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Libertarian candidates reach 73% of voters

LP option will be on the ballot in 44 states

Almost three out of every four Americans will have the option of voting Libertarian on November 3 — far more than for any other “alternative” party.

According to figures in *Ballot Access News*, 73% of voters will find at least one Libertarian candidate on their ballot on Election Day.

By comparison, Ross Perot's much-vaunted Reform Party has candidates on the ballot before just 59% of voters, trailed by the U.S. Taxpayer's Party (34%), the Natural Law Party (31%), and the Green Party (29%).

“Once again, the Libertarian Party confirms its status as the only real choice in American politics,” said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. “When voters look for a nationally organized, grassroots, principled alternative to the corrupt older parties, more of them, in more states, will be able to find it in the Libertarian Party.”

In all, the Libertarian Party will have candidates on the ballot in 44 states, excluding only Alabama, Iowa, Florida, Maryland, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Washington, DC.

New figures show that this year's slate of LP candidates will be slightly smaller than expected, with 828 LP members seeking public office. However, it is still the largest number of verified candidates

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Photo by Lisa Bullion

■ Libertarian Party members Tom Regnier (back row, second from left) and Tom Smith (back row, far right), show their support for Revision 11 at a meeting of Floridians for Fair Elections. Also present: Representatives from the Reform, Natural Law, Green, and American Reform parties.

How important (really) is one vote on Election Day?

How important is *one vote* for a Libertarian Party candidate?

Ask Bonnie Richardson. Earlier this year, she lost a race for City Council by one, heart-breaking vote.

“Who says voting for a Libertarian candidate is a wasted vote?” asked LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. “As the case of Bonnie Richardson demonstrates, that one vote can be the difference between victory and defeat.”

Reminder

And, as Libertarian Party members prepare for the 1998 election, Bonnie Richardson is a stark reminder that no LP voter can afford to sit at home — or claim they are too busy to vote, he said.

Richardson ran in the March

election for City Council in the small town of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, which has a population of about 1,300.

Eight candidates were seeking two open seats on the non-partisan council, including Richardson, a member of the Libertarian Party since 1996.

After the first count, Richardson looked like a winner, coming in a solid second place with 69 votes. However, when absentee ballots were counted, victory had turned into heart-breaking defeat, with the Libertarian candidate losing 73 to 72.

What can Libertarians learn from this election? Several things, said Crickenberger.

“First, every vote counts. Your vote counts,” he said. “Especially in smaller, local elections, your one vote can make a big difference. If we had just one more dedicated LP voter in Ruidoso Downs, then Bonnie

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Florida LP lobbies for Revision 11

November 3 initiative would reform the worst ballot access laws in the nation

After two years of lobbying, testifying, coalition-building, and proselytizing, Florida Libertarians have their fingers crossed that state voters will pass a measure this November to liberalize the Sunshine State's restrictive ballot access laws.

Revision 11, an initiative that would dramatically reduce ballot access barriers for third parties, “is the most important issue facing the Florida LP today,” said Tom Regnier, state party Vice Chair and coordinator of the LP's pro-Revision 11 campaign.

And, as the final days trickle away before November 3, when Florida voters will have their say — and as state Libertarians continue their relentless pro-Revision 11 campaign — the odds are looking good, said Regnier.

“We have a good chance of getting the voters to voice their approval,” he predicted — thereby reforming the “most difficult ballot access procedures of any state in the country, worse than in Russia or South Africa.”

Tens of thousands

If passed, Revision 11 will make Florida ballot access requirements the same for all candidates, whether major party, minor party, or independent. Currently, smaller parties like the Libertarian Party must collect signatures from tens of thousands of voters to get on the ballot, while Republicans and Democrats merely pay a filing fee.

For example, getting a candidate on the ballot for a Congressional race requires more than 11,000 signatures, and a new party has to gather over 240,000 signatures to appear on

the ballot for a statewide race — a hurdle that has never been overcome since the laws were passed in 1931.

“Florida has the dubious distinction of having one of the most discriminatory ballot-access laws in the country,” noted the Orlando Sentinel in an editorial. “The Sunshine State imposes the highest filing fee and requires the most petition signatures, by percent of population, of any of the 50 states for candidates to get on the ballot.”

Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News*, put it even more starkly.

Most restrictive

“Florida easily has the most restrictive ballot access laws for minor parties and independent candidates of any state,” he said.

As a result, “Florida has more uncontested political races than any state,” said Regnier. “In the last 20 years, about half of State House races and about a third of State Senate races were uncontested.”

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NEWS BRIEFS

Medical marijuana activist arrested

A Libertarian activist was arrested for civil disobedience in the Washington, DC office of U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum (R-FL), while protesting a Congressional resolution opposing medical marijuana.

Renee Emry, 38, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, was arrested on September 15 for smoking marijuana — which she uses to treat her illness — in the Congressional office.

"I got arrested today so that hopefully some day, other patients will not have to," said Emry, a former LP candidate for Ann Arbor (Michigan) City Council.

Emery said she took her action to protest House Joint Resolution 117, which declares that the House is "unequivocally opposed" to allowing sick people to use medicinal marijuana.

That resolution was also blasted by Robert Kampia, executive director of the Washington, DC-based Marijuana Policy Project, who said, "Eighty percent of the American people support medicinal marijuana, so it is clear that the vast majority also oppose this mean-spirited resolution."

Carl Strang appointed to judicial board

Carl Strang — the former GOP mayor of Winter Haven, Florida, turned Libertarian — has been appointed to that state's Second District Court of Appeals Judicial Nominating Commission.

The new position will allow Strang "a Libertarian voice [that] might help steer the Florida judiciary away from statism, and toward a return to the Constitutional values of Jefferson and Madison," he said.

Appointed in mid-September, Strang will have the responsibility of reviewing applicants for State District Court of Appeals seats and making recommendations to the governor.

Strang said he expects to be able to exercise his Libertarian beliefs on the commission by "examining the records of applicants for appointment to the Court for their adherence to the U.S. Constitution and to Libertarian principles. And then, by voting for nomination of those who best meet the test."

In addition, he said, "I look forward with great excitement to the opportunity to spread the Libertarian gospel to future applicants, and to my colleagues on the Commission."

Strang also said that the mere fact he was selected for the influential commission was a positive sign that libertarian beliefs have become more mainstream.

"The fact that they heard me give clear, unequivocal witness to my constitutionalist, Libertarian beliefs, and then selected me, is most heartening," he said. "I firmly believe I was chosen *because* of my Libertarianism, and not in spite of it."

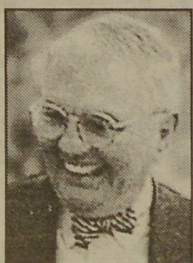
Lysander Spooner website created

A new website devoted to the life and works of Lysander Spooner has been created to "promote greater awareness of this seminal libertarian thinker," announced project organizer Randy Barnett.

"The website contains a biography, bibliography, links to Spooner's works and writings about him, and photos of and directions to his birthplace, his grave, and the place he died," said Barnett. The address for the website: <http://www.lysanderspooner.org/>.

The site is part of the "Spooner Project," which is being organized with the help of the non-profit Center for Independent Thought, to help publicize the 19th-century lawyer, constitutional scholar, abolitionist, entrepreneur, legal theorist and political radical.

The project is currently raising money to maintain the website and to "erect an appropriate monument to mark Spooner's grave," said Barnett. Contributions can be sent to: The Center for Independent Thought, 938 Howard Street #202, San Francisco, CA 94103.



Carl Strang: "Excitement."



Photo by Jeff Chase

Massachusetts Freedom Rally

Dean Cook, LP candidate for governor in Massachusetts, after speaking to an audience of more than 50,000 people at the Freedom Rally on Boston Common on October 3. Cook used the rally — which focused on marijuana legalization — to promote the medical use of marijuana. "I want people at the Freedom Rally to know that to get the government out of their medical decisions, they must vote Libertarian," he said. "It's wrong for the government to withhold marijuana from those it will help."

73% of Americans can vote Libertarian

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ever run by the party, noted Crickenberger.

"Over the past month, we removed about 80 candidates from our list, mostly individuals who lost in contested primaries or who failed in ballot access attempts," he said. "But we added another 58 to give us a fairly definitive 828 candidates."

"All told, more than 1,000 LP candidates announced their intention to run this year — even if the state kept many of them off the ballot," he said.

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LP CANDIDATES

"deserve full support from all party members."

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According to Crickenberger's figures, 190 LP members are running for federal office, including 166 candidates for U.S. Representative and 24 for U.S. Senator.

At the state level, there are 21 LP candidates for governor; 253 candidates for State Representative or State Assembly; and 85 candidates for State Senator. Other LP members are seeking statewide office as Attorney General (12), Lt. Governor (16), and Secretary of State (14).

Hundreds of LP candidates are also seeking local or county office, and are competing in races for City Council (11), County Commissioner (41), County Council (12), Mayor (3), Township Trustee (8), School Board (6), Sheriff (11), and Township Advisory Board (15).

"Our candidates deserve full support from all party members in these last few weeks of the campaign," said Crickenberger. "They are putting in untold hours promoting a free society — work which will benefit us all. Our candidates are true warriors on the front lines of liberty."

One vote: It really matters

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Richardson would have tied, and could have won on a coin toss. If we had just two more votes, she would have won outright.

"Second, you can increase your impact by convincing friends and family to vote Libertarian, too," he said. "If they are going to the polls to vote for a gubernatorial or Congressional candidate of another party, ask them to invest a vote in a down-ticket LP candidate."

"That way, you can generate multiple votes for LP candidates — especially in smaller, local races where we have a better chance, anyway."

The bottom line, said Crickenberger: On November 3, think

about Bonnie Richardson.

"Don't be the Libertarian who stayed home — and cost your party an election victory," he said. "On November 3, vote!"

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■ Alachua County Libertarians — including County Chair Dave Owens, fifth from left — sponsor a "Stop the Sales Tax

Increase" information table in front of the Gainesville Courthouse in Florida. They won the vote, 65%-35%.

Alachua Co. LP defeats \$200 million tax increase

"It was a vote for individual liberty and less government," said county chairman

Libertarians in Alachua County, Florida, worked like "ants" to stop a proposed \$200 million sales tax increase — and handed pro-tax politicians "a stinging defeat" at the polls.

On September 1, Alachua County residents rejected the tax hike — which would have added an additional penny to the county sales tax — by a 65%-35% vote, thanks in large part to a campaign by Libertarians.

"Local party members conducted a grassroots campaign that proved effective in defeating the proposed tax increase," said county LP secretary Brian Lyons.

"It was a vote for individual liberty and less government,"

said Alachua County LP Chairman David Owens, analyzing the outcome after the vote.

The measure would have raised the county sales tax to 7%, and generated an estimated \$200 million over eight years.

Local politicians

The tax increase was supported by local politicians, including the mayor of Gainesville, who argued that the money was needed to build and maintain government-funded recreational facilities.

But Libertarians organized an effective campaign against the tax, employing letters-to-the-editor, information tables, public protests, op-ed pieces, and talk

radio appearances.

During their campaign, Libertarians stressed anti-tax themes that seemed to resonate with voters: That taxes were already too high, and that politicians would just waste the money.

"Media coverage [of the anti-tax campaign] was extensive," said Lyons. "The campaign included three in-studio appearances by party members on WSKY, a 50,000-watt talk radio station in Gainesville, totaling over four hours of airtime."

When the vote was announced, Libertarians were surprised at the magnitude of their win — and delighted at the public credit they received for the sweeping victory.

"Following the defeat of the tax, most of the media credited the Alachua County Libertarian Party for leading the opposition to the tax," noted Lyons.

And the defeat of the proposal may send a message to local politicians not to try to raise taxes again, he said.

"Our local party was like a bed of ants, each of us quietly going about our daily activities," he said. "Then, the tax-and-spend crowd came along and stepped on our little bed. We responded with a flurry of activity, culminating in a stinging defeat for the big spenders. Big government won't be having another picnic at the taxpayer's expense anytime soon."

National LP announces launch of Success '99

Training seminars begin in January

Success is back.

The national Libertarian Party will sponsor more than two dozen Success '99 leadership training seminars around the country for party activists and candidates next year, LP National Director Steve Dasbach has announced.

The two-day seminars — patterned after the popular Success '97 series last year — will kick off in January, with events planned for Florida, Michigan, and Washington state. Tentative plans call for events in 22 states, running through November.

"Our goal is to have Success '99 available within driving distance of at least 75% of our membership," said Dasbach.

"Over half of our current membership has joined the LP since the 1996 election," he noted. "As we continue to grow, these new members need to have ready access to the political skills and organizing information we have spent 28 years acquiring."

"After all, we don't want to waste valuable resources reinventing the flat tire."

Final dates and locations are still being confirmed via discussions with State Chairs, said Dasbach, but a definitive schedule of Success '99 events will be published in the December issue of LP News.

Different focus

Although similar to the Success '97 seminars, the new round of training seminars will have a slightly different focus, he said.

"Success '99 is not a repeat of Success '97. It is a new workshop," he said.

Instead of the dual-track classes used last year — party-building and campaigns — there will be only one track, "which integrates organizing and campaigns, with the focus on winning local elections," he said.

"The workshop will begin by looking at what it takes to run a winning campaign, built around the six M's: Message, the Messenger (i.e. candidate), Media, Manpower, Money, and Management (i.e. organization). Then, we'll look at what has to be done by a

San Diego LP lawsuit stops illegal bond lobbying

The superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) has agreed to stop using taxpayer funds to illegally campaign for a massive \$1.5 billion school bond measure, after a lawsuit was filed against him by a group of California Libertarians.

