

Libertarian wins Supreme Court case

On 6-3 vote, high court strikes down roadblocks

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

An Indiana Libertarian Party member has won a Supreme Court decision striking down random drug-search roadblocks.

On November 28, the nation's highest court ruled 6-3 that such police checkpoints infringe on the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search, and violate motorists' privacy.

The ruling was a defeat for the city of Indianapolis, which had used police and drug-sniffing dogs at random checkpoints to search motorists for illegal drugs — and a victory for LP member Joell Palmer, who was a plaintiff in the case.

Should be 9-0

"I am pleased that I won," said Palmer. "But it should have been 9-0. [All] the Justices should see that [random roadblocks] directly goes against the Constitution."

Palmer, 21, was one of 1,161



■ Joell Palmer (r), the winner of a 6-3 Supreme Court decision striking down random drug-search roadblocks, is shown here meeting with LP National Director Steve Dasbach at the party's headquarters in Washington, DC. Palmer had visited the nation's capital on October 3 as the high court heard the case of Indianapolis vs. Edmond, and said at the time he had a "positive feeling" about the outcome.

drivers stopped in Indianapolis between August and November 1998 after police set up "narcotic checkpoints" in various locations. Although he specifically refused

to allow it, Palmer's car was searched by police dogs.

Palmer speculated that the police stopped him "because I had a targeted 'Pot User' car — a '79

Black Trans Am — and long hair." No drugs were found in the search.

With the help of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, Palmer

filed a class action lawsuit soon afterwards to "stand up to something that I know is wrong," he said.

He charged the Indianapolis police with violating his Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches.

Palmer and co-plaintiff James Edmond, a fellow Indiana resident, first lost in U.S. District Court, won in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals — and won the ultimate legal victory when the high court ruled in his favor.

Different

In its decision, the Supreme Court said drug-search roadblocks are fundamentally different than checkpoints to find drunk drivers or illegal aliens, which it has previously held to be legal.

"We have never approved a checkpoint program whose primary purpose was to detect evidence of ordinary criminal wrongdoing," wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in a 15-page majority decision. "We cannot sanction stops justified only by the generalized and ever-present possibility that interrogation and inspection will reveal evidence of criminal activity." See **SUPREME COURT** Page 11

Election 2000 scorecard: 34 victories and counting

Party picks up eight more wins in late results

The number of Libertarians winning public office in November has jumped to 34, thanks to a flurry of late election results from around the country — including a three-vote squeaker in California.

In addition to the 26 victories reported in the December 2000 issue of LP News, Libertarians were elected in West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, and Idaho, reported LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

The new victories make Election 2000 the most successful presidential year ever for the

party in terms of winning local office, he said.

"We may have fallen short in our goals for the presidential vote, but we exceeded all expectations in the number of local wins," said Crickenberger. "We elected five times as many Libertarians this year as we did in 1996, the last presidential election year. And we elected more people than all other third parties combined."

Additional Libertarian winners include:

■ Kate O'Brien, who emerged victorious in the year's closest race: A three-vote nail-biter for the Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District. See **8 MORE WINS** Page 2



■ Kate O'Brien won the year's closest race: A three-vote nail-biter for the Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District.

LP Sheriff Bill Masters: Responsibility, not laws

By Nancy Lofholm
THE DENVER POST

Telluride, Colorado — When Bill Masters was just a little towheaded shaver growing up in Los Angeles, he had a curious habit that signaled where he was going in life.

Crossing streets, he would clutch his mother with one hand and direct traffic with the other.

Some 45 years later, he still puzzles about this. He grew up in a family of academics, not cops.

But law enforcement drew Masters and turned him into a county sheriff who breaks out of the box — a sheriff who thinks,

and more importantly says, that the war on drugs is ludicrous, the criminal justice system is a farce and the law-making arm of the government has run amok.

Masters' philosophy has played well in San Miguel County and its famous county seat of Telluride.

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Steve Kubby trial goes to jury

The Steve and Michele Kubby medical marijuana trial has gone to the jury. As *LP News* went to press [December 15], the jury in the four-month-long Auburn, California trial had just begun deliberations following "emotionally charged" closing arguments.

"Regardless of the outcome, this has been a shining moment for our movement, because we mounted a world-class defense of medical marijuana and the Bill of Rights," said Steve Kubby.

The Kubbys — who are charged with conspiracy, cultivation, and possession of marijuana with intent to sell — are actually legitimate medical marijuana patients who were singled out by prosecutors, their lawyers told the jury.

Steve Kubby is a potential "big trophy" for prosecutors "trying to make a name for themselves," said attorney David Nick. "Stop the madness. Stop the crusade. Help the Kubbys . . . or the madness will continue."

And Kubby is "a lightning rod for medicinal marijuana activism," said attorney Tony Serra. "He was, and is, a symbol of medical marijuana — and now a symbol of false prosecution."

The Kubbys have pleaded "not guilty" to all charges, arguing that they used marijuana in accordance with the law — Steve Kubby to treat adrenal cancer under doctor's orders and Michele Kubby to alleviate irritable bowel syndrome.

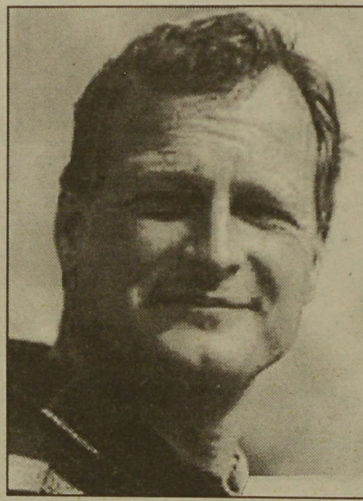
As such, they are protected under California's Proposition 215, which legalized medical marijuana under doctor's orders. Kubby played a key role in Proposition 215, was the LP's gubernatorial candidate in 1998, and sought the party's vice presidential nomination in 2000.

The Kubbys were arrested following a police raid on their Olympic Valley home on January 19, 1998.

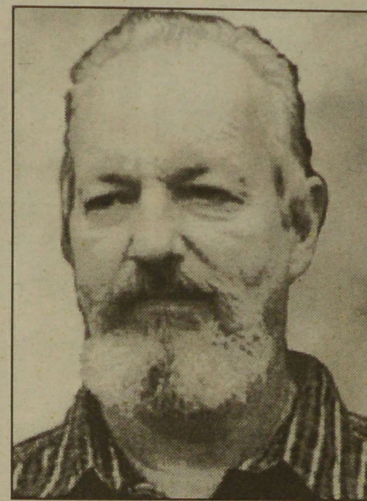
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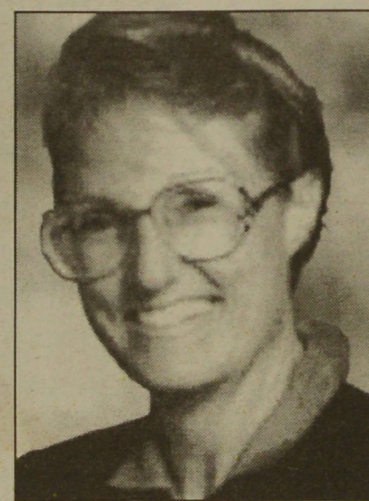
■ **Steve Kubby:**
A "big trophy."



■ **Richard K. Linville**, elected as Prosecuting Attorney in Gem County, Idaho.



■ **Robert Paty**, elected to the post of Public Weigher in Nacogdoches County, Texas.



■ **Linda Strom**, elected to the Lakeside Community Planning Area Board, San Diego, CA.

Libertarians pick up 8 more wins in late-breaking election results

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est race — a three-vote nail-biter for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District seat in Ventura County, California.

After a lengthy recount, O'Brien captured the third and final open spot on the board, besting rival Jim Dantona by three votes, 17,310 (18.1%) to 17,307 (18.1%), reported the California LP. Her opponent, who spent over \$20,000 on the race to O'Brien's zero dollars, didn't concede until December 11.

Amazing experience

"There was no way that our opponent was going to make up the gap, [and he wasn't] willing to continue paying \$1,200 per day for the count," said Aaron Starr, who coordinated the Libertarian recount-watching operation. "And they couldn't steal it from us because we managed to have enough volunteers to watch the process. This has been an amazing experience!"

■ **Richard K. Linville**, who was elected to a four-year term as Gem County Prosecuting Attorney in Idaho. Linville is an attorney in Emmett, Idaho and a commercial fisherman on the Copper River in Alaska.

■ **Jon Kueny**, who picked up a seat on the Soil and Water Conservation Board (Group Four), in Pasco County, Florida in an unopposed race.

■ **David Barron**, who won an unopposed contest for Soil and Water Conservation Board (District Five), in Orange County, Florida

■ **Ken Hearin**, elected as a County Constable in Mobile County, Alabama.

■ **Jerry Vines**, elected as a County Constable in Blount County, Alabama.

■ **Mike Ryan**, who was elected to the Scott County Agricultural Extension District in Iowa. He won as a write-in in an unopposed race.

■ **William Clem**, who won

CRICKENBERGER:

"We exceeded all expectations in the number of local election wins."

re-election to the partisan position of Jefferson County Surveyor in West Virginia. He was unopposed, and won 5,790 votes.

In other election news, one Libertarian whose victory was reported last month is already out of a job.

In November, Clyde L. Garland was simultaneously elected as Public Weigher in Brazos County, Texas, and saw his position abolished.

Over 50 years

"I ran on the grounds that the position should be abolished," said Garland. "Although no one has ran for or held this position for over 50 years, it was never officially abolished."

Voters heeded his wishes,

passing — with 76% of the vote — a proposition to abolish the position.

"Congratulations to Mr. Garland for achieving a unique Libertarian victory," said Crickenberger. "He was both elected to office and, at the same time, helped abolish a useless governmental position. I count this as a double victory."

At the federal level, Libertarian Party candidates won more votes than all other alternative parties, a post-election analysis has revealed.

1,036,965 votes

According to Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News*, LP candidates won a total of 1,036,965 votes for U.S. Senate, compared to 697,244 for the Green Party, 264,129 for the Constitution Party, 209,450 for the Reform Party, and 180,741 for the Natural Law Party. However, the Green Party edged the LP in terms of percentage of the vote for U.S. Senate, 1.22% to 0.98%.

In the campaign for the 11 open governor's seats, Libertarians won 160,100 votes, compared to 13,020 for the Green Party, and 9,008 for the Reform Party.

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Movimiento Libertario: Numero Uno

The Costa Rican libertarian party apparently has the most popular politician in the nation.

In a national poll taken between October 27 and November 7, 2000, Otto Guevara — a congressman for the Movimiento Libertario — was named the country's "best congressman" by 47% of the people.

That was about triple the vote for the runner up, and more than five times the vote for the congressman who is the principal presidential candidate of the ruling party, said Raul Costales, Secretary General of Movimiento Libertario.

"The poll also found that most people would be willing to vote for third parties in the election for Congress, and 23.3% of those who said so and named a party chose the Movimiento Libertario as their favorite," he said. "A projection of that shows that, were the elections held then, libertarians would have a good possibility of electing between seven and nine of Costa Rica's 57 congressmen."

Costa Rica has a proportional representative system of voting, so winning 20% of the vote would garner Movimiento Libertario about 20% of the seats.

Guevara was elected to office in May 1998.

James Merritt thanked for AOL work

Libertarian Party member James Merritt has won an official proclamation of thanks from the party for his seven years of work moderating America Online's Libertarian forum.

During its November 9 teleconference, the Libertarian National Committee's Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution honoring Merritt "for his outstanding service" and "unique contribution" to the Libertarian Party.

A resident of Maryland, Merritt has moderated the Libertarian Party forum on America Online (Keyword: LIBERTARIAN PARTY) on a volunteer basis since 1993. He stepped down from that position after the election.

"The Libertarian Party Forum on AOL represents a valuable resource to over 20 million users of that service, and has grown in size, activity, and influence over the last seven years," the LNC Executive Committee noted in its resolution.

In his role as moderator, Merritt posted Libertarian Party press releases and material to the AOL site, hosted online interviews, and moderated discussion groups.



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LNC starts strategic planning process

New committee will examine all party's activities, strategies

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has embarked on an ambitious process to review all the party's current activities, strategies, and goals — and come up with new suggestions for the future.

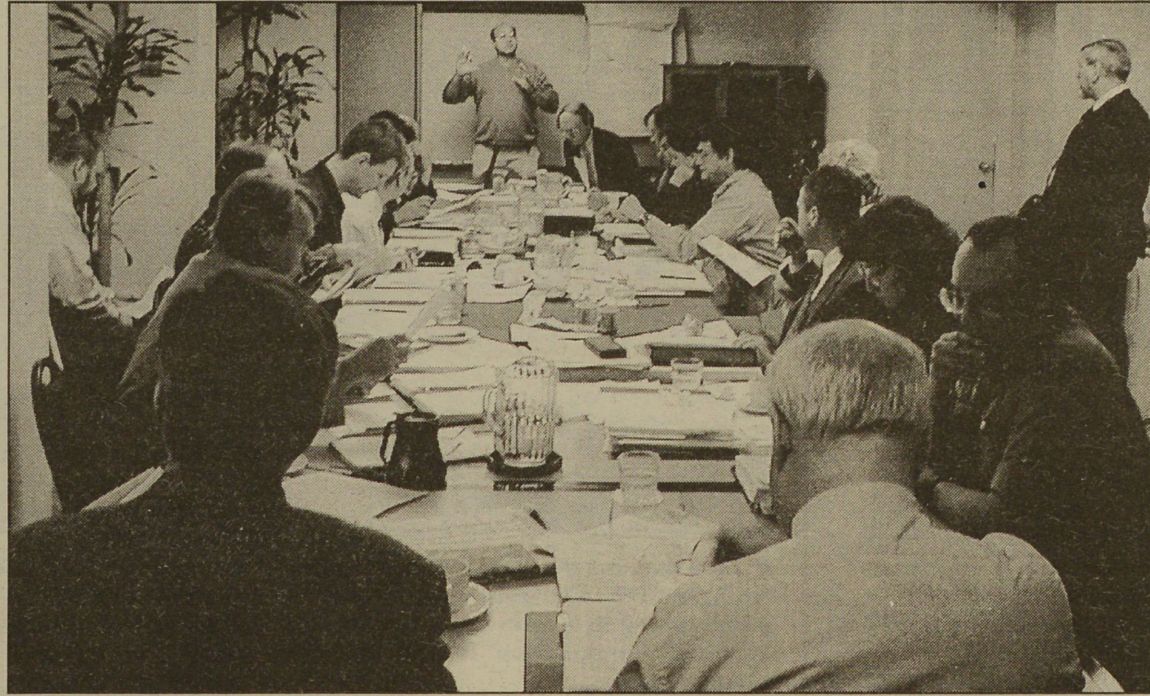
At its December 9-10 meeting in Washington, DC, the LNC approved by consensus a plan to create the LNC-Strategic Planning Team (LNC/SPT), which will meet five to seven times over the next eight months.

The mission of the Strategic Planning Team: To propose an "integrated strategic plan which will form the basis to define the activities of the LNC — and perhaps willing affiliates — until 2004," said national LP Secretary Steve Givot, who will facilitate the meetings.

On the table

The Strategic Planning Team will "put everything on the table" as it considers how the party should operate in the future, said Givot, including election strategy, membership goals, budgets, marketing, ballot access priorities, and support for affiliates and candidates.

The final plan "will be an integrated approach, one which recognizes not only the role of the LNC, but of its 51 affiliate parties,



■ LNC Secretary Steve Givot (center) moderates a discussion about the Strategic Planning Team at the Libertarian National Committee's meeting in Washington, DC on December 9-10, 2000. The new team will create "an improved, consensus-oriented strategic planning process for the Libertarian Party and our state affiliates," said National LP Chair Jim Lark.

in achieving the Libertarian Party's mission," he said.

The LNC/SPT — which will accept input from party members, state and local LP activists, elected Libertarians, and perhaps even outside experts — "places everything on the table so that past strategies are not assumed to continue in effect," he said.

In August 2001, the Strategic Planning Team is scheduled to present a report to the LNC for approval. The entire LNC would

have to approve any new strategic plan for the party.

The LNC/SPT is a step forward for the party, said LP National Chair Jim Lark, because it incorporates a longer-term view with a more inclusive system of setting goals and strategies.

Important step

"One of my goals as LP chairman is the establishment of an improved, consensus-oriented strategic planning process for the

Libertarian Party and our state affiliates," he said. "The process approved at the December LNC meeting is an important step toward achieving this goal.

"In my view, 2001 should serve in some measure as a transitional year in which we complete a thorough re-evaluation of our mission, goals, strategy, tactics, and operating procedures. If all goes well, the work of the Strategic Planning Team will be very helpful in strengthening Libertar-

ian Party efforts for the future."

In the past, the party set a series of one-year goals and budgets, said Givot, so a formalized strategic process — that could include a one-year and a three-year plan — is the "next step" in the development of the Libertarian Party.

"I sense that there was a sense that a more formalized strategic planning process is needed if we are to grow to the next level," he said.

The LNC/SPT will include:

■ As many LNC members and alternates "who will commit to attending all meetings," said Givot.

■ Two elected Libertarians. Former New Hampshire state legislator — and current member of the Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment — Don Gorman has already been selected.

■ Two individuals active in the broader libertarian movement — for example, at a libertarian think tank or publication — who may or may not be LP members.

■ Two staff members from the party's national office in Washington, DC. LP National Director Steve Dasbach and Political Director Ron Crickenberger have volunteered to serve.

A complete list of LNC/SPT participants will be printed in a future issue of *LP News*.

Strategic Planning Team meetings have been scheduled for:

■ February 10-11 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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LP candidate Jeff Jared causes 50/50 Senate split

His 64,734 votes decide Washington state election

Libertarian has apparently caused the first evenly divided U.S. Senate in 120 years, thanks to his strong campaign in Washington state.

In a race that wasn't settled until December 1, LP candidate Jeff Jared won 64,734 votes for U.S. Senate — or 32 times more votes than the 2,229 votes that separated Democratic victor Maria Cantwell and Republican Slade Gorton.

Jared, 37, a practicing attorney in Kirkland, won about 2.6% of the 2.5 million votes cast, to Cantwell's 48.73% and Gorton's 48.64%.

After more than three weeks of recounts, the final result knocked incumbent Gorton out of the U.S. Senate — and certified Internet start-up millionaire Cantwell as the 50th Democrat in that body.

It meant that Republicans and Democrats each control 50 seats, although Republican Vice President Dick Cheney can cast a vote in ties.

"This shows how third parties can have a real-life effect on politics," said Jared. "And we're not going away!"

Not concerned

Even though he was called a "spoiler" in the race, Jared said he's not concerned that he may have cost Gorton the election, or may have contributed to "gridlock" on Capitol Hill.

"I'm not the spoiler of Slade Gorton's candidacy," he said. "You can't spoil tainted meat."

"Mr. Gorton was tainted by a voting record that increased taxes and federal budgets. No true, small government conservative would've voted like this. This is



■ Washington state candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Jared: "I'm not the spoiler. You can't spoil tainted meat."

why he lost some conservative voters to me."

Gorton also lost votes because he "caved on gun rights," said Jared.

"Gorton voted for the Brady Bill, which required a three-day See **50/50 SENATE** Page 19

Registered Libertarians jump 10% since March

The number of registered Libertarian voters around the USA has jumped to 224,713 — an increase of almost 10% in the last eight months.

According to figures released by Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News* and one of the nation's leading experts on third parties, a net total of 19,684 additional Americans have registered as Libertarians since March 2000, when party registration stood at 205,029.

The new data shows that the number of registered Libertarians is increasing more rapidly than it has at any time over the past two decades, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"This growth rate is very remarkable — especially considering that the party has been conducting no paid registration drives," he said. "Despite that, the number of registered Libertarians grew almost as much during the

STEVE DASBACH:

Since 1994, the total number of registered LP voters has doubled

last eight months as it did in the previous 16 months."

In 1998, party registration stood at 182,481.

The recent growth has probably been fueled by general excitement about the presidential race, the high-profile Harry Browne for president campaign, the activities of the other 1,420 Libertarian candidates, and the work of state parties, said Dasbach.

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Anti-pot law petition launched

A Libertarian Party member plans to launch an online petition to end the government's "War on Marijuana."

The site — www.NoJailForPot.com — demands that by December 25, 2004, the government stop arresting or jailing anyone "for any non-violent activity related to the use, possession, cultivation, transportation, or sale" of marijuana.

"The purpose of this site is to make available for everyone who supports the idea of no jail for pot to sign his name to this idea, and make it proudly public for everyone to see," said Lawrence Goldberg. "When enough people sign this petition, the resulting political force will compel the laws to change."

Goldberg picked the December 25, 2004 date, he said, to allow enough time to collect signatures and to change people's minds about the issue.

The site is already up, and the petition will be operational "in the near future," he said.

Goldberg said there is "no way of predicting" how many signatures it will take to change the nation's marijuana laws. "This is why it is imperative that everyone who supports this position sign, and let their friends know about [it]," he said.

NoJailForPot.com notes that enforcing marijuana laws costs "billions of dollars per year" — but such laws "do not inhibit anyone from using marijuana."

The website is dedicated to LP member and author Peter McWilliams, who died on June 14, 2000 after a court refused him access to medical marijuana.

McWilliams died "as a direct result of government policies that cause non-violent users and cultivators of marijuana to be imprisoned," said Goldberg.

Reggie Rivers: Libertarian (mostly)

A former professional football player turned newspaper columnist has declared himself a libertarian. Mostly.

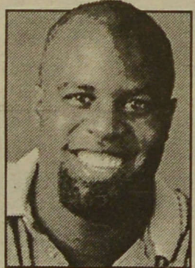
Running back Reggie Rivers, who played for the NFL's Denver Broncos from 1991-1996, made his announcement in an October 19 column for the *Denver Post*.

Rivers wrote: "I'm mostly libertarian in my views, although I probably believe in a bigger government role than do most true Libertarians."

One area where Rivers does wholeheartedly agree with Libertarians: On the issue of medical marijuana. In a previous column, he wrote: "I'll vote yes on the medical marijuana bill [Colorado's Amendment 20, which passed with 54% of the vote in November] not because I'm a proponent of marijuana use, but because I'm a believer in individual choice."

Rivers, who is also a talk show host on KHOW radio in Denver, interviewed Harry Browne during the presidential campaign, telling Browne that he would have voted for him, but had already cast an absentee ballot for Al Gore.

In addition to his other activities, Rivers is a color analyst for regional college football broadcasts for ABC Sports, and writes a weekly sports column for the *Rocky Mountain News*. He has written two books, and won the Denver Broncos "Man of the Year" award in 1996.



■ Reggie Rivers: A libertarian

IHS offers programs for students

The Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) is offering two programs for college and graduate students who are interested in libertarian ideas. The IHS, located at the George Mason University in Virginia, offers:

■ Financial support of up to \$12,000 for students who have "a clearly demonstrated interest in the classical liberal/libertarian tradition of individual rights and market economies."

College juniors or seniors, graduate students, and law or professional students are eligible to apply, and awards are based on "academic and/or professional performance, relevance of one's work to the advancement of a free society, and potential for success." Deadline to apply: December 30, 2000.

■ A ten-week Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, which will take place from June 4-August 10, 2001, at George Mason University. The program, designed to allow eight to 10 graduate students to research and write a paper or thesis chapter on a libertarian topic, includes a \$2,500 stipend. Deadline to apply: January 15, 2001.

For more information or to apply for either program, visit: www.TheIHS.org. Or call: (800) 697-8799.



Photo by George Getz

■ Libertarians (l-r) Ron Crickenberger, Marc Brandl, Kat DeBourgh, Carol Moore, Tim Seims, and Alan Grimes (and an unidentified woman from the American Indian Movement) participated in a counter-rally to an FBI march in front of the White House. Their goal: To demand "equal justice" for killers, whether or not they work for the FBI.

Libertarian protesters call for 'equal justice' at White House

A group of Libertarians showed up at an FBI rally at the White House to stage a counter-rally demanding "justice for all."

About a dozen Libertarians from Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia gathered in front of the White House on December 15 as FBI agents marched to protest a possible presidential pardon of convicted killer Leonard Peltier.

Carrying signs that read "Thou Shalt Not Kill — FBI, That Means You," and "Who Pardoned Horiuchi?", the Libertarians wanted to make the point that if people who kill FBI agents belong in jail, then FBI agents who kill Americans also belong in jail, said rally coordinator George Getz.

"Equal justice under the law requires equal prosecution and equal punishment for every American — whether or not you happen to work for the federal government," said Getz, who is also the Libertarian Party's press secretary.

"It struck me as odd that FBI agents were opposing the release of a guy who's been in jail for 26 years when other killers, who work for the FBI, remain on the loose."

Clinton pardon?

About 200 FBI agents marched around the White House in an attempt to dissuade President Clinton from pardoning American Indian leader Leonard Peltier, who was imprisoned for killing two FBI agents.

Peltier, 56, is serving two life sentences for the murders of special agents Ronald Williams and

GEORGE GETZ:

"Libertarians are concerned about a double standard of justice."

Jack Coler, who died in a shootout on South Dakota's Pine Ridge reservation in 1975. Peltier has appealed for clemency, and FBI officials said they fear Clinton will grant the request before he leaves office.

But while the FBI wanted to keep one killer in jail, they were curiously silent about another killer, said Getz — FBI marksman Lon Horiuchi.

Vicki Weaver

In 1992, Horiuchi shot Vicki Weaver in her Idaho cabin during a standoff with her husband, Randy. Vicki Weaver, who was unarmed, was shot as she held her 11-month-old infant, and died shortly thereafter.

Instead of demanding that Horiuchi face charges, the FBI quickly moved to protect him, noted Getz.

"When it appeared that Horiuchi would face state manslaughter charges, dozens of his Justice Department colleagues lobbied to get the case transferred to a federal court, where the matter was quietly dropped," he said. "Thanks to his colleagues at the

FBI, Horiuchi has never had to appeal for clemency, because he's never even been tried.

"FBI agents have every right to voice their opinion on the Peltier case. But the better question is: Who pardoned Lon Horiuchi?"

Libertarians don't know if Peltier was actually guilty of the crime for which he was convicted, and take no position on any clemency decision, said Getz.

Double standard

"But Libertarians are concerned about a double standard of justice," he said. "We think that if Peltier remains in jail, Horiuchi should also be tried for his crimes. If Horiuchi remains free, perhaps Peltier should be freed as well."

"We do know that one difference between Peltier and Horiuchi is that Horiuchi is still on the loose. How do we know that he won't kill again?"

At the White House rally, the FBI ignored the Libertarian protesters, said Getz.

"They had obviously been told to be on their best behavior, because the news media would be there," he said. "So most refused to look at us. But others looked at the signs and glared at us, and one defiantly spit on the sidewalk."

"These guys usually do their deeds in anonymity, so being able to look them in the eye on an equal footing as we protested was very empowering."

The Libertarian protest attracted attention from journalists from the *Washington Post*, CNN, and ABC News, who were present to cover the FBI rally, said Getz.



Carla Howell says Thank You!

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Walking Points

The danger of declining poverty, and battling the Amish menace

■ A fat price tag

Amount the Centers for Disease Control has spent redecorating a stairwell to encourage obese employees to walk: \$14,900

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November 2000

■ Smoking's next battle

There is a growing movement by the [anti-smoking] activists to stop people from smoking in their own homes.

Anti-tobacco nanny John Banzhaf has led the movement to outlaw smoking at home with claims such as, "you are statistically more likely to be killed by your neighbor's tobacco smoke than by his car, his gun, or his AIDS virus."

In California and Utah, apartment and condo dwellers are suing their neighbors who smoke in their own homes. One lawsuit was dropped when the smoking tenant was evicted by his landlord.

A councilman in West Hollywood, CA, is proposing a law that would allow landlords to ban smoking in all apartments and allow only non-smokers as guests.

According to the Louisville Courier-Journal, "Tobacco control groups, who once touted smoking bans almost exclusively to protect the health of nonsmokers, now say the most important thing about the bans is that they encourage people to stop smoking."

— GUEST CHOICE NETWORK

November 2000

■ Negative cheer

After Penn State's usually powerful football team lost five of its first eight games, the university faculty senate knew exactly how to cope: It passed a resolution denouncing "negative cheering," to be read to crowds at all Penn State home games.

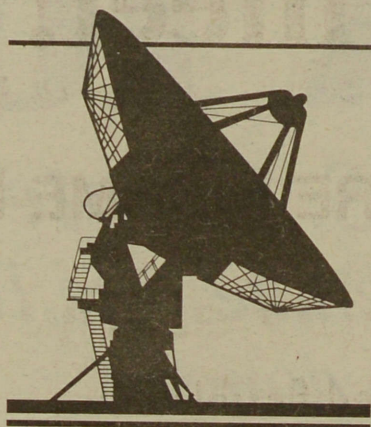
— JOHN LEO

The Washington Times
November 27, 2000

■ Poverty crisis

New figures from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that the percentage of Philadelphia school-age children living in poverty fell by about 19% over the last three years. Since poverty correlates with poor academic achievement, this is good news, right? Not according to school officials.

"It could mean a decrease in federal funds," Jim Sheffer, chief of federal programs for the Pennsylvania Department of Educa-



MINNESOTA plans for every car to be monitored by global positioning satellites (GPS).

tion, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "We're very concerned," added William Kozlowski, the director of the Philadelphia district's Office of Grants and Fiscal Services. "We knew all along this could be a problem."

No word on what measures will be taken by city officials to increase the poverty population.

— EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE AGENCY COMMUNIQUE

December 4, 2000

■ The biggest threat

[In a national poll], Gallup asked which posed a greater threat to the future of the country: Big business, big labor, or big government. By a strong majority, Americans say it is big government (65%). Only 7% say it is big labor, while 22% say big business.

— THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION
November 1, 2000

■ Eye in the sky

Now here's an item to tuck away in your "Very Scary Ideas" file: The Great Big Toll Booth in the Sky.

According to a published report, Minnesota's forward-thinking transportation officials, in league with several other states and the Federal Highway Administration, actively are planning for the day when each automobile's whereabouts constantly will be monitored by global positioning satellites (GPS) — eyes in the sky that will allow the state to assess user fees or taxes based on where,

when and how much one drives.

The state reportedly fears that its 20-cents-a-gallon gasoline excise tax won't possibly be a reliable source of road-building revenue into the future and is banking on the Orwellian scheme to tax drivers according to how much they drive. And though they never would couch it in these terms, by charging drivers according to the hours and distance they drive, transportation planners also hope the plan will reduce congestion by taxing people off the roads at peak commuting time.

Though a prototype of the system may be only several years away, researchers and state officials admit that the idea can take some getting used to by people not used to having their every move tracked and recorded by Big Brother in the highway department.

But social engineers and master planners seem confident that Minnesotans, like good little lab rats, can be properly conditioned, given the right kinds of stimuli.

"It took 15 to 20 years to convince policymakers to implement the gas tax," the director of the state's office of alternative transportation financing told a newspaper. "I'm just hoping we can implement this while I'm still working."

— SEAN PAIGE, *Insight*

December 18, 2000

■ Ideological smackdown

It seems to me that the alleged ideological conflict between Democrats and Republicans has all the authenticity of the rivalries in the World Wrestling Federation.

— ED CRANE

Intellectual Ammunition
November/December 2000

■ Ambient air

Police agencies [in Fredericksburg, Virginia] have deployed devices that look like flashlights to surreptitiously test drivers for alcohol use.

The officer holds the PAS III Sniffer about six inches from the motorist's face and asks him to recite his name, address, and date of birth. As the driver speaks, he expels enough air for the device to detect booze.

Although police use of the Sniffer has not been challenged in court, an insurance industry attorney argues that a motorist has no right to his breath. "Once you have commingled it with the am-

bient air, it is abandoned property and it is not protected by the Fourth Amendment."

— PLAYBOY, January 2001

■ Taking care of us

In late fall, Clinton was asked if he'd be taking a break from his chores before the voting. No, said he: "I'll stay here to Election Day if I have to, to do right by the American people, because my first job is to take care of them."

Let's go to the instant replay and the last clause of that memorably horrifying utterance — "... because my first job is to take care of them."

How in the name of Jefferson, Hamilton and the rest of the dead white male Founders could a modern U.S. president so repudiate the basic premises of this once-sturdy republic?

That the Clinton notion of governance is condescending, patronizing and arrogant is obvious; that it also seems to fit the mood of too many of us is appalling.

— WOODY WEST, *Insight*

January 1, 2001

■ Is there a connection?

• Factor by which cocaine production in Colombia has increased since 1995: 2

• Factor by which annual U.S. military aid to Colombia has increased since then: 31

— HARPERS, October 2000

■ \$7.28 a pack

Under the auspices of the World Health Organization, representatives of 150 countries got together in Geneva last month for the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Aiming toward an international anti-smoking treaty by 2003, the conference represents an unprecedented effort to limit the use of [tobacco].

But it's going to be an uphill battle. All around the world, cigarettes remain extremely popular.

As sneering Europeans know, America has some of the strictest anti-smoking laws in the world. But most other countries aren't exactly racing to catch up.

Thailand bans all cigarette

ads and requires that at least one-third of packaging space be given over to such desperate entreaties as "For your beloved children and grandchildren, please give up smoking."

But in Japan, where the tobacco industry is largely state-run, the vast numbers of smokers face no sterner warning than this pleasant request: "Be careful not to smoke too much as it might injure your health."

Anti-smoking efforts on the [European] continent range from extreme to extremely lax. The Scandinavian countries have banned tobacco advertisements and heaped so many taxes on the product that in Norway a pack of cigarettes costs \$7.28.

But in most former Eastern bloc countries, where smoking was one of the few indulgences readily available under Communist rule, there are almost no obstacles to lighting up anywhere.

— HOPE REEVES, *The New*

York Times Sunday Magazine
November 5, 2000

■ The Amish threat

The Amish are still struggling to preserve their values and protect their freedom.

The U.S. Department of Labor recently launched a crackdown on Amish craftsmen who employ their children in the family trades. Responding to complaints from non-Amish competitors, the Labor Department conducted enforcement sweeps in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. One Amish man who owns a leather shop was reportedly fined \$8,000 simply because his 13-year-old daughter worked a store cash register.

Regulators say that children must be protected from "safety hazards." But the real danger to the Amish — and to all Americans — is continued encroachment by Big Government on the fundamental freedom to practice their faith, make a living, and raise their families in peace.

— MICHELLE MALKIN

www.townhall.com

December 7, 2000

"He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his own enemy from oppression."

— THOMAS PAINE

Thomas Paine was right. But guarding just your enemy is not enough. You must also guard your children — and future generations of Americans. One easy way to do that: Name the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To privately discuss this option, call LP Treasurer Mark Tuniewicz at (508) 472-5321. Or e-mail him: Treasurer@LP.org.

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■ CALIFORNIA

Why stop at paid holiday just for Cesar Chavez?

A new paid holiday for San Diego city workers isn't enough — government employees should get 365 days a year off.

That was the tongue-in-cheek response of LP activist **Richard Rider** to a decision by the San Diego city council to give city workers a day off to honor labor organizer Cesar Chavez.

