for office or repre-



sent the party is like having pre-schoolers exemplify the value of education.

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Here are a few steps you can take immediately.

1. Improve yourself first. Work on your own swimming skills a few months before you try to become a lifeguard.

2. Using Steve Jobs' A, B and C designations, make certain that you're in the A or B+ category if you want to represent the Libertarian Party as a candidate, spokesperson or leader. Make sure you're at least a B if you want to be an activist or organizer.

3. With thought and effort, you can actively elevate yourself into a higher category. A's can become A+'s. B+ Libertarians can become A's. B's can become B+'s and then A Libertarians. As you develop yourself, you become qualified for greater responsibility and influence. Each level has limitations and possibilities.

4. Most new members will be B and C Libertarians. Bring them in; don't push them out. Recruit good grade ore, then refine it into purer metals. Don't ask people to get fit before you let them join the health club.

(Years ago, some libertarians tried to read everything, while doing nothing. Today, Lip-Sync Libertarians try to do everything, while reading nothing. This is a false dichotomy. We need educated, informed, thoughtful, articulate spokespeople and candidates.)

5. At Libertarian gatherings, ask different people, "What's the last book you read...cover-to-cover? When did you read it? Tell me about it? What was the author's key point? What was his evidence or argument?" Ask more questions. You'll learn a lot in an evening. And the other person will clarify and connect...and learn by teaching.

6. Stop understanding what the other person says too soon. What questions would you ask if you didn't understand? Ask them. How does he know? Where does the argument lead? What else can you learn? How will the other person grow if he isn't challenged to grapple with the words, ideas, principles and proposals? Isn't asking the answer?

Lip-Sync Libertarians can learn the music of freedom. When we start asking more of them, and refusing to let them fake it, they'll grow. Even Milli Vanilli learned to sing and perform - while it wasn't perfect, it was real.

Campaign '94

Fight 'em

Chandler enters battle again in GA

Promising to adopt an updated Georgia state party platform that presents the Libertarian Party as the party not of the past but of the future, Libertarian lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Walker Chandler has begun his second campaign to spread the libertarian message and capture the lieutenant governorship away from incumbent Pierre Howard.

"It will be an uphill battle," the 46-year-old Zebulon criminal law attorney said, "because Mr. Howard's is the party of big government and as such he has many friends who stand to gain at the taxpayers' expense."

"But what can honorable people do," he said, "when faced with ever-expanding, ever-demanding, and socialistic government? We have a choice: fight 'em or join 'em," he concluded.

And fight them he does. Last month Chandler joined with two other LP candidates, Sharon Harris, candidate for state agriculture commissioner, and James Walker, candidate for the state house, in filing a federal lawsuit seeking to overturn a state law requiring candidates for public office to take drug tests. Chandler claims the state law violates the constitutional right to privacy.

As a candidate in 1990, Chandler and his running mate, Carole Ann Rand, filed suit against the state when it televised debates between the Republican and Democratic

candidates and excluded the LP candidates.

"It was just what one can expect in a socialist country: Only the socialist candidates are allowed on the government's television station," he said.

Chandler was also the lawyer for the libertarians who successfully filed suit in 1984 against Georgia's antiquated ballot access laws which are designed to prevent minor parties from competing with the two major parties.

"People who think we have electoral freedom in this country are simply unaware of what the Democrats did to the people of Georgia in 1943," he said, referring to the creation of election barriers at that time by the state general assembly. "They just don't want competition—that's Pierre Howard's party."

Chandler has refrained from making any negative comments about the Republican Party. The LP, although refusing to endorse any Republican candidates, did decline to run a candidate for the state's gubernatorial position this year following Democratic Gov. Zell Miller's signing of a bill this year eliminating a run-off election. During the last election, the LP held the balance of power in the U.S. Senate race, thus sending the contest into a run-off.

"I was going to be our candidate (for governor)," Chandler said, "but we sure didn't want to hand Miller the election on the silver platter of his own making. It's bad

"I can't imagine Thomas Jefferson and George Washington [taking a drug test] because the king told them to."

— Walker Chandler

enough that he's had the silver spoon of government in his mouth this long."

Some state political experts believe a Libertarian gubernatorial candidate would take votes from the Republican Party and with the removal of the run-off election ensure a Democratic victory.

Chandler said he looked forward to the campaign and offering the public fresh ideas.

"I wanted to paint the opposition with the tar brush of socialism, but a more positive, forward-looking image will be projected. We are the party of the future!" he said.

Chandler was born in Atlanta and attended the University of Virginia and Mercer Law School in Macon, GA. He is married, has three children, and enjoys canoeing, soccer, horseback riding, and is active in the Boy Scouts.

For more information write Committee to Elect Walker Chandler, 610 Hillpine Drive, Atlanta, GA 30306, or call 706-567-3882.

Green in Santee race

Certified Public Accountant Steve Green recently announced his candidacy for Santee City Council in California.

Green is touting his successful leadership in opposing a proposed \$18 million property tax hike last year. Its defeat caused the city council to remove a related \$28 million recreational tax hike from the ballot.

"Defeat of those two measures has already saved taxpayers \$46 million. Too often, too late, voters find out that elected officials say one thing on the campaign trail and do another once in office," said Green. "I've already proved where I stand—using my own resources to defeat a burdensome tax which backers tried to levy during California's worst recession in over 50 years."

Green said, "My chief concern is for working people, who are the true source of public funds. We can always count on hearing from special interests whose sole income depends upon increased public spending. But those of us who are busy earning our own living often find it difficult to fight off the unrelenting pressure—a nickel here, a dime there—of those who stand to gain from tax-financed projects. Each of us has a family budget, and we know when to say 'no.' I want to keep that same spirit alive in the Santee City Council."

For more information, write Steve Green for City Council, P.O. Box 712551, Santee, CA 92072-2551, or call 619-562-8705.

Carlan for CA assembly

Al Carlan is running a spirited campaign for the California State Assembly in the 54th District.

Carlan has long been concerned with the lack of response by local government officials to the views and concerns of the public. He said he is convinced "that the only way to stop abuse of power at the local level and return control of the government to the voters is to curb local governmental power at the state level."

Carlan, who has already made numerous public appearances, said there is a need to "stop passing those 'pork barrel bills and barnacles,' which are the principal source of corruption and bribery."

Carlan, 64, lives in Rancho Palos Verdes and is married and has three children. He is the corporate president and founder of Power Components, Inc., and has been an engineer and aerospace consultant. He is also a former U.S. Marine Corps officer.

For more information, write Al Carlan for State Assembly, 4951 Rock Valley Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

Full slate

Moore stresses gun rights in CT

In Connecticut, a full slate of candidates on the Libertarian Party ticket is expected for this November's elections. The following people have announced that they will be running for statewide or federal office in the state of Connecticut as Libertarians: Wildey J. Moore, U.S. Senate; Robert Loomis, governor; Carl Vassar, lieutenant governor; Janice Loomis, secretary of state; Thomas Ross, treasurer; Jim Hock, comptroller.

In addition, Howard Grayson and other individuals also will be running for various offices. It is expected that there will be state legislative candidates and also U.S. House candidates in various parts of the state.

U.S. Senate candidate Wildey J. Moore believes that the only two choices are bondage and liberty. He is running against incumbent U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), a very liberal tax-and-spender. Moore supports fully the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. He has been in the business of manufacturing and selling guns

for more than 35 years. He came to the Libertarian Party because he no longer believes that there is moral integrity in our government and the major political parties.

Moore's campaign will be a grassroots effort by Libertarians and non-Libertarians to help build name-recognition as well as get petitions to put these individuals on the ballot. More than 15,000 signatures will be necessary. Already Moore and volunteers have been distributing LP signature petitions at gun stores, and door-to-door distribution also may occur in the near future.

Moore is focusing on the fact that government has become too intrusive. He especially wants to stop OSHA, EPA, and BATF from continuing to take away our freedoms and rights. He believes that "regulatory agencies could shut down the firearms industry without recourse through the judicial system" and therefore holds the position that the Second Amendment itself is in danger. Moore said, "The encroachment on our right to bear arms,

along with so many other rights, is no longer something that just MIGHT happen—it HAS happened."

Some of the groups that Moore will be targeting for support on his campaign are United We Stand of Connecticut, the NRA, "Save Our Schools" (a group of concerned citizens against outcome-based education and extremist multiculturalism), taxpayer associations, and others. The party is building a solid foundation of support.

Moore wants to make sure he is included in the debates and wants to confront incumbent Lieberman and the Republican candidates on the important issues facing our nation.

Carl Vassar, the Libertarian lieutenant gubernatorial candidate, is the current Connecticut LP party chair.

For more information about the LP campaigns in Connecticut, call Wildey J. Moore's campaign office headquarters at 203-350-5431, or fax 203-354-7759.

Talking points

A look at taxes and spending, drugs, education, and more

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty). Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

Issue: Taxes and spending

Not only is taxation theft, but it is uneconomical: "According to a new Tax Foundation study - for 90% of U.S. corporations (that is, companies with less than one million dollars in assets) the total cost of complying with the 1990 federal income tax code exceeded their income tax liability by 390%. As far as big business is concerned, studies by the University of Michigan show that compliance by the Fortune 500 cost those companies \$1.055 billion. This, of course, doesn't take in the multi-billion dollar cost of running the IRS itself. The fact is that a national sales tax of 20% would more than cover the nation's needs."

Richard Russell, editor of Dow Theory Letters, Jan. 5, 1994.

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A national sales tax, in lieu of all other taxes, would not mollify radical Libertarians (nor should it). It could lead to a lower overall burden, and could make political hay with people who believe in being taxed but who object to the methods used.

Says Edward Crane, president of the

Libertarian talking points

Dave Walter
Editor

Cato Institute: "The income tax code has become absurdly complicated over the years, resulting in what experts estimate is an annual compliance cost to the American people of about \$200 billion." Crane notes that, with a national sales tax, "Instead of grabbing our wallets whenever a politician mentioned 'tax reform,' we could just vote for the candidate who proposed lowering the sales tax." The benefits go beyond the obvious efficiency and productivity that would result from simplifying the income tax codes, says Crane: "(I)t is the psychological impact it would have on the American people, who would suddenly find themselves living in a nation where it was none of the government's business how much money they made or how they made or spent it. The Internal Revenue Service is today an intimidating force in society. The IRS creates in the citizenry a certain deference toward government that is unhealthy for both our freedom and our prosperity. A free society shouldn't tolerate such an agency, particularly when the government doesn't need it to raise revenue."

Crane's article in The Washington Times, April 17, 1994.

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Taxes aren't the only fetters the government throws on the economy. Deficit spending is harmful also. Here's the magnitude of the increases since 1960:

Policy analyst Joel C. White of the National Taxpayers Union Foundation analyzed 32 years of deficit spending using sources such as the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of Management

and Budget. White observes: "In the Kennedy administration, one dollar in deficit spending represented 26 dollars in Gross Domestic Product growth. By the time president Bush left office, that ratio had fallen to a mere 30 cents in economic growth per dollar of deficit spending. While federal debt increased 216.5 percent from 1970 to 1993 in real (after inflation) terms, real incomes have dropped by 15.93 percent. As long as our federal government continues writing down the nation's balance sheet, the country can expect a continued and painful decrease in our living standards."

White quoted in Dollars & Sense, March 1994.

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One of the more outrageous ways the government spends your money has turned up in the federal disability entitlements program. According to a Wall Street Journal editorial, "Last year, more than 250,000 people collected federal disability payments of \$1.4 billion simply because they were addicted to drugs and alcohol. A just-published General Accounting Office study has found that 172,000 substance abusers on disability weren't subject to treatment or payment safeguards." The editorial quoted Bob Cote, director of a private Denver homeless shelter: "Show me a government handout, and I'll show you something that encourages irresponsibility." Cote says that Washington is "helping people commit suicide on the installment plan."

Wall Street Journal editorial, Feb. 8, 1994.

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Government wasters make our job so much easier when we can pepper our speeches with examples such as these:

James Kerasiotes was brought in by Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts to be secretary of transportation and chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. He found, "In 1991, the Massachusetts Highway Department couldn't wash bridges, pick up litter, sweep highways, or cut grass efficiently because it had one foreman for every two laborers... At our transit authority (we uncovered) hundreds of examples of wasteful spending. On my first day as secretary of transportation, a local TV station aired an investigative report call 'Men Not at Work.' They had a hidden camera record a transit labor crew working 52 minutes out of a 7 1/2 hour day!"

Kerasiotes' article in the Wall Street Jour-

nal, May 2, 1994.

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Even the mainstream publications are finally waking to an idea that Libertarians have helped push for two decades, albeit as a way to keep providing "critical" government services:

"After cutting personal and business taxes, (politicians) must reinvent the delivery of government services to lower the costs. That means privatizing public services, deregulating, and cutting bureaucracy to save money to sustain critical social services."

Business Week editorial, Feb. 7, 1994.

Issue:

Decriminalizing drugs

Look who's coming around:

"Just as bootleggers were forced out of business in 1933 when Prohibition was repealed, making the sale of liquor legal (thus eliminating racketeering) the legalization of drugs would put drug dealers out of business. An added plus: There would be far less crowding in our prisons due to drug-related crimes. It's something to consider."

Abigail Van Buren, "Dear Abby," Daily World, May 3, 1994.

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Richard Morin, writing "Unconventional Wisdom" in *The Washington Post*, reported on a speech by Steven B. Duke, a Yale University law professor (he taught Bill Clinton), and author of "America's Longest War: Rethinking Our Tragic Crusade Against Drugs," at the Cato Institute:

"Nearly all drug-related crime is not caused by drug use, but by the fact that drugs are illegal, Duke said. Drugs like heroin and cocaine typically stupify and immobilize the user. The robbing, thieving, and whoring associated with dope start only after the junkie's high ends. Then the addict begins foraging for money to buy more drugs from ruthless dealers who defend their market with violence and murder. Taken together, prowling junkies and violence-prone traffickers generate as much as 50 to 80 percent of all crime in this country as well as 20 to 40 percent of all murders—offenses that Duke claims 'would not exist without drug prohibition.' 'This much is undeniable: the use of drugs themselves causes almost no crime,' Duke said.

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Ironically, the biggest exception is alcohol, which studies suggest promotes violent behavior."

Morin's article in The Washington Post, March 27, 1994.

Issue: Education

More and more parents are turning to "home schooling" as an alternative to government schools. These parents do so for a variety of reasons—they don't like the subject content of government schools, they don't think the teachers are qualified, they love their kids, etc. Patricia Lines, a researcher with the U.S. Department of Education, estimates that 300,000 children are being home schooled. The Home School Legal Defense Association believes the figure is 500,000. Any Libertarian who advocates choice in education is going to be asked if kids who are home schooled learn as much. The answer appears to be yes.

An article by a Massachusetts home schooling parent, Isabel Lyman, maintained: "Brian Ray, president of the National Home Education Research Institute in Oregon, says that in every study done to date, home schoolers have scored equal to or better than conventionally schooled children. Mr. Ray's analysis of 509 home schoolers who took standardized tests in spring 1992 revealed that they averaged at or above the 82nd percentile in every category, including social studies and science. (Prof. J. Gary Knowles), of the University of Michigan, studied 53 adults to see the long-term effects of being educated at home. He summarized his findings as follows: 'I have found no evidence that these adults were even moderately disadvantaged.'"

Lyman's article in the Wall Street Journal, May 6, 1994.

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The above facts, coupled with technological advances, may soon cause home schooling to grow explosively:

Dr. Arthur Robinson, editor and publisher of Access to Energy, says: "Home schooling is . . . limited primarily by family circumstances that prevent many parents from bringing quality education into their homes. This limitation is rapidly being removed by the communications and data storage revolution. Public schools are an irreversibly dying institution. They have killed the messenger, but the message is still true. Soon technology will bring the best American teachers into the homes of American children. The other 2 million will find different occupations."

Robinson in Access to Energy, March 1994.

Issue:

Second Amendment rights

Just a minute. Maybe the ban on "assault weapons" won't be enough to make an appreciable dent in the murder rate:

"Chicago police stats show that there are all sorts of mundane or bizarre weapons used in more crimes than the weapons that Congress just voted to ban. Cutlery: the standard kitchen knife, the boning knife, the carving knife are far more popular. So are the baseball bat, fists and feet, and the automobile."

Mike Royko, syndicated columnist, in the

Tampa Tribune, May 9, 1994.

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Controlling guns just doesn't control crime, as some studies have shown:

Criminologist Don Kates cites research done by Gary Kleck, of Florida State University (Kates notes that Kleck is "an ardent liberal Democrat" and member "of the ACLU and Amnesty International"): "Moreover, widespread private gun ownership is one of the more effective deterrents against crime. Kleck's research finds victims actu-

ally use handguns to defeat crimes three times more often than criminals misuse them committing crimes." Kates also cites the 1989 opinion of Professor Ted Gurr, a member of an Eisenhower Commission that—in the 1960s—advocated making guns less available: "The irony of most gun control proposals is that they would criminalize much of the citizenry but have only marginal effects on professional criminals." And, "Yet another leading criminologist who recants the anti-gun views he once championed is State University of New York Professor Hans Toch, who notes mod-

ern findings that 'when used for protection, firearms can seriously inhibit aggression and can provide a psychological buffer against the fear of crime.'"

Kates' article in the Chicago Tribune, April 5, 1994.

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Karen Scarborough gets additional probation for tax protest

By VIN SUPRYNOWICZ

Scott and Karen Scarborough are two harmless middle-class homeowners from Michigan. They have a daughter in her 20s, finishing trade school. Their most dangerous activity to date has been attending the annual Tax Day protest at the local post office.

But that kind of activity isn't considered harmless by federal authorities in the Eastern District of Michigan; not at all. That's why Scott Scarborough is now in the federal penitentiary in Morgantown, WV, and that's why his wife Karen faced a probation hearing May 18 to determine if she should be sent away, too.

I've written previously about the "great post office bombing" in Royal Oak, MI on April 16, 1990. An eyewitness saw a clean-shaven man who looked nothing like mustachioed Scott Scarborough drop a manila envelope into a mail receptacle there that evening; a phosphorus bomb ignited in that bin soon thereafter, causing minor injuries (none permanent) to the mailman who put it out.

Postal inspectors were so certain Scott and Karen Scarborough had nothing to do with the smoke bomb that they granted them immunity, hoping they would inform on more aggressive local tax protesters.

In fact, one young protester turned out not to have filed tax returns for several years. The feds told him he'd better plead guilty to making the smoke bomb, or he'd do hard time on the tax charges. So young Peter Hendrickson pleaded guilty to the "bombing" as well.

Then this dubious culprit asked if he could avoid jail time altogether if he turned in the "bombing" masterminds. Sure, said the feds. It was Scott and Karen Scarborough, young Pete Hendrickson said. The feds asked for a lie detector test. Hendrickson failed.

Ever creative, however, Hendrickson decided to conceal a cassette recorder on his young bride and tape hours of social conversations with the Scarborougs, in which the two urged Scott Scarborough to admit complicity, taking some heat off Hendrickson.

The Scarborougs refused. The tapes show they refused. But the feds accepted the tapes from Hendrickson, and gave him his deal.