On September 28, SDUSD superintendent Alan Bersin agreed that the school district will shut down its mass-mailing campaign to promote Proposition MM, a bond issue which will appear on the November ballot.

"We won!" said local LP activist Richard Rider. "The School District agreed to just about every stipulation the Libertarians asked for in the lawsuit."

The lawsuit was filed on Sep-

tember 14 in Superior Court by LP State Assembly candidate Edward Teyssier (76th District) and six other local LP members.

Illegal materials

It sought to prevent the SDUSD from publishing any more "illegal materials," and demanded that Superintendent Bersin reimburse the \$72,000 he spent in August to print and mail a letter to voters, asking them to support the bond measure.

The September settlement did not cover the reimbursement aspects of the lawsuit.

"Superintendent Bersin still faces a lawsuit seeking repayment of the \$72,000 of taxpayer funds spent on the illegal mailing of his letter to voters touting

**"TAXPAYERS
should not pay
for political
propaganda."**

the massive \$1.51 billion bond issue," said Rider. "[But] because the Bersin action is not an item requiring a timely response by the court, this issue will likely not get to court before next summer."

Libertarians filed the lawsuit because "taxpayers should not be paying for political propaganda," explained Teyssier.

The suit was part of an ongoing battle over Proposition MM. If passed by a two-thirds vote, it would give the school district \$1.5 billion to build and repair schools. The measure is opposed by Libertarians, but supported by government school bureaucrats.

As part of the campaign for Proposition MM, superintendent Bersin had sent a letter — on SDUSD stationery — to 380,000 potential voters "to inform them" about the bond measure.

Aware of the state law against using taxpayer money for "campaign advocacy," Bersin did not directly endorse Proposition MM, but strongly hinted that voters should support it.

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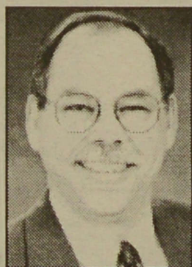
John Buttrick wins major endorsement

John Buttrick, a Libertarian candidate for State Representative, has been endorsed by the *Arizona Republic* — which called him "a class act."

In its October 1 edition, the Phoenix-based newspaper endorsed Buttrick for a seat in the 25th District, writing: "From moving to abolish the state income tax, to fighting for parents' right to educate their children at home, Buttrick will be a welcome spice in the brew of intellectual mediocrity that too often bubbles to the top in the Legislature. He is a class act, brimming with imaginative ideas in the well-reasoned mold that our Founding Fathers first crafted."

After reading the endorsement, Buttrick said he was delighted by the positive recommendation from the state's largest newspaper (circulation: 400,000).

"While I thought I had an even chance of getting the *Republic's* endorsement, I admit I am surprised by the strength of the language used by the editors," he said. "Things are getting exciting in Arizona."



John Buttrick: "A class act."

Another voter for Millay for U.S. Senate

Tamara Millay's campaign for U.S. Senate in Missouri has created at least one new Libertarian voter — but he won't be eligible to vote until the 2016 election.

The new Libertarian? Millay's brand new baby boy, born August 27 at the St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

The birth caused Millay to take "a couple of weeks" off the campaign trail, but she said she would pick up the political pace by October, when the campaign season traditionally heats up. "I'll take the baby with me," she said.

10,000 miles for the Burke campaign

Richard Burke's campaign for governor in Oregon is more than a campaign — it's a *marathon*. By October 1, the Libertarian candidate had traveled over 10,000 miles, visited 46 Oregon cities and towns, and campaigned in every single one of the state's 36 counties.

"A governor has to show concern for Oregonians in every part of the state," said Burke of his grueling schedule.

During his campaignathon, Burke has been doing media interviews, speaking to service clubs, and participating in candidate forums and debates.

"Every statewide candidate claims they are responsive to the needs of all Oregonians," he said. "By campaigning in every county, and listening to what people have to say, I'm trying to prove that I mean it."

Steve Kubby: Opponents are "chicken"

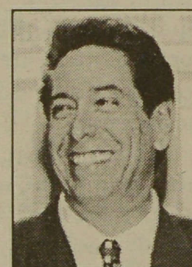
Steve Kubby, Libertarian candidate for governor in California, faced off against four other "third party" candidates in a debate in mid-October, while suggesting that his Republican and Democratic opponents were "chicken — too scared of the real issues" to participate.

Kubby debated the gubernatorial candidates from the Peace and Freedom Party, the American Independent Party, the Green Party, and the Natural Law Party at Chapman University on October 12.

Missing from the debate: Republican Dan Lungren and Democrat Gray Davis, who are "scared of real debate," said Kubby. "Davis and Lungren don't stand a chance facing candidates with genuine ideas. They're chicken — too scared of the real issues to serve as governor."



Richard Burke: "I mean it..."



Steve Kubby: "Too scared..."

CAMPAIGN '98 REPORT

Mike Brinkman's six-year plan to win his State Rep. campaign

By Ron Crickenberger
LP Political Director

While most candidates are wrapping up their election activities, Mike Brinkman is just now in the middle of a six-year run for the Michigan legislature.

"My '96 campaign allowed me to get my feet wet, and learn what I needed to do to build the party locally," said Brinkman. "The whole focus of the '98 campaign is to build the party, so we will be on par with the Democrats and Republicans for the year 2000. I knew I would not win — this time — but I hope to build enough of a base of support to compete equally in 2000."

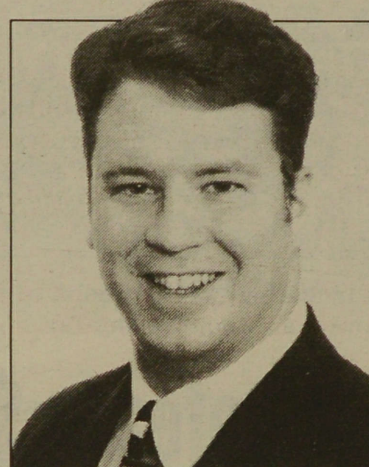
The current incumbent will be term-limited out in 2000, providing Brinkman with the opportunity to compete for an open seat.

Monday Night Football

Brinkman's 1998 campaign "end game" calls for three pieces of direct mail to 5,000 people from voter lists, which will include information on Libertarianism and how to join the party. The campaign will also air cable TV commercials, including spots during the World Series and during Monday Night Football. The ads ask viewers to call the LP's 1-800-ELECT-US number for more information.

"I know I've got to build membership to be effective in 2000," said Brinkman.

Brinkman has already raised nearly \$15,000 for his campaign — more than four times what he raised in '96. About half of his funding has come from Brass



■ Mike Brinkman: "The whole focus of the '98 campaign is to build the party."

Roots, a pro-gun owner's organization in Michigan. He is using the money to fund his final outreach push over the remaining few weeks.

Brinkman has been included in several candidate activities, including three-way debates in front of the local Rotary Club, at Michigan State University, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, HOM TV (a local government station), and the League of Women Voters. Each time he has participated, he has received "great feedback" from people who said they were going to vote Libertarian after hearing his position on taxes, government reform, and the environment, he said.

Most encouraging are the responses he is seeing from the youth vote, Brinkman said — which is especially important since his district includes Michigan State University, which has nearly 40,000 students.

"We have a strong Libertarian student group with nearly 70 students on our list, and it's

growing fast," he said.

Brinkman helped start the MSU Libertarians during his campaign in 1996, and set up an Operation Politically Homeless booth when the MTV "Choose or Loose" bus came to town.

In addition to the valuable experience gained from his 1996 race, Brinkman also honed his leadership and campaigning skills as the first Libertarian ever selected for the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) at Michigan State University.

Brinkman said he has several reasons for running such a high-profile campaign in 1998 even though he doesn't expect to win.

"First and foremost, I'm hoping the effort I put into this race will help the Libertarian Party of Michigan to gain major party status," he said.

If Diane Barnes, the Libertarian Party of Michigan's top-of-the-ticket State Board of Education candidate, gets 5% of the vote, the state LP will gain major party status. Barnes narrowly missed the 5% mark when running for the same position in 1996.

Electoral history

Brinkman also hopes that letting voters know they can make electoral history will make them more likely to vote for Libertarian candidates, not only in his race, but in other races, as well.

"Most people agree that there isn't a dime's worth of difference between the Democrats and Republicans," he said. "This is a way that voters can really have an impact on the political process, by creating real competition in the political arena."

Success '99 seminars announced

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local LP organization to put those elements in place. Finally, we will look at how non-winable campaigns can be used to build a foundation for future victory," said Dasbach.

"Throughout the workshop, we will be stressing the synergy between campaigns and the party organization."

Success '99 faculty will include members of the LP headquarters staff, Libertarian National Committee members, and "other experienced activists, such as candidates, campaign managers, and state and local chairs," said Dasbach.

Final prices have not yet been determined, but the cost for attending Success '99 will prob-

ably be around \$75, including a Saturday lunch, he said.

LP National Chair David Bergland said the Success '99 seminars are part of his plan to prepare the party for dramatic growth by the 2000 election.

"It is imperative that we give our new members the training and the tools they need to succeed politically," he said.

Why does the government want your guns?

From the Conservative Book Club:

Our Founding Fathers knew, over 200 years ago: the biggest threat to the safety and well-being of a citizenry lies not with some foreign government but rather with its own government. "To preserve liberty," wrote Richard Henry Lee, "it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

"But our government is a democracy. It would never do anything to harm us." Now, the book that explodes this myth, and a good many others as well. In 14 lucid chapters, here's the case for gun sanity, from The Future of Freedom Foundation. Major themes:

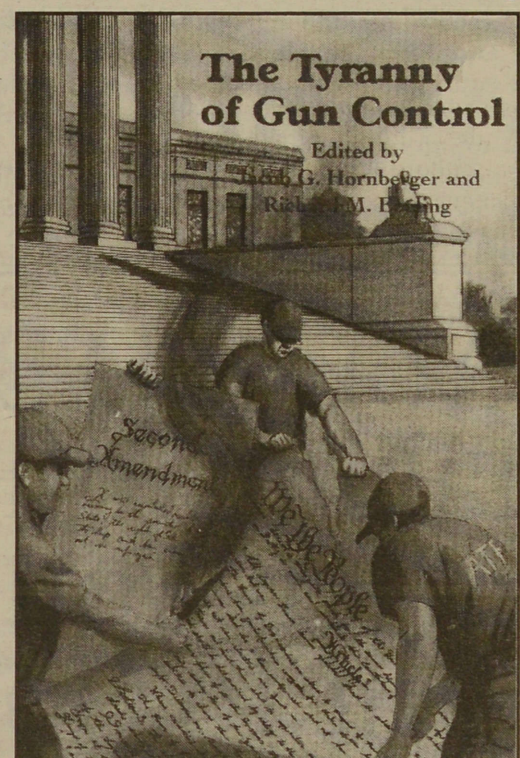
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- ✓ The final destruction of the Second Amendment — closer than we think

President Clinton has condemned Americans who criticize their government: "There's nothing patriotic about hating your government or pretending you can hate your government but love your country." Does Clinton occupy the moral high ground? Not after he confronts Jacob Hornberger, president of The Future of Freedom Foundation:

"President Clinton is wrong. Throughout history there have been courageous and honorable individuals who have loved their country and hated their government."

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Schrader wins OH ballot lawsuit

Judge rules that "Libertarian Party" label will be on the ballot

A Libertarian Congressional candidate has won his lawsuit against the Ohio Secretary of State, and will now be allowed to have his Libertarian Party affiliation printed by his name on the ballot.

On September 28, the U.S. District Court in Dayton ruled that the state must include a partisan affiliation for Jim Schrader — LP candidate for Congress in Ohio's 7th District — on the ballot, instead of giving him the generic label of "independent."

Schrader had filed a lawsuit in August, charging that his First Amendment freedom of association rights and Fourteenth Amendment equal protection rights had been violated by the state's refusal to inform voters about his political affiliation.

The court agreed, and or-

dered Secretary of State Bob Taft to list Schrader as a Libertarian on the November 3 ballot.

The state government immediately requested a stay, which would block the decision from affecting the November ballot, but it was rejected by the judge.

Right to know

"I knew we would win because we are right," said Schrader after the decision was handed down. "Ohio voters have the right to know which political party a candidate belongs to, and the state should not be allowed to withhold that information."

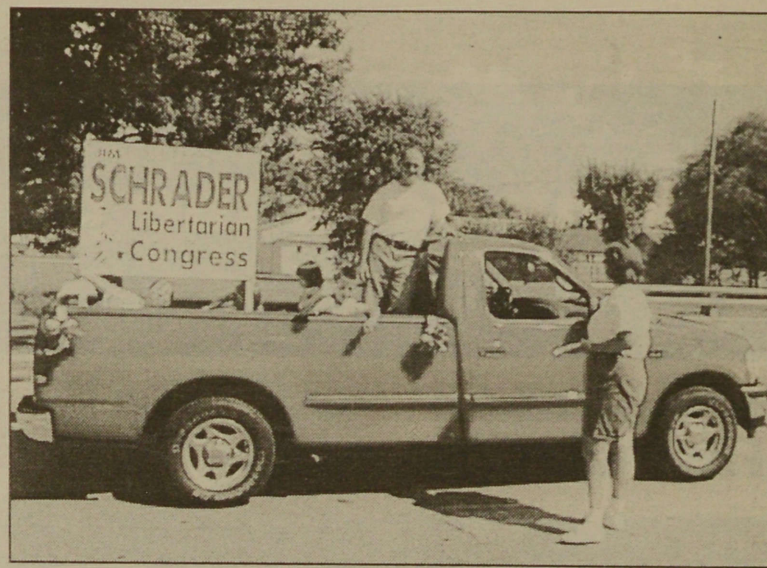
The decision was lauded by Richard Winger, the editor of *Ballot Access News*. "I'm thrilled to death," he said.

"This is the first time we've won a case on this issue."

The victory was especially sweet in Ohio, he said, because that state has been unusually hostile to third parties.

"In most states, legislatures at least once in this century voluntarily eased ballot access restrictions for minor parties and candidates. But Ohio has never done so," said Winger — which made this court case necessary.

"This is a victory for all Ohioans," said Dena Bruedigam, Schrader's campaign manager. "We look forward to future elections where all minor party candidates are included and properly labeled."



■ Jim Schrader's sign isn't the only thing that will say "Libertarian" for Congress: Ohio ballots will too, now that a judge has ruled that the state cannot keep his partisan affiliation off the ballot. Schrader, a candidate for U.S. House (7th District), is shown here with his wife and children as he prepares for a campaign swing through town.

California LP launches growth challenge

The Libertarian Party of California wants to increase its membership to 7,000 by year's end — so it has announced the launch of "Grassroots Challenge '98," a contest designed to encourage and reward regional membership recruitment efforts.

"Some people felt that [the party was] relying too much on direct mail for member recruitment," said California LP State Chair Mark Hinkle. "So [we] developed this contest to reward efforts by local activists to attract and recruit new members."

The contest, which runs

through December 31, 1998, will reward county LP organizations with a \$5 bonus for each new member recruited, a monthly bonus of \$200 or more for the top-producing region, and an additional cash bonus for the region that generates the most new members overall.

Competition!

"That should spark some healthy competition!" said Hinkle.

To keep the competitive fires burning, the state LP will post regular progress reports on its

web site, he said, and will share the knowledge gained from the contest when it's over.

"In addition to reaching our 1998 membership goal, we're also hoping to identify those local recruitment methods which work best so we can share them with all of our local regions," said Hinkle. "That way, everyone wins!"

On September 1, when the contest was launched, California LP membership stood at 5,424.

For more information about the contest, visit the California LP web site at www.ca.lp.org.

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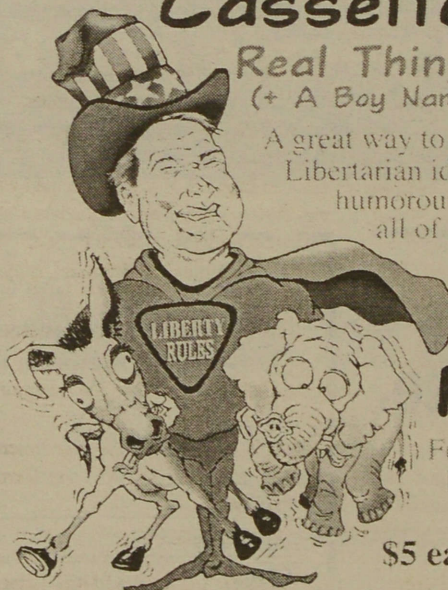
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MA candidates blow a hole in state's 'restrictive' campaign finance law

Massachusetts Libertarians have blown a \$19 billion hole in the state's campaign finance laws in an effort to "strike a blow for free speech."

On September 21, four LP candidates for statewide office in Massachusetts publicly announced a "spending limit" for their campaigns of \$19,514,800,000 — the exact amount of money the state government plans to spend in 1998.

By doing so, the state Libertarian Party dramatically altered the political landscape of this year's Bay State elections, caused Republicans and Democrats to howl in outrage, and garnered considerable media publicity.

The \$19 billion figure was filed because "we don't believe in [government-mandated] campaign limits," explained Elias Israel, LP candidate for Lt. Governor. "They're an unconstitutional restriction on free speech. They're ridiculous, so we picked the most ridiculous spending limit we could think of — the size of our bloated state budget."

Tax-and-spend

"Since this spending limit is beyond the reach of even the monopolistic Democrats and Republicans, it effectively scuttles the limit while reminding everyone of the size of the enormous state budget, of how much money lawmakers are willing to confiscate in the name of tax-and-spend on lavish government programs," he said.

Because of Massachusetts' campaign finance laws — passed in 1994 — statewide candidates are required to provide the state with an estimate of their intended campaign spending.

The highest estimate becomes the spending limit for all candidates in that race. However, candidates who agree to a lower, state-set spending limit become eligible for as much as \$750,000 in taxpayer's money to finance their campaigns.

By submitting the \$19 billion spending limit, the Libertarian candidates have "essentially blown up the spending limits for the 1998 gubernatorial and other campaigns," reported the *Boston*

Globe, and "cleared the way for unlimited spending sprees" by the Democrats and Republicans.

The *Globe* described it as "a mischievous move by a party that scorns limits on freedom."

But the Libertarians said their spending limits — which they acknowledge they will not reach — highlight a serious issue.

"We have an important point to make: Campaign spending limits effectively limit political expression," said LP gubernatorial candidate Dean Cook.


Massachusetts LP State Chair Carla Howell estimated that the statewide slate of candidates will, in fact, spend between \$30,000 and \$50,000 during the election.

Corrections


■ **In the October issue:** In the "Candidates 1998" list, three of the LP candidates listed for Utah — Joe Evans, Hartley Anderson, and Richard Barnes — were either rejected at the state convention, withdrew their nominations, or were seeking appointed office.

■ **In the September issue:** Contrary to an item in the "Affiliate News" section, the LP of Maine will not set a new record in 1998 by running four candidates for statewide office. In 1982, the party ran five candidates.

■ **Follow-up:** To listen to Harry Browne's weekly, Sunday night radio show (and if you already have Real Audio's RealPlayer software), you can go directly to the audio feed at: <http://www.broadcast.com/radio/ram/talkamerica.ram>




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New bill gives police power to "steal money"

It may soon be a crime to fly or drive in America with too much money, the Libertarian Party warned. That's because a bill before the Senate Judiciary Committee would allow police to assume that anyone traveling with more than \$10,000 in cash in so-called "drug transit areas" is a drug dealer — and confiscate all their money.

"You may soon have to fear being mugged by your own government," warned Steve Dasbach, LP national director.

The bill in question — the Drug Currency Forfeitures Act — is sponsored by Senators Max Cleland (D-GA) and Charles Grassley (R-IA). They say their bill is designed to "hit drug dealers where it hurts the most: In the wallet."

The bill allows police to seize cash from any American traveling through a drug transit area — defined as an airport, highway, or port of entry — and would force citizens to go to court to try to get the money back.

"Accusations without proof? Punishments without trials? Welcome to America in 1998," said Dasbach. "With this bill, two U.S. Senators want to gut the Constitution — and strip away fundamental rights like the presumption of innocence."

Reasons to be cheerful about impeachment

Impeaching a president is serious business — but booting Bill Clinton out of office could be good for the country, the Libertarian Party said. "No matter what you think about the allegations against President Clinton, impeachment isn't all doom-and-gloom," said Ron Crickenberger, past LP national director.

As the U.S. House Judiciary Committee contemplates launching a formal impeachment hearing against Clinton, Libertarians are finding reasons to be cheerful about the coming political brawl:

1) A lengthy, fierce, partisan impeachment battle will cause paralysis in Washington, DC. "The only good Congress is a paralyzed Congress," he said. "When Republicans and Democrats are busy investigating each other, they're not busy raising taxes, censoring the Internet, spending our money to bail out foreign nations, regulating business, or violating the Bill of Rights."

2) Impeachment hearings will showcase the need for a new political party. "How much more crime will Americans tolerate from Republicans and Democrats?" asked Crickenberger. "Impeachment hearings will demonstrate once again that Democrats and Republicans share not only a love for big government, but also an eagerness to wallow in corruption. The only thing they fundamentally disagree about is Bill Clinton's sex life."

Flag-burning bill is a "quasi-religious" bad idea

A proposed Constitutional amendment to make flag burning a crime is a bad idea because it would elevate a secular symbol of government to quasi-religious status, the Libertarian Party said.

"The United States shouldn't become like Iran, China, and Cuba, where flag desecration is already a crime — and where people are required by law to venerate the government and their rulers," said David Bergland, LP national chairman.

"A Constitutional amendment against desecrating the American flag would be a step in that dangerous direction — and would blur the First Amendment's separation of church and state by effectively redefining flag burning as a secular blasphemy against a symbol of government," he charged.

The U.S. Senate was scheduled to vote in early October on a proposed Constitutional amendment to give Congress the "power to prohibit the physical desecration" of the U.S. flag.

But the Supreme Court got it right when it ruled that burning an American flag is protected by the First Amendment, and the flag-worshipping politicians who support the amendment have it wrong, said Bergland.

"The Founding Fathers understood that the strength of a free nation is its ability to tolerate dissent," he said.

Libertarian's anti-zoning comments cost him seat on New Jersey ZBA

A New Jersey Libertarian is fighting to regain his position on the West Milford Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) — after he was kicked off for saying publicly that "zoning is a confiscation of private property."

LP member Gene Richards presented a petition signed by 569 town residents to the West Milford Township Council on July 5, asking to be reinstated to his appointed position.

"Can't a person question laws?" Richards asked the council. The fairness of laws are questioned all the time, he noted, from the Supreme Court down through the entire judicial system, "So why am I different?"

Who's next?

The petition that Richards presented to the five-member Township Council argued that his expulsion was a "violation of the First Amendment," and asked: "Who's next?"

Even more local residents would have signed the petition, said Richards, but he had suffered a heart attack and underwent back surgery before the Township Council meeting, which limited his ability to collect signatures.

The Township Council, which had expelled Richards

GENE RICHARDS:

"People and private property are sacred."

from the ZBA position on June 25 on a closed-door 3-2 vote, took no immediate action on his reinstatement request.

Richards got into trouble in February when the local newspaper quoted him telling pro-zoning residents: "Did anyone tell you that you had the right to control the properties around you? Have control over your own property, and leave [your] neighbor's alone."

The problem with zoning laws, he said, is that "people buy an acre and they want control as far as the eye can see." As a Libertarian, he said, he took a different view: That zoning is the "confiscation of private property."

Other ZBA members filed a formal complaint against Richards, which led to his expulsion and subsequent campaign for reinstatement.

But Richards didn't back down from his previous state-

ments during his appeal to the Township Council in July, telling them: "People and private property are sacred."

He argued that the seven-member ZBA — which can grant variances to strict zoning regulations — is a "relief valve" for property owners.

Unfortunately, he said, the ZBA doesn't seem to care about the rights of property owners, which caused him to become "appalled at the attitudes of some board members and the way they treat the public."

Outspoken

Libertarian Party Political Director Ron Crickenberger said the expulsion of Richards was an "outrage" — but may be a preview of similar events in the future as more Libertarians get into public office and are outspoken in their defense of liberty.

"Gene Richards' only crime is that he refused to back down from his principled defense of liberty and private property," said Crickenberger. "His expulsion shows how far defenders of the status quo will go to defend bad laws and to protect their political power."

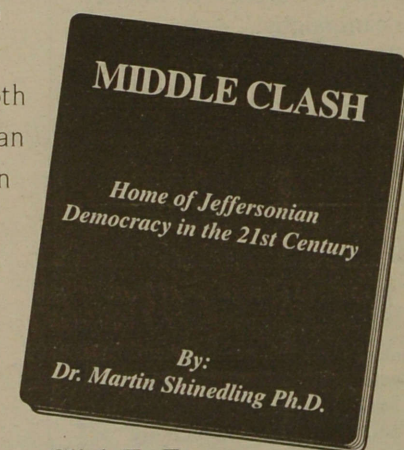
Despite his troubles with the ZBA, Richards remains a member of the West Milford Economic Development Commission.

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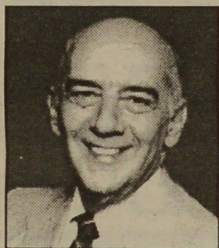


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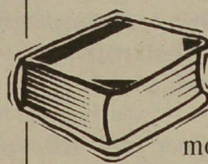
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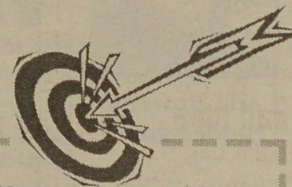
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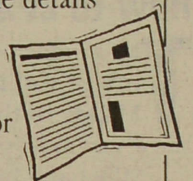
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POLITICAL NEWS

LP Sheriff candidate vs. indicted opponent

Libertarian candidate for Ford County (Illinois) Sheriff, **Mike Hari**, got a big boost in September: His only opponent was indicted for police brutality and obstruction of justice.

Hari, a sheriff's deputy for more than two years before resigning to run for the top law enforcement spot, was already running an aggressive campaign. Now, he said, he has kicked into very high gear.

"I used Michael Cloud's formula for raising money from friends and family, and got more than \$1,800 in one week after my opponent's indictment. Now we have money for radio and print ads, and are working on direct mail as well," said Hari.

"This race presents a great opportunity for the LP to win a countywide, partisan election," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. "And it shows the value of a state running many candidates — you never know when an opportunity like this will arise. The more candidates you have, the better the odds of hitting an opportunity jackpot like this one."

How to crash AARP debates (politely)

The American Association of Retired People (AARP) didn't invite California LP Congressional candidate **Erich Miller** to their debate on September 12 — so he crashed the event in a "polite peaceful manner."

Miller and his supporters showed up where the debate was being held and politely distributed literature in the hall.

"To get to the entrance of the event, people had to walk through our gauntlet of pleasant greetings," said Miller.

Besides a copy of his "Retirement Savings Protection Act" brochure, people also received "a big thank-you from me," he said. "I added, 'Unfortunately you're not allowed to hear me inside, but I didn't want to be denied a chance to meet you.'"

However, literature and a handshake was apparently too much for the AARP organizers to tolerate.

"The event coordinator, in a rage, came out screaming and threatening to call the police and have us removed," said Miller. "[But] the hotel security refused to act. In fact they encouraged us to exercise our freedom of speech."

Candidate promises "obscene" web site

Carla Howell, LP candidate for Auditor in Massachusetts, has promised taxpayers something "obscene" if she gets elected: The state's bloated budget on the Internet for everyone to see.

"It won't be pornographic, but it's likely to be obscene," she said. "The \$19.5 billion budget is bloated — and messy! It's full of hidden costs, local mandates, and dizzying complexities. Taxpayers are left in the dark." **Carla Howell:**

As auditor, she would shine a light into "Hidden costs." that darkness, she said, by distilling the budget down to "no-monkey-business terms" and publishing it on a web site, so taxpayers could learn if their money was being spent "for the benefit of money-grabbing special interests."



PA Senate candidate runs 1,000 TV ads

Jack Iannantuono, Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania, will test the power of television in his campaign by running more than 1,000 advertisement in the final five weeks leading up to Election Day.

His 30-second spot will run on cable TV systems in the 13th Congressional District, appearing on such channels as CNBC, Arts & Entertainment, Lifetime, MTV, and Headline News.

"We chose cable to target areas where advertising can boost both local LP candidates and organizations," said Iannantuono. "Most of [the targeted] areas also have a much higher than average percentage of voters who no longer identify themselves as either Democrats or Republicans."

The ad features Iannantuono urging voters to "take control" of their own lives and income by voting Libertarian.

CAMPAIGN '98 REPORT

Larry Fuhol: Parading to success?

By Ron Crickenberger
LP Political Director

Minnesota LP Congressional candidate Larry Fuhol has not only gone the extra mile for liberty — he's literally journeyed *thousands of miles*.

Fuhol has walked in a total of 25 parades this summer — proving that even an underfunded campaign can make a splash with a few volunteers and some legwork.

"My busiest weekend was over July 4th, where I was in seven parades in two days," he said. "My district is very large, and most of these parades were about 175-225 miles from my home. I was able to manage to have a driver for each parade, and at least two people walking alongside the float handing out

literature."

So far, his campaign has handed out about 15,000 brochures to the crowds.

"My volunteers and I walked along the crowds, In 25 parades. asking 'Libertarian Party — any interest?' We only handed out information to those who wanted it," he said.

Dry spell

When he hit a dry spell, Fuhol said he would hand out the Libertarian \$1,000,000 bills to some kids in the crowd.

"That's all it takes to get people paying attention and asking for information," he said.



For his campaign float, Fuhol used his 1986 Chevy pickup, decorating it with "Vote Libertarian" signs, and a big Statue of Liberty. Yes, it is old, he acknowledged, but it illustrates to potential voters that he will be as conservative with their money as he is with his.

Fuhol said parades are also a good way to meet a lot of people in a short while.

"You spark an awareness in a few. One man in the parade route stopped me and said, 'May God bless you Larry; thank God we have a different party to vote for' as he took my brochure."

His parading campaign "is an opportunity to meet all types of people. It opens up all kinds of new experiences that I might otherwise not have ever encountered," he said.

CANDIDATES '98

Here is a list of an additional 58 LP candidates running for office in November 1998. To make corrections, call LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger at (202) 333-0008 Ext. 227.

■ Arizona

Larry Bartley (Lt. Governor), **Ernest Hancock** (U.S. Representative, District 4), **Jon Hoffman** (State Senate, District 14), **Ray Price** (State Treasurer), **Gay Lynn Goetzke** (Pima County Board of Supervisors, District 4), **Karen Caddell** (Pima County Clerk of Superior Court).

■ Arkansas

Rodney Wimberly (El Dorado City Council).

■ California

Rick Garrett (U.S. Representative, District 17), **Jack Ray** (State Senate, District 18), **Jack Hickey** (Board of Directors Open Space District, Ward 6), **Richard Armstrong** (BART Board of Directors, District 4).

■ Connecticut

Richard Connelly (State Representative, District 11), **Dan Fitzgerald** (State Senate, District 32).

■ Hawaii

Larry Bartley (Lt. Governor), **Mike V. Powell** (State Senate, District 23), **Robert Grayson** (State Senate, District 17), **Darryl Gardner** (State Senate, District 10), **Li Zhao** (State Senate, District 19), **Mike Dyer** (State Senate, District 6), **James O'Keefe** (State Representative, District 2), **Aaron Anderson** (State Representative, District 4), **Guy Monahan** (State Representative, District 34), **Glen Elliot** (State Representative, District 44).

■ Illinois

Doug McLure (Ford County Board, District 30), **Toby Sutton Jr.** (Ford County Board, District 3).

■ Kansas

Ralph Chilcott (Clerk Center Township).

■ Kentucky

Luis Pinto (City Council, Fort Wright), **Dave Hatter** (City Council, Fort Wright).

■ Louisiana

Jeffrey Diket (U.S. Senator).

■ Michigan

Scotty Boman (Wayne State University Governor), **Doug McDonald** (State Representative, District 20).

■ Missouri

Robert Hoffman (U.S. Representative, District 9), **Timothy Peterman** (State Representative, District 48).

■ Montana

Mike Fellows (U.S. Representative, District 1), **Mike Fellows** (State Representative, District 67).

■ Nebraska

Donald Kurtz Jr. (Herman Village Trustee)

■ New York

Robert Goodman (Comptroller), **Bruce A. Martin** (State Assembly), **Adele Bolger** (Suffolk County Clerk), **John Bloom** (Brookhaven Town Council).

■ North Carolina

David Speight (State Representative, District 27).

■ Oregon

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■ Pennsylvania

Richard J. Piotrowski (State Representative, District 145).

■ Rhode Island

David Bibeault (State Representative, District 69), **Michael J. Rollins** (State Senate, District 36).

■ South Carolina

Richard Quillian (U.S. Senator), **Daniel O'Neal** (Lt. Governor), **Katherine Woolsey** (Agriculture Commissioner), **Bill Woolsey** (James Island School Board), **Rodney Travis** (Charleston County Council), **Stacy Clark** (Spartanburg County Council).

■ Texas

Edward B. Elmer (U.S. Representative, District 28).

■ Wisconsin

James Dean (Lt. Governor), **Tim Peterson** (State Treasurer).

Five good reasons to join the party

"We're the honesty party," says party chairman

If you are not yet a member of the Libertarian Party, there is no better time to join than now, said the party's National Director, Steve Dasbach.

"As we head into the November elections, we've got more than 825 candidates on the ballot, offering a real choice for the voters," he said. "Libertarians are hard at work building a political party to challenge the failures of the big-government Republicans and Democrats. But we need your help to succeed."

Here's why you should join, he said . . .

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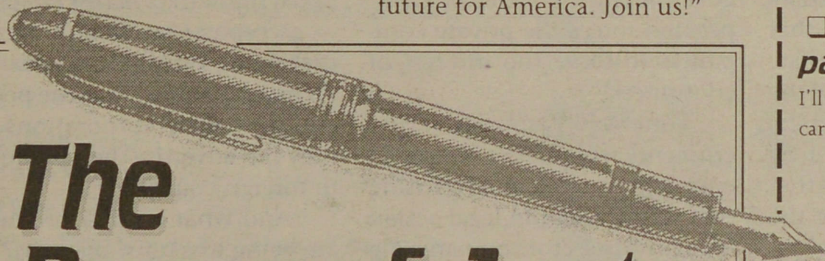
3. We're the tolerance party. "Even though we may not approve of the choices other people make, we defend their right to make them as long as they alone bear responsibility for the consequences of their actions," he said.

4. We're the responsibility party. "Libertarians know that only through complete personal responsibility can individuals grow as human beings, and society be made more prosperous and secure," said Dasbach.

5. We're the honesty party. "We are the only party that always holds to its basic principles," he said. "We don't attempt to curry favor by lying or by hiding our beliefs. Unlike all other politicians and political parties, we refuse to lie about what we really believe. We stand firm for our values at all times."

Is this the kind of political party you want to belong to?

"If so, join us today," said Dasbach. "All we need to succeed is the support of people like you — someone who values freedom and self-responsibility, and someone who has the passion and drive to help build a better future for America. Join us!"



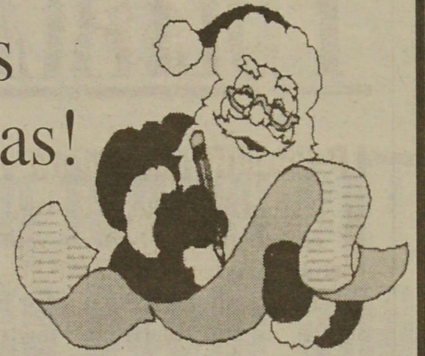
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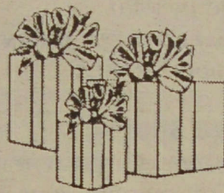


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TALKINGPOINTS

The worst polluter (guess who?) and those endless 10-year plans

The 10-year plan

In the early 1960s, the United Nations committed itself to eliminating the plant sources of cocaine, heroin, and marijuana in 25 years. The clock ran out in 1989. Instead of re-evaluating its plan, the United Nations promised last June to get the job done in 10 years.

In 1989, President Bush proposed cutting drug use 55% in 10 years. In February, President Clinton introduced his plan to cut drug use in half in 10 years, without mentioning Bush's plan. Not to be outdone, the speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, rejected Clinton's plan and declared that the timeline should be four, not 10, years.

— **ROB STEWART**
The Drug Policy Letter
Summer 1998

Where's that missile?

In the first-ever independent audit of the federal government, number of the 24 major agencies that received a passing grade for keeping basic records in order: Eight.

Value of military equipment that cannot be located: \$636 billion (including a \$1 million surface-to-air missile launcher, a \$423,000 Howitzer cannon, two \$875,000 harbor tugboats, and two \$4 million jet engines).

— **PLAYBOY MAGAZINE**
November 1998

Outlaw recyclers

On October 1, two New Yorkers were arrested in Fraser, Michigan, on felony counts of false pretenses. Their crime? Over-zealous recycling. These dastardly criminals paid homeless people to collect bottles and cans in New York City, and then hauled the recyclables to Michigan where they could receive a 10¢ deposit. For their environmental entrepreneurship, the two now face fines of up to \$5,000.

— **CEI UPDATE**
September 1998

Class-size experiment

Reducing class size meets one Democratic criterion for a national program: It's expensive. Eric Hanushek of the Uni-

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PROFESSIONAL sports teams
"have not helped the economies of the cities that host such teams."

versity of Rochester notes that reducing the size of the average classroom by just one kid for one year costs something like \$350. Multiply that by all the American children in grammar school and you come up with \$12 billion over seven years.

But as Prof. Hanushek points out, there's a problem here: There is little evidence that reducing class size has any effect on education. In fact, the nation has already run the class-size experiment.

In the past 45 years, the average pupil-teacher ratio in this country fell by 35%. Many of our parents recall that they learned reading in classes with more than 35 students. Many of our children are in classes with fewer than 25.

Yet with this dramatic change in class size has come little or no improvement in performance. Data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress show that, despite shrinking classes, 17-year-olds today perform about as well now as they did in 1970.

— **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**
September 30, 1998

Expensive sports

Contrary to the oft-repeated claim by sports supporters and local governments, professional teams have not helped the economies in any of the seven California cities that host such teams, according to a new study from the University of California at Berkeley.

The study by U.C. graduate student Jack Sylvan found that the level of a city's economic activity was not affected by the presence of sports franchises...

"This refutes the claim by professional sports boosters that sports franchises stimulate the local economy," Sylvan wrote.

Sylvan measured retail and total taxable sales from 1972 to 1995 in Anaheim, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, and San Diego, which collectively host 15 professional teams.

In the period studied, the

seven cities acquired two new expansion franchises and either lost or gained eight other existing franchises. But there was no significant overall effect on the economy with the appearance or disappearance of those teams, he found.

A 1997 Brookings Institute-sponsored study found that the average subsidy by a host city for recent stadium projects will exceed \$10 million a year for up to 30 years.

— **CHARLES BURRESS**
San Francisco Chronicle
August 24, 1998

Guns and money

When government controls both the economic power of individuals and the coercive power of the state... this violates a fundamental rule of happy living: Never let the people with all the money and the people with all the guns be the same people.

— **P.J. O'ROURKE**
Eat the Rich: A Treatise on Economics, 1998

Lottery madness

Government-run lotteries represent bad public policy. They lead to more government spending [and] victimize the poor.

Why should state governments be running lotteries? If nothing else, lotteries show how much better consumers are treated by the free market system. Private gambling operations pay out about 90¢ for every dollar wagered, a far better deal than the miserly return provided by government-run lotteries. Competition forces the private companies to serve the interest of consumers.