"We've been approaching this the wrong way," said Rider, when asked for his opinion. "What we need to do is come up with 365 good causes, declare each one a paid holiday, and have city government go away."

In early December, the city council unanimously voted to make March 31 "Cesar Chavez Day," and give 11,000 city workers the day off with pay. The new holiday will cost the city \$1.6 million.

"The new San Diego city council is starting off right where the spendthrift council ended — pushing PC [political correctness] and wasting taxpayer money," said Rider.

■ ALABAMA

Website will fight state and local tax increases

A state Libertarian Party member has launched a new website to help rally opposition to tax increases.

The site — currently located at www.MatthewGivens.org — is called the "Alabama Tax Watch," and was created by Alabama LP Vice Chair **Matthew Givens**.

"The site contains information on proposed and recently passed tax increases," said Givens. "It's intended to let people know how badly state and local government wants to tax them — and hopefully give them some time to do something about it."

Visitors to the site will find an essay on "Why Taxes Should Not Be Raised," a chatroom for anti-tax activists, a list of Alabama newspapers, and an "Alert!" section about proposed tax increases in the state.

For example, the site warns that the Alabaster City Council is proposing a gas tax and sales tax increase, and urges local citizens to attend hearings to "speak out against higher taxes."

Nine cities and counties have proposed tax hikes of \$49 million



Photo by Pachel E. Bayne / Bellingham Herald

Libertarians demonstrate for "free" borders

■ **Jacqueline Passey**, a coordinator of the College Libertarians of Western Washington University, hands out fliers during a rally at the U.S./Canadian border on October 15.

Libertarians — including a number of candidates for local and federal office — gathered at the Peace Arch border crossing to encourage motorists stuck in traffic to support open borders with America's northern neighbor.

Party members planted a series of Burma Shave-style signs that said: "Out with the old. In with the new. Vote for us. And drive right through."

Libertarians argued that border checkpoints do little to stop criminals or illegal immigrants, but merely inconvenience law-abiding citizens.

"Sitting [in traffic] for 45 minutes to be asked, 'What is your citizenship and where are you going?' doesn't seem to be a very productive use of everybody's time," said **Joan Hansen**, who had been a candidate for State House.

this year, noted Givens.

"Government is never satisfied with the way things are," he said. "They always need to spend more money. And that means increasing taxes on us."

■ FLORIDA

State party files lawsuit over filing fee rebates

The Libertarian Party has filed a lawsuit against the state government, charging that a law that gives Republicans and Democrats — but not Libertarians — a refund on candidate filing fees is

unconstitutional.

"The filing-fee distribution scheme provides financial support for major parties — as if they weren't getting enough breaks already," said Florida LP State Chair **Lisa Bullion**. "[It] forces minor-party candidates to offset more election costs than their competitors for the same office."

Under Florida law, Republicans and Democrats get a rebate of about 78% of the fees charged to put candidates on the ballot — while Libertarians and other smaller parties get nothing. Republicans and Democrats pocketed about \$200,000 in rebates in 2000.

This rebate violates Revision 11 to the Florida constitution, which voters passed in 1998, and which says election and ballot restrictions can be "no greater" for smaller parties than for major parties, said Bullion.

The Florida LP filed the lawsuit in mid-September in Leon

County Circuit Court naming Secretary of State Katherine Harris and Elections Director Clay Roberts as defendants.

■ ILLINOIS

Tobin ballot access suit heads for appeals court

A lawsuit filed by 1998 LP gubernatorial candidate **Jim Tobin** against the state of Illinois is heading for federal appeals court.

In May 2001, a three-judge panel of the Illinois Federal Appeals Court will hear arguments in the \$5 million lawsuit alleging that Tobin and six other LP candidates were illegally thrown off the state ballot in 1998 by the Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE).

The appeal was filed on September 25, after the Federal District Court, Northern District of Illinois, ruled that the members of the ISBE had quasi-judicial

absolute immunity.

"The appeal states that the Election Board members have no common law or historical basis for quasi-judicial immunity, and that the appeals process does not restrain the kind of abuses the board members have shown against taxpayers," said Tobin spokesman Dennis Constant. "Unless the board members are held financially accountable, they will continue to break Illinois law without fear."

Tobin For Governor had filed a lawsuit against the ISBE after the board rejected, at the last minute, 4,285 signatures that its own Hearing Examiner and General Council had ruled valid, and refused to certify the slate of Libertarian Party of Illinois candidates.

■ ILLINOIS

Chicago LP warns about proposed gun legislation

The Chicago LP is trying to galvanize opposition to a series of proposed anti-gun laws that would "hassle" gun owners.

In November, the city party notified supporters about HB 224 — a bill that is an "interesting study on the lengths [politicians] will go to in order to circumvent the Second Amendment," said Chicago LP Chair **Matt Beauchamp**.

The proposed bill would:

- Require anyone "engaged in the business" of selling firearms to obtain a license from the Illinois State Police — and take undefined "precautions" to ensure the guns they sell will not be used in the commission of a crime.

- Require gun owners to report within 24 hours to the State Police any "transfer" of a firearm, including a gift or a loan. All private sales made within the last 24 months must also be reported to the State Police.

- Make gun owners civilly liable if their gun — whether sold, stolen, or borrowed — is used in a crime.

"The game is to make [owning guns] so much of a hassle that you will give up your guns as you don't want to deal with the State Police, insurance company, local cops etc.," said Beauchamp.

■ KENTUCKY

Libertarians rally against extension of VET program

An expansion of the state's Vehicle Emission Testing (VET) program will "fall most heavily on the poor," and should be rejected — that was the message of Libertarians and others at a "Stop the VET" rally held in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse on October 24.

Carrying signs that read "Let's vote on the VET!" while "lamenting the continuing loss of their freedom," marchers demanded that Democratic Governor Paul Patton kill a plan to expand the VET into 18 new counties and require motorists to buy more expensive reformulated

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gasoline, said LP member **George Baumler**.

"Citizens have never been given a choice of whether or not they ever wanted the VET program in the first place," he noted. Even worse, the "burden of the VET weighs most heavily on the poor and those on fixed incomes."

The expanded VET program will require citizens to pay to have their cars tested at state emission centers.

■ MICHIGAN

Libertarians win battle to reform city curfew

Ottawa County Libertarians have convinced the Hudsonville city government to scale back a restrictive curfew law.

In mid-November, Hudsonville commissions unanimously voted to amend a city curfew to allow teenagers to travel at night if they are attending school events, have a night job, or have permission from their parents.

The amendment passed after Ottawa County LP Chair **Jason Miller**, 18, and a half-dozen high school classmates presented a petition to the commission, demanding curfew reforms.

"The city wouldn't admit they were wrong in passing it, but they did accept our arguments," said Miller. "They added enough exemptions to the curfew to effectively repeal it."

Previously, Hudsonville required young people under 17 to be home by midnight and those under 16 to be home by 11:00 pm, with no exceptions.

"Now parents get to make the call and set their own children's curfew," said Miller.

■ MICHIGAN

Libertarians march to 'legalize skateboarding'

Young Libertarians and skateboarding enthusiasts held a rally in Ann Arbor, demanding that the city government "legalize skateboarding."

About 30 Libertarian youth activists and others marched down Main Street in October, chanting "Ann Arbor Police, now's the time, skateboarding is not a crime!"

"The march gave us an excellent opportunity to promote the ideas of freedom to a receptive and politically interested audience," said **Charles Goodman**, who was the LP candidate for Ann Arbor mayor at the time.

"Somewhat to my surprise, the teen- and college-aged skateboarders cheered when I mentioned the Libertarian Party," he said. "Perhaps these youths will be the Libertarians of the future."

Arbor City law prohibits skateboarding on all streets and sidewalks within the city limits. The Ann Arbor LP passed a resolution calling for "the legalization of skateboarding" earlier in the month.

The rally was organized by Citizens to Legalize Skateboarding.



Libertarians show the flag (and balloons) at Wisconsin State Fair

■ Wisconsin Libertarians — including (l-r) Alister Grive, Bob Colison, Gary Bauer, and an unidentified volunteer — staffed a booth at the State Fair in Milwaukee, August 3-13.

"The Libertarian Party made a strong showing at the State Fair," said Steven Baumeister, Treasurer of the Metro Milwaukee LP. "There was plenty of reading material available, and the World's Smallest Political Quiz drew the interest of a good number of onlookers. My personal observation was that most people who spent time chatting with the Libertarian Party representatives went away with a smile."

■ NEW HAMPSHIRE

Libertarian lawyer loses anti-DCYF license plate

Libertarian attorney **Paula Werme** doesn't like the state's Division of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) — and the state doesn't like the way she expressed that opinion.

So, on November 9, two armed employees from the state Division of Motor Vehicles removed her "H8DCYF" license plates from the car in her driveway, charging that the plates were "offensive to good taste."

Werme, who specializes in defending people who have been unfairly targeted by the DCYF, said she reported the plates stolen to the local police.

"Until I can take legal action, I'm forced to drive around with a 'stolen plate' sign on the rear of my vehicle," she said.

The state's Division of Motor Vehicles said it has the power to revoke any vanity plate that is "morally, ethically, racially, or in any other manner offensive to good taste," and said it had received a complaint about the "H8DCYF" tag.

But Werme said the plate is protected under the First Amendment. "Government cannot restrict political speech," she said.

■ NEW YORK

LP protests land 'theft' by the New York Times

The state Libertarian Party has condemned a plan by the *New York Times* to seize land by eminent domain so it can build a new

office in downtown New York.

"The *New York Times* and other media should expose eminent domain and corporate welfare — not use state power to deprive people of their property," said New York LP State Chair **Richard Cooper** in December.

The *New York Times* has asked the state to condemn millions of dollars of privately owned property on Eighth Avenue — and turn it over to the influential media corporation under eminent domain law — so it can construct a huge new office building.

But the plan is "legalized theft," said Cooper.

"The *New York Times* [wants to] erect a new building at the expense of the taxpayers, the landowners and their tenants," he said. "New York taxpayers would foot the bill for them."

"Libertarians [know that] corporate welfare and eminent domain is legalized theft, using state power to deprive people of their property."

And Bronx LP member **Robert Goodman** asked, "Why can't the Times shop and pay for space like everyone else?"

■ VIRGINIA

LP lobbying helps derail tax-funded 'tourist train'

The Shenandoah County Libertarian Party has won a victory by convincing the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors to reject tax funding for a "tourist train."

On December 12, the board voted 5-1 against subsidizing a plan by the Valley Trains & Tours

(VTT) company to construct a train for tourists that visits historic sites in the valley.

Libertarians testified against the plan at public hearings, circulated anti-VTT petitions, and rallied participation in a public opinion poll about the project.

"Libertarians were the initial opposition to the project and are largely responsible for the growth of public opposition," said Shenandoah LP Chair **Marc Montoni**. "It was our letters to the editor, media releases, quoted statements in news articles, and petitions that got other taxpayers riled up enough to get involved. Before we started shouting about it, the train was largely thought of as a shoo-in."

"Those of you who helped us, pat yourselves on the back. You just helped saved Shenandoah County taxpayers \$1 million, Virginia taxpayers \$6 million, and federal taxpayers \$2 million."

■ WASHINGTON STATE

State LP blasts proposed transportation 'scheme'

The recommendations from a state Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation represent a "tax-and-spend scheme" that will increase the size and cost of government, state Libertarians have charged.

The commission wasn't a blue-ribbon panel, but a "green-ribbon" one, said Washington LP State Chair **Jocelyn Langlois** on December 6.

"Green in honor of all the money they want to suck from the people of Washington state," she

said. "In the recent gubernatorial race, Gary Locke said he would endorse whatever recommendations this panel released. Now we see why they waited until three weeks after the election to unveil their tax-and-spend scheme."

In its report, the commission recommended 11 new or increased taxes at a cost of \$8 billion per year, a new layer of regional transportation bureaucracy, and shifting control of the state's Department of Transportation to the governor.

"These recommendations are carefully designed to increase the size and cost of government, centralize power, and tax, tax, tax," said Langlois.

Libertarians are disappointed that the commission never considered any free-market solutions to transportation woes, she said, such as competition in mass transit, increased contracting-out, and an audit of the Department of Transportation.

■ WASHINGTON STATE

State party celebrates one million-vote triumph

The Libertarian Party has become the third party in Washington state after its candidates received over a million votes in November, said LP State Chair **Jocelyn Langlois**.

LP candidates won a total of 1,165,301 votes in the November election — reportedly the first time in state history an alternative party has garnered more than a million votes in a single election, and far more than needed to earn "major party" status.

"Major party status is an important long-term achievement for the Libertarian Party," said Langlois. "But surpassing one million votes in a single election is truly stunning, and shows that the people of Washington like what they're hearing from us."

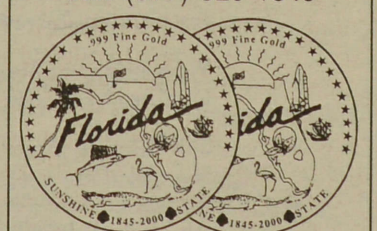
"We are very confident about what this says for the future of the Libertarian Party as the true voice of freedom in Washington state."

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Cybercrime treaty attacks privacy

A new international computer-crime treaty the U.S. government may sign any day is an "all-out attack on computer privacy" and should be rejected, the Libertarian Party says. "This treaty doesn't attack crime," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "Instead, it attacks privacy and the Fifth Amendment — while giving the government awesome new powers to cybersnoop on innocent Americans."

The so-called "Draft Convention On Cybercrime" is currently being negotiated by the U.S. and the 41-nation Council of Europe. It could be finalized in December, reported Wired.com.

However, the U.S. Senate, which must approve all international treaties, should reject it outright, said Dasbach.

"This treaty is the latest example of politicians trying to prove they are tough on crime," he said. "As usual, they want to give bureaucrats and law enforcement new powers to appear to be fighting crime. And, as usual, it is innocent Americans who will bear the brunt of these new police powers."

For example, the treaty would:

- Give law enforcement the power to order Americans to reveal a computer password or encryption key.
 - Require Internet service providers (ISPs) to conduct surveillance of customers' e-mail messages, at government request.
 - Effectively abolish anonymous e-mail by requiring "re-mailer" websites to collect information about their users.
- "If the U.S. Senate cares about privacy, the civil liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, and the Constitutional limitations on government, it will unanimously reject this Draft Convention On Cybercrime," said Dasbach.

LP opposes "Green Eggs and Pork"

In the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2001 appropriations bill — which Congress voted on at its year-end lame-duck session — \$400,000 has been earmarked to build a "memorial" to Dr. Seuss, the author of *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and other children's books.

The memorial would be built by the Springfield Library and Museum Association in Springfield, Massachusetts — so it's no surprise that the provision to spend \$400,000 was inserted into the bill by two Massachusetts Democrats, Senator Edward Kennedy and Rep. Richard Neal.

In opposition to this wasteful "pork" spending, and in tribute to Dr. Seuss, the Libertarian Party issued the following statement:

Green Eggs And Pork

We do not like it Pork-I-Am,
This spendaholic Uncle Sam.
We do not like those Rs and Ds,
Who can't resist more subsidies.

We do not like the cash they waste;
sky-high taxes spent in haste.
Frugality, they have erased,
and every bill, of pork it tastes.

We do not like it on the Hill,
When snuck into HUD's spending bill.
It shouldn't pass — we bet it will
More money from the public till.

If you don't like this Pork-I-Am
Start voting Libertarian.

We would not vote for Pork-I-Am.
Or subsidize green eggs and ham.

Job training programs for the Grinch?
We would not even budge an inch.

And if a cat needed a hat?
Free enterprise is there for that.

Now, just in case you are obtuse
I'll make it clear, with no excuse
We would not do it for a moose
We would not do it for a goose
And as you may by now deduce —
We'd vote "no" on Dr. Seuss.

Libertarian National Committee OKs \$3.1m 'continuation' budget for 2001

The Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (LNC) has approved a \$3.1 million budget for 2001 that will maintain the party's emphasis on affiliate support, outreach, and political action, while a new task force develops long-term strategies and goals.

The budget was approved by voice vote at the LNC's December 9-10 meeting in Washington, DC.

The budget assumes a 16% reduction in revenue compared to 2000, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach, in line with what the party experienced after the last presidential election.

"However, without the extraordinary expenses of a presidential year, particularly in the area of ballot access, we plan to do more outreach, and provide more support for our affiliates and candidates, than we were able to do in 2000," he said.

At the same meeting, the LNC voted to approve a Strategic Planning Committee that will examine the party's ongoing political activities, strategies, and goals. In August, the task force will make recommendations for the future. [See story on page 3.]

Until the Strategic Planning Committee issues its report, the LNC didn't want to make any dramatic changes in party activities or expenditures, said Dasbach.

Usual operations

"This budget funds our usual operations — ballot access; candidate recruitment, training, and support; affiliate training and support; inquiry response; membership recruitment; campus outreach; communications; advertising; and so on," he said.

The 2001 budget assumes the party will raise \$3,107,758 in revenue during the year, mostly from membership renewals, direct-mail and website contributions, the party's Pledge Program, new member dues, and telephone fundraising.

Major expenditures in the budget include:

- \$500,000 for Unified Membership Program (UMP) payments to state parties.
- \$534,760 for direct-mail membership outreach. The party plans to mail up to 1.5 million membership solicitation letters, said Dasbach. At least 60% of those expenses should be offset by new member dues.
- \$41,500 for legal, audit, and insurance expenses.

THE BUDGET allows the LP "to do more outreach, and provide more affiliate support."