Yet now the prosecutors faced a new quandary: how to charge Scarborough with the bombing, when they'd been granted immunity.

Their creative answer: Call the innocent couple to testify before the grand jury. Ask them if they knew Hendrickson was planning to bomb the post office. When they said no, charge them with lying to the grand jury, based on the fact that Hendrickson had already confessed.

The Scarborougs went to trial in August. Their lawyers challenged the tapes. Made without a warrant, they were largely inaudible.

The defense especially objected to the use of "transcripts" prepared by the prosecution, purporting to represent what was said on a few selected portions of the tapes.

Compromising, Judge Nancy Edmunds ruled the jury could read along with the transcripts in the jury box, but that the transcripts would not be admitted in evidence.

Later the jury sent word from the jury room that they couldn't understand the tapes (of course). Violating her own ruling, Judge Nancy Edmunds sent them the transcripts. They convicted.

Scott Scarborough, a harmless automobile designer with Ford Motors, says prison isn't bad; most everyone is there for refusing to wear a wire and turn in their friends, usually for non-violent drug sales. Typically, Scott Scarborough's main concern in a recent letter was for this reporter, after he heard of attempted federal reprisals against me—including a letter from chief U.S. Attorney for Eastern Michigan Alan Gershel to my employers, questioning my professionalism for syndicating columns about the Scarborough case.

Karen Scarborough was given probation. Though a victim of juvenile diabetes who has undergone three kidney transplants, she remains unbowed, has remained active in the Michigan Libertarian party, and again this year took part in a peaceful April 15 tax protest.

That's why—are you ready—Karen Scarborough was back in court in May, facing charges that she violated her probation by attending the tax protest "without permission" of the federal government.

Parole violations, of course, usually consist of plotting violent crimes with known felons. Dangerous convicts violate their paroles every day by the thousands, so overburdened is the system. Yet Karen Scarborough was threatened with jail for attending a peaceful demonstration. What else would constitute a parole violation in Eastern Michigan, I wonder: writing a letter to the editor?

"Obviously, I didn't think I was doing anything I wasn't allowed to do, or I wouldn't have given interviews to the TV reporters there," Karen said. "That's what really got them upset; they've been trying to shut down our tax protest for years, and they'd succeeded for three years till I got it going again." IRS spies also reported Karen held a sign reading "Free Scott Scarborough."

In the end, Judge Nancy Edmunds apparently saw no way to imprison Karen Scarborough, since her signed probation agreement mentions no ban on peaceful political expression. So, after fuming that she found it "absolutely unbelievable" the Michigan housewife didn't realize such activities were banned (reinforcing the suspicion that unpopular political expression is what this whole case was about in the first place), she settled for doubling Karen's probation from eight to 16 months, and restricting her to her house on evenings or weekends, as well as declaring permanent the ban on visits to her husband.

Cutting off visits to Scott after her first

two (approved) trips was the first thing her new probation officer did. Karen says, "He said I have a bad attitude and I'm angry. Well, yes, I'm angry."

Did I mention that the appeals court found the bait-and-switch with the tape transcripts so onerous they granted an expedited appeal hearing for March? Did I mention prosecutor Terence Berg (Gershel's right-hand man) claimed he wasn't ready to argue his case in March and so got a delay till June 23?

Did I mention someone called Karen Scarborough's insurer, claiming to represent Ford Motors, and managed to briefly cut off her health insurance, without which her life is at risk?

So the next time some blowhard congressman tells you he's going to reduce crime in your neighborhood by locking more people up, ask him if he means Scott and Karen Scarborough of Waterford, MI. And if you've ever expressed a critical thought about the government, don't worry, you may even meet them soon... because we're next.

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North Carolina State LP appeals election law ruling

The Libertarian Party of North Carolina in mid-May filed an appeal of an April Federal Middle District Court decision preventing the LP from running candidates in 1994.

The LP's appeal, filed with the 4th Circuit Court, seeks to overturn portions of North Carolina election laws and allow the party to run candidates in future elections. Specifically, the LP is seeking to overturn a state requirement that new political parties gain 10 percent of the popular vote for president or governor in order to remain on the ballot for the next general election. Also at stake is the registered party affiliation of Libertarian voters across the state. Current law allows Boards of Elections to unilaterally change the voter registration of Libertarians to "unaffiliated" status.

The five-point federal action began last year after Scott McLaughlin, the LP's gubernatorial candidate, received more than 4 percent of the vote in 1992—short of the total now required by state ballot access laws. In mid-April, the federal district court in Greensboro ruled two portions of the state's statutes unconstitutional, but decided against the party in its contention that three other ballot access restrictions violated the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The aim of the appeal is to challenge the constitutionality of state law requiring petitions numbering only 2 percent of the voters for third parties to initially gain ballot status, while at the same time requiring 10 percent of the vote to remain on the ballot for future elections. The LP contends that both initial petitioning percentages and subsequent vote total percentages should be the same.

"The most important rights we have as citizens are the right to associate together with those who have common political beliefs and to vote for candidates who represent those views," stated the appellant attorneys in a public statement. "The Libertarian Party and those who support its views have been denied those rights by North Carolina statutes. We believe the 4th Circuit Court will correct those errors."

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Affiliates

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The following state party officers were also elected: **Steve Vandervelde**, chair; **Rodney Travis**, vice chair; **Mary Lou Seymour**, secretary; and **David Morris**, treasurer.

South Dakota

LP member **Bob Newland** is a candidate for the state house in District 30. Newland ran for U.S. House in 1992. "I want to do whatever I can to help South Dakotans retain and extend their ability to govern themselves," Newland said.

Tennessee

At the state convention the following officers were elected: **Scott Benson**, chair; **Vernie Kuglin**, vice chair; **Deryl W. Martin**, secretary/treasurer. A fundraising banquet garnered more than \$2,000 to be used for direct mail outreach.

Virginia

Two Northern Virginia Libertarians have announced their candidacies for U.S. Congress. **Bob Rilee** of Herndon is running in the 10th Congressional district in what may turn out to be a two-way race against incumbent Republican Frank Wolf. In the 11th Congressional district, **Gordon Cruickshank** of Vienna will compete in a three-way race.

Washington

Richard Sheppard, a longtime LP activist, recently sued the Secretary of the State Senate and the Chief Clerk of the State House for access to public records, and won his case. Sheppard has been searching to see how public monies are being spent for campaign purposes. Sheppard is following a paper trail utilizing campaign finance, telephone, motor pool, and travel records.

Wisconsin

LP member **Christopher Brewer** is a candidate for the state assembly in the 28th District. Brewer, 27, is a cook in a nursing home, raises pigs, and is the chair of the LP of St. Croix Valley. He will be holding a hog roast on July 24 near Luck, WI, to raise funds for his campaign. For more information call 715-327-4831.

A call to pens (and phones, faxes, etc.)

By **DIEDRE DENNIS**

Wonderful, wonderful news! Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS) added his Private Property Protection Act to the Safe Drinking Water Act (S 2019) in the Senate and that bill PASSED! This amendment will require regulatory agencies to consider the takings implications of each regulation. This is important for property owners, who have to fight the agency in court, and taxpayers, who have to pay to defend the agency.

Now we need to get the same thing done in the House. Urge your representative to support the Senate version of the Safe Drinking Water Act, including the Private Property Protection Act, and the Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis requirements. You can find your representative's local number in the phone book, or you can reach him or her in Washington at 202-224-3121. When you call or write, be sure to identify yourself as a constituent and ask for a follow-up letter explaining the representative's position.

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In order to increase America's savings rate, both chambers have introduced a bill calling for tax-free savings. The Individual Investment Account Act, sponsored in the House by Rep. McCrery (R-LA) and in the Senate by Sen. Breaux (R-LA), would allow anyone to make tax-deductible contribu-

tions to an Investment Account. The proponents of HR 3179 and S 929 emphasize the relationship between investment and economic growth.

McCrery, in his letter to potential co-sponsors, explained that immediate consumption of income imposes a lower tax burden than savings because the benefits of savings, unlike immediate expenditures, are taxed. He believes this is a perverse incentive that discourages savings.

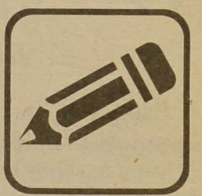
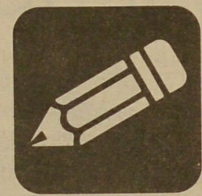
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- Any investment allowed under IRA rules would be allowed in the IIA.

The legislation is fairly new and needs a little nudge to get it off the ground. You know what to do.

Here are some bills from previous columns that are still pending. If you haven't written on them, now's your chance. If you have, be sure you've gotten a response on



each one.

The Dietary Supplements Act (S 784 and HR 1709): The Senate committee released the bill for a vote by the full Senate but no such vote has been scheduled. Urge a vote.

The Truth in Voting Act (HR 3633): The number of co-sponsors has increased to 75 but the bill is still bogged down in committee. It needs more co-sponsors.

The Unfunded Mandates bill (HR 140) has a full 219 co-sponsors. If 218 of them sign a discharge petition, the House will vote on the bill. Urge your representative to sign.

The Asset Forfeiture bills (HR 2417 and 3347): Congress has put them on the back burner but a few good letters could revive them. If your representative has already sponsored the legislation, ask him or her to urge Reps. Schumer (D-NY), chair of the House Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice, and Sens. Breaux (R-WI), ranking Republican on the same subcommittee, to schedule hearings. If you live in NY or WI, your letter is especially valuable.

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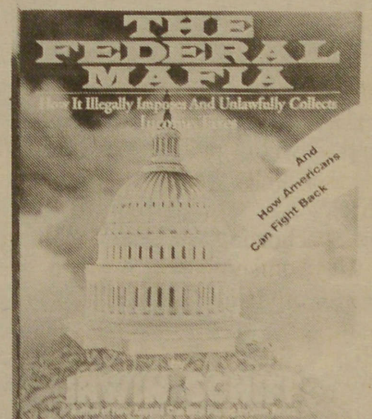
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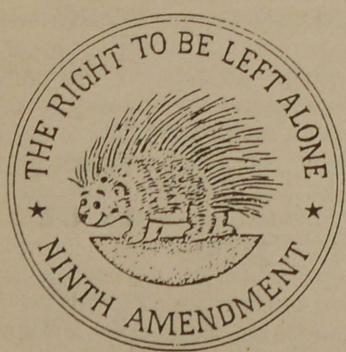
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We hear about the FEC, Howard Stern, and Asia

FEC

I want to take this opportunity to apologize to every member of and contributor to the Libertarian Party for the \$10,500 fine that the Libertarian National Committee recently paid to the Federal Election Commission for FEC reports that were filed late in 1992. I know the last thing you want to see happen to your contributions to the LNC is to have them taken by the government. This happened on my watch as treasurer, and I will accept responsibility for what happened.

Part of the reason for writing this letter is to instill some institutional memory within the party, with respect to the power of the FEC and the importance of the position of treasurer of the LNC.

The LNC was fined a relatively minor amount (\$1,500, I think) for late report filings back in the mid-1980s, but I did not know of this until after this incident. The FEC assesses fines when its rules aren't followed, and its appetite for fine revenues has apparently grown.

This incident also drives home the importance of the position of treasurer of the LNC. I took on the job of treasurer of the LNC in April 1991, when I was already Ballot Access Chair of the party. With 20/20 hindsight, I realize this was a mistake. The fiduciary and regulatory responsibilities of the Treasurer are sufficiently important that a person should focus all his available energies on them. Not be Ballot Access chair, too. Not run for office, too. Just be treasurer and do a damn good job of it. So far as I can see, Hugh Butler has been that sort of treasurer. I hope we'll all give him the moral support he deserves in a frequently difficult, always responsible job.

William Redpath
LP Ballot Access Chair
Herndon, VA



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

Howard Stern

How wonderful it was to see Howard Stern get the endorsement of the New York Libertarian Party! Another colorful candidate at last! Not that the other legion of Libertarian candidates haven't been interesting and qualified. . . but, the overwhelming majority of them seem to fall in the category of. . . conservative Libertarians. Not that being a conservative Libertarian is a bad thing, mind you. I know nothing of being conservative, so I can't knock it.

Perhaps some of the readers might not remember me. . . in 1986, I was the California candidate for lieutenant governor whose past was considered by some to be a little too. . . um. . . racy for the LP. Having spent 10 years with the Los Angeles Police Department before turning honest, surprisingly, it was not my statist career that bothered them, it was the fact that I lived what I believed, that since I owned my own body, therefore I could sell it, rent it, lease it, etc. to anyone I wanted in whatever way I wanted, so long as the parties involved were all consenting. Okay, so I was a whore. . . And proud of it!

When I announced my candidacy in Feb. 1986 to the California Libertarian Party, it was met with a cold shoulder by the conservative faction of the party. Not that I didn't expect some opposition, after all, I was an inexperienced candidate. But that anyone could doubt my commitment to the ideals of freedom, or that I would be an inappropriate spokesperson for those ideals based on the fact that I had chosen a profession that embodied all those ideals—capitalism, the use of one's own property, etc.—now that surprised me!

The problem I see with many of the conservative members of the party is that they want to be Republicans who favor a little bit more personal freedom than regular Republicans as long as they don't have to talk about it, think about it, or deal with it. People like Howard and me represent those who would benefit from greater personal freedom and like to flaunt it.

And it's not as though candidates like Howard and me aren't as firmly rooted in their convictions as the Nancy Lords, Andre Marrous, David Berglands, Ed Clarks, and the many other fine representatives of the party. I believe that Howard Stern's candidacy is based on his personal belief in freedom and desire to see government strictly limited. I know that I am so committed to my beliefs that I was willing to spend 18 months in prison to defend them. And I am willing to do it again, although I certainly hope I never have to.

I am rooting for Howard Stern. I think the very fact that he is a colorful candidate is a boon to the Libertarian Party. I think we need more colorful candidates like him to convince Americans that we have more to offer than a sanitized version of conservative Republicanism. For those who don't have the stomach to endure

candidates like him, those who fear that his candidacy will destroy the hard work they have put into building a "respectable image" for the party, just what kind of freedom did you have in mind for those of us who don't fit your mold? In a libertarian society, would you only grudgingly grant us the right to exist, as long as we quietly sit in the corner and behave ourselves?

I think Howard Stern represents what the Libertarian Party says are its principles. He may not be aggressively championing every Libertarian issue during his campaign, but if he can bring in many new, young freedom-loving Libertarians to the party, isn't that a heck of a lot more than the conservative candidates have done in all the years of being "respectable?"

Norma Jean Almodovar
Panorama City, CA
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I am thoroughly embarrassed by the recent actions of the Libertarian Party of New York. Howard Stern for governor? Well, there goes a quarter century of hard work towards credibility.

For a nomination as important as governor, all LP members in New York should have been given a vote, not just a few people at a stacked convention, most of whom probably couldn't even spell Libertarian, let alone tell what we believe in.

I must have missed Mr. Stern when I was at our convention last September in Salt Lake City. I saw true Libertarian champions, such as Ed Clark, Tonie Nathan, David Bergland, David Nolan, Dick Boddie, Ron Paul, Larry Dodge, John Hospers, etc. Jack Gargan was also there (I guess he deserves our support in his race for governor in Florida more than Mr. Stern does.) Last I heard, there were flights from New York City to Salt Lake City. I guess Mr. Stern didn't come because he might have learned something.

Media publicity and possible ballot status are not worth destroying a quarter century of hard work and admirable principles.

Any individual, who is a pervert and treats women in a sexist manner and as mere objects, is free to run for office—but should not be able to do so with the LP banner unless voted on by the full party membership in that jurisdiction when that nomination is contested by sincere Libertarians.

Paul Pasholk
Columbus, OH
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Watching Howard Stern decimate the LPNY was painful, but far more agonizing was seeing members of our party, presumably principled people, capitulate to this tyrant. . . Stern not only came to the convention but turned it into a circus. He continues to call the shots, again with the full consent of his stooges, and I am sick of it. But I am more disgusted by the actions of those Libertarians collaborating with him.

Some of these people have appeared on the air with Stern, though he mocks our precepts constantly: in one broadcast, he not only asked a cooperating Libertarian with whom he had slept the night before,

but also declared that he does not know or care what libertarianism is and merely wants to use us to attain the governor's mansion (maybe someone should enlighten him that could we achieve that feat, none of his current "friends" would have kissed up to him in the first place).

The pro-Stern faction usually dodges the issue of whether Stern is a Libertarian. Instead, they concentrate on his attaining 50,000 votes and ballot access. Since our last senatorial campaign garnered 108,000, it is a good bet we would have repeated that performance without resorting to non-Libertarians.

The reasons Stern's advocates support him can be found much closer to home: each has a personal agenda to advance, at the expense of liberty, principle, and our party. As Libertarian activists, they have been ignored by the media for most of their lives; it is intoxicating for them to now swim in its limelight, albeit as Stern's lackeys. They are like children, so starved for attention, and should be pitied. But compassion turns to anger when they drag our principles through the dirt to satisfy their own deficiencies.

I will hold each of you who encouraged Stern and his buffoonery personally responsible every time he mocks liberty, derides another of our principles (principles which we have cherished and fought for), or issues another ridiculous statement espousing anti-black or misogynist tripe that is then imputed to our party. I hope that when I am bribed to abandon my principles, I hold out for a higher price than you did.

Becky Akers
Membership Director, NYLP
Brooklyn, NY
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The national news media was full of information recently on the LP nomination of Howard Stern for the gubernatorial nomination for New York. The coverage was welcome, and Stern's nomination may gain major party status for our Libertarian brethren in the Empire State.

The bad news is that, as a result of the nomination, the LP nationwide may have been damaged. Since the nomination, many of the citizens I have been developing to become Libertarians have voiced their concerns with being associated with a party that could nominate Stern. My reply has been that there is much room in the party for divergent points of view and personalities.

As chairman of the Board of Selectman in my town, I have learned that you must first overcome the stigma of being a third-party candidate before anyone takes you seriously. My fear is that Stern will draw much press, but will not be taken seriously (and by association, the party) by the mainstream voter across the nation.

I personally find little to argue with on merit and political points with Howard Stern. I find him entertaining and informative in a risqué sort of way. But when you are trying to build the image and reputation of the party as one of responsibility and solutions regarding serious issues, strippers and bawdy antics do not seem to fill the bill.

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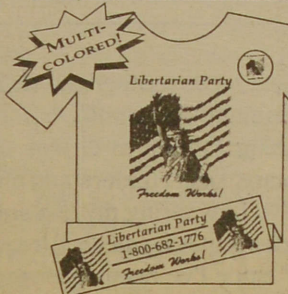
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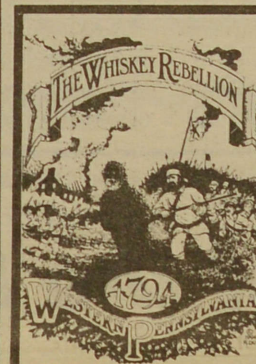
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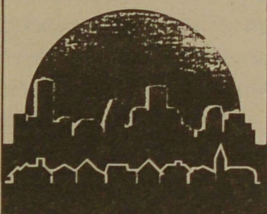
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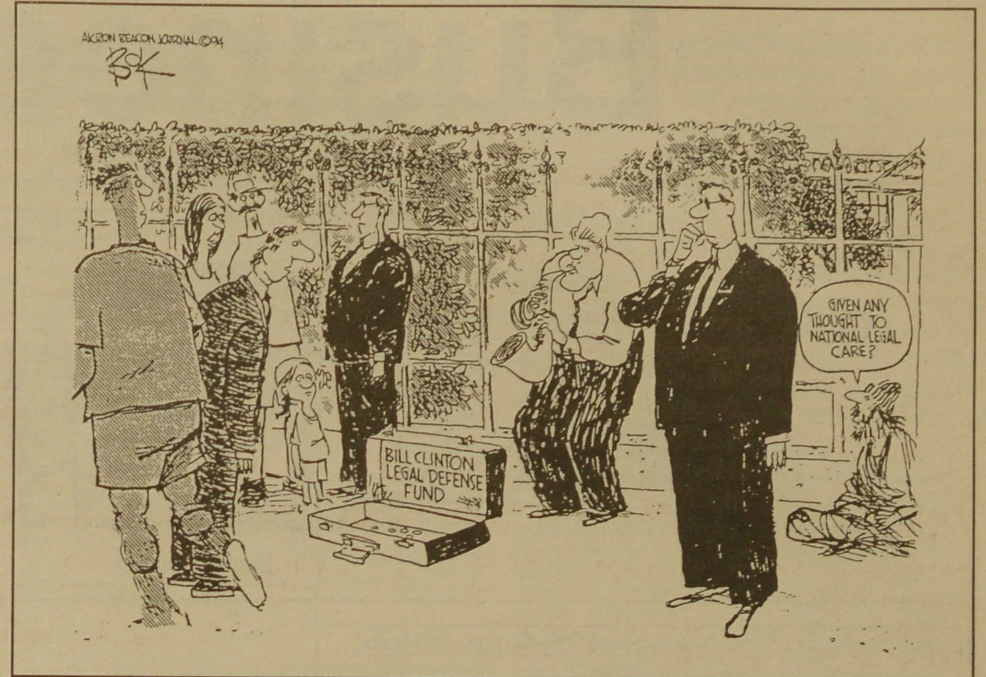
On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

Today I want to bring you up-to-date on national health care. I happen to know quite a bit about this because I had lunch recently with Hillary Rodham Clinton, although she was probably unaware of this fact, because the room also contained several thousand newspaper executives belonging to the Newspaper Association of America (motto: "Keeping You Accurately Informebkljsdfxc"). It was one of those mass luncheons where squadrons of waiters come swooping out of the kitchen carrying trays stacked high with plates protected by steel covers, which they wisk off at your table to reveal, to your astonishment and delight: chicken.

The reason you always get chicken at these affairs is the Federal Interstate Chicken Transport System (FICTS), which was built during the Eisenhower administration to ensure that the nation would still

be able to hold banquet luncheons after a nuclear war. All major hotels are connected via a vast underground network of pneumatic tubes to huge chicken factories in Delaware and Arkansas, where thousands of chicken parts per second (c.p.p.s.) are fed into the tubes under extremely high pressure. These parts sometimes travel thousands of miles before blasting out into hotel kitchens all over the nation, where workers frantically convert them into banquet meals to make room for new incoming chicken, which arrives constantly. (There is no way to stop it; this is a federal program.) Each year hundreds of kitchen workers are injured by chicken breasts traveling



at upward of 400 miles per hour. This is yet another reason why we need to be concerned about health care.

So I was eager to hear Mrs. Clinton's speech before the American Newspaper Association luncheon. It was great. She kept the crowd in stitches with a series of hilarious health-care jokes, such as the one about the guy who goes to see the doctor because he keeps finding turtles in his undershorts.

No, I am kidding. Mrs. Clinton did not tell jokes. I have heard funeral speeches with a higher humor content. Mrs. Clinton is VERY serious about health care. She knows TONS of facts about it. I can tell she's the kind of person who, in sixth grade, had neatly lettered color diagrams and a meticulously executed experiment involving test tubes and petri dishes, clearly demonstrating some complex scientific thing involving enzymes; whereas people like me showed up with last-minute projects featuring Dixie cups and a hastily scribbled cardboard sign with a title like "THREE KINDS OF DIRT."

So I tried to pay close attention as Mrs. Clinton discussed the administration's health-care plan. I would say she's in favor of it. I'm afraid I can't offer much more detail, because health care is one of those issues—another one is the bond market—that my brain refuses to think about.

"PAY ATTENTION!" I'd tell my brain. "The First Lady is explaining health care!" But my brain would drift off, pursuing its own interests, trying to remember the words to the Beach Boys' 1963 song, "Our Car Club," which never gets played on the radio, and for good reason. Mrs. Clinton would be talking about the administrative expenses of Medicare, and my brain would be singing:

"We'll have the roughest and the toughest initiation we can find . . ."

Then Mrs. Clinton would be talking about the inequities of drug pricing, and my brain would be singing:

"And if you wanna be a member, we'll really put you through the grind!"

It's a good thing I'm not in charge of national health care. I can't understand my own medical bills. Last spring my son suffered some injuries requiring medical treatment, and ever since I've been receiving incomprehensible bills from dozens of random medical computers. I'm pretty sure that I'm now paying for medical care given to people injured in the Hindenburg disaster. There's no way to tell, because the bills all look like this:

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Of course I'm sure medical care will become much simpler and more efficient once it's being handled by the federal government (motto: "We Are Not Authorized To Tell You Our Motto"). I'm hoping that Mrs. Clinton and the Congress work out some kind of plan soon, and I'm hoping that it covers routine doctor visits. Because I need to see somebody about these turtles.

Quote of the Month

The following excerpts are from a column written by columnist Michael Prowse in *Financial Times*, May 3, 1994:

"Cynics tend to dismiss libertarians as either cranks or rightwing reactionaries. They say the high-flown rhetoric about 'freedom' is a smokescreen. Rich entrepreneurs support such groups, the argument runs, for selfish reasons: to garner political support for lower taxes, a policy from which they stand to benefit.

Perhaps some backers of libertarian groups do have dubious motives. But this is not an argument against libertarianism: as Adam Smith noted, self-serving behaviour often promotes public welfare more effectively than altruism. Motives in any case have no bearing on the validity of political arguments. While libertarians sometimes welcome support from traditional right-wingers, the philosophy espoused by true believers would make most conservatives cringe...