Lotteries also show how governments are perfectly willing to engage in fraudulent advertising that would result in legal action for a private sector company. Big lottery prizes such as the Powerball jackpot are stated in nominal (and pre-tax) terms. "This week's prize: \$125 million!" Yet the lucky fool who wins this prize will find out that the \$125 million is available only in increments over a 20-year

time period.

Imagine if a private company engaged in such a deceptive scam, promising big dollars to lure customers in the door but then giving them far less than what is implied in the advertising. You can bet your last dollar (no pun intended) that some publicity-hungry state attorney general will sue the company on behalf of victimized consumers.

— **DANIEL J. MITCHELL**
The Washington Times
September 10, 1998

The worst polluter

In the early 1990s, the National Toxic Campaign Fund (a private environmental advocacy group) labeled the military establishment the nation's worst polluter, responsible for more than 14,000 "toxic hot spots" at military bases around the nation. The environmental group estimated that, in 1989, the Defense Department generated 900 million pounds of hazardous waste.

No private business, or combination of companies, has anywhere near such a devastating impact on America's environment. Nevertheless, the public continues to associate environmental degradation exclusively with businesses.

— **MURRAY WEIDENBAUM**
The Washington Times
September 26, 1998

The bull market

According to our good friends at the Libertarian Party, Congress subsidizes a program called the Market Access Program — a corporate welfare program that pours \$90 million a year of taxpayers' money into the pockets of wealthy corporations so they can advertise their products in foreign countries.

And what kind of products are being marketed overseas? At least one product every man, woman and child can enjoy: Frozen bull sperm.

I'm happy to see my money sucked out of my wallet to make the rich snobs who run these multi-bazillion dollar companies even richer. I only want to know two things: 1) How do I start my own bull semen corporation? 2) What form do I have to fill out to get a chunk of government money? (I figure it's the only way I'll see my tax dollars again.)

— **ROBERT C. EISENPETER**
The White Bear Press
(St. Paul, Minnesota)
August 19, 1998

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■ California

A proposed state law that would raise tobacco taxes to pay for more government involvement in early childhood development should "frighten the pants off every parent," California LP Executive Director **Juan Ros** told a State Senate panel on September 29.

"Government has no business getting involved in raising children," said Ros, as he blasted Proposition 10.

If passed by voters on November 3, the proposition — also known as the Reiner Initiative, after film director Rob Reiner, its main backer — would boost cigarette taxes by 50¢ a pack to finance an army of 8,000 new anti-tobacco bureaucrats.

Ros told the State Senators that the measure does two things that are "antithetical" to Libertarian philosophy: It increases taxes and increases government.

Ros also proposed an alternative solution: "Why doesn't Mr. Reiner use his Hollywood connections and establish a private fund that could raise money from willing contributors and spend it as he pleases?"

■ California

A Libertarian candidate has defended the right of Californians to decide what they have for dinner—even if it's an entree that most people wouldn't eat.

Gerald Klass, LP candidate for State Senate (District 6), appeared before a State Senate Committee on September 9 to testify against a proposition that would ban the sale of horsemeat.

Klass followed several passionately pro-proposition people who asserted that horses are pets, so the government has an obligation to make the sale of horsemeat illegal.

"Their primary argument [was] that horses fall into the category of cats, dogs, and parakeets," said Klass. "I mentioned that all their arguments could be used to outlaw beef, as I know people who have cows as pets."

Klass also argued that the bill would simply cause Californians to sell horses to out-of-state middlemen — and "would not save the life of a single horse, but would use the force of govern-



Libertarian Party: Primary pundits

■ Missouri LP activist Ken Bush appears on KSDK television news in St. Louis in late August, as part of an interview about the state's primary election and the role of third parties in politics. "The NBC affiliate turned to two sources for commentary," said Bush. "The Political Science department at a local university and the Libertarian Party."

ment to tell me what I can have on my dinner table."

Although not popular in the USA, horsemeat is considered a gourmet dish in many European countries, including France.

■ District of Columbia

Libertarians are organizing to support Initiative 59, a referendum question on the November 3 ballot which would legalize medical marijuana in Washington, DC.

"We are presented with an excellent opportunity to send Congress a strong message that the prohibition on medicinal marijuana needs to be removed," said State Chair **Daniel Smith**.

To support the Initiative, DC Libertarians are planning to hang yard signs, staff phone banks, leaflet subway stations, and work polling stations on Election Day.

"Initiative 59 is an opportunity for us to both improve the lives of cancer and AIDS patients

and strike a blow at the federal drug war establishment," said Smith. "It is an important step in getting Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey out of the personal relationships between doctors and patients."

■ Missouri

The state Libertarian Party has pledged to fight a plan by the St. Louis city government to expand Lambert Airport by using eminent domain law to seize private property.

"Libertarians oppose the use of eminent domain," said **Jim Higgins**, LP candidate for St. Louis County Executive. "[We] oppose forcing citizens to sell their land."

"[We] believe in the separation of airport and state."

On September 30, Libertarians announced they would "offer political and other support" to the town of Bridgeton, which faces an eminent domain "ground assault" by politicians.

Instead of seizing homes and businesses, the government should privatize the airport, said Higgins. "Then expansion would take place only after property prices were [freely] negotiated" — ending "war on sovereignty and property rights of Americans living in Bridgeton."

■ Nebraska

A "Campaign Kick-Off Meeting" has helped the state party shake off the doldrums — and given Nebraska Libertarians a "positive attitude" heading into the 1998 election, said **Steve Dasbach**, LP national director.

State LP members gathered on September 19 in Omaha for a meeting to nominate the state party's statewide candidates and chart political strategy.

The meeting — the first statewide event in years for the Nebraska LP — "went well," said Dasbach, who was the keynote speaker. "There was a positive attitude toward the future."

Other speakers at the meeting included **Andrew Sullivan** (LP candidate for Attorney General) and **Jerry Hickman** (LP candidate for U.S. House, 3rd District).

"People volunteered to put together an e-mail distribution list, a newsletter, and website with information on the party and our candidates," said Dasbach. "People were clearly eager to get things going again."

■ North Carolina

Durham Libertarians are gearing up for the "easiest petition drive ever conducted" — one aimed at punishing the City Council by slashing its size from 13 members to seven.

Among the council's offenses: Raising taxes and their pay, granting pension increases to disgraced former officials, and flying to "sister city" Durham, England, at taxpayer expense.

So Libertarians announced at an August 8 press conference that they intend to gather 5,000 signatures to put a measure on the November ballot to cut the council down to size.

"This is a golden opportunity to make the Durham County-LP an influential player in Durham politics," said State Chair **Sean Haugh**. "This proposal is supported by a broad spectrum of local groups, all of who are fed up with the council's terrible performance."

■ Ohio

Libertarians are ready to fight pork with P.O.R.K.

The Libertarian Party of Northwest Ohio has organized an anti-tax group called People Organized to Rein in Kickbacks (PORK), to oppose a \$2.2 million property tax that would continue funding the Toledo-Luca County Port Authority. The property tax will be on the November 3 ballot.

David Domanski, co-chairman of PORK, said their campaign will explain to voters that the Port Authority is an "unnecessary arm of government," and will highlight its "out

of control" wasteful spending, including \$100,000 on travel and entertainment for Port Authority employees.

"We don't need the Port Authority at all," said **Duane Arquette**, another PORK co-chairman. "What the area needs is a friendly environment, and that means very low taxes."

■ Ohio

LP Congressional candidate **Jim Schrader** led representatives from four other third parties on a march through Columbus on September 10 to protest Ohio's "elitist" ballot laws.

"Ohio's laws are rigged to guarantee that a minority of elitists maintain power — similar to racial exclusionary laws which existed in the first half of this century," charged LP member **Dena Bruedigam**, who co-chairs the group that sponsored the march, Voters Opposed to Elitism (VOTE).

Members of VOTE challenged the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor to sign the "Free Ballot Pledge," which would commit them, if elected, to "faithfully work to reduce unfair ballot access requirements and to end discrimination against alternative political parties in Ohio."

Also participating in the march: Members of the Green, Reform, Democratic Socialist, and Natural Law parties.

■ Ohio

State Libertarians have charged the city of Akron with violating their Constitutional rights by refusing to let them collect ballot access signatures at an event in a city-owned park.

The city government's decision not to allow Libertarians to gather signatures is an effort to "deny the Constitutional rights of our members to peaceably assemble and petition our government on public property at a taxpayer-financed event," said **Bob Hart**, chairman of the Summit/Portage LP.

Because of the decision, Libertarians were kept out of the Akron Arts Expo in city-owned Hardesty Park over the weekend of July 25-26 — and were unable to collect any of the 30,000 sig-

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natures they need to gain "major party" status.

"Politicians impose ballot access laws, then they deny our right to gather signatures at an event they put on with our money!" said **Jim Babka**, State Chair of the Ohio LP. "Just what are they afraid of?"

■ Oregon

A measure to "re-criminalize" marijuana received a unanimous thumbs down from the Libertarian state committee at its September 20 meeting in Portland.

The proposal on the November ballot would reintroduce jail terms — in addition to the current fine — for Oregon residents possessing less than one ounce of marijuana.

"Kids who use pot are not harming others and should not be thrown in jail with criminals," said State Chair **Bruce Knight**.

Education, not incarceration, is the only sensible way to deter drug use, said Knight, who pointed out that millions of Americans have voluntarily quit smoking tobacco after being warned about its dangers.

■ Oregon

The Libertarian Party of Deschutes County has weighed in against a proposed multi-million "sheriff's levy" tax — running an advertisement in a local newspaper urging county residents to vote against it.

"Voting NO communicates

your desire for a leaner, more cost-efficient government," wrote county LP chairman **Tris Reisfar**. "It's time, instead of taxing and taxing, to look at an alternative way."

The advertisement argued that the sheriff's levy — which funds the county's law enforcement officers and jails, and comes up for a vote on November 3 — is "excessive" and could be cut by privatizing jails.

■ Texas

A Libertarian caused the entire Weatherford City Council to stare at him in "wide-eyed disbelief" when he publicly compared dependence on taxpayer subsidies to drug addiction.

The would-be "tax addicts" — at the late August council meeting to request grants totaling \$39,000 in taxpayers' money — were a local gardening and a theater group.

"I explained to the audience that giving these groups tax money is like getting them addicted to drugs: Instead of taking care of their businesses, they spend more and more time and effort chasing tax money," said LP County Chairman **Robert Stock**. "I had never heard a room gasp before that night."

Although the council ended up granting funding to both groups, Stock still said he made progress: "After the meeting, several people told me they never thought of it that way — but that I was right."

Two NJ Libertarians suffer setback in false arrest civil rights lawsuit

Two Libertarians have suffered a setback in a civil rights lawsuit against East Brunswick, New Jersey, which they had filed after being illegally arrested for distributing anti-tax "Million Dollar Bills" on April 15, 1996.

On September 15, a federal judge dismissed the bulk of their lawsuit, ruling that the police officer who arrested LP members John Paff and Tim Konek had "qualified immunity" because it was "objectively reasonable" for him to believe that the two Libertarians were violating the law.

The decision was blasted by Konek, who said, "They tell us that ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking the law. Yet, it's perfectly OK for the police officer in this case to claim ignorance and walk away unscathed while we still walk around with the scars of an unlawful arrest."

Paff and Konek had been arrested for "defiant trespass" outside the Cranbury Road Post Office on Tax Day while handing out mock million-dollar bills to late income tax filers as part of the annual nationwide anti-tax protest by the Libertarian Party.

Although Paff and Konek argued that their right to hand out political literature on Post Office

property was protected by the First Amendment, they were arrested, held in jail for six hours until they each raised \$5,000 cash bail, and Konek's automobile was impounded.

After four court appearances, the town prosecutor conceded that the town didn't have a case and dismissed the charges.

Civil Rights

In response, Paff and Konek filed suit against East Brunswick Police Officer George Kaltenbach and the town in federal court in early 1998, charging that their civil rights had been violated.

But Federal District Court Judge Joseph A. Greenaway didn't agree. In a 26-page opinion, the judge ruled that even though Kaltenbach violated the Libertarians' "clearly established

rights," he was entitled to "qualified immunity" because of the officer's "belief that Paff and Konek did not have a right to distribute leaflets on the postal sidewalk was objectively reasonable."

Paff said the judge's logic was dangerous, because it suggests that "ignorance of the law" works only in the favor of police.

Paff and Konek also said they will appeal to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

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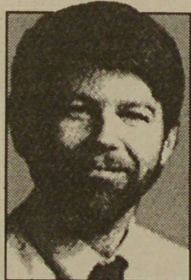
I gave up a little liberty for security because I wasn't as strong as my ancestors. I would probably become a drug addict if drugs weren't so hard to get, so I let them wage the War on Drugs in order to be more secure.

When I heard that a friend had experienced a "no-knock" search by accident because the police had transposed two digits of an address, and when I real-

ized drug prohibition, like alcohol prohibition before, was creating the profits for gangs of organized criminals who terrorized the residents of our cities, I felt less secure. I wanted my liberty back.

I gave up a little liberty for security because I wasn't as kind as my ancestors. I'd just spend all my money on myself, so I let them increase my income tax to pay for their social programs in order to feel secure in the knowledge that my fellow Americans were provided for.