- \$41,000 for Strategic Planning and other LNC expenses.
- \$101,000 to respond to information requests, which is paid for by new member dues.
- \$143,000 to produce, print, and mail *LP News*.
- \$25,000 to host a State Chair's conference and provide other affiliate support.
- \$105,000 for candidate sup-

port and training.

- \$60,000 in Internet outreach.
- \$13,000 for media outreach.
- \$15,000 for campus and youth outreach.
- \$120,000 for ballot access.

The above items exclude staff expenses, which total \$625,738 in salaries, taxes, and benefits.

At its December meeting, the LNC did not adopt formal goals for 2001. However, the LNC's Executive Committee is expected to propose 2001 goals during its next two teleconferences, which the LNC will consider in April.

At the December meeting, the LNC also adopted a reserve fund policy that requires \$150,000 to be set aside and invested in Certificates of Deposit. The reserve fund is intended help the party weather unexpected fluctuations in revenue or expenses.

From Dr. Mary J. Ruwart

Author of *Healing Our World* and *Short Answers to Tough Questions*

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The Advocates, a non-profit, non-partisan libertarian educational organization, will give the award to any libertarian who ac-

complished any one of the following activities between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2000:

■ **Letters to the editor:** Had three letters using the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" printed in any non-libertarian newspaper or magazine.

■ **Public speaking:** Gave three speeches to non-libertarian audiences using the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism."

■ **Operation Politically Homeless (OPH).** Worked at three OPH outreach booths, for a minimum of two hours per daily session. (Three different days at one location counts.)

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■ Recognition and thanks by the Advocates in press releases sent to each state Libertarian Party, and in an upcoming issue of the Advocates' new magazine, *The Libertarian Communicator*.



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Supreme Court rules in favor of Libertarian

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tion may reveal that any given motorist has committed some crime."

If the court allowed such roadblocks, "the Fourth Amendment would do little to prevent such intrusions from becoming a routine part of American life," she wrote.

O'Connor was joined in the majority by Justices John Paul Stevens, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Stephen Breyer.

Dissenting were Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas.

The ruling was called "an important victory for advocates of civil liberties," by the Reuters news service, and "welcome news to anyone who values his privacy and freedom," by syndicated columnist Jacob Sullum.

Palmer, who works an evening job, said he heard about the ruling at 11:00 am when a reporter from the *Indianapolis Star* called him.

At first, he said, "I was still in a daze" — but then was "really happy" because his legal victory "shows that you can stand up against big government and still win. It shows that people are

standing up and saying 'No!'"

That same day, Palmer said he was contacted by the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, Fox, ABC, NBC, and CBS to get his reaction to the ruling.

Palmer was the Libertarian Party candidate for the Indiana House of Representatives (District 91) in November.

A big day

"This is a big day for Libertarians everywhere," said Indiana LP Executive Director Brad Klopfenstein. "Freedom has won out over oppression for a change."

"We are all very proud of Joell. It takes a lot of guts to stand up for what is right, especially when the police have you pinned against your car with a dog ready to come after you."

Palmer's victory makes Libertarian Party members three-for-three in Supreme Court cases over the past four years.

In 1997, LP member Walker Chandler was the winning attorney in a case involving drug testing for candidates in Georgia.

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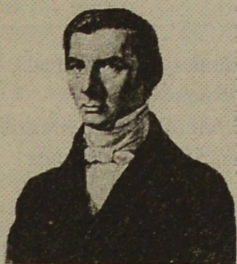
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Libertarian Bill Masters: He's Colorado's amazingly popular anti-Drug War sheriff

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luride, a town that has gone from hard-working, hard-playing mining burg to chic playground-of-the-rich resort in the 25 years Masters has been in law enforcement here.

He is now in his fifth term as sheriff. He has the distinction of being the nation's only registered Libertarian Party sheriff. And he holds the highest elected office among Colorado Libertarians.

80% of the vote

Since he "came out" as a Libertarian candidate in the 1998 election after previously having to run as a Republican to be included on the ballot, his popularity has only grown. He won with 80% of the vote, his largest margin ever.

Masters, who favors Hawaiian shirts over staid uniforms, doesn't order people to obey Colorado's 33,000 laws — many of which he believes are unnecessary. His message instead is that citizens be responsible.

Excuses such as "alcohol made me do it" won't fly in his county, where violent crime falls well below the national norm and the average sheriff's log is made

up of motorist troubles, illegal campfires, and burglaries.

"Libertarians say there is no excuse if you hurt someone or their property. You have to be held accountable," said the 49-year-old Masters, a Libertarian for half his life.

Masters extends that gospel of personal responsibility to victims.

In a "message from the sheriff" printed on the back of a victims' rights pamphlet, Masters tells citizens of his county: "It is your responsibility to protect yourself and your family from criminals. If you rely on the government for protection, you are going to be at least disappointed and at worst injured or killed."

The one area of the law that really sets Masters apart — the subject that spurs him to wave his arms and roll his desk chair back and forth to punctuate important points — is drugs.

When he was first appointed and later elected sheriff in the late 1970s, Masters said he wanted to prove he could be tough on drugs. He helped bust the former town marshal, a former town board member, and a number of well-known citizens. He even received a framed certificate of apprecia-

BILL MASTERS
tells citizens: "It's your responsibility to protect yourself and your family from criminals."

tion from the Drug Enforcement Administration that now hangs on a wall of his spare office along with a quote from Thomas Jefferson, the poem "If," and a small sign advising his employees to GOYAKOD (Get Off Your Ass And Knock On Doors).

Pedophiles

"Just look at how much good those arrests did," Masters said with a wry laugh. "We spend \$50 billion a year on drug enforcement in this country, and we let pedophiles and murderers out of prison because there is not enough room. The prisons are full of drug users."

Masters said a number of other Colorado sheriffs have told him in private that they agree with his drug stance. But they won't say it publicly. If they did, they might not be re-elected.

Pitkin County Sheriff Bob Braudis is one of the few openly in Masters' corner.

"I share his philosophy. If you have a drug problem you should go to the doctor, not to jail," Braudis said. "Bill has let that genie out of the bottle and not suffered politically for it. He has an awful lot of courage for stating this."

Ron Crickenberger, national political director of the Libertarian Party, said Masters has become a "shining example" for other Libertarians across America who are considering running for law enforcement positions while openly opposing drug laws.

Masters spoke about that stance when he addressed the

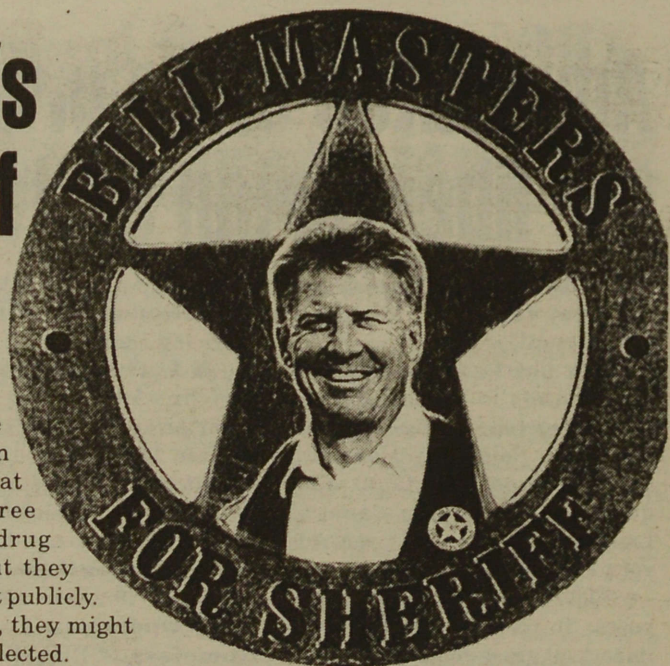
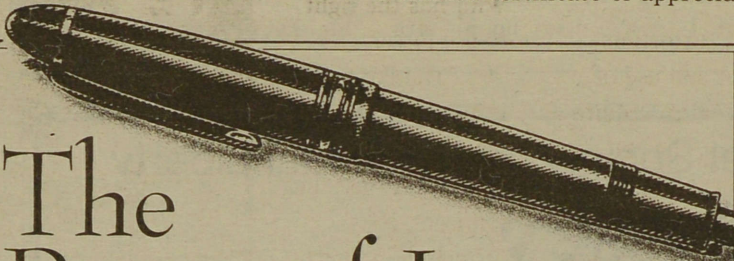
National Libertarian Convention in June.

He told convention attendees a story about a trip he made to the FBI training academy in Quantico, VA several years ago.

He said he was brokenhearted to find the academy swarming with bright, enthusiastic young agents-in-training for the DEA but only a handful of older, overworked agents assigned to a case dealing with suspected child abductions by a serial killer.

Masters, a man known for his infectious giggle, doesn't try to hide the tears running down one cheek when he repeats the story in his office.

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Bill Masters won 80% in his last election bid

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He had gone to Quantico for help with the case of a young Montrose woman whose murdered body was found in his county two years after she was abducted from a Montrose parking lot.

The Buffy Rice Donohue murder case is one that Masters, a father of four, has refused to let die even after other law enforcement officials have washed their hands of it.

The man believed to have killed Donohue is facing a death sentence in two other murders and has never been prosecuted for Donohue's murder. His former girlfriend, whom Masters said he believes was an accomplice in the murder, has been sentenced only for being an accessory.

Masters is continuing to investigate to bring some overdue justice in Donohue's murder.

He showed the same dogged determination in the 1990 murder of Eva Berg Shoen, a resident of the Telluride Ski Ranches. It took five years of meticulous investigative work to arrest and convict a New Mexico man for the slaying.

"Touchy-feely"

Masters said solving that case was possible because his deputies were able to focus on the crime because they didn't have to spend half their time chasing after drug dealers. He also said that he doesn't allow them to spend their time on "touchy-feely" extra programs such as drug education in schools.

Jill Masters, who worked as a sheriff's investigator before marrying Bill Masters 10 years ago, said she doesn't view what her husband is doing as radical.

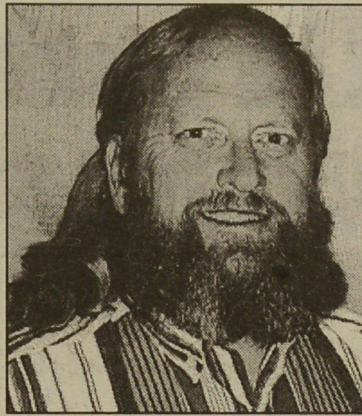
"It's actually old-fashioned. It's the way law enforcement used to be practiced," she said.

But Braudis said he expects Masters to be recognized someday as "an early pioneer" for his cutting-edge stance on the drug war.

Crickenberger said he expects even more.

"I would certainly like to see Bill run for a higher office — for state representative or Congress," Crickenberger said. "We will be encouraging him to do so."

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■ Charlie Lambert, elected to the post of Public Weigher in Hutchinson County, Texas.

LP wins 8 more seats

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The LP also picked up the highest average gubernatorial percentage with 1.3%, besting the Greens (0.38%) and the Reform Party (0.25%).

In the race for U.S. House, LP candidates won 1.6 million votes, or 1.84% of the total votes cast, reported Winger — the best showing for any third party since the Progressives won 1.89% in 1948.

In presidential news, the number of votes won by LP presi-

dential candidate Harry Browne has increased to 382,892.

The December issue of *LP News* reported a presidential vote total of only 376,123, but that number was boosted by absentee ballots and late returns.

Coming out of the 2000 elections, the LP is on the ballot in 25 states, according to Winger, compared to 22 for the Green Party, 13 for the Constitution Party, 12 for the Reform Party, and 12 for the Natural Law Party.

THE TRADE PARTY: The Future

Politics is the branch of philosophy dealing with proper human relationships. Each individual's philosophy is his or her set of concepts of how humans should relate with one another. Fundamentally there are only two ways for humans to interact — by force or by trade.

A political party is a group of individuals who have roughly the same beliefs about how humans should interact. Since there are fundamentally only two methods of interacting, fundamentally only two political parties are possible to mankind.

One is the group of people who believe that it is legitimate and necessary to threaten and/or use force against the innocent to achieve some or all of their political and social goals — the Force Party. The other is the group of individuals who believe that trade is the only moral way to get what one wants from the innocent — the Trade Party.

Democrats and republicans both believe that force is legitimate to use against the innocent. They are mere factions of the same party, the Force Party. Taxation is the threat and use of

force to acquire money, extortion. Regulation is the threat and use of force against the innocent to acquire changes in their behavior, the extortion of behavior patterns. Extortion is objectively a crime, and is defined as such for private extortionists, but it is regarded as a virtue by republicans and democrats in government.

Until the libertarians came along in 1971, there was no alternative to the Force Party in any country in the world. Political history was the history of the Force Party. Each country has lived throughout history under one party, Force Party, governments. The extortion sector in each country exists by preying upon the trade sector.

The libertarian party was the first faction of the Trade Party to appear. So far it is the only one. It is the second political party to exist and it was high time a second party appeared before the Force Party in America became totalitarian rather than merely authoritarian.

Libertarianism is a hard sell because it contrasts with authoritarianism and totalitarianism. Every democrat and republican thinks he believes in liberty. Few individuals

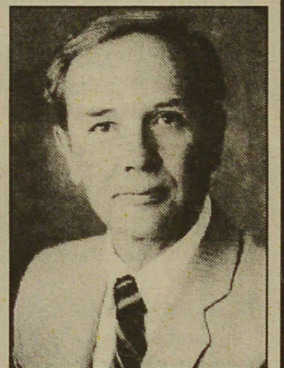
think they are authoritarians or totalitarians. Yet "zero tolerance" is as totalitarian as one can get.

The libertarian party does not contrast with democrat or republican because those are forms of government. But trade contrasts with force as methods of achieving goals. Trade is the libertarian way; force is the democrat and republican way.

The Trade Party is a single issue party and that issue is force. The questions to be answered are, "When is force legitimate? Who may force be used against and for? How is the use of force to be controlled? Who has the right to use force?"

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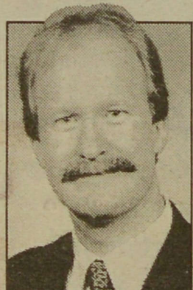
■ **Editor's note:** Over the past year, the "Politics 2000" column concentrated on the activities of the party's slate of candidates for the November 2000 election. Starting this month, its focus will expand to include activities of local and state LP activists, libertarian-related politics in general, and candidates for off-year elections.

■ In Colorado, **Joe Johnson** was chosen as the recipient of the state party's "Ptak Award" as the Libertarian of the Year. "Johnson was seen as the chief instigator who convinced so many people across the state to run for office under the party banner. The results [were] 57 out of 65 State House candidates, 18 out of 20 State Senate candidates, six U.S. House candidates, a candidate for Secretary of State, and six candidates for county commissioner," said Colorado LP Public Information Director **John K. Berntson**. The award was announced in October.

■ They like us, they really like us: According to www.hotrate.com, a website that allows the general public to rate other websites, people like www.LP.org. The Libertarian Party's website generated four positive and zero negative reviews. In Hollywood, the word "libertarian" continues to be appealing. Actress **Leah Lall**, who plays Kay Simmons in the syndicated TV show *V.I.P.*, described herself as a libertarian in the *Los Angeles Times*.

■ They hate us, they really hate us: The November issue of *Men's Health* had this snide reference about the LP in a section about selecting gym wear: "Guys who work out in boxers have the same problem as Libertarian presidential candidates: no widespread support." Ouch.

■ In California, **Bonnie Flickinger** was selected on December 12 by the Moreno Valley City Council to serve as Mayor for 2001. She starts her second term on January 2, 2001. In Michigan, **Ray Kirkus** was elected Chairman of the Berrien County LP on December 7. In Indiana, State Chair **Mark Rutherford** was awarded the Order of Merit for volunteer service by the Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity in October.



■ **Rutherford:** Order of Merit

■ In late Election 2000 results, about a quarter-million Floridians voted for Libertarian candidates — including **Lisa Bul-lion**, a winning candidate for a Soil and Water Commission seat, who won 127,000 votes, said Florida Libertarian **Michael Gilson De Lemos**. In Maine, **Bill Reid**, LP candidate for House of Representatives, received the majority vote in four out of five towns in his district in his two-way race. "Unfortunately his Democratic opponent piled up an overwhelming majority in the town of Jay, site of a large paper mill and of many more voters," said state newsletter editor **Robert Coolidge**. Reid won 36% of the total vote.

■ Looking forward to 2002: **Jeff Daniel**, the Texas LP's candidate for governor in 2002, has named **Tonie Nathan** as an honorary co-chair of his campaign. Nathan, the LP's 1972 candidate for vice president, was the first woman to win an Electoral College vote.

■ In Washington state, the LP is seeking people to "help promote and recruit for the party" at upcoming science fiction conventions. "SF conventions are good places to recruit because many SF fans already consider themselves to be small 'l' libertarians and have been introduced to the ideas through SF novels," said project coordinator **Jacqueline Passey**. In Connecticut, the state LP is inviting party members to fill out an application to become a Justice of the Peace, which is considered an appointed office in the state. The project "should bump the number of appointed office holders up nicely," said State Chair **James Madison**.

■ In late presidential news, it appears that **Harry Browne** got two of his votes from staff members of the online magazine, *Slate.com*. On November 6, the publication reported that contributor **Steven E. Landsburg** voted for Browne as "the one candidate who stands for individual liberty and limited constitutional government." And so did Deputy Editor **Jack Shafer**, because "I agree with the Libertarian platform: Much smaller government, much lower taxes, an end to income redistribution, repeal of the drug laws, fewer gun laws, a dismantled welfare state, an end to corporate subsidies . . . (You get the idea.)"

LNC creates new task force to examine party's strategy, goals

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■ March 10-11 in Chicago, Illinois.