Since libertarians believe in low, flat taxes and a minimal government (for such functions as defence and law and order), they are often perceived as 'uncaring.' This is somewhat unfair. People's ethics are best judged by their private actions—not by their politics. The proportion of income that individuals freely give to charity is surely a far better gauge of their sympathy for their less fortunate fellows than the shrillness of their calls for higher taxes on the rich and more public spending, much of which only induces dependency in recipients thus further eroding their life chances. The libertarian voice deserves to be heard."

Submitted by John Finerty, Jr., of Washington, DC

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I wish the LP of New York state well. While I am excited about their prospects for winning the battle for major party status, I remain concerned that we have damaged the war effort.

Steve Davis
Wentworth, NH
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Just a quick note to suggest to the LP membership that one certainly positive and immediate benefit of Stern's candidacy: It considerably reduces the opportunities to confuse us with LaRouche!

Dan Karlan
Waldwick, NJ

NH Primary

Having just received a Progress Report from LP headquarters in Washington, I am reminded of a really smashing publicity grabber the LPNH used recently. This year they have three candidates running in the LP governor primary, and in connection with this run, they held a debate or news conference where two of the candidates blasted each other over whether or not it was proper for an LP appointee to be the election chairman for one of the candidates. I doubt that they really cared one way or the other, but it got such a bunch of publicity. I heard it carried as the feature news story on *Vermont National Public Radio*!

I was so impressed I sent them \$20. If battling is what it takes to get mentioned in the media, take a lesson from LPNH and start "fighting!"

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Libertarian in song

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Jim Harris
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Asia

Regarding the article, "LP urges end to Asian alliances," on what basis is it libertarian for Japan, South Korea, and

Taiwan to enter into an alliance, which you advocate, but isn't libertarian for the U.S. to do so? Do libertarian principles change when you cross over the international date line?

Also, does your advocacy of trade relations with North Korea include the selling of nuclear weapons and the means of delivering them? If not, how would it be libertarian for the government of the U.S. to sanction such trade?

From a purely selfish perspective, how safe will we be, in America, with an isolationist foreign policy, when criminal gangs such as the one ruling North Korea have unrestricted access to means of

mass destruction? And, even if isolationism made sense from a purely selfish perspective, how sympathetic will the American people be to the Libertarian Party when they understand that its national platform says to hell with the rest of the world?

Clifford F. Thies
Boyce, VA
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North Korea is led by a very unstable man, and his son is no better. Kim Il-Sung's see-saw approach to the inspection of nuclear plants in his country is a good sign of this. To me, opening trade relations

with North Korea is absurd. It would be nice to have peaceful relations with North Korea, but that will not happen until Kim Il-Sung and his son are out of the picture.

I am not advocating a military invasion, but we should be ready to stop an invasion of South Korea by North Korea if the need arises. Right now the credibility of the U.S. will take a nosedive if we remove our military from that region.

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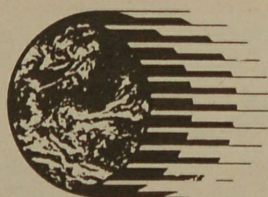
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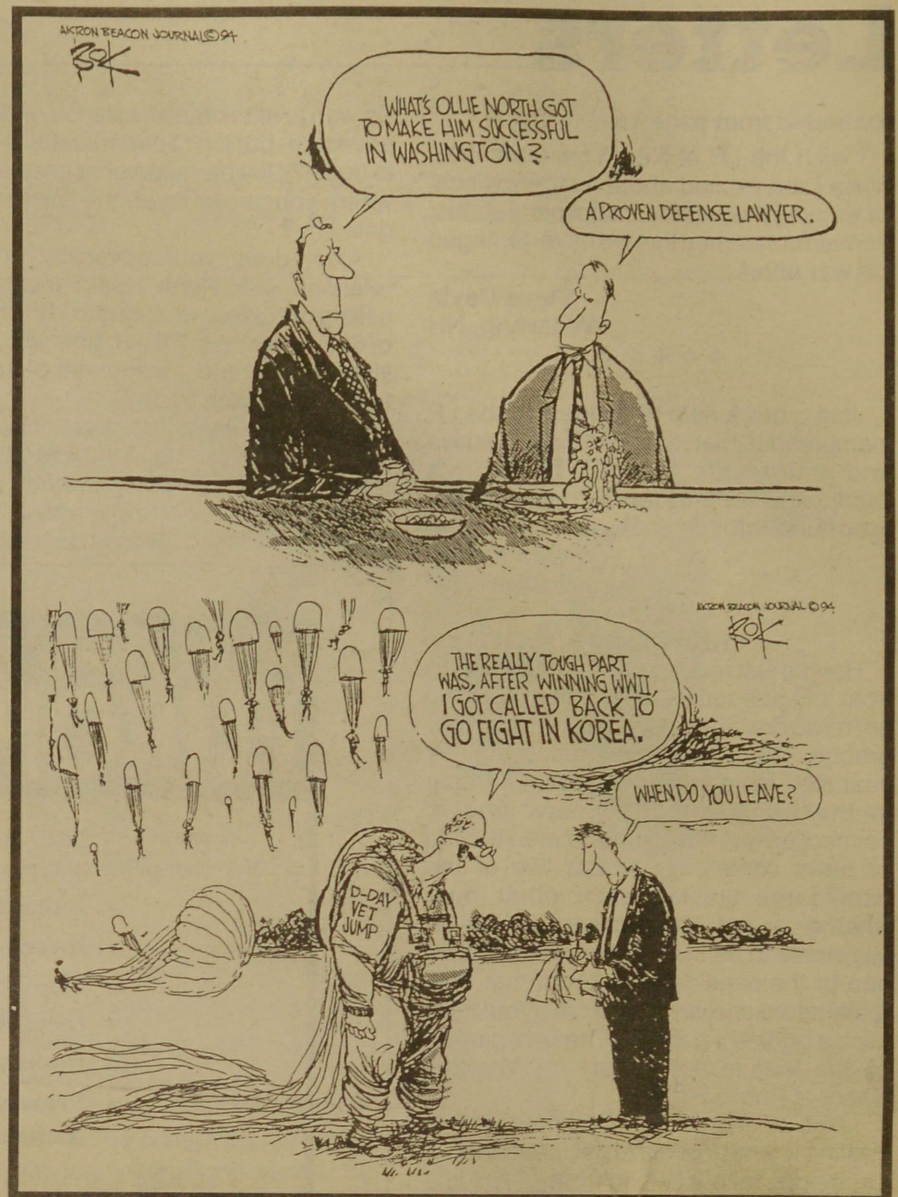
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