When I compared the amount the government had



By Hugh Emerson

spent over the years to the amount received by those in need, and when I saw how destructive the government rules were to those families in need, I felt sure that I could help people better if I didn't have to give all that money to the government. I felt that those families are less secure than before. I wanted my liberty back.

Foreign threats

I gave up a little liberty for security because I wasn't as patriotic as my ancestors. I probably wouldn't give the Department of Defense enough to run their show the way they'd like, so I let them increase my income tax again in order to be secure from foreign threats.

When I thought about our policy of sending troops all over the world, though, I realized that

doing so antagonizes the terrorist regimes who target our civilians in retaliation. It also means that our resources are too far away to actually defend us in case some two-bit dictator launches a missile attack at one of our coastal cities. I felt less secure. I wanted my liberty back.

I gave up a little liberty for security because I wasn't as wise as my ancestors. If I were allowed to own a gun, someone would probably just break in to my house and use it against me, so I let them ban guns to be more secure.

When I thought about the type of folks who were likely to be able to get around a gun ban, and when I heard that the statistics show that gun owners are better off than disarmed victims, I felt less secure. I wanted my liberty back.

I started thinking about all the other things forced on me by government: Burdensome regulations, sales taxes, property taxes, and all the other taxes. I started thinking about all the things I got in return: Lousy roads, terrible schools, stupid laws, and failed programs. I decided to ask for my liberty back.

I went to the Democrats, and I said, "I want my liberty back!"

They told me that I just had to wait for their next program, and that it would fix everything.

I went to the Republicans, and I said, "I want my liberty back!" They told me that they were sorry, but they had to keep voting for the Democrat programs to keep getting elected, but maybe they'd phase in liberty over several years.

Biodiversity

I went to the Greens, and I said, "I want my liberty back!" They told me that my liberty wasn't as important as biodiversity.

I went to the U.S. Taxpayers Party, and I said, "I want my liberty back!" They told me that they would return our nation to Constitutional government — just as soon as they were done amending the Constitution.

I went to the Libertarians, and I said, "I want my liberty back!" They said, "We do too! Vote for us, and join our party!"

I think I'll vote Libertarian next time.

Heck, I might even join 'em and run for office myself.

■ Reprinted from the July/August issue of Show Me Liberty, the newsletter of the LP of Missouri.

Domestic passports for Hispanic-Americans

Sometimes authority should be questioned

All of us have become accustomed to traveling with our passports when we leave the United States. But how many people realize that Hispanic-Americans must carry their passports when they travel domestically?

I recently visited my hometown of Laredo, Texas, which is located on the southern border of the United States. On the American side of the international bridge that connects Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, there are the usual U.S. government immigration officials who stop people entering the United States to question them about their citizenship. But since I stayed in Laredo and never crossed into Mexico, I didn't need to concern myself with this type of government intrusion. Wrong!

After I had gone through the metal detector at the Laredo airport, preparing to board my plane back to Virginia, I (along with the other passengers) was stopped by a U.S. immigration official and asked whether I was an American citizen. I later asked

another passenger — a Mexican-American — about this and he said that he never travels to the border without his passport, in case he has to document that he really is an American citizen. He also said that he never "dresses down" when he leaves Laredo, for fear of being mistaken for a Mexican illegal alien.



By Jacob Hornberger

A foreign country

The situation is the same for automobile travelers who leave Laredo on Interstate Highway 35 for parts north. After going over a slight ridge about 30 miles north of Laredo, travelers encounter a startling sight: an immigration station that would cause any unsuspecting traveler to think that he is about to enter a foreign country! Drivers are required to slow down on the interstate and must be prepared to

stop to discuss citizenship with U.S. immigration officials.

Let me be clear about this. These immigration stops are inside the domestic territory of the United States, not at the international bridge and not on the banks of the Rio Grande. Residents of Laredo and visitors returning north who have never crossed into Mexico must be prepared to stop and submit to questioning by U.S. immigration officials.

And guess who customarily has to prove his citizenship to

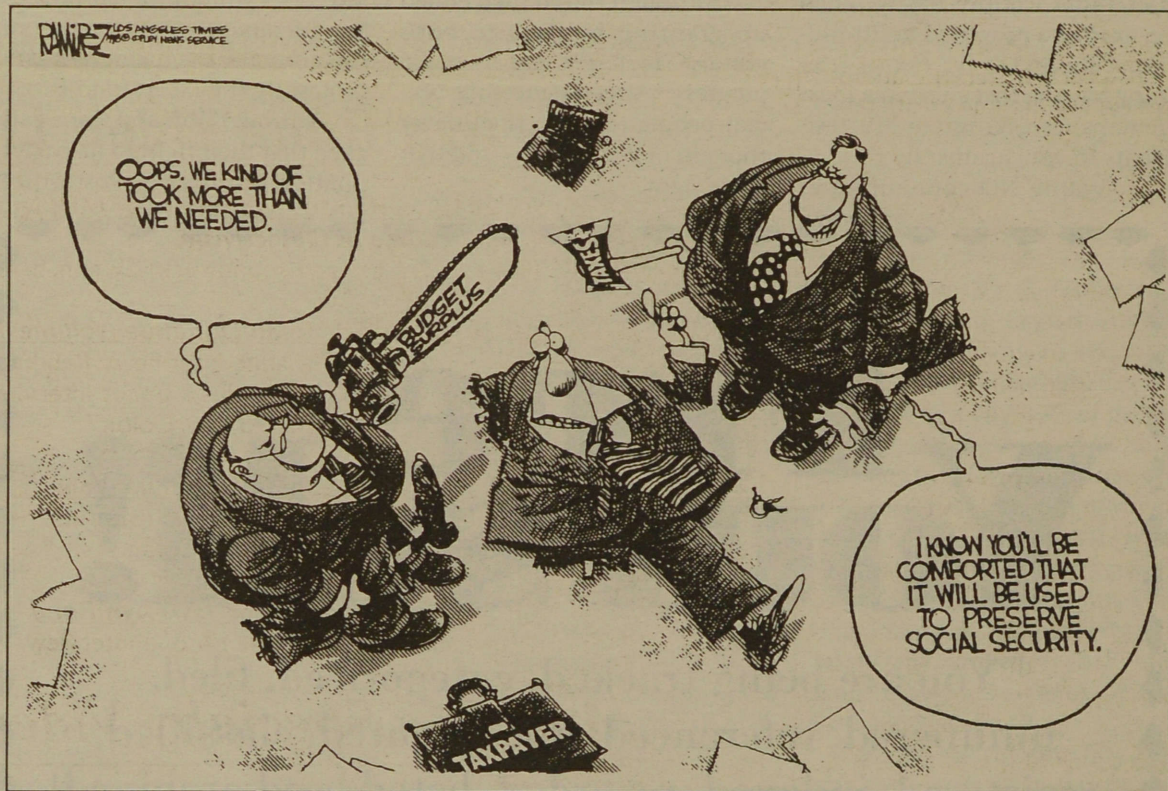
skeptical immigration officials. You've got it: dark-skinned Americans who don't appear to have lots of money. Why else would those immigration officials be at the airport and on the interstate, if not to detect and prevent Latin American illegal aliens from entering the United States?

Proof of citizenship

For example, a close friend of mine is an elderly woman named Maria, who is a housekeeper in Laredo. Although

Maria is an American citizen, having been born in Texas, both her parents were Mexicans. Maria doesn't speak English. Periodically, she travels to San Antonio on the bus. She tells me that she always carries proof of citizenship with her because the officials at the immigration station north of Laredo frequently board the bus and require passengers to show proof of citizenship. Of course, the bus passengers are usually poorer people of Mexican descent.

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Advocates make \$5.00 tape offer

The Advocates for Self-Government wants libertarians to become better communicators — so it has launched "Operation Persuasion" and is offering a popular communication training tool at a steeply discounted price.

"Helping libertarians become powerful, persuasive, and effective communicators has always been [our] major focus," said Advocates's president, Sharon Harris. "We believe that Operation Persuasion will enormously enhance the effectiveness of the entire libertarian movement."

To help libertarians become "far more powerful" communicators, the Advocates is offering a three-audiotape learning series, "The Essence of Political Persuasion," for only \$5.00. The price includes shipping.

Created by Michael Cloud, a well-known libertarian activist, motivational speaker, and professional speech-writer, the audiotapes explain how to create rapport with prospects, how to use "intellectual judo" to persuade people without arguments, how to appeal to both liberals and conservatives, and how to avoid the "Libertarian Macho Flash."

"I know the ideas in these tapes can make any libertarian a far more powerful communicator," said Harris.

"It's wonderful!"

The audiotape series has won considerable praise from Libertarian Party leaders, she noted. For example, Jo Jorgensen, 1996 LP Vice Presidential candidate, said: "I can't think of any tool that better prepared me for being a candidate. It's wonderful!"

Harris said the Advocates is offering the audiotape set — which normally sells for \$27.50 plus \$3.50 shipping/handling — for only \$5.00 in order to make it more widely available.

"Five dollars is literally a giveaway price," she said. "At this price we hope every libertarian will order this tape set — and use it. We are excited at the thought of thousands of libertar-

ians putting these proven communication techniques to work for liberty."

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The Advocates For Self-Government is a non-profit, non-partisan libertarian educational organization based in Georgia. Now in its 13th year, the Advocates is perhaps best known for popularizing the "World's Smallest Political Quiz."

San Diego lawsuit victory

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"As a public employee, I cannot use public funds or other resources to advocate a yes or no vote on this measure," he wrote in his letter. "But I can tell you that this bond is vitally important to the future of our schools."

Bersin said his letter was sent to legally "inform," not persuade, voters on the ballot measure — but Libertarians scoffed at his argument.

"Read the letter," said attorney Rick Gann, who filed the lawsuit. "Why did San Diego Unified send out this letter? One reason: They want you to vote for Proposition MM. The message of this letter is that if you don't vote for Proposition MM, you are anti-schools."

"Public information"

In all, the school district had budgeted \$1.2 million for a "public information campaign" about Proposition MM — including

167 eight-foot signs at public schools which list the bond-funded projects each one would receive if the measure passes.

It was this entire campaign — not just with Bersin's letter — that convinced Libertarians that taxpayers' money was being frittered away to influence voters to support the bond measure.

"Clearly the district operated in violation of the law," said Rider.

"As is frequently the case, the district [was] unlawfully spending taxpayer dollars to campaign for a bond issue."

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From THE CHAIR

Past-due thank you & future challenges

Thank you Ron Crickenberger! Many Libertarian activists know Ron Crickenberger from his many years doing battle on the Libertarian election front. Ron is the guy who always seems to find the right battle to fight and scrounge up what's needed to do the job.

A little over a year ago, we had an unexpected situation at LP National headquarters. Then National Director, Perry Willis, resigned so that he could devote his time to membership development. Ron was doing a great job as Political Director, a demanding job in itself. But, when called upon to add the National Director responsibilities to his existing duties for a year, Ron accepted the challenge. The party did quite well with Ron as National Director, as its continued growth attests.

I ran for National Chair with a plan to continue professionalizing the party's operations. One important element of this was to let Ron Crickenberger return to his specialty as full-time Political Director. Ron is now in that slot and we expect continued great things from him. We all owe Ron a major expression of gratitude for his hard work during this past year while wearing both National Director and Political Director hats. Not many would have been up to the challenges he met every day. I'm proud to be his teammate.

Moving into the National Director position is past National Chair, Steve Dasbach. Now, for the first time in our history, we are operating with a substantial staff headed by a National Director who can focus solely on directing operations, rather than wearing multiple hats. (When I began my previous stint as National Chair in 1977, we had only an underpaid National Director and a part-time secretary, working out of a crackerbox office in San Francisco. We've come a long way from those humble beginnings.)

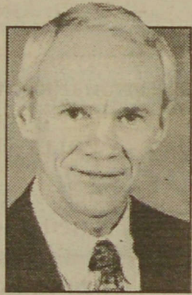
My greatest hope, and expectation, is to see a quadrupling of party membership in the next two years. If we succeed, the Libertarian Party will have real clout in the 2000 elections. The already-successful Project Archimedes gives us good reason to believe we can achieve that membership growth. But, what demands will *tens of thousands of new members* put on us?

With real success, by the year 2000 three-quarters of our members will have been with us less than two years. Will enough of them really know Libertarianism? Will they, as candidates, campaign on Libertarian principles? Will we have enough people who know how to be candidates, organize campaigns, petition for ballot position, raise money, train candidates, deal with the media, and so on? Will local LP organizations successfully assimilate the newcomers?

Fortunately, our party leaders have been working on these problems of growth. During 1997, the LNC supported the presentation of a series of programs by experienced professionals called Success '97 that provided training for Libertarian activists in leadership and campaigning. Over 500 libertarians attended. Those who did, unanimously praised the programs. Currently, the LPHQ staff is planning an increased schedule for next year under the title Success '99. Our goal is to present over 25 programs and train over 1,500 libertarian leaders.

But, just as important: What will you do to make your local party organization something new Libertarians will want to join? Will you make them feel welcome? Will you have material for them to learn more about the party they just joined? Will you have campaigns, voter registration drives, campus organizing, fair booths, a newsletter, or other projects for them? If you haven't considered such questions, *begin now*.

The new libertarians are coming! Get ready!



By David Bergland, LP National Chair

'Private' cities: A radical idea... enjoyed by 30 million Americans

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

LIBERTARIAN Solutions

By J. Brian Phillips

In recent years, the benefits of the free market have been demonstrated as governments around the world have turned to the private sector to provide services more efficiently. However, critics of the free market argue that a truly free society is unworkable and impractical. Government, the argument goes, is far better equipped to provide the services and public facilities individuals need.

However, a growing number of American homeowners are demonstrating just how far privatization can go. Planned unit developments (PUD's) are privately developed, and primarily privately operated, communities.

Today, nearly 30 million Americans live in approximately 100,000 planned communities, consisting of single-family homes, townhouses, condominiums, shopping centers, office buildings, and light industry. These communities range in size from a single condominium building to huge complexes of more than 50,000 acres.

Whatever the particulars of a given community, PUD's have three common traits: Building and land use restrictions, shared amenities, and community associations to which all property owners belong.

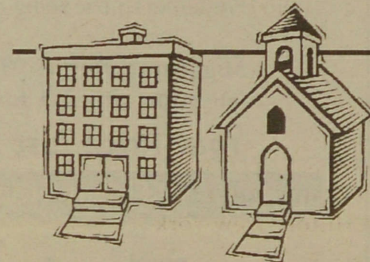
Maintenance fees

The Economist (April 5, 1986) reports that "within their enclaves these associations perform all the functions of a small government." The associations "work to assure that the communities' amenities, public facilities and other areas are supported and maintained." (*New Home Journal*, May/June 1987) In essence, they are a combination public works/parks and recreation department. Funding usually comes from maintenance fees assessed on each property owner.

Perhaps the most important function of the community association is enforcing deed restrictions. Deed restrictions are a form of private "zoning," in which developers establish certain rules to prevent undesirable buildings and land use. Like zon-

ing, deed restrictions provide continuity within a given area; unlike zoning, deed restrictions are governed by market considerations.

"When you are developing a master-planned community you are essentially trying to make it so the [homeowner] doesn't have to leave the area to get what he wants," explains Dennis Guerra, a project manager for the First Colony community near Houston. This requires a careful marketing study to determine the amenities homeowners want.



QUESTION:
"Without zoning laws and local government, how could towns manage?"

Retail shops, grocery and convenience stores, doctors, dentists, animal clinics, and other frequently visited businesses are often located within the community.

Most PUD's consist of a number of villages — subdivisions within the PUD — separated by the community's major roads. Business areas are located along these thoroughfares, which helps "keep cars essentially out of the residential areas," says Guerra. In planning a community, the developer must work closely with the business community to construct a plan which benefits businesses and future homeowners.

While separating commercial and residential areas is a common justification for zoning, developers have found that many homeowners prefer to be close to shopping centers and their jobs. Indeed, many com-

munities seek businesses for this very reason. For example, Windward, a community north of Atlanta which caters to relocated executives, encourages corporations to locate facilities within the community. These mixed-use communities are becoming increasingly popular, as the free market seeks to meet the demands of homeowners. This type of flexible land use is nearly always prohibited by government zoning boards.

PUD's offer a private alternative to another activity traditionally undertaken by government: Protection of the environment. Parks, greenbelts, jogging trails, and wooded areas can be found in nearly every planned community. At Boca Pointe, a 1,019-acre community in Boca Raton, Florida, nearly 40% of the development consists of parks, greenbelts, lakes, and fairways. Kingwood, a community near Houston, has more than 30 miles of wooded trails for walking, jogging, and bike riding.

Golf courses

While these facilities are generally built by the developer, the homeowners association eventually assumes control and maintenance responsibilities. Some facilities, such as golf courses and health clubs, are operated by private businesses, and require membership fees.

But all of these recreational facilities are provided by the private sector, replacing the parks and recreation departments found in most cities.

Just as city governments organize sports leagues to use municipal parks, homeowners associations sponsor activities to utilize the community's facilities. Basketball, softball, and volleyball leagues are popular among adults.

Community activism is hardly limited to athletics. The homeowners associations encourage "grass-roots" democracy, and give property owners an opportunity to influence decisions regarding their community. Civic associations also provide support groups, and sponsor art shows, theater groups, and scouting programs for children. A civic group in Kingwood, near Houston, opened a 60,000-volume library in 1983.

To homeowners, one of the most attractive features of master-planned communities is their security. At Las Colinas, near

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Fair and open-minded

The Representatives on both sides of the aisle [in Congress] have made a total mess of the impeachment procedures. It seems that they are acting for self-serving reasons rather than to determine if President Clinton failed to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution.

HR 304 [LP News, October 1998] calls for an inquiry by Congress to determine if grounds exist for the impeachment of the President. The real question is whether his proven violations rise to the level of "Treason, Bribery or other High Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Impeachment should not be a partisan act, nor is it to be taken lightly. The Framers did not intend for impeachment to be used as a tool to dislodge the duly elected President for any less than the most severe reasons. A political *coup d'etat* would result in this nation changing its political status from that of a Democratic Republic to a Parliamentary Government.

I, for one, hesitate to encourage members of the House to continue in this exercise. Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA) [the sponsor of HR 304] has long been a political foe of President Clinton and has already prejudged the President. If we are to follow procedures, than let's be fair and open-minded about it.

— **HANK BRACKER**
Holiday, Florida

Not a bad idea

I agree that the principal reason for asking for President Clinton's removal from office is on Constitutional grounds [LP News, September 1998].

This thought occurred to me: If we are going to remove lawmakers because they violate the Constitution, a hefty fraction of our Congressmen and Senators would also be kicked out.

Come to think of it, maybe that's not a bad idea. Maybe we could replace them with Libertarians, or at least with some who have more Libertarian leanings.

Keep up the good work.

— **BILL WILLIFORD**
Houston, Texas

Enabling Clinton

I keep hearing people call on Americans to just "forgive Clinton." They cite a number of reasons ranging from the religious to "we all know someone who has done it." I would like to remind everyone: Forgiveness

without letting someone feel the consequences for their actions is called "Enabling."

— **GEORGE HOERMAN**
Corning, Iowa

Redeem themselves

The Paula Jones lawsuit had nothing to do with the relationship between Monica Lewinsky and President Clinton. This did not stop those using our sick and perverted legal system as a pretext to intrude into private lives.

In fact, our abusive legal system has allowed a special prosecutor to trash and destroy the lives, time, money, and property of innocent people. These citizens, including the president, are the victims of an abusive and out-of-control government of Republicans and Democrats. They are in control with the help of their accomplices, the voters.

I say it's high time the voters admit their guilt, stop their bad behavior, and redeem themselves by voting Libertarian.

— **JAMES ARFT**
Hilton, New York

**THESE CITIZENS,
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government.**

Tobacco hate groups

I have been reading for some time responses in "The Mailbox" about the tobacco issue. Some of these letters indicate that smoking, and the resultant second-hand smoke, is a major health risk and therefore justifies restrictive measures.

The smoking issue has become an emotion-driven cause that lacks information and reason, for the most part, and is hate-driven. The basis for the secondhand smoke effect, which is

used to characterize it as a significant health hazard, is a fraudulent interpretation of the data. The 30 studies of passive smoke-lung cancer effects reveal six which showed a statistically significant (but small) effect, while 24 found no statistical effect.

The Congressional Research Service also said that the epidemiological evidence for passive smoke related disease is weak. Studies that are conducted to find out answers, such as World Health Organization studies, have found no statistically significant correlation between secondhand smoke and disease.

The tobacco hate groups pick studies that lean to their view or falsify data to their ends. This data has to be carried to the population, which has been done through the efforts of the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, and other related government groups, by illegally using taxpayers' dollars. These public funds were appropriated for research, as mandated by law. The result of this use of these funds is to effect legislation and regulation.

I am astounded that rational people would become part of this hysteria, and authoritarian restrictions perpetuated by it.

I spent this last June in France. My conservative estimate is that 70% of the people in France smoke. France has a lower cardiovascular disease rate than we do, higher longevity, and lower incidence of disease.

Do the David Kesslers of this world do their duty and attempt to improve the health and welfare of American citizens, and try to identify the characteristics of Western societies that are healthier than ours? No, they perpetuate hate, and extort money from companies and people to further their agenda.

I think the anti-tobacco people are fundamentally annoyed by the use of tobacco and their inability to control other people's behavior. There are many things in this world that are annoying. I and many others are annoyed by people who whine about tobacco.

— **GENE LOVERETT**
Limon, Colorado

Republican betrayal

I know many Libertarians who register Republican. Their invariable explanation is: "I want to influence the outcome of the

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THE PULSE

Animal rights? No, say readers

Animal rights? Wrong, say LP News readers. By a decisive ratio of five to one, libertarians reject the notion that animals have "natural rights" and deserve government protection against being eaten, experimented on, or turned into fur coats.

In this month's unscientific Pulse survey, a whopping 67.5% of the respondents said that our furry friends don't have rights, while just 12.5% said they do. Another 15% gave ambiguous or "it depends" answers, while 5% said animals may have rights, but we shouldn't worry about the issue until human rights have been fully protected.

On the related question of whether the LP platform should address the issue, a plurality (16.2%) said the party ought to take "no position," while 10.8% said the platform should specifically *oppose* "animal rights" as a danger to human liberty. Another 5.4% said the party should express "no support" for animal rights, while a similar 5.4% said that individuals should decide the issue. Only 2.8% argued that, yes, the LP platform should support animal rights.

Here is a representative cross-section of answers:

■ Libertarian philosophy is about the rights of humans, not other animals. Furthermore, this is a purely emotional issue that cannot be influenced by any scientific evidence whatsoever. We should stay out of that fight.

— **DAVE ARONSON**, Vienna, Virginia

■ Anyone who loves liberty cannot possibly embrace the animal rights philosophy; liberty and animal rights are completely alien to each other, as opposite as night from day. — **POLLY WARD**, Pleasant Hill, Ohio

■ I believe that all animals are endowed by nature with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of smaller animals to eat and kill.

— **JOHN LOOSEMORE**, Pulkie, Michigan

■ Why should we have the right to take away the rights of animals just because we want to wear their fur? I think that we should take a stand for freedom and support animal rights.

— **DAVID A. WESELOH, PH.D.**, Midland, Texas

■ The Animals Rights movement is socialist in nature. It is a minority attempting to dictate the actions of all based on their personal beliefs.

— **JOHN. E. HUME**, Dunellen, New Jersey

■ I'm a vegetarian and supportive of animal rights. However, I think the LP should take no position on animal rights. Libertarian philosophy does not allow people who find something undesirable to impose their will.

— **JON ENGSTROM**, Troy, Ohio

■ The only animal rights any political organization need concern themselves with are the rights of men. An individual's preferences on how to treat animals of any other species is a personal decision.

— **JOE DIMATTEO**, Independence, Missouri

■ Animals do not have rights. They are not humans, they are not Americans. I would strongly consider terminating my membership with the Libertarian Party should it become a radical, tree-hugging organization that puts animal rights on equal grounds with human rights.

— **JASON MILLER**, Hudsonville, Michigan

■ I believe a true Libertarian won't draw arbitrary lines to determine who enjoys rights and who doesn't. To argue otherwise is specist.

— **JEREMY LYNES**, Atlanta, Georgia

■ I'd rather go naked than wear fur. True, but then I'd rather be naked than wear anything. I'm a nudist.

— **HARVARD A. ZAGO**, Katonah, New York

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January Question: Libertarian Party slogan?

Over the years, the Libertarian Party flirted with several semi-official slogans: "Neither Left Nor Right, But Forward." "Defenders of Liberty." "The Party of Principle." Like an advertising catchphrase — "Things go better with Coca-Cola" or "At Ford, Quality is Job One" — each of those Libertarian Party slogans was trying to sum up, in just a handful of words, what the party was all about, and what it offered America.

■ **QUESTION:** Should the Libertarian Party have an official slogan? If so, what should it be? (Limit answers to 100 words, please, and slogans to 12 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** December 5, 1998

December Question: Most likely prospects?

According to the Gallup Poll organization, about 20% of Americans are broadly Libertarian. But *which* 20%? That's the dilemma Libertarians grapple with as they try to expand the party: Whom to reach out to first? What group is *most* likely to join the LP with the least amount of persuasion? Who?

■ **QUESTION:** What *specific* demographic group is the most naturally libertarian — and most likely to become LP members? Why? (Limit answers to 100 words, please.)

■ **DEADLINE:** November 5, 1998

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primaries so that the most Libertarian candidate wins." Or: "I'm trying to change the Republican Party."

According to the Republican Liberty Caucus, somewhere between 10-30% of Republicans are Libertarian in nature. If you are a Libertarian, whose sole connection to the Republicans is being registered and voting in the primary, you are doing nothing to help liberty in the Republican Party — and doing great damage to the Libertarian Party.

What are the odds that a Republican of the "country club" or "right wing" variety, who wins his primary, will look back and say, gee, I should change my ways so that the rest of those 10-30% of the registered Republicans will vote for me next time? Being registered just makes you a number. The Republicans don't fret over who didn't vote for the winner in their primary, they just use the numbers voting for their party as a sign of their legitimacy. Libertarians registered as Republicans take that legitimacy from their own party.

The following is a list of laws passed by the liberty-loving Re-

publican majority in Congress:

■ A national database of employed people.

■ 100 pages of new health care crimes, featuring property seizure from doctors as penalties.

■ Gun confiscation for misdemeanors.

■ School zone gun bans, enforceable with random road blocks.

■ Increased funding for the BATE.

■ Secret trials and secret evidence now allowed for groups deemed terrorists by the Justice Department.

■ A requirement that drivers licenses have Social Security numbers and fingerprints by 2006.

■ \$218 billion highway authorization bill.

■ Defeated term-limit legislation.

■ A 90¢ an hour increase to the minimum wage.

So all of you who register Republican can take pride in the fact that you help confer legitimacy on these laws via being a statistic in the Republican registration rolls.

— **JOHN T. GELTEMEYER**
Colorado Springs, Florida

Better than moderate

Recently, C-SPAN has taken to labeling their call-in lines "liberal/conservative/moderate."

I encourage libertarians to enlighten them — very politely, of course, as C-SPAN has been very good to us! We need to point out that libertarianism is as different from liberalism and/or conservatism as those other two are from each other. I consider myself equidistant from all three of their options. Which line do I use?

Besides, "moderate" is almost meaningless. It's like "reform." It means something different to everyone.

It would not be fair to liberals, for example, to have to choose between "libertarian/moderate/conservative," so why discriminate against libertarians?

Since an "authoritarian" phone line would be silly, and since almost nobody is really in the exact middle, C-SPAN should substitute "libertarian" for "moderate" and let the callers choose which of the three best describes their personal leanings.

Every time the media use the "liberal/conservative/moderate" model, it diminishes our unique libertarian philosophy.

Please, let C-SPAN know that their call-in line options are unsatisfactory.

— **SCOTT FROST**
Seattle, Washington

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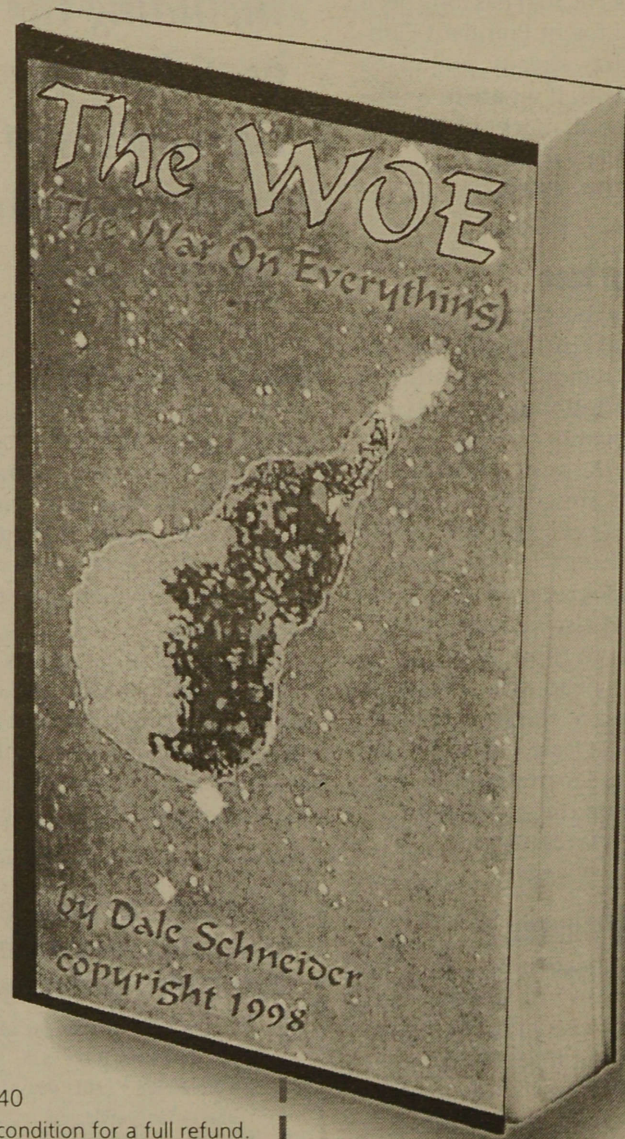
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Privatizing communities

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Dallas, a computer-controlled security system provides immediate aid from police, firemen, or medical professionals. The Towers of Quayside in Miami is a virtual fortress, with closed-circuit television surveillance, an electronic anti-intrusion beam, and strolling security guards keeping out unwanted visitors.

While such sophistication is rare, even less affluent neighborhoods often have some form of private security protection. Shared costs make this affordable. Most developers construct gates at the entrances to their communities. When residents are willing to pay for it, these gates are manned by security personnel. Other communities establish volunteer security patrols, consisting of community residents.

Day care

Fire protection — particularly in unincorporated areas — is usually provided by either private companies or volunteer fire departments. Independent water districts provide water and sewage treatment. Private companies collect garbage, and are contracted by the homeowners association. Catering to families, Centura Park in Florida and Lake Valley Ranch in Texas offer day care for children.

Some services, such as schools, are provided by the public sector in nearly all PUD's. And road maintenance, after certain requirements are met, generally becomes the responsibility of county road crews. But this does not detract from the broader lesson to be learned from master-planned communities; the private sector can and does provide nearly all services traditionally assigned to city governments.

While opponents of privatization are arguing that only government can provide certain services — parks and recreation facilities, land-use controls, trash pick-up, fire protection — private developers are busily proving otherwise.

In a free and competitive market, developers must com-

pete to attract customers. Protecting property values through deed restrictions and providing high-quality, low-cost services make master-planned communities an attractive housing alternative. Thirty million Americans call them home; advocates of freedom call them a step in the right direction.

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Internal passports

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I asked another traveler on my flight whether anyone ever challenges this insulting and demeaning treatment. He said, "No, Hispanics generally do not question authority."

But sometimes authority should be questioned. Why should an American traveler who never enters a foreign country have to prove his citizenship to a domestic policeman? Why

should Hispanic-Americans, just because their skin is darker, have to carry their passports when they depart America's border cities? Why should they have to be concerned about the type of clothing they wear when they travel inside the U.S.? Aren't domestic passports the type of thing the Communists used in the Soviet Union?

Historically, one of the great features of American life has

been the unrestricted right of people to travel, trade, and immigrate freely between the respective cities and states of our nation. Internal passport checks are a dark blot on this great tradition. Like the Soviet Union itself, they should be dismantled and tossed into the dustbin of history.

■ Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of non-partisan The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Virginia. He is also a potential candidate for the LP's 2000 presidential nomination.

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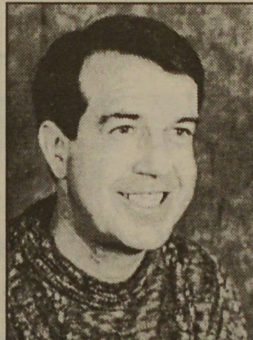
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Revision 11 campaign waged in Florida

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tested. This year, 18 of Florida's 23 races for U.S. Congress will have only one candidate."

The restrictive laws hit Florida's most active third party — the Libertarian Party — especially hard, he said.

"We are able to run political candidates only infrequently," he noted. "Yet, political campaigns are the best way to put a party in the spotlight as far as the

press and the public are concerned. In order to [run more] campaigns, we need to be able to get on the ballot more often."

To achieve that goal, Florida Libertarians launched a ballot access reform campaign in 1997. Their first target: The state's Constitution Revision Commission, which meets just once every 20 years to hear public testimony and recommend changes to the Florida Constitution.

BRIAN COLLAR:

"Revision 11 embodies a basic principle of democracy."

Libertarians attended all 12 CRC meetings around the state in July, August, and September 1997. Their message: The urgent need to reform Florida's unfair ballot access laws.

"Libertarians from all over the state showed up at the hearings to recite the facts and figures on how Florida's restrictive laws have closed the political process to all but the two major parties and deprived voters of political choice," said then-State Chair Nick Dunbar.

The Libertarians' lobbying paid off on December 12, 1997,

when the CRC unanimously approved a proposal — later titled Revision 11 — to guarantee that ballot access requirements for minor and independent candidates would be no more difficult, than for "major party" candidates.

First Step

But getting Revision 11 on the ballot was just the first step: Since then, Florida Libertarians have been campaigning to get it passed.

The Florida LP helped found Floridians for Fair Elections, a coalition of independent parties and other groups seeking fair ballot access laws. Libertarians also unleashed a blizzard of letters-to-the editor, appearances on radio talk shows, bumperstickers, and mailings to newspaper editorial boards.

In their campaign, Libertarians have been stressing basic issues of fairness and democracy.

"Revision 11 embodies a basic principle of democracy — that the electoral process should be as open as possible so that the American ideal of rule by the people can be fulfilled," said State Chair Brian Collar.

"[Revision 11 will also] increase voter interest and participation [by] increasing competition. Instead of having voters who are drowning in apathy, we'd have clear sailing for the democratic process."

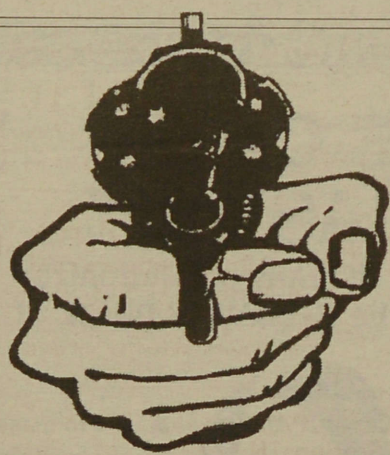
The lobbying seems to be baring fruit, said Regnier: Revision 11 has already been endorsed by the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, Gun Owners of America, the League of Women Voters, the Cedar Key Beacon, Common Cause, the Tallahassee Democrat, and columnists at the Miami Herald and Orlando Sentinel.

Rush Limbaugh

State party leaders say they plan to continue their campaign right up to Election Day — buttressed by a final barrage of pro-Revision 11 radio ads on the Rush Limbaugh show.

And, as the days dwindle away, they've got their fingers crossed that Florida residents will help make political history.

"We've come a long way on this. There's just one more step," said Regnier. "Now it's up to the voters. If they say yes to Revision 11 in November, Florida will lose the distinction of having the harshest ballot access requirements in the free world!"



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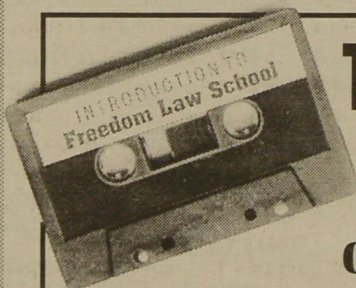
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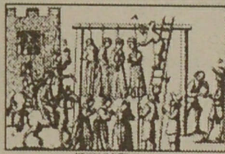
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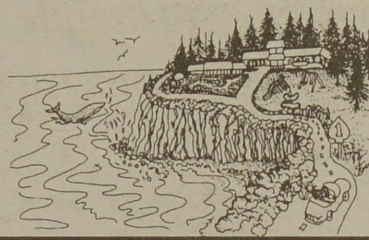
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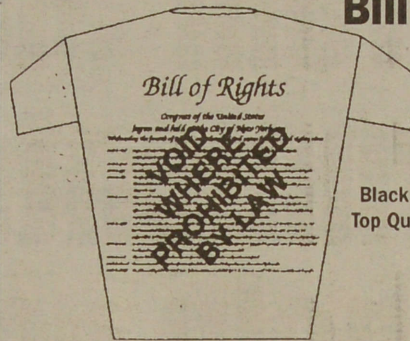


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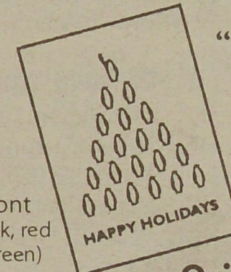
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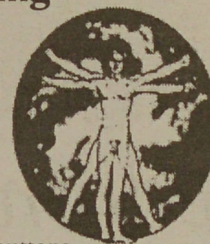


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■ March 6-7, 1999

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■ March 19-21, 1999

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■ May 15-16, 1999

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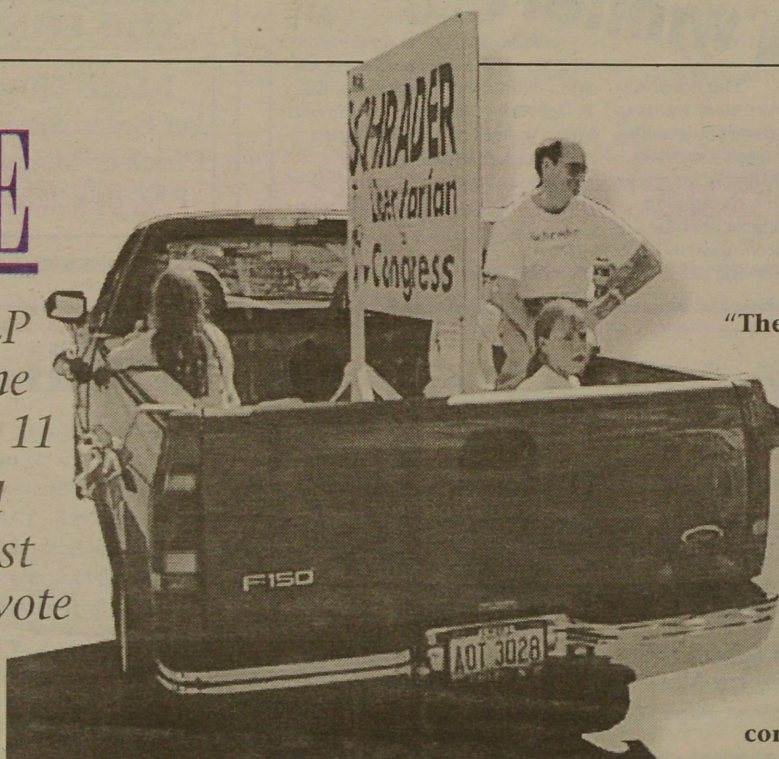
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