■ April 22 in Washington, DC.

■ May 5-6 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

■ June 16-17 (location to be determined).

■ July 14-15 (location to be determined).

■ July 28-29 (location to be determined).

The April 22 meeting will follow a one-day April 21 LNC meeting, noted Givot, and the two meetings in July will only be held if needed.

The first LNC/SPT meeting will be open to the public, said Givot.

"We will be gathering data from the the participants on how they view LP and its strategic position today," he said.

"We will spend much of the time brainstorming — trying to construct a complete list of all of the alternative things that the LP might want to do in the coming four years."

Suggestions

LP members who want their suggestions aired at the first meeting should contact their regional LNC representative or State Chair, said Givot.

"Anyone who has input, comments, or suggestions should relate them to an LNC member who is participating in the process," he said. "I strongly suggest that this input be channeled through LNC Regional Reps and Alternates who plan to attend."

"All input should be in the hands of these people by the end of January. It is far better to have all ideas on the table early."

A complete list of LNC members — with contact information — is available at the party's website, www.LP.org.

The second LNC/SPT will be closed to the public, as members start the process of considering the results of the brainstorming sessions and incorporating them into a coherent plan, said Givot. The LNC will decide in April if future LNC/SPT will be open.

"Based on the ideas suggested [at the first meeting], we will ask [the national LP's] staff to gather information for us prior to our March meeting," he said. "That information will help the LNC/SPT start to define alternative (though not necessarily mutually exclusive) strategies."

The LNC/SPT will operate by trying to build consensus among members, said Givot.

"We will make every reasonable effort to move forward by building consensus, rather than by making motions and taking votes," he said.



■ LP National Chair Jim Lark (l) congratulates former N.H. state legislator Don Gorman after he was selected to serve on the party's new Strategic Planning Team.

"The participants and our members should understand — going into this process — that the final recommendations of LNC/SPT will certainly not be something that is exactly what any one person would like or propose. It will, of necessity, be a consensus plan."

Such a process should generate "more buy-in, greater success, better focus, greater cooperation

and coordination between the LNC and its affiliates," he said.

Work in progress

Even if the LNC/SPT's final strategic plan is approved by the LNC, it will still be a "work in progress," said Givot.

"The plan will, of course, be revisited and likely revised annually based on achievements and developments," he said.

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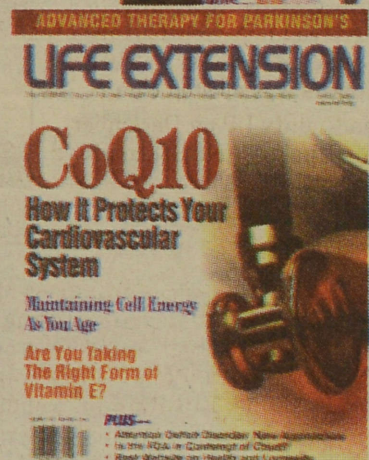
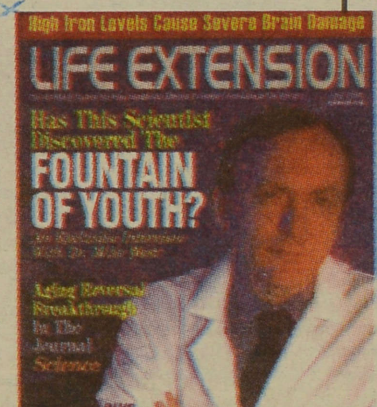
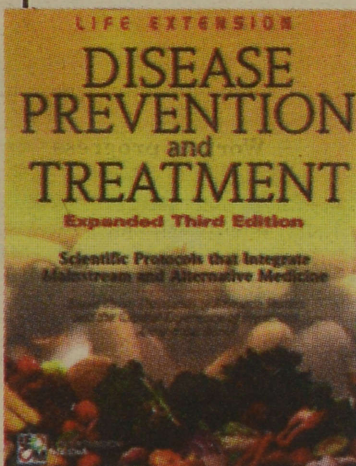
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■ **Governor**

Indiana • Andrew Horning 38,686 1.78%
Missouri • John Swenson 11,268 0.48%
Montana • Stan Jones 7,882 1.93%
New Hampshire • John Babiarz 8,974 1.60%
North Carolina • Barbara Howe 41,351 1.43%
Vermont • Hardy Macia 739 0.25%
Washington • Steve LePage 47,256 1.93%
West Virginia • Bob Myers 5,694 0.89%

■ **U.S. Senate**

Arizona • Barry Hess 63,653 5.21%
California • Gail Katherine Lightfoot 186,859 1.77%
Connecticut • Wildey Moore 8,372 0.64%
Delaware • Burke Morrison 1,103 0.34%
Florida • Darrell McCormick 21,578 0.37%
Georgia • Paul MacGregor 27,037 1.12%
Hawaii • Lloyd Mallan 3,125 0.90%
Indiana • Paul Hager 33,896 1.58%
Massachusetts • Carla Howell 307,135 11.88%
Michigan • Michael Corliss 23,596 0.57%
Minnesota • Erik Pakieser 7,613 0.31%
Mississippi • Lewis Napper 7,871 0.84%
Missouri • Grant Stauffer 10,194 0.43%
Nevada • J.J. Johnson 5,393 0.90%
New Jersey • Emerson Ellett 7,024 0.24%
New York • John Clifton 5,032 0.08%
Ohio • John McAlister 112,501 2.61%
Pennsylvania • John Featherman 46,013 0.98%
Texas • Mary Ruwart 72,657 1.16%
Utah • Jim Dexter 10,271 1.34%
Vermont • Hugh Douglas 3,798 1.33%
Washington • Jeff Jared 64,071 2.62%
West Virginia • Joe Whelan 12,395 2.09%
Wisconsin • Tim Peterson 21,120 0.83%
Wyoming • Margaret Dawson 9,050 4.24%

■ **U.S. House**

Alabama

District 1 Dick Coffee 14,032 8.50%
District 2 Wallace McGahan 4,214 1.86%
District 3 John Sophocleus 21,078 12.53%
District 4 Craig Goodrich 3,387 1.47%
District 5 Alan Barksdale 21,334 10.66%
District 6 Terry Reagin 28,189 11.70%
District 7 Ken Hager 3,824 1.93%

Alaska

Leonard Karpinski 3,842 1.70%

Arizona

District 1 Jon Burroughs 7,752 4.07%
District 2 Geoffrey Weber 2,890 2.59%
District 3 Edward Carlson 7,921 3.02%
District 4 Ernest Hancock 6,222 3.37%
District 5 Aage Nost 3,764 1.39%
District 6 Richard Duncan 7,892 2.97%

California

District 1 Emil P. Rossi 6,188 2.68%
District 2 Charles R. Martin 6,699 2.62%
District 3 Douglas Arthur Tuma 5,227 2.27%
District 4 William Fritz Frey 9,477 3.05%
District 5 Cullene Lang 2,919 1.36%
District 6 Richard O. Barton 4,691 1.66%
District 8 Erik Bauman 5,591 2.62%
District 9 Fred E. Foldvary 7,051 3.28%
District 11 Kathryn A. Russow 5,036 2.41%
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District 13 Howard Mora 4,623 2.52%
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District 22 Joe Furcinite 1,853 0.82%
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District 27 Ted Brown 3,675 1.70%
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District 29 Jack Anderson 7,944 3.33%

District 30 Jason E. Heath 2,858 2.86%
District 31 Michael McGuire 7,138 6.32%
District 32 Bob Weber 3,875 2.36%
District 33 Nathan Thomas Craddock 1,601 2.24%
District 36 Daniel R. Sherman 6,073 2.54%
District 37 Herb Peters 2,988 2.79%
District 38 Jack Neglia 3,614 2.01%
District 39 Keith D. Gann 5,275 2.56%
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District 45 Don F. Hull 8,409 3.83%
District 46 Richard B. Boddie 3,159 2.70%
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Colorado

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District 2 David Baker 5,654 2.00%
District 3 Drew Sakson 9,846 3.24%
District 4 Kordon Baker 19,712 7.63%
District 5 Kerry Kantor 37,720 12.32%
District 6 Adam Katz 6,889 2.63%

Connecticut

District 4 Daniel Gislao 2,034 0.98%

Delaware

Brad Thomas 2,346 0.75%

Florida

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Hawaii

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District 2 Lawrence Duquesne 5,671 2.37%

Idaho

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Illinois

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District 5 Matt Beauchamp 20,714 12.73%

Indiana

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Kansas

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District 3 Chris Mina 9,238 3.06%
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Kentucky

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Maine

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Massachusetts

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Michigan

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District 16 Edward Hlavac 3,211 1.37%

Minnesota

District 1 Rich Osness 5,417 1.92%
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District 3 Bob Odden 5,301 1.61%
District 5 Chuck Charnstrom 4,480 1.76%

Mississippi

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District 2 Will Chipman 3,567 2.31%
District 3 Jonathan Golden 2,314 1.12%
District 4 Ernie Hopkins 2,328 1.24%
District 5 Wayne Parker 2,932 1.56%

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Nebraska

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District 3 Jerry Hickman 4,741 2.21%

Nevada

District 1 Charles Schneider 4,011 1.75%
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New Hampshire

District 1 Dan Belforti 5,540 1.96%
District 2 Brian Christeson 6,184 2.28%

New Jersey

District 7 Darren Young 931 0.40%
District 12 Worth Winslow 1,220 0.41%

New York

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North Carolina

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Pennsylvania

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■ **Statewide Races**

Alabama

State Supreme Court Sydney Albert Smith 225,969 20.16%
Public Service commission Matthew A. Givens 197,569 17.70%

Arizona

Corp. Commissioner Ray Price 73,808 5.40%

Colorado

Secretary of State Johanna Fallis 43,486 2.7%

District of Columbia

City Council Matt Mercurio 5,771 2.23%

Georgia

Public Service Commissioner Wayne Parker 135,888 6.00%
Public Service Commission Dick Withington 133,904 5.80%

Indiana

Lt. Governor Mark Schreiber 38,686 1.79%
Attorney General N. Sean Harshey 45,390 2.16%
Superintendent of Public Instruction Sam Goldstein m80,239 4.04%

Michigan

State Supreme Court Jerry J. Kaufman 311,589 9.99%
State Supreme Court David H. Raaflaubm 194,973 6.41%
State Supreme Court Robert W. Roddis 236,404 7.57%
State Board of Education Diane Barnes 128,134 1.76%
Trustee, Michigan State University Michael H. Miller 123,633 1.72%
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Regent, University of Michigan Tim A. Maul 76,080 1.06%
Regent, University of Michigan Marvin M. Surowitz 58,157 .80%
Governor, Wayne State University Scott A. Boman 130,176 1.86%
Governor, Wayne State University Thomas W. Jonesm 77,651 1.10%

Missouri

Lt. Governor Phillip Horras 20,345 .88%
Attorney General Mitch Moore 53,363 2.33%
Secretary of State Jane Spence Southard 32,354 1.41%
State Treasurer Arnold Trembley 19,064 .83%

Montana

Lt. Governor (same as Governor) Michael Kaszula 7,926 1.93%
Secretary of State Mike Fellows 11,446 2.89%
Clerk of the Supreme Court Allen Salveson 91,584 26.46%

Oklahoma

Corporation Commissioner Roger Bloxham 21,568 1.84%

Oregon

Attorney General Tom Cox 56,611 3.94%
Secretary of State E.J. Ed Pole, II 24,286 1.65%
State Treasurer Mitch Shultz 54,091 3.85%

Pennsylvania

Attorney General Julian Heicklen 41,519 .90%
State Treasurer John D. Famularo 30,867 .66%
Auditor General Jessica A. Morris 41,967 .90%

Texas

State Supreme Court Joe Izen 720,592 15.74%
State Supreme Court Mike Jacobellis 534,459 11.50%
State Supreme Court Lance Smith 859,729 18.67%
State Railroad Commissioner Carolyn Fields 737,992 15.66%
State Railroad Commissioner Anthony Garcia 739,415 15.82%
Court of Criminal Appeals Rife Scott Kimler 704,214 15.56%

Utah

Attorney General W. Andrew McCullough 22,273 2.94%
State Treasurer Hugh A. Butler 81,697 12.73%

Vermont

State Auditor Peter Baker 7,111 2.56%

Washington

Lt. Governor Ruth E. Bennett 179,567 7.80%
Attorney General Richard Shepherd 90,941 3.93%
Secretary of State Brad Gibson 94,202 4.12%
State Treasurer Tim Perman 96,910 4.27%
State Auditor Chris Caputo 123,058 5.47%
Commissioner of Public Lands Steve Layman 125,985 5.40%
State Insurance Commissioner Michael J. Hihn 92,185 4.19%

West Virginia

Secretary of State Poochie Myers 56,477 10.56%

N.M. Gov. Gary Johnson: Loves 'Libertarian'

Governor Gary Johnson loves it when you call him a "Libertarian."

Johnson, the two-term Republican governor of New Mexico — and one of the country's leading advocates of ending the War on Drugs — said so in a new interview in *Playboy*. "If there's a criticism about me that I love, it's that I'm a Libertarian," he said in the January 2001 issue of the popular men's magazine.

"If people call me a Republican Libertarian, great. I separate myself from the [Republican] party when it wants to legislate morality. You can't legislate morality."

In the wide-ranging interview, Johnson said:

■ The War on Drugs is a "mind-boggling failure" that costs \$30 billion a year. "Half of all crime is drug-related. Half," he said. "If we legalized drugs, we would destroy the environment that allows and encourages all those crimes."

Although he admits to smoking marijuana as a young man, Johnson said he now considers drugs — along with alcohol, caffeine, nicotine, and sugar — to be a "handicap." An "Ironman" triathlon athlete, Johnson gets up every day at 4:45 am to work out, and runs up to 12 miles a day.

■ He supports open borders. "My vision of the border with Mexico is that a truck from the United States going into Mexico and a truck coming from Mexico into the United States will pass each other at the border going 60 miles an hour," he said.

Hardworking

"I don't think Easterners recognize that the Hispanics who immigrate are great people, great citizens," he said. "They're living in poverty in Mexico and can come to the United States and do a lot better. They're hardworking people who are taking the jobs that others don't want."

■ He has vetoed 550 bills — "more than all the other governors combined" — and has made sure there hasn't been a tax increase in New Mexico in five years. "That's never happened before," he said.

■ He opposes gun control. "I'm one of those who believes the bumper sticker," he said. "If you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns. I believe that concealed carry is a way of reducing gun violence."

However, Johnson might run into disagreements with some Libertarians on the issues of cam-

paign finance reform (he supports banning "soft money"), and education (he supports vouchers and has increased his state's spending on K-12 education from \$1.1 billion to \$1.6 billion).

Johnson, 47, generated headlines in 1999 when he publicly called for an end to the War on Drugs — becoming the first Republican governor to do so.

In response, Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey labeled him "Puff Daddy Johnson."

At the time, Libertarians in New Mexico launched an effort to draft Johnson as the LP's presidential candidate, which the governor "politely declined."

Won't run again

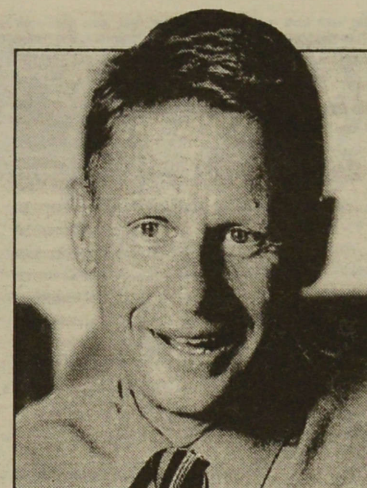
Johnson, whose second four-year gubernatorial term concludes at the end of 2002, also said in the *Playboy* interview, "I don't plan to run again for any office."

With no political future at stake, Johnson said that speaking

out against the Drug War has been a "liberating" experience.

"I'm doing it because it needs to be done," he said. "[Legalizing drugs] will happen, whether in 80 years or 10. More candidates will run on the issue of legalizing drugs."

"Politicians in office will come to the same conclusion — that what we're doing isn't working and there has to be another way. I hope to be one of many within a few years."



■ New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson: "It needs to be done."

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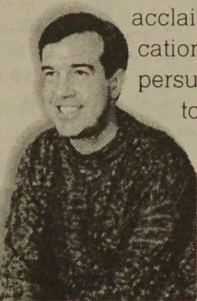
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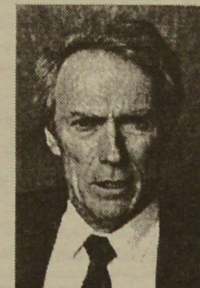
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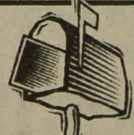
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Libertarian registrations jump by 10%

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"Whatever the cause, it's clear that more and more people are hearing about the Libertarian Party, and they like what they hear," he said. "More voters want to be identified as Libertarians, and that is good news for us."

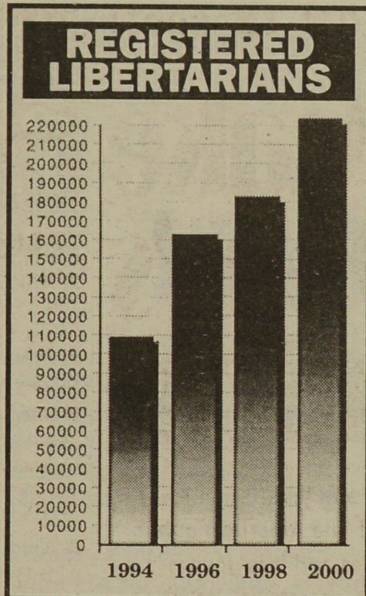
The new numbers are also the continuation of a positive six-year trend, he said, since Libertarian registration has more than doubled since 1994, when it stood at 109,100.

The larger number of registered Libertarians is significant, said Dasbach, because it means that there is a larger pool of Libertarians the LP can contact about becoming contributing party members, candidates, and activists.

Strong signal

"Votes are frequently here today, gone tomorrow," he said. "But a registration tends to last for years — and sends a strong signal about where a voter's political loyalty will stay."

According to Winger, the actual number of registered Libertarians may be larger than 224,713, since four jurisdictions



— Maine, Kentucky, New Hampshire, and the District of Columbia — allow people to write in "Libertarian" as their registration choice, but do not collect or release that data.

The registered Libertarian voter base is drawn from 21 of the 27 states (and DC) that have partisan registration. Another 23 states do not have partisan registration for any political party.

Of nationally organized political parties, the Libertarian Party currently has the third-largest number of registered voters in the party's actual name. (The Constitution Party has more affiliated voters, but gets 94% of its registered voters from its alliance with the California-based American Independent Party.)

50/50 split in U.S. Senate was caused by strong LP's showing in Washington state

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waiting period before buying a gun, and recently came out supporting mandatory trigger locks," he said. "His messing with the Second Amendment cost him."

"Mr. Gorton and the Republicans have no one to blame but themselves for their lowest-common-denominator, ride-the-fence, wishy-washy showing. If the Republicans are going to pander on the gun and tax issues, rather than defending the Constitution, then they deserve to be dumped."

Took some votes

Jared said he probably took some votes from the Democratic candidate, too, because his campaign also focused on ending the drug war, ending corporate subsidies, and ending foreign military intervention.

"I hope [both] Republicrats and Demopublicans are feeling the pain because they won't modernize their ideas," he said.

Thanks in part to Jared's strong showing, the Libertarian Party was credited by the media with being the "balance of power" in Washington state.

For example, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported: "For all the talk about Ralph Nader's Green Party, the Libertarians may end

JEFF JARED:

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up leaving an even deeper imprint on the state's political landscape."

And the *Tacoma News Tribune* wrote: "[Libertarians] were the candidates seemingly no one was paying attention to this year — until the voters spoke."

The Republicans also took no-

tice of the Libertarian votes.

"Libertarians did better than I think many people expected," said Don Benton, chairman of the state GOP. "We have to do a much better job of articulating our message to the voters."

Besides Jared, the LP ran 65 other candidates for federal, state, and legislative races in November — winning major party status and pushing both the state House and Senate into virtual ties between Republicans and Democrats.

Run again in 2004

After his strong showing, Jared said he may run again in 2004, unless the major party candidates embrace more Libertarian positions, like ending the War on Drugs.

"I'd love to be able to give my 3% to the first major party candidate with the courage to call [for an end to] the Drug War," he said. "The major parties must start accepting our ideas or lose higher percentages to us."

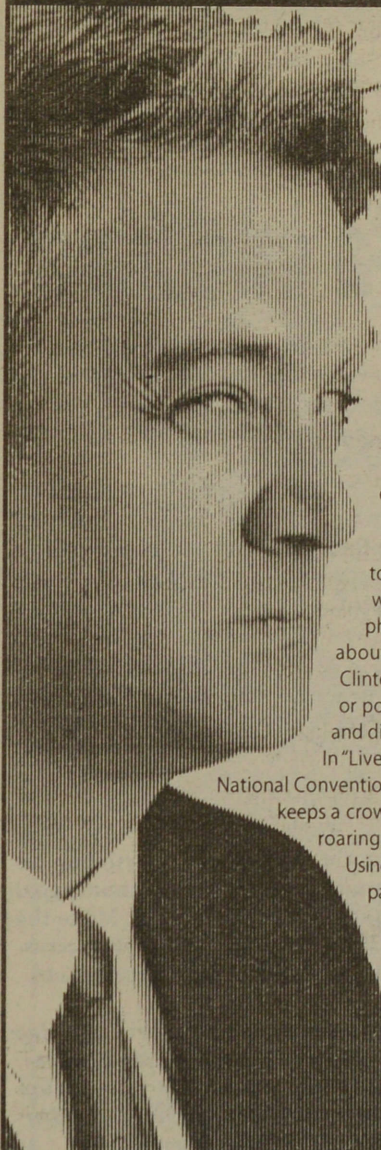
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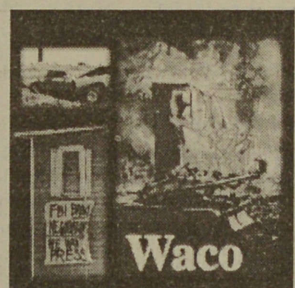
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Election 2000 and the Tsunami Event

A friend of mine who has worked Libertarian politics for many years predicted that immediately after the election—the sniping would start. It did, but it was fairly mild and some were even happy with election results.

The elections were a mixed bag. But it was a break-through year in many respects, with more people hearing the liberty message than ever before. A number of Libertarian candidates in Colorado did very well, and Carla Howell earned 12% for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts.

Even though Harry Browne pulled miserable numbers, most people I've heard from chalk that up to the tightness of the Presidential race and figure Harry got the message out in a robust way.

Some, however, continue to mistake election results for cultural results. For instance, Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer earned 7.1% of the vote as the Libertarian candidate for State House District 24. She spent a lot of money—somewhere in the range of \$20,000—and she campaigned full-time. Some have pointed out that she likely would have picked up four to six percent without spending one dollar.

However, that misses the point. Because of Dr. Glazer's efforts, every registered voter in her district heard the libertarian mes-

sage. Many heard it not only through direct mail but through television, radio, and the newspapers, because Glazer earned an enormous amount of coverage. Glazer changed the terms of the debate. Now, libertarian positions on market education, choice in health care, voluntary growth solutions, and much lower taxes are part of the political landscape.

No, Dr. Glazer's efforts did not pay off in the short-run in terms of political power. However, she has planted the ideas of liberty in the minds of her neighbors, and some of those ideas will take hold.

Libertarians want to change the world. We want to stop political rulers from running society by force, and enable individuals and voluntary groups to run society through cooperation. We're sick of seeing honorable men and women beaten, imprisoned, raided, taxed, numbered, processed, and regulated. Understandably, we who worship at the feet of Lady Liberty grow impatient.

The Tsunami Event

Yet, despite all the disappointments with libertarian cultural and political projects, we have reason for optimism. Some weeks ago I thought of an analogy to the hope of libertarians: The Tsunami Event.

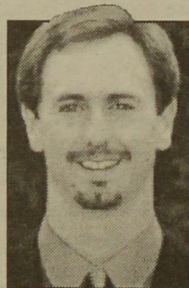
A tsunami is a wave in the

ocean caused by seismic rumblings on the ocean floor. Out on the broad expanses of water, a tsunami is a trifling thing, barely noticeable. If you were out fishing, you would feel your boat gently rise and fall. But for a person on the shoreline, a tsunami is a quite different experience.

First, all the water near the shore rolls back into the sea. Dead calm. Then the tsunami wave rises up against the shallow ocean bottom, exploding upwards with great force to come crashing over the land.

In nature, a tsunami is destructive. However, if we imagine a shoreline littered with the machinery of the oppressive state, drawing a link between the giant wave and the libertarian enterprise becomes not too farfetched.

The earthquakes which cause tsunamis do not just happen without cause. Instead, they are the result of great forces built up over hundreds or thousands of years. Similarly, we're never going to just wake up one day in a libertarian world. The achievement of



By Ari Armstrong

a free and civil society will be the end result of millions of person-hours of effort, building up social pressures for positive change. We can never predict exactly when the resulting tsunami will break. Yet the forces are at work.

Several historical examples provide application for the analogy. As Marshall Fritz has noted, nobody could have predicted the day the Berlin Wall would fall (the day the tsunami of freedom smashed that symbol of communist rule). Yet the social forces were long at work. Finally, a few bold individuals jumped the walls, and the soldiers refused to murder them. Then the wall itself came tumbling down. The inherent instability and oppressiveness of socialism, combined with people's longings for freedom, made that day inevitable.

Monkey-wrenching

The American Revolution was the product of a long tradition of English law and political thought, notably that of John Locke. Today, we see the Boston Tea Party as one step in an inevitable process. Back then, it was just good fun monkey-wrenching the British.

Most recently, Mexico's election of Fox can be seen as something of a Tsunami Event.

Libertarians must not think simplistically. A life-long "R" or "D" is not going to change voting

habits simply because we present him or her with logic, evidence, and a coherent political philosophy. Social change takes time. We ought not grow discouraged when our efforts fail to produce immediate changes.

Think of the Tsunami Event. Every effort you make to advance the cause of liberty brings nearer that Day of Freedom our progeny will see as an inevitable consequence.

Strategies

Obviously, the analogy to a tsunami isn't perfect. In fact, our freedoms may not come in a single day with drama to match the falling of the Berlin Wall. Our tsunami will probably come in slow-motion, and it may take lots of waves. The important point to absorb is that even little actions contribute to the movements of the culture.

Even if it works out that one great leader will accomplish the equivalent of blowing up the Death Star, remember that the ship won't fly without mechanics, and Luke Skywalker won't pilot unless he remembers the lessons taught to him by his elders. Use the force, Luke, and ride the wave.

Since the elections, libertarians have proposed a variety of strategies. Some believe the answer lies in marketing libertarian ideas more effectively. Harry Browne, Michael Cloud, and Mary Ruwart are concerned mostly with the issue of how to effectively present libertarian ideas to the public.

Others focus on forging new alliances. Bill Bradford of *Liberty Magazine* thinks we should focus on the issue of drug prohibition. Some people have suggested that libertarians join the Republican

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What you can do (today) to make Election 2004 a success

If you want the LP to do better in 2004, there are some things we must start doing right now

The 2000 presidential election is over. The January "Pulse" question asked about goals for the next four years. I would think our main goal should be to elect a Libertarian President in 2004. But that requires us to set some smaller goals to reach before that election.

During the next year, we must educate the voters—both to what libertarianism is, and to the existence of the Libertarian Party.

A large part of the problem is lack of media coverage. While the media deserves most of the blame, what are we doing to combat the problem? I know I've not been writing letters to the editor as often as I should.

Every day even the local newspapers, and certainly the national papers, carry at least one item that should generate a re-

sponse. A letter each day might be difficult, but surely many of us can write a letter a week, or even one a month.

Can't write? Use the telephone. Talk radio seems to be everywhere. Call the local television stations and let them know about local Libertarian Party events. If enough people call, and call often, they can't ignore us forever.

Listen

Talk to friends. Even more important—listen. When someone has a complaint about some government program (everyone does), respond with, "You know, the Libertarian Party has a proposal to..."

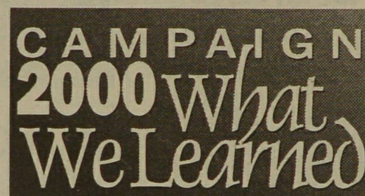
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Distribute only 25 flyers each week (that's fewer than four each day) and in less than one year you've exposed more than 1,000 people (more if they read it and pass it on) to libertarianism and the Libertarian Party.

While still continuing the education campaign in the second year, we should concentrate on getting candidates on the ballot (and getting them elected). Let's set a goal of a Libertarian candidate for every seat in Congress.

As Operation Breakthrough proved in California, sometimes the secret to getting people to run for office is simply to ask. Certainly each state party could run its own Operation Breakthrough. Although the goal is ambitious, if



we start enough in advance, it should be attainable. Imagine the media trying to ignore a party that is running a candidate for every seat in Congress.

Think back

Even before the phone calls start, think back to Election Day. Was there a Libertarian candidate for Congress on your ballot? Which other offices on your ballot did not have a Libertarian candidate? Contact your state's party HQ and let them know you'd be willing to run, or willing to help recruit a candidate. Then do it.

If you can't run, and can't help recruit, volunteer two hours or more of your time and help get petitions signed.

You can knock on doors, or even stand outside the local supermarket. (And don't forget about the all-important flyer distribution!)

And let's not forget, although we're looking toward the 2002 elections, there are local elections between now and then. Let's get on the ballot (and get elected) for those offices, too.

If we reach our goal of a candidate for every seat, surely there will be Libertarians in Congress. We will no longer be the party that can't get elected, or the party that can't get media attention.

Continuing what we've done in the first two years will help us reach our third and ultimate goal for the next four years: Make the 2004 elections the most successful in Libertarian Party history.

■ **About the author:** Gerri Sue Hesselberg, an Illinois resident, recently joined the Libertarian Party after having been "a libertarian for many years."

By Gerri Sue Hesselberg

A New Libertarian asks: 'Am I Libertarian enough?'

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We are this way with the exception of the people we need the most — Libertarian Party members. Many Libertarians (not the majority, but a significant minority) won't accept anyone who is not as pure as they are.

Scoff and discount

Those people give other Libertarians purity tests — and when they are not as Libertarian as themselves, they scoff and discount them as not worthy.

One of the first things I noticed while being a member of the party was the seniority stigma.

I first heard of the Libertarian Party in November 1996 when I heard Harry Browne speak. In January 1998 I finally joined the party. I have only been a party member two and a half years.

I helped get a place for my

county convention in 1998; I've been a county treasurer; I've attended two state conventions and one national.

But because I have not been here since the beginning, I could not have done enough in those two and a half years to compare with others. I could not have become pure in LP ideas in my short time here, and I am just too new to have strong beliefs, so many would not call me a Libertarian.

I believe putting people in jail for drugs is just plain wrong. I think putting people in jail for their lifestyle is not right.

I think Social Security is unfair because they don't give you a choice. I think it is unfair to have to pay for something that you neither want nor use.

But . . . because I don't over-analyze the paradigm to the nth degree, because I don't know who came up with the paradigm, many would not call me a Libertarian.

I like having a community to fall back on. I like having friends and family who will pick me up when I've fallen. I would like to have a neighborhood where I can talk to my neighbor.

I believe, as human beings, we truly need other people to love and be loved, to talk to and to have fun with. I have tried to be an individualist who could live my life

alone. You can do it, but life sucks when you do.

Many libertarians are so individualistic that they believe no one should rely on others for support. They believe that those who do are not libertarian enough.

Ayn Rand means nothing to me. I've read *Atlas Shrugged*. I thought it was a nice book, interesting story line, but that is it. I did not stand up out of my chair and clap my hands at the three-

By Ben Pixley

hour speech by John Gault. To me it was kinda boring.

I don't consider Ayn Rand any more important to the party than anyone else in the party.

Unpardonable

But because I believe that, because I've only read one Ayn Rand book, because I don't jump up and down about her words, I've committed the most unpardonable sin, and many would not call me a Libertarian.

I've almost left the party because of these Libertarian purity

tests. But even as I have stayed, how many *have* left?

Because of what I believe, some don't consider me worthy of being a Libertarian. And honestly, if I had to change my ideas, my core values, my beliefs to simply to be accepted as a Libertarian, I wouldn't want to be one.

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Party to move it in the direction of liberty. Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger focuses on reaching out to blacks and Hispanics. John Geltemeyer from the Colorado Springs LP believes the answer lies with reaching non-voters.

Richard Lamping thinks Libertarians can make a breakthrough when they find or cultivate a "ten ton gorilla," that special candidate who has the pizzazz to win votes. This is the "Jesse Ventura" strategy.

In truth, all these strategies are necessary for our eventual success. Trying to select just one

strategy would be like a football team picking between offense and defense, running and passing, or touchdowns and field goals.

We need to figure out how to package our message in a way that resonates with others. We need to form alliances with particular groups of people. And we need to cultivate the leaders who can take our message to these groups.

Lacking any one of these strategies, we will fail.

Not just any efforts will do. We've got to be smart and spend our time effectively. If we do, we will create eventual social change.

We can never predict just when the forces will erupt, or when the wave will roll to shore. We must have the courage to plan long-term and struggle on even when our efforts don't result in immediate change.

Even though we cannot see the future, the history books will record the Day of Liberation and note as its cause the work we do now.

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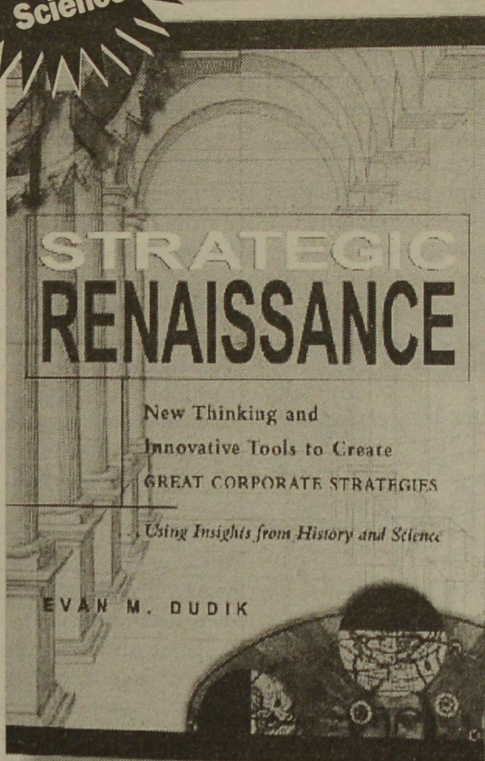
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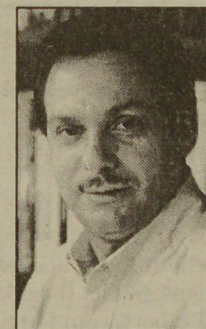
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FROM The Editor

Election 2000 shows: We've got a tough job

I admit: I was shocked. I thought Harry Browne would get a lot more votes.

In fact, just a few weeks before Election Day, I confidently guessed that he would win 650,000 votes. I read the polls that showed him at 0.8% to 1.0%, added a "pessimism discount," and arrived at what I thought was a realistic guess.

I wasn't pessimistic enough.

In light of the disappointing presidential results, some Libertarians are already pointing the finger of blame. Harry Browne ran the wrong kind of campaign, they say. Or his message was wrong. Or the party's electoral strategy is wrong.

This is a natural reaction. As John F. Kennedy noted, "Victory has a hundred fathers, while defeat is an orphan."

But asking some fundamental questions is wise in light of the thrashing Libertarians got. Should the party continue to focus so much on winning votes in the presidential campaign? Or should we try to elect people to Congress? Should we focus more on local races? Should we "moderate" our platform? Should we try to recruit a celebrity?

Over the next few months, the Libertarian National Committee will ask those very questions, as it embarks on a strategic planning process. [See article on page 3.] We'll report on their recommendations as they become available.

But as the LNC ponders, and as party members constructively (or destructively) debate the "lessons" of Election 2000, we should keep one thing on mind: What we are trying to do is very difficult.

Building a successful third party — and replacing one of the two older parties — is a herculean task. It is so difficult, in fact, that no one has been able to do it in 140 years.

Numerous contenders have taken a run at the prize, and political history is littered with their remains: The Socialists. The Progressives. The Bull Moose Party. The Citizens Party. The New Alliance Party.

The latest crash-and-burn example: The Reform Party. Even with Ross Perot's millions behind it, it lasted only a few election cycles. By 2004, it will be a fading memory.

Political scientist Frank Smallwood, who studies third parties, lists several reasons why the two-party system has been so impervious to challenge. Here are a few:

■ **The "wasted vote" fear.** Third parties can't win, the logic goes, so why vote for them? In politics as in sports, Americans like a winner.

■ **Major parties swallow minor parties.** Take the Populist Party. Organized in 1891, it was a farmer-orientated, agricultural reform movement. The Populists ran a candidate for president in 1892 who carried several states and won 22 Electoral College votes. Democrats, seeing the danger, nominated William Jennings Bryan in 1896 on a Populist-style platform. Realizing that Bryan had a better chance of being elected, the Populists rallied behind him. So the Democrats absorbed the Populists, like a large corporation will buy an upstart competitor.

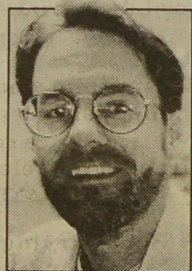
■ **Human nature.** Studies show that 70% of the children in this country belong to the same political party as their parents. So political affiliation is passed down much like religion.

Yet, despite these obstacles, a third party can become a force to reckon with. As Smallwood further points out, alternative parties tend to do better during times of crisis. Ross Perot, for example, capitalized on public concern about the ballooning federal deficit, and won 19 million votes in 1992.

Other factors can help: Voter dissatisfaction with the major parties. A prominent candidate. And money helps.

A review of third parties in America over the last century can be disheartening. So many have tried; so many have failed. But it can also be educational.

Yes, we all wanted Harry Browne to do better. But if we learn from his campaign, we can turn a defeat into long-term victory. And if we keep the magnitude of our challenge in perspective, refuse to be sidetracked by infighting, and stay positive, then we have a chance to accomplish what few third parties have: Make a serious contribution to America's political future.



By Bill Winter, Editor

Want compassionate medicine? A 'profit motive' helps deliver it

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

By Tom G. Palmer
THE CATO INSTITUTE

For-profit medicine must be a terrible and immoral thing. After all, I hear it attacked as such all the time.

Indeed, as I write this I'm listening to a bitter attack on private hospitals over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. When doctors, nurses, and hospital administrators care only about their income, compassion is replaced by cold-hearted selfishness, many people say.

But I just got a new view of the issue when I found myself having to visit two hospitals — one for-profit, the other nonprofit — for relief from a painful and crippling condition.

I recently suffered from a ruptured disk in my spine that caused kinds of pain that I had never imagined possible. I visited a specialist at a local for-profit hospital, and he arranged for me to get an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan within an hour at a nearby for-profit radiology clinic. Then he arranged for me to have an epidural injection to reduce the inflammation of the nerves coming into the spinal column, which were the source of the pains. I was in such agony that I could barely move at all.

Evident concern

The for-profit pain clinic at the for-profit hospital I visited was staffed by doctors and nurses who showed me extraordinary kindness and treated me with gentleness. After the nurse had made sure that I understood the procedure and that I could understand all the directions, the doctor who administered the epidural injection introduced herself, explained every step, and then proceeded with both notable professionalism and evident concern for my well-being.

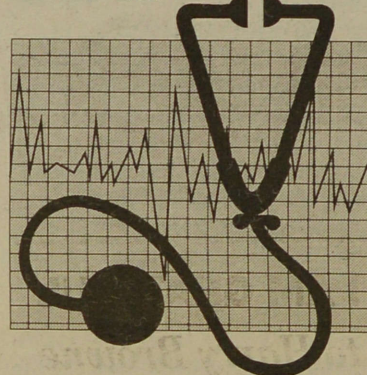
Fast forward a few weeks. My condition, although still painful and debilitating, was greatly improved. My doctor recommended another epidural injection to advance me even more toward a normal state.

Unfortunately, the for-profit pain clinic was booked up completely for three weeks. I didn't want to wait that long and called some other hospitals in the area. A very well-known and highly regarded nonprofit hospital could fit me in in two days. I gladly made an appointment.



When I got to the nonprofit hospital, I spoke first with some helpful retired ladies and gentlemen who were wearing neat volunteer uniforms. They were clearly benevolent people, as one might expect in a nonprofit hospital.

Then I hobbled with my cane to the pain clinic, where I signed in with the desk. A nurse came out and announced my name and after I identified myself, sat down next to me in the lobby. The interview took



QUESTION:
Is the "profit motive" an enemy of compassion in medicine?

place while I was surrounded with strangers. Thankfully, there were no embarrassing questions.

I noticed that the other nurses were actually ordering patients about in an imperative voice. One nurse told a lady who was clearly in pain to sit in another chair and after the patient said she was more comfortable where she was, the nurse pointed

to the other chair and said, "No. Sit!"

When that same nurse approached me, I think that my look told her that I had no intention of being treated like an enrollee in obedience school. Wordlessly, she pointed at the examination room, which I entered.

The administering doctor walked in. No introduction. No name. No hand to shake. He looked at my file, muttered to himself, and told me to sit on the bed, pull down my pants, and hoist my shirt.

I told him that the procedure had been done before while I was lying on my side, and that that position was more comfortable, since sitting was quite painful. He said that he preferred it with me sitting.

I responded that I preferred to lie on my side. He said that sitting allowed better access, which was at least a reason that appealed to my interests as well as his, so I acquiesced. Then, unlike the doctor in the for-profit hospital, he slammed in the needle and injected the medication with such surprising and agonizing force that it caused me to let loose a real yell, quite unlike my previous experience.

Then he removed the needle, made a note in his file, and disappeared. The nurse handed me a sheet of paper and pointed the way out. I paid and left.

Compassion

That's too small a set of experiences on the basis of which to compare for-profit and nonprofit medicine. But it may suggest something about the profit motive and its relation to compassion.

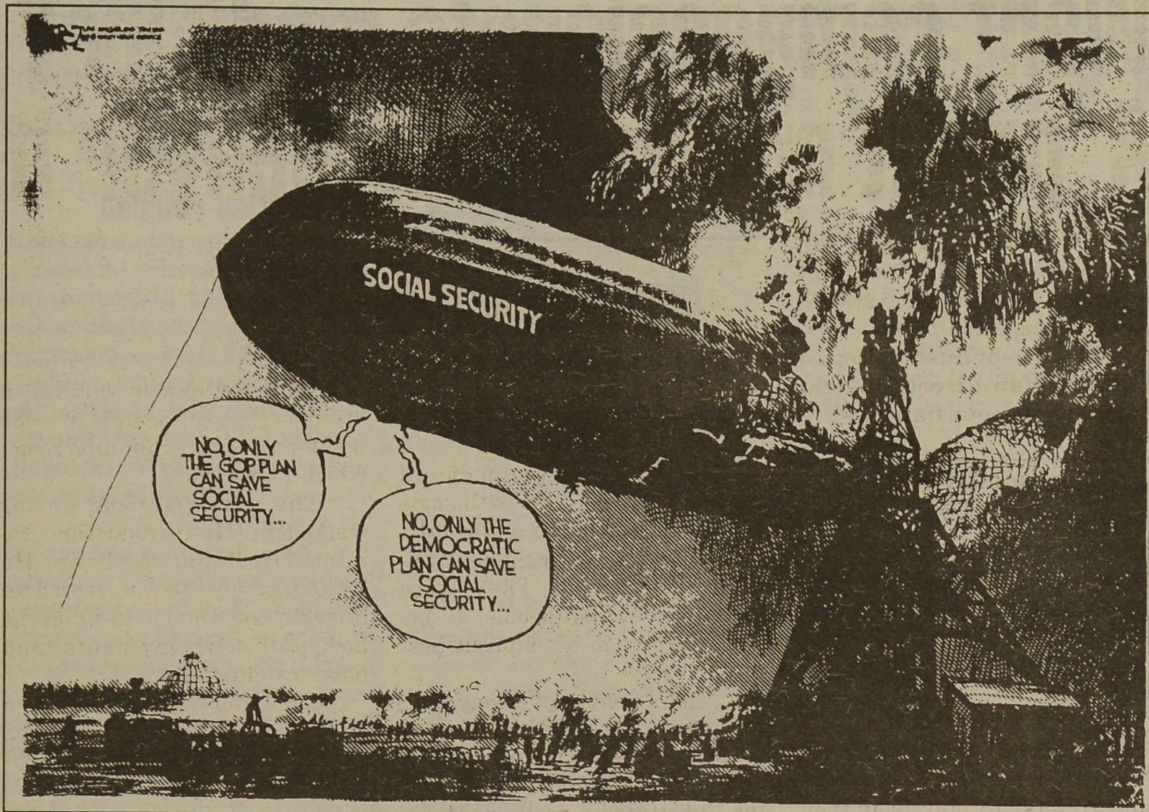
It's not that for-profit hospitals alone attract the kindly and compassionate, since the elderly volunteers in the nonprofit hospital were surely kindly and compassionate.

But I can't help thinking that the doctors and nurses who worked in a for-profit pain clinic in a for-profit hospital had some incentive to exercise their compassion at work. After all, if I need additional treatment or if I find myself asked for a recommendation, I'm going to think of the for-profit hospital.

But I will neither go back to nor recommend the nonprofit hospital, and I think I know why: the doctors and nurses there had no reason to want me to. And now I also understand why the nonprofit hospital could fit me in so quickly. I doubt they had many repeat customers.

The experience does not suggest that profits are a necessary or even sufficient condition for compassion, benevolence, or courage. See **COMPASSION** Page 26

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The Mailbox

On political map

I just wanted to thank everyone at the LP for all you have done, and please don't think that just because this tight [presidential] race drained all the third party votes into the Democratic columns that what you have done is anything less than wonderful.

More people are talking about the LP than ever (even among my friends!). More people understand what it's about than ever.

And this was the first election for me in which I didn't leap at every chance to see our candidate on TV — Harry Browne's appearances were so frequent they became commonplace.

I am very grateful to Harry Browne and to all the people who helped him. You have put us on the political map, despite considerable unfairness in the system. Thank you.

— JON OSBORNE
Palo Alto, California

Discredited

Now that the Harry Browne approach to presidential elections has been thoroughly discredited, I will watch the party leadership with great interest in the next few years, to see what other ideas surface on how to win elections.

I would also sincerely hope that the leadership will stop acting like mindless Pollyannas, painting every tiny step forward as a major accomplishment while publicly ignoring failures, and attempt to generate a thoughtful dialogue on how to lead the party in the future.

If this can't be done, it will validate what many small "I" libertarians say about the party:

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and to all
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helped him.**

that it is irrelevant. My dreams, and my party membership dues, hope those people are wrong.

— STEVE DORSEY
Carrollton, Texas

Made it an issue

We accomplished much [in the 2000 elections] that we can be thankful for.

There was one issue that did not get mentioned [in post-election reports], probably because it has no specific statistic attached to it. That is the issue of the drug war. Before this campaign the drug war was a non-issue. This campaign made it an issue.

And with the attention the issue is getting now, it should be a hot issue in 2002 and hotter in 2004, if not dealt with by then.

And whom do we have to thank for that? Al Gore? George

Bush? Pat Buchanan? Certainly none of these. Not even Ralph Nader put the drug war at the forefront that Harry Browne did. It was Harry Browne who made the drug war a national issue. Shucks, even Gore and Bush at the end of the campaign were arguing over who would make government smaller. Yeah, right.

We may not have received many votes, but issue-wise I think we did fairly well. It would seem to me that we should make it widely known the LP position on the drug war and who it was that originally brought up this thing about small government.

— BILL GOODE
Los Angeles, California

Rationalizations

The December 2000 issue of *LP News* was full of retrospectives including rationalizations and excuses following the miserable showing of the Harry Browne campaign.

Among them, poor advice came from David Bergland in "A view from the trenches, now and then" [The Forum]. He would continue with the same-old, same-old as captured in the essence of his message: "The bottom line for me is that progress toward our ultimate goals by building party and public acceptance for libertarian solutions is far more important than hitting some specified vote total." It's just so discouraging when goals are missed.

Results should be measurable against challenging but achievable goals, as anyone in business knows. Bergland's approach would be to engage in a lot of well-meaning activities and then claim

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The Pulse

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One is the loneliest number. Or so the lyrics of a classic rock song proclaim.

For Libertarians, however, one may be the most contentious number — especially when they've been asked for their opinion about the party's one most important strategy, goal, or accomplishment for 2001.

In response to this month's Pulse question, *LP News* readers offered dozens of possible "#1 priorities" for the party.

Coming in tied for first place in this unscientific poll (with a sparse 11%) were two very different election goals: 1) winning more local offices and 2) winning a U.S. House seat in 2002.

Tied for second place (with 8%) were "reaching out to young people" and "educating voters" (although respondents disagreed about how to best educate those voters, and what exactly to educate them about).

And tied for third place (with 5%) were "election reform," and increasing the party's visibility.

Other suggestions ranged from garnering celebrity endorsements, to running a full slate of Congressional candidates in 2002, to targeting New Hampshire and Iowa, to focusing on membership growth — indicating, perhaps, that there are almost as many "#1 priorities" for Libertarians as there are Libertarians.

Here is a representative sampling of answers:

■ Continue electing as many Libertarians as possible to municipal races all across the country. When it comes to politics, there really is no "off-season"! Continue building a base of elected officials from the ground up!
— ROBERT HANSEN, Portland, Oregon

■ Before trying to elect a Congressman, we need to take baby steps. We have to groom candidates by electing them to partisan offices in State House and Senate races.
— JASON P. SORENS, New Haven, Connecticut

■ Start immediately working to elect U.S. Representatives in 2002. We cannot make any impact in marginal and impotent local and state offices. We must have Libertarians at the national level to be viewed as a national party.
— PETER GAYTON CLAYMORE, Fairfax, Virginia

■ The #1 objective should be the 2004 presidential election. We must get widespread media coverage, and the only way to do that will be with a celebrity candidate (much as I hate to admit it). The LP should start work at once to recruit such a candidate, so that it can begin soliciting support and contributions as soon as possible.
— SUSAN JONES, Powhatan, Virginia

■ Run a candidate for every office in 2002. With an "Operation Breakthrough" type approach, and with two years to do it, we should be able to meet that goal.
— GERRI SUE HESSELBERG, Chicago, Illinois

■ Reach people early in life about libertarian ideals. This includes getting books with libertarian themes in high school libraries, and making sure all colleges have a "Young Libertarians" organization.
— MARK A. BAHNER, Durham, North Carolina

■ Focus on winning local elections — city councils, school boards, and the like. These races will bring in new members.
— JAY CARPER, Northglenn, Colorado

■ Try to get celebrities, such as Clint Eastwood, to do ads, appearances, and endorsements [for the] LP.
— GRACE PAYTON, Temple Terrace, Florida

■ The activism — online and other — exemplified by the Defend Your Privacy campaign and the Defeat Carnivore, etc. are the Libertarians' best expenditure of energy and in the long run will make you the most effective and well-known as serious people.
— DIANE DESANDERS, Dallas, Texas

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■ Educating citizens on why libertarian principles are the only foundation for truly achieving their goals is the only way to achieve the LP goals of building membership and winning elections.

— JACK GARDNER, Austin, Texas

■ Spend more effort on the membership growth. Doing this will also improve many other important goals, such as increased income to further various projects, provide new members willing to run in local and national elections, be willing to start more local groups, etc.

— COLIN F. SEWARDS, Mansfield, Texas

■ Orient all activities toward establishing in voters' minds a single, specific idea of how the LP will benefit them.

— NEIL STEYSKAL, Washington, DC

■ End the "wasted vote" syndrome! Form a nationwide coalition that would change the U.S. Constitution to elect the president with a majority of the popular vote with a runoff of the two top vote getters if no one gets a majority.

— TED APELT, Tamarac, Florida

■ Winning a U.S. Congressional seat. We could pick a seat that looks ripe for a victory and put all of our support into winning it. This would give our membership a much needed victory [and] garner media attention.

— BRANDON GILLAND, Waynesville, North Carolina

■ Youth Outreach. [LP National Chair] Jim Lark has the right idea, if we want to see dramatic growth we need to have LP clubs at every high school and college campus.

— MARK ANTIEAU, Alpharetta, Georgia

March Question: Convention date?

Back in the Old Days (1992 and before), the LP held its presidential nominating convention a full 14 months before Election Day (September 1991 for the 1992 election, for example). The extra time was needed to overcome ballot access barriers, but pushed the event out of the focus of the media. In 1996, as the LP got bigger and ballot access became less of a problem, the convention date was shifted forward nine months — to the July 4th weekend. This new date put it in the same approximate time-frame as the R's and D's. But the new date had problems: It gave our presidential candidate just four months to campaign, and local candidates complained it deprived them of July 4th meet-the-public opportunities. A sense has been growing that the convention should be moved backwards — a few weeks, a few months, or into the previous year. What do you think?

■ QUESTION: When should the LP hold its 2004 presidential nominating convention? And why? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: February 8, 2001

Feb. Question: President in '04?

Yes, the next presidential election is almost four years away — but it's not too soon to start thinking about who the LP's 2004 standard-bearer should be. Do we need a Ralph Nader-style celebrity? Someone to run a Don Gorman-style support-our-local-candidates campaign? A Jacob Hornberger-style LP firebrand? A moderate (but famous) self-described libertarian like Jesse Ventura? A millionaire? A T.J. Rodgers-style businessman? A radio talk show host like Larry Elder or Neal Boortz? A writer/scholar like Walter Williams or Thomas Sowell? Or someone completely different?

■ QUESTION: Who would you like to see run as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate in 2004? And why? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

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success for "building the party and public acceptance of libertarian solutions" even when the party and its solutions are resoundingly ignored at the polls.

This is a prescription for going nowhere and is preposterous on its face, i.e., a political party that maintains that garnering votes for itself doesn't matter! What is politics about if not votes?

This type of thinking would guarantee more of the same results in future national elections, all the while providing the opportunity to claim success since, of course, there would be no benchmarks by which to measure success.

A model to follow is already out there, and that is the Carla Howell campaign for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts. By any objective measure, hers was a successful campaign even though she lost (a third-party candidate getting 12% of the vote against Ted Kennedy in Massachusetts is not something to be ashamed about).

She got almost as many votes in Massachusetts as Browne did in the entire country. Her "Small Government is Beautiful" campaign was intelligent, principled, energetic, and directed to appeal to special interests.

Another model is the Green Party which came out of nowhere. Why? It had a candidate who was well known to the press and credible with its potential constituency. This has been true of every third-party effort that got any traction in the past. A younger Charlton Heston type might do the same for the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian Party should analyze what Carla Howell did and how she did it. They should nominate a public personage to run for president in 2004.

The potential is there for a heck of a campaign with far better results than any previous Libertarian candidate has achieved and to provide impressive "specified vote totals," i.e., a benchmark, to beat in the future. That will be the only true measure of progress.

— FREDERICK W. MOSSER
Chatham, Massachusetts

■ Moment of Truth

The matter of Neil Randall's departure from the party obviously requires further clarification, especially in view of the letter from Vermont [The MailBox, December 2000] that praises Randall's legislative voting record, refers to a "witch hunt" leading to his departure from the party, and implies that he was nominated by the party but that he was denied the nomination by parliamentary chicanery.

Indeed, Neil Randall's legislative record is strongly Libertarian. But the problem came when Randall was confronted by that

ANOTHER MODEL

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moment of truth that confronts all of us who come to the LP — when we are forced to accept that Liberty must be applicable even to activities that we deeply dislike. In Randall's case the issue was homosexuality.

Of course, there are Libertarian objections to Vermont's law allowing civil unions for homosexuals because it extends benefits and increases state involvement in private life. But Neil Randall's public opposition was primarily on moral and religious grounds that are unacceptable to Libertarians as justifications for government action.

His own words, in writing to the State Committee, underscore his discordance with Libertarianism.

"Do I believe," he wrote, "that homosexual acts are an abomination to God and a sin? The answer is Yes . . . Will I or do I vote to impose my Christian moral values on the people using the force of Government? The short answer is Of Course."

At a State Committee meeting, convened with advance warning per Vermont law to consider the re-nomination of Neil Randall (among others), Randall made his willingness to accept our nomination on the condition that I (who had strongly opposed his re-nomination) not be on the ticket. Nevertheless, I was nominated 16-6, and Randall therefore refused to seek his own re-nomination, and it never came to a vote.

At a later Committee meeting, attended by only nine people, in which Randall's nomination was not given advance warning, there was a vote to "endorse" Neil Randall. By then, however, Randall had publicly left the party, claiming in a press release that the party had "moved towards the libertine." He was therefore running as a Republican. Since our bylaws prohibit the endorsement of members of other parties, the chair correctly ruled

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the endorsement out of order.

Neil Randall and the party have come to an understanding that they are not a good mix.

— CHRISTOPHER D. COSTANZO
Randolph, Vermont

■ Injecting religion

I have a few comments about items in last month's LP News.

To Douglas Richmond and Lloyd Andrew [The MailBox, December 2000], I have this to say: Assuming that I understand the situation correctly, I feel that the Vermont LP did the right thing by saying sayonara to Neil Randall, despite his allegedly 98% libertarian voting record.

The Libertarian position on marriage, as with other contracts, should be that the government function as a record keeper, not a judge of who may enter into a contract, or with whom. If, as Mr. Andrew states, the bill in question which caused the disagreement was intended to force landlords, employers, etc. to deal with those they don't wish to, then I am mistaken, but that's not the impression that I got from the original article.

Plus, on a merely practical level, gay folk are one of the groups that have perennially been victims of government oppression, and they should be mostly Libertarian, instead of mostly Democrat, once they find out what we're really about.

What we're really not about is injecting religion into either our libertarian philosophy or the law of the land, no matter how strong the religious beliefs of individual Libertarians.

— PAUL SCOTT WILLIAMS
Denver, Colorado

■ Instant Runoff

It seems to me that ballots offering voters a second choice, as suggested by James W. Phelps in the November Mailbox, would be the greatest thing that could possibly happen to the LP, since it would kill the "wasted vote syndrome."

I hear that this voting system is currently in effect in the U.K. and in Australia, where it is known as "Instant Runoff Voting."

What can we do, in collaboration obviously with the other third parties, to get it implemented in the U.S.?

— BRADLEY BOBBS
Van Nuys, California

■ Classic conservatives

Several letters in the December LP News challenged the premise that there is a Constitutional issue in the posting of the Ten Commandments in publicly funded schools, because the First Amendment only states, "Congress shall make no law . . ." and the posting was not ordered by the U.S. Congress.

The writers sound like true Republicans or classical conservatives. The Fourteenth Amendment adds, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immuni-

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ties of citizens of the United States."

The courts have interpreted this amendment to mean no level of government shall make such a law, not even the local school board. This is why the school may not prescribe a prayer, although students may pray at will.

To post a Christian Ten Commandments is to prescribe a prayer; a prayer that may be offensive to non-believers. (The first and second in particular are contradictory to the religious beliefs of nearly half the world's people.)

It is especially offensive if the non-believers are taxpayers whose money is used to post the school board's version. (Nothing done in a bureaucracy is ever without cost.) How would those writers react if a school board composed of non Christians decided to spend their tax money on a 10-foot gold Buddha?

Once you let the nose of the camel in the tent . . .

— KEN OBENSKI

San Diego, California

■ No counter-argument

I was very surprised at the number of letters in the December *LP News* that were critical of the action of Indiana LP member Jeff Adkins, who is suing his local county to have the Ten Commandments removed from the county courthouse.

It seems quite clear that when any government entity, federal, state, county, or otherwise, uses taxpayer funds and a government-owned building to post what is universally regarded as a religious passage, then that entity has clearly violated the principle of separation of church and state.

I can't even envision a counter-argument. How can a libertarian justify the use of funds forcibly removed from the pockets of the population and used to support the advertisement of a religion? This shouldn't be happening in a truly free country.

I am proud of Mr. Adkins and honored to be a member of the Libertarian Party of Indiana. Before the recent election, the commissioners of my own county spoke in favor of posting the Ten Commandments in our courthouse also.

If they decide to do so, they can expect a swift lawsuit from me and I hope that Mr. Adkins' action will show me the way.

— STEVE KRISTOFF

Oldenburg, Indiana

■ Political suicide

I hate to have to write another negative letter-to-the-editor; however, after reading the article entitled: "Indiana Libertarian files lawsuit against 10 Commandments display," [*LP News*, November 2000] I felt I had no other choice.

I read and re-read the article in a desperate search for a "punch line." Sadly, there was none,

which means that we somehow expect to be the shining light of freedom and liberty . . . while dumping on the Ten Commandments!

I heard tell of political suicide, but this takes the cake. Instead of advocating American values, which are basically Judeo-Christian values, we choose to make a Constitutional mountain out of a small-town molehill.

We can argue till the cows come home whether or not it is fair and/or Constitutional to display the Ten Commandments in public places. I, on a personal note, take the position that if

there ain't enough room in town for both government and religion, then government should take a hike. You may feel that it is religion that should take a hike. Either way, this is a good debate for a cold winter's evening.

On the other hand, how many new friends and party members are we going to make when we dump on the Ten Commandments? I am sitting and wondering if anyone involved in the court action described in the article has the common sense that God (pardon the expression) gave a goose.

We are really and truly not making any political hay by

dumping on the Ten Commandments. All we are doing is making enemies . . . needlessly.

One would think that Karl Marx wrote those invectives against killing, stealing, coveting, and bearing false witness. And let's not forget about this collectivist, commie idea about honoring your mother and your father.

Ya know what? A public display of the Ten Commandments may offend somebody, somewhere, somehow; it really could. But, frankly, I don't give a damn!

— FRED BLUESTONE

Lauderhill, Florida

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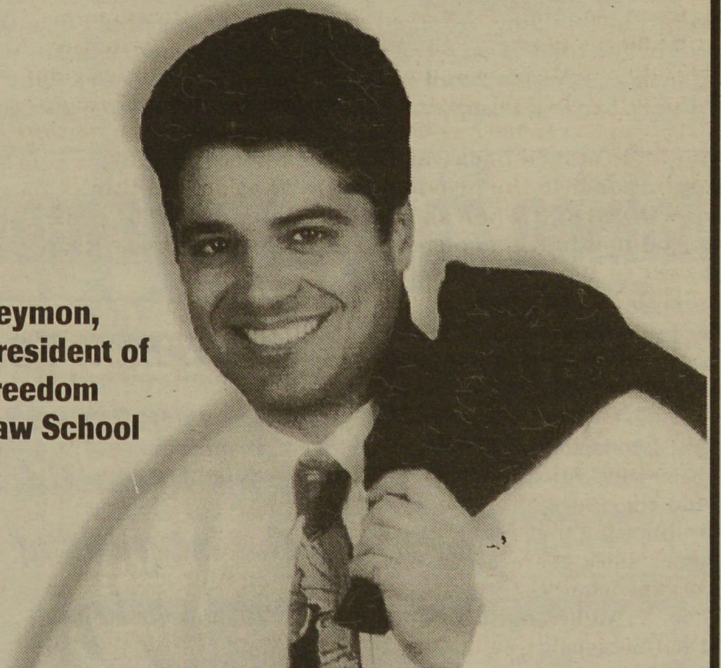
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■ Most important point

The letters about whether the Ten Commandments should be posted in a government building all neglect the most important point.

Regardless of whether the government is "establishing a religion," the fact is that the Ten Commandments are not the laws of the land, and that if the government were to attempt to enforce them, it would be violating the law of the land. Therefore, those ten imperative statements do not belong in a court of law.

I hope that all libertarians agree that the government should not persecute Hindus, Buddhists, or Wiccans for their religion. Yet the Commandments state, "You shall have no other gods before me" and "You shall not make for yourself a graven image . . . you shall not bow down to them and serve them." Clearly, this part of God's commandments is unenforceable in a court of law in the United States.

And what of "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain," "Remember the Sabbath Day," "Honor your father and your mother," and "You shall not covet . . . anything that is your neighbor's"? Are we prepared to have the government invade our privacy to the extent that would be necessary to enforce these commandments?

The issue here is not religion. At least five of the Ten Commandments run counter to our laws and have no business appearing in a government building. After all, how would we feel if courtrooms had signs like "Surrender all your handguns to the government," or

"Allow police to search your house without a warrant," or "Confess to the crime of which you are accused"?

It is no better for the government to post a sign saying, "Worship the Judeo-Christian god, and no other."

— **ROBERT E. ALEXANDER**
Bedford, Massachusetts

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■ McError

I was shocked and disappointed to read the News Briefs article about "MacDonalds" [December 2000].

At first I thought it was a joke, but when I finished reading I realized that it wasn't. The author of the article misspelled the name of the most popular restaurant in America, perhaps the world. McDonalds' restaurants are so ubiquitous that 90% of the country's population passes at least one every day. How could both the author and the proof-reader miss this?!

I take umbrage at this not because I love McDonalds (although I admit to occasional Big Mac attacks), but rather because it is glaring oversights like this that substantiate criticism that the Libertarians are "out of touch." And what better proof does

one need than the misspelling of a name that is imprinted on the psyche of every mainstream American?

I urge you to pay attention to details such as this. I do, and I'm certainly not the only one.

This criticism aside, I really enjoy the *LP News*. Good luck and continued success with the paper.

— **GEOFF GROVE**
Phoenix, Arizona

■ **Editor's note:** *LP News regrets the error. The LP News staff also prefers Burger King.*

■ Stop listening

I just read the articles by Dagny Sharon and Tom Davis in the latest *LP News* [The Forum, December 2000]. These articles are well written and remind us what doesn't work when talking to non-libertarians. We need to have these reminders because we often forget to whom we're talking.

I know I've made this mistake before: "If drug laws are repealed, there will be less crime, and this is why . . ." The trouble is that the listener has heard the first phrase of my argument and stopped listening. He is thinking: "The Libertarians want more drugs on the streets. I better not vote for them."

Instead, I should do as Tom Davis suggests and say: "The Libertarians will keep anyone over 65 from paying income tax," if I'm talking to a senior, and adjust my message depending on who's listening to me.

I'm only going to mention drugs if I'm talking to someone who's been arrested for possession. I'm only going to mention guns if I'm talking to a gun owner. If I'm talking to an environmentalist, it's a bit more difficult, but I'd start with something like: "The Libertarians will stop allowing logging companies to operate on federal lands." (I won't mention

that we want to sell the federal lands.)

These articles do show that we can get more support, and we can do so without compromising our principles.

— **STEVEN SCHOCH**
Sunnyvale, California

■ Gutter tactics

I just got the *LP News* and started reading the News Analysis, got to where you used the [phrase] "Mr. Stupid or Mr. Boring" [December 2000].

I got so mad over your derogatory words that I stopped reading and threw the paper away. That kind of smear is best left to the Republicrats. The Libertarian Party should be above such gutter tactics.

— **BEN MADSEN**
Portland, Oregon

■ Change our name

The December 2000 edition of the *LP News* contains one of the best ideas for our party that I have seen, and it appears in the form of a letter: We should change our name to the Liberty Party.

Members of our party will still be Libertarians, which by definition (as printed in my dictionary) is "a person who advocates civil liberties."

I have a wide circle of friends. I sit on a number of boards in my community. I have been active in the community for years, yet most people misunderstand what a libertarian is. The word "libertine" first comes to mind, which means "licentious or morally unre-

strained," which is something we definitely are not.

My friends say libertarian also carries the connotation of "liberal."

But the Liberty Party? With this name, explaining what our party is becomes instantly understandable. And we are still Libertarians!

— **PEMBERTON H. SHOBER, JR.**
Chicago, Illinois

■ **Editor's note:** *Any decision to change the name of the party would have to be made by delegates at a National Convention.*

■ Temper tantrum

Kudos to our fellow Libertarians in Connecticut for refusing to accept the "Libertarian" candidacy of Ann Coulter for Congress [*LP News*, November 2000].

It is disheartening to realize that too frequently, members are too willing to accept such a celebrity to obtain recognition, disregarding the lack of commitment to our principles.

In this particular case, the prospective candidate not only could not fully support personal liberty issues, she actually refused to endorse our presidential candidate. Such dilution of principles does our party a disservice, and would render us adrift toward moderateness.

Let Ms. Coulter throw her temper tantrum; it only reinforces to the public that our party stands firmly upon our principles.

— **MIKE THIBODEAUX**
Oscar, Louisiana

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■ April 27-29, 2001

Indiana LP Convention, French Lick Springs Resort, French Lick. Speakers TBA. For information, call Indiana LP Executive Director Brad Klopfenstein: (317) 920-1994. Or e-mail: lpinhq@lpin.org.

■ May 25-27, 2001

Libertarian Futurist Society National Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel & Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio. Speakers include F. Paul Wilson (author, *Healer*), Victor Koman (author, *Kings of the High Frontier*), L. Neil Smith (author, *The Probability Broach*), and Poul Anderson (author, *The Star Fox*). For information, visit: LFS.org.

■ July 1-5, 2001

Libertarian World Conference, Caliceo Hotel, Dax, France. Sponsored by the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) and Le Cercle Frederic Bastiat. Speakers include Henri Lepage (author, *Tomorrow Capitalism*), Donald Boudreaux (president, Foundation for Economic Education), Madsen Pirie (president, Adam Smith Institute), Dr. Rigoberto Stewart (Costa Rica), Benoite Taffin (leader, French taxpayer revolt), and Anthony de Jasay (author, *The State*). Cost before March 31: \$689 for one person, \$1098 for two. For information, visit: www.libertarian.to or www.bastiat.net.

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tesy. I work at a nonprofit organization, which is dependent on the continued support of a wide base of donors.

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In a free-market economy, the

profit motive may be but another name for the compassion motive.

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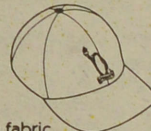
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— *Bellingham Herald*, Bellingham, Washington, November 8, 2000

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