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Lord defeats FDA in court

Libertarians are well aware of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) crackdown on alternative care practitioners and health food stores and distributors during the past few years.

One of those distributors, Rodger Sless of Albuquerque, NM, recently went to trial on 15 federal charges, stemming from the sale of various vitamins and supplements that the FDA deemed illegal.

Sless was defended by Dr. Nancy Lord, the Libertarian Party's 1992 vice presidential candidate.

The outcome of the trial: "Good guys 15, bad guys nothing," Lord said. "Rodger Sless was acquitted on 11 counts, and the jury hung on the remaining four. The government went away empty handed, no convictions," she said.

"Only one juror wanted to convict on the four hung charges, and that juror said, 'Anyone who's in business for himself has to crook,'" Lord explained.

"The FDA does not have the support of the people in its oppression and tyranny over vitamins and supplements," she said.

Will the FDA eventually go the way of alcohol prohibition and the fugitive slave act?

"Stay turned," Lord said.

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Dr. Nancy Lord

2 years in the House

NH LP legislators reflect on first term

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Safe Streets

LP's solution to violent crime epidemic

In early July, Libertarian Party National Chair Steve Dasbach announced the creation of Operation Safe Streets (OSS), a major new initiative that is both a public policy proposal and a massive outreach effort.

The OSS package features an eight-page briefing paper that critiques the failed crime control policies of the Democrats and Republicans (including the current omnibus crime bill), while promoting the Libertarian Party's six-part plan for making America's streets safe again. That plan includes:

1. Full restitution by criminals to their victims.
2. Changes in the criminal justice system designed to give victims more power in the prosecution process.
3. A detailed analysis of the benefits to be derived from ending drug prohibition.
4. A proposal for getting tough on violent criminals.
5. A fact-based defense of the right to keep and bear arms.
6. A proposal for dealing with the root causes of crime: poverty, dependence, unemployment, and inadequate education.

OSS is a full outreach package. In addition to the briefing paper, it also has a highlights brochure, a talking points flyer, and "how to" materials for activists.

In announcing OSS, LP National Chair Steve Dasbach



The Libertarian Party's Solution to America's Epidemic of Violent Crime

said, "We're making a fundamental change in the way we market ourselves. Project Healthy Choice was the first step, and Operation Safe Streets is the second. What we're doing is transforming ourselves from a party that seems to oppose everything, to one that actually has solutions to people's problems. And all of those solutions involve the use of Libertarian principle. Liberty is right, liberty works, and we're giving people the information they need to prove it to their own satisfaction. At the same time, we're also taking the first step in a campaign to sell the Libertarian Party as the 'responsibility party.' Operation Safe Streets makes it very clear that we want a safe, peaceful, responsible society."

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A-Z update

Stalled cuts bill needs your help

Rep. Bill Zeff (R-NH) has personally thanked the Libertarian Party for its lobbying efforts for the A-Z Spending Cut Plan, even as the bill appears to be stalling because of heavy pressure from House Democratic leadership.

Zeff met with representatives of the Libertarian Party at the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts in Santa Monica, CA, on June 25. Zeff, there to promote the A-Z bill to the assembled radio talk show hosts, stopped by the LP booth to shake hands and distribute "A-Z" lapel stickers.

LP Director of Communications Bill Winter updated Zeff about the party's nationwide lobbying efforts, and said, "I think we're having a real influence."

"You are, you are," Zeff replied. "Thanks a million—I really appreciate it."

In turn, Winter thanked Zeff for sponsoring a bill "that Libertarians could support 100 percent." But he also told Zeff, "We do support you on this bill, but there are still issues we disagree with you on. That's why we need the Libertarian Party—to keep you guys honest!"

The party was also thanked by Zeff's legislative aide, Chip Griffin, who has been the liaison in the lobbying efforts.

"We really appreciate your help," he said, noting that Zeff's office has been hearing a lot about Libertarian lobbying efforts.

Meanwhile, as the clock ticks away before Congress takes its traditional August vacation, the A-Z bill's momentum has slowed to a crawl.

By mid-July, the discharge petition for the bill had 204 sponsors—an increase of only one signature from last month. That's still 14 shy of the 218 required to bypass the recalcitrant House leadership and bring the bill to the floor of the House.

The reason? House leadership is launching a desperate

counterattack to derail the A-Z bandwagon:

- House majority leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) is now promising several days of "heavy-impact deficit cuts" later in the summer, where members of Congress can propose and vote on reducing Medicare, Social Security, and other major entitlement programs. *The Washington Post* described the plan as a "desperate attempt to block passage" of the A-Z Plan.

- House leadership is resorting to "threats and intimidation" of A-Z supporters, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. For example, several congressmen who signed the A-Z discharge petition were told that they would lose their committee positions; others were told that federal programs in their districts would be cut because they are "troublemakers." Noted the *Journal*: "The patronizing manner in which the leadership and its Beltway admirers smirk at the Members [who support A-Z] and thwart them with threats is . . . making a mockery of representative government."

Because of the threats, Zeff's office admitted it is becoming more difficult to successfully lobby for the bill, with legislative aide Griffin warning that many congressmen are making up excuses not to sign the discharge petition. "They're talking out of both sides of their mouths to try to cover themselves," he said.

However, the A-Z cause is picking up increasing support from radio talk show hosts around the country, and Zeff continues to sound positive about its prospects. "We have the momentum and we feel we'll get to the [218 sponsors needed] in time," he said.

The A-Z Spending Cut Plan—which could slash billions from the federal budget—is sponsored by Zeff and Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ). The LP was asked to help in the fight for the A-Z Plan by Zeff's office in early May.

The bill consists of two parts:

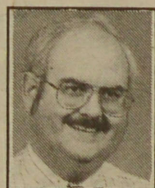
- House Resolution 406, setting aside 56 hours of House time to debate proposals to reduce federal spending. Every federal program would be on the table. There would be an on-the-record "yes or no" vote on each spend—see A-Z on page 19

Opportunity is knocking, will we answer?

The 1994 campaign is beginning to heat up. Over the next three months, we will be presented with countless opportunities to build the Libertarian Party. Will we take advantage of them?

Communications Director Bill Winter has produced sharp new professional outreach tools. However, they won't bring in new members sitting on a shelf at LPHQ. There are bound to be opportunities in your community to distribute LP outreach literature and help build the LP. Take the initiative—organize an outreach event. Or, if someone else is already organizing one, call and let them know that you'll help out. Each event may represent only a small step forward, but many small steps can produce a big payoff.

We have ballot drives in progress all over the country. With enough votes in November, we can qualify our 1996 presidential ticket in many of these states without any further petitioning. However, we



From the Chair

Steve Dasbach
National Chair

won't have that opportunity if we don't get on the ballot. And once on the ballot, we still have to get the necessary votes to retain ballot access. If you have a ballot drive in progress in your state, please call your state chair and volunteer your time and/or money to help finish the job. And, if you're already on the ballot, find out what you can do to help retain ballot access this November.

We will have hundreds of candidates on the ballot this November. More than anyone else, it is those candidates who determine the public image of the Libertarian Party. What kind of image will they be able to present? Without the help and support of

their fellow Libertarians, these candidates are unlikely to run much more than paper campaigns. With your help, they can accomplish so much more. If there are candidates running in your area, please call and volunteer your time and/or money. And, if you are a candidate yourself, don't hesitate to ask your fellow Libertarians for help. Campaigns can be fun when there are lots of people involved. Please get involved—and help make a difference.

Some of these candidates, particularly those running for local office, will have the opportunity to get actually elected—if they have the volunteer and financial support it takes to run a winning campaign. Electing Libertarians to office is the surest way to build credibility for the LP. If you have the opportunity this year to actually help put a Libertarian in office, please do everything you can to help.

Voter frustration with politics as usual is growing. The search for alternative leadership is intensifying. This election offers us unprecedented opportunities for growth, if we have the will to take advantage of them. If each of us does what we can, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Let's do it together!

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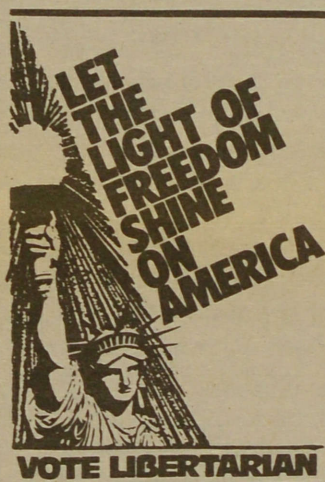
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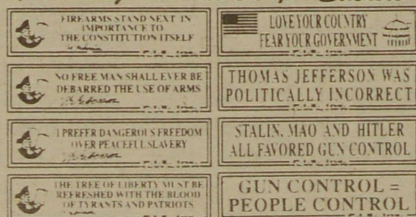
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Howard Stern is, by far, the most famous person to ever publicly align himself with the LP. Our treatment of Mr Stern and our handling of his campaign will be decisive in attracting similarly high-profile figures to our ranks. Third parties in the US have always had their greatest electoral success when they have attracted candidates with high name recognition.

His radio show is number one or close to it in many of the major media markets: New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, DC, Dallas, San Francisco, Orlando, and Las Vegas.

Howard Stern is listened to by an amazing number of powerful and influential individuals, most of whom have now had more exposure to the Libertarian Party in the few months of the Stern campaign than in their entire lives previous to March 21, 1994. His published demographics include a broad spectrum of young and old, white and black, rich and poor, Hispanic etc. They've heard his pledge in his acceptance speech to help build the party and to bring the NYLP more votes than ever before and win ballot status for 1996 and beyond..

National political figures such as NJ Governor Christie Todd Whitman, and Senator Al D'Amato of New York have been guests on the Stern show and have attributed a large degree of their success to his political support.

Howard Stern is very well respected by the media in general and the entertainment community in particular. In his recent Playboy interview, Michael Moriarty said, "Howard Stern is a hero to me. Stern takes the Constitution seriously. He spoke eloquently on the situation when I went on his program." Stern is also well respected by the comedian community whose opinions and knowledge of politics and world events are respected by the entertainment community in general. If Howard Stern is to be the first of many such celebrity recruits we must take advantage of this opportunity. His increasing involvement with the LP has played out entirely over the air on his radio show. Starting with his support of the LP NY Gubernatorial candidate in 1990, Gary Johnson who appeared on his show three times, continuing with libertarians from New York and Philadelphia encouraging him to get involved with the party, and culminating with his recent decision to run, prompted by a letter from NY libertarian, Dr. Robert Goodman.

Many hundreds of new members joined the NYLP between March 21st and April 9th

through the efforts of Joe Brennan and Ludwig Vogel of the NYLP and many volunteers from within and without New York State. The hundreds of new members that attended the convention in Albany on April 23rd, consisted of approximately 40% lapsed libertarians, 40% new libertarians and 20% Stern supporters with a varying appreciation of libertarian principles. The movement of the convention site from a room in a Ramada Inn with a capacity of 100 to the Italian-American community center hall that could hold over 600 (381 delegates + 170 media + 50 non-delegates) was a difficult problem for the NYLP. A team of volunteers went to Albany a few days before the convention to assist Jeff Russel of the NYLP. The team included Tom Brennan, John Famularo, and Richard Schwarz from Philadelphia, Tamara Clark from Nevada, and Jim Harris from NY. The Hall was only available until 4:00 pm on Saturday, the 23rd of April. After Howard Stern won the nomination on the first written ballot by 287 to 94, and time was running out for the use of the hall, the Lt. Governor nomination was conducted by a voice vote. Mr Stan Dworkin, Howard's Stern's preference was nominated. Mr Dworkin had recently joined the LP, signed the pledge, and scored 80/75 on the Nolan test. He has seriously studied the LP Platform and libertarian positions on a number of issues.

Mr. Dworkin makes a good appearance and is well spoken. He will be a credible spokesman for the LP of New York. If you met him, you would like him. Mr Dworkin's lives at 8 Eagle View Court, in Monsey NY 10952-4401. He is president of A. J. Tanner Ltd., Age 45, married, wife Cathie and two sons, Matthew 18 and Daniel 14. Prior to entering the business world he taught Social Studies, American History, and Anthropology in High School. Worked as researcher for Dr. Margaret Mead at the Museum of National History. Received an MA in Anthropology from New York University. From 1980 to 1993 held various elected and appointed positions in Rockland County, NY including Majority leader of the Rockland County legislature. New York Board of Governors, Arthritis Foundation, National Committee on Chapter Operations, Arthritis Foundation, Nyack Hospital Corporation Board, Rockland Association for Retarded Children, Past Chancellor Commander, Knights of Pythias

His recent disagreement with the Democrat Party leadership was over their attempting to force him to accept a patronage system while he held out for a merit system. If we are to become a majority at any time in the near future, we need principled community leaders like Stan Dworkin to join our ranks and publicly proclaim themselves as Libertarians.

Mr. Stern's selection of Stan Dworkin as running mate, was an integral part of his campaign strategy. His simple platform of reinstating the death penalty, staggering the toll taking, and doing all roadwork at night and then resigning in favor of his Lt. Governor, will

throw a lot of the media attention on his running mate Stan Dworkin and the rest of the Statewide libertarian ticket: Norma Siegel for Senate, Dan Conti for Attorney General and Dick Guyer for Comptroller.

In the final analysis, this election will not and should not be considered a referendum on Howard Stern as a performer, or a media phenomenon, or as an exemplar of the perfect Libertarian candidate. This is a test of the LP and our ability to make the best of the opportunities that come our way. Can we become a viable political party?

The New York ballot access drive is already underway and wraps up August 23. This will be the most scrutinized ballot drive in NY history. It has to be done right and we need to collect a very large surplus above the 15,000 required signatures to withstand a probable challenge. New York will also need financial help to create a system that can respond to all the inquiries this election will produce (both from the general public and the media) in a timely and professional manner. This is a New York race and Libertarians across the state have already risen to the challenge of making this thing work. But just as the consequences and coverage of this campaign will reach far beyond New York so must we reach beyond our borders to Libertarians across the country to help in any way they can. We've already received support and encouragement from Libertarians far and wide for which we are very grateful, but to do the job that needs to be done we're going to need even more in the coming weeks and months. Thanks in advance for any contribution, small or large, you are able to make. Words of encouragement to the statewide candidates will also be appreciated.

A committee has been formed to raise funds to assist the New York ballot drive by assisting in organizing local chapter growth and volunteer petitioning. The effort will continue through the campaign period to create ward and precinct LP organizations in each population center. If we are successful the NY party could grow tenfold and become a permanent political force in New York State and provide an example for LP growth nationwide.

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because he was chosen by many others
for his respected position.
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but fear I cannot live without his help.
He is a good man.

My master protects my money from theft,
before and after he takes half of it.
Before taking his half,
he says **only he** can protect my money.
After taking it, he says it is **still mine**.
When he spends my money,
he says I own the things he has bought.
I don't understand this, but I believe him.
He is a good man.

I need my master for protection,
because others would hurt me.
Or, they would take my money
and use it for themselves.
My master is better than them:
When he takes my money, **I still own it**.
The things he buys **are mine**.
I cannot sell them,
or decide how they are used,
but they are mine.
My master tells me so,
and I believe him. He is a good man.

My master provides free education for my children.
He teaches them to respect and obey him
and **all future masters** they will have.
He says they are being taught well;
learning things they will need to know in the future.
I believe him. He is a good man.

My master cares about other masters,
who don't have good slaves.
He makes me contribute to their support.
I don't understand why slaves must work
for more than one master,
but my master says it is necessary.
I believe him. He is a good man.

Other slaves ask my master for some of my money.
Since he is good to them as he is to me, he agrees.
This means he must take **more** of my money;
but he says this is good for me.
I ask my master why it would not be better
to let each of us keep our own money.
He says it is because he knows
what is best for each of us.
We believe him. He is a good man.

My master tells me:
Evil masters in other places are not as good as he;
they threaten our comfortable lifestyle and peace.
So, he sends my children
to fight the slaves of evil masters.
I mourn their deaths,
but my master says it is necessary.
He gives me medals for their sacrifice,
and I believe him. He is a good man.

Good masters sometimes have to kill evil masters,
and their slaves.

This is necessary to preserve our way of life;
to show others that our version of slavery is best.

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I asked my master:
Why do the evil masters' slaves have to be killed,
along with their evil master?
He said:
"Because they carry out his evil deeds."
"Besides, they could never learn our system;
they have been indoctrinated to believe
that only their master is good."
My master knows what is best.
He protects me and my children.
He is a good man.

My master lets me vote for a **new** master,
every few years.
I cannot vote to have **no** master,
but he generously lets me choose
between two candidates he has selected.
I eagerly wait until election day,
since voting allows me to forget that I am a slave.
Until then, my current master tells me what to do.
I accept this.
It has always been so,
and I would not change tradition.
My master is a good man.

At the last election,
about half the slaves were allowed to vote.
The other half had broken rules set by the master,
or were not thought by him to be fit.
Those who break the rules
should know better than to disobey!
Those not considered fit should **gratefully** accept
the master chosen for them by others.
It is right, because we have always done it this way.
My master is a good man.

There were two candidates.
One received a majority of the vote —
about one-fourth of the slave population.
I asked why the new master
can rule over all the slaves,
if he only received votes from one-fourth of them?
My master said:
"Because some wise masters long ago
did it that way."
"Besides, you are the slaves;
and we are the masters."
I did not understand his answer, but I believed him.
My master knows what is best for me.
He is a good man.

Some slaves have **evil masters**.
They take more than half of their slaves' money
and are chosen by only one-tenth,
rather than one-fourth, of their slaves.
My master says they are different from him.
I believe him. He is a good man.

I asked if I could ever become a master,
instead of a slave.
My master said, "Yes, anything is possible."
"But first you must pledge allegiance
to your present master,
and promise not to abandon the system
that made you a slave."
I am encouraged by this possibility.
My master is a good man.

He tells me slaves are the **real** masters,
because they can **vote** for their masters.
I do not understand this, but I believe him.
He is a good man;
who lives for no other purpose
than to make his slaves happy.

I asked if I could be neither a master nor a slave.
My master said, "No, you must be one or the other."

"There are no other choices."

I believe him. He knows best. He is a good man.

I asked my master how our system is different,
from those with evil masters.

He said:

"In our system, **masters work for the slaves**."

No longer confused, I am beginning to accept his logic.

Now I see it!

Slaves are in control of their masters,
because they can choose new masters every few years.

When the masters appear to control the slaves

in between elections,

it is all a grand delusion!

In reality, they are carrying out the slaves' desires.

For if this were not so,

they would not have been chosen in the last election.

How clear it is to me now!

I shall never doubt the system again.

My master is a good man.

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Mark J. Yannone is running for the U.S. House of Representatives from District 4. Yannone said his top three issues are "taxes, spending, and taxes, in that order, none of which require any elaboration. Unlike Democrats and Republicans, I don't have any trouble using the word 'no.' There is no part of that word that I don't understand. If elected, I intend to use it very frequently," he said. For more information on Yannone's campaign, call 602-870-0221.

Colorado

Judd Ptak is running a very active campaign for the state senate in District 13. Ptak said he will focus his campaign on the reduction of crime. "The key to it all is to end the Drug War," he said. "Drug prohibition gives gangs the money they need to buy weapons. End prohibition, and the drive-by shootings will end." Ptak said he also will be focusing on the right to keep and bear arms, school choice, and "the need for fiscal responsibility in state government."

In addition to Ptak, State Chair **Dave Aitken** of Denver is running for governor, with **Robert Miller** of Clifton seeking the lieutenant governor slot. All party members are requested to assist with petitioning and call 303-837-9393 for information.



National pulse

News from the states

Florida

In late May, the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County appointed LP member **Andrew Spark, Esq.**, to serve on the Sarasota County Grant Evaluation Advisory Committee in one of the positions on the committee reserved for local community-based business representatives. Spark is a partner with the Law Offices of Sherr and Spark, and he also operates Polititioners, a political petitioning firm.

Ohio

In late May, the executive committee of the state LP passed the following resolution calling on the national party and the national headquarters "to support and exploit the gubernatorial candidacy of Howard Stern in every way possible for the party both in New York and nationally."

Pennsylvania

Vance H. Mays, a candidate for state representative, has filed a complaint with the Verango County Commissioners and the state Board of Elections alleging voting irregularities in the May 10, 1994, primary



NEWS photo by Jim McClarin

THE RACE IS ON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE - Steve Winter received a lot of attention when he announced his candidacy for the LP's nomination for governor. Along with Winter, two other Libertarians—Rep. Calvin Warburton and Candia businessman Clarence Blevens—are seeking the gubernatorial nomination. Winter, 55, is an airline captain and is currently serving as the treasurer of the state LP. In announcing his candidacy, Winter said, "I am committed to mounting the best organized, the best financed, and the most competitive Libertarian campaign for governor thus far in the state of New Hampshire."

election.

Mays claims that many of the votes cast for his opponent were from "ghost voters," people who reside "in a vacant lot, a boarded up house, at a non-existent house number, or in any other place where a reasonable person would not be expected to reside." Mays also claims that some votes were not recorded for registered voters who did, indeed, vote.

Mays is calling on the county commissioners and/or the state board of elections to "conduct a block-by-block search of all registered Democrats in all 72 voting precincts of the 64th state representative district." If enough discrepancies are found, Mays is requesting that the election results be revised.

Nevada

In mid-July, the figures for voter registration of the state were released. The most striking result was the Libertarian Party's

13.37 percent growth compared to figures from a year ago.

The LP, under the leadership of state chair **Jim Burns**, has been working toward more credibility and more exposure, and it has been very successful over the past few months.

"Nevada is ripe for a huge Libertarian spurt. We already have legal gambling, legal brothels, and no income tax. Most Nevadans are libertarians and don't even know it," said state secretary Scott Kjar.

Burns challenged other state parties in saying, "I hope someone else is doing better, because when any of us win, we all win."

In memorium

John T. Harlee, a well-known and longtime Libertarian activist in Florence, SC, died in late June.

Harlee, 59, was the co-founder of the South Carolina Libertarian Party and editor of the Southern Libertarian Messenger. He was a former teacher, a poet, a certified public accountant, and writer.

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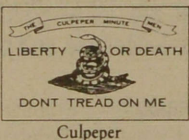
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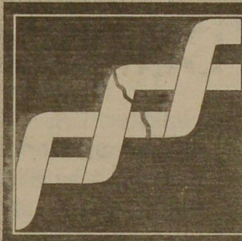
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BY DIEDRE DENNIS

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When the IRS is after you, you are guilty until proven innocent. The tax courts place the burden to prove innocence on the hapless taxpayer. Every consequence-observing Libertarian knows the result of this shift in the burden of proof. The IRS abuses taxpayers with near impunity. If an agent recklessly or intentionally disregards taxpayers' rights, the unfortunate victim can gain damages of only \$100,000, and likely auditing for life. The agent is off scot-free.

The source of this injustice is the Internal Revenue code. Rep. James Traficant (D-OH) wants to change that with his Taxpayer Rights bill, HR 3261. His bill changes the wording in that code to place the burden of proof back where it belongs, on the state.

HR 3261 would make IRS employees found guilty of arbitrary, capricious, or malicious misconduct personally liable for a portion of the plaintiff's litigation costs. HR 3261 increases the ceiling award of \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, a more reasonable limit for those whom the Service has unjustly imprisoned.

Thus far, the bill has gained considerable support, but not enough to get it out of the Ways and Means Committee. A dis-

charge petition likely will be necessary to wrest it away from that committee and onto the floor for a vote. More than 100 members of Congress have signed, but 218 must sign in order to force a vote. Your representative should not have any difficulty in supporting this bill. After all, every single one of his or her constituents is a "special interest" in this case. Pressure from home will make all the difference.

If you are a letter-writer, be sure to close with a paragraph requesting a response that states your representative's position and action(s) taken to support the bill. For phone-callers, here are some tips:

- Call the local office of your congressman.
- Ask to speak with a legislative aide; these are the people who advise the legislators on how to vote. If none is available, leave a message for him or her.
- Speak clearly and strongly.
- Say your name and identify yourself as a voting constituent.
- Tell the aide that you (and your family) want Rep. _____ to co-sponsor the Taxpayers Rights Act, HR 3261.
- Ask the person if this has been done.
- If he says "no" or "I don't know," tell him or her that you consider this bill an important one. You may also suggest that you will be very disappointed if the congressman does not identify himself as a friend of the taxpayer.
- If he says "yes," ask whether the representative has signed discharge petition #12 to get the bill out of committee and onto

the floor. Many of the bill's co-sponsors have not yet signed the petition.

- Be sure to ask for a follow-up letter clarifying the congressperson's position.

Just think of how proud you'll feel after you do that. You will have taken a step toward weakening the totalitarian power of the IRS. And you won't get audited for this action!

If you like what you hear when you call on this bill, ask about some of the others you support:

- The Truth in Voting Act, HR 3633, is one of the best congressional reform proposals available and has the support of Americans for Tax Reform, Citizens Against Government Waste, and many conservative groups. That may be a strong selling point for those of you in Republican districts.
- The National Voice on Term Limits Act, HR 3835, creates a national advisory referendum on the issue of national congressional term limits.
- HR 3634 ends Selective Service.
- The A-Z Spending Cut Plan, HR 3266 and HRes. 407, has gained momentum and needs to keep rolling toward passage.

NEWS editor's note: "Pens" columnist Diedre Dennis graduated in June from the University of California, Irvine, with a Bachelor of Arts in Classics—Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Congratulations, Diedre!

More savings

Last month the NEWS reported on how Libertarians had saved taxpayers billions of dollars. Now an update.

LP member Steve Gordon of Hollister, CA, successfully led a fight against an effort to raise the county's debt limit by \$550 million to "relieve blight" in his city. The increase, earmarked for the redevelopment authority, was turned down by voters by a 2-1 margin during the June primary.

Gordon is now working with a local group, RID (Redevelopment is Detrimental), to stop future spending.

Let us know about your successes.

Notice

To all Libertarians who have attended, or would like to attend, an LP national convention:

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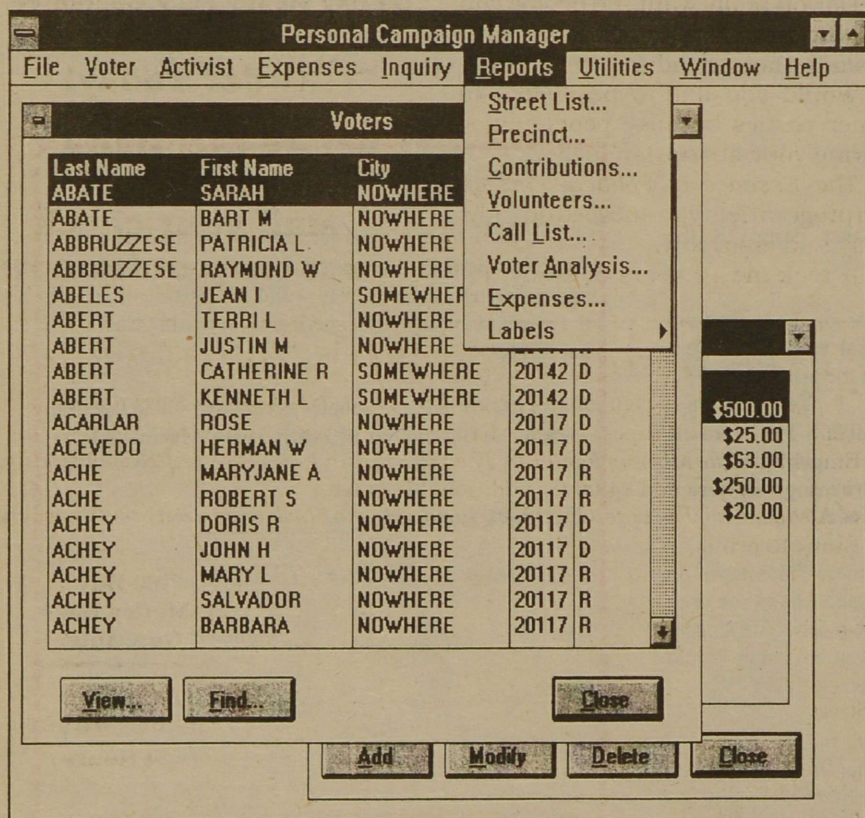
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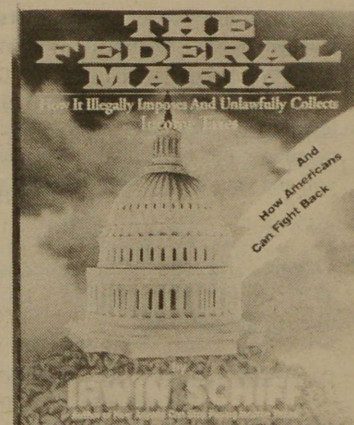
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C.M., Portland, OR

Captain Convinces Commander

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

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

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

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Dasbach also commented that Project Healthy Choice and Operation Safe Streets are part of a long-term plan to turn the Libertarian Party into what LP National Director Perry Willis calls "a solutions supermarket."

The party plans to offer proposals for more than just health care and safe streets. "We'll tackle scores of other problems as well, until we have a comprehensive set of well researched proposals, covering almost every aspect of public policy," said Dasbach.

At the same time, the LP national headquarters announced that OSS will be tied to a major outreach effort. Perry Willis described some of the details in an interview. He said, "We're going to provide members with a 'how to' flyer for sending letters to the editor to promote OSS. Then, whenever a community suffers from some sort of drug related crime or an epidemic of car thefts or burglaries, Libertarians can write letters touting OSS as the way to severely reduce the number of such incidents. In addition, this same technique should also be used to promote OSS whenever there are articles or editorials that deal with either the crime issue, drug prohibition, societal violence, or gun control."

Willis also announced plans to tie OSS to display ads that will be run in gun magazines, as well as to a major effort to book Libertarian leaders onto radio talk shows. (A similar radio talk show campaign also has been instituted for Project Healthy Choice—see the related article on PHC on page 15.) There also will be Op-eds for newspapers, press releases, an OSS related candidate aid package, and a series of prospecting letters to non-libertarians. Willis said that if LP members provide enough financial support, there may even be pro-OSS and pro-PHC radio ads.

Dasbach concluded his remarks about OSS by urging Libertarians to think of it as a product, and to get out among the people and sell it. He said, "OSS focuses on benefits. It stresses what the Libertarian Party can do to make people's lives better. We can show the American people how to double their personal police protection without the government's raising taxes or hiring new police. We can cut murders and thefts in half. We can stop the forced early release of violent felons without spending more money or building more prisons. We can actually use our anti-crime proposal to reduce taxes and spending at the state and federal level. And we can refocus local police on crime prevention, making them more responsive to the needs of the people they serve."

Dasbach added that these benefits were "... not only attractive in and of themselves," but that they would "also help us turn our position on drug prohibition into a political asset, by tying it to something that people really care about—their personal safety."

Michael Tanner, the leading light behind both the PHC and OSS policy proposals, added another observation about the positive effect of these projects. He said that after a recent radio talk show promoting Project Healthy Choice, the host told him she was very surprised to see that we had a comprehensive health care plan. She just thought we were against everything, and was surprised that we actually had a positive proposal. OSS should go a long way toward making this kind of "surprise" a thing of the past.

Get the complete OSS package!

Those wanting to support Operation Safe Streets, as well as learn more about its specific proposals, can get the complete package by making a \$25 contribution to the OSS outreach campaign. Checks should be made payable to the Libertarian Party, noting that the money is for the support of OSS, and sent to 1528 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003. Credit card contributions can be phoned in at 202-543-1988.

Operation Safe Streets: The highlights

America suffers from an epidemic of violence and crime that is victimizing one out of every four families each year. There is a murder every half hour, a rape every six minutes, and a theft every four seconds.

Despite decades of tough talk, the anti-crime policies of the Republicans and Democrats have clearly failed. The Libertarian Party believes a fresh approach is needed. That's why we're offering this five-point plan for making America's streets safe again:

Step 1. Put Victims First

Protecting the rights and interests of victims should be the basis of our criminal justice system. Victims should have the right to be present, consulted, and heard throughout the prosecution of their case.

In addition, Libertarians would do more than just punish criminals. We would also make them pay restitution to their victims for the damage they've caused, including property loss, medical costs, pain, and suffering. If you are the victim of a crime, you should be fully compensated for your loss.

Step 2. End Prohibition

Drug prohibition does more to make Americans unsafe than any other factor. Just as alcohol prohibition gave us Al Capone and the mafia, drug prohibition has given us the Crips, the Bloods, and drive-by shootings. Consider the historical evidence: America's murder rate doubled during alcohol prohibition, but returned to its previous levels after prohibition ended. Now, since the War on Drugs began, America's murder rates have doubled yet again. The cause/effect relationship is clear. Prohibition is putting innocent lives at risk.

What's more, drug prohibition also inflates the cost of drugs, leading users to steal to support their high-priced habits. It is estimated that drug addicts commit 25 percent of all auto thefts, 40 percent of robberies and assaults, and 50 percent of burglaries and larcenies. Prohibition puts your property at risk.

Finally, nearly one-half of all police resources are devoted to stopping drug trafficking, instead of preventing violent crime. The bottom line? By ending drug prohibition Libertarians would double the resources available for crime prevention, and significantly reduce the number of violent criminals at work in your neighborhood.

Step 3. Get Tough on Real Crime

The Libertarian Party is the party of personal responsibility. We believe that anyone who harms another person should be held responsible for that action. By contrast, the Democrats and Republicans have created a system where criminals can get away with almost anything.

For instance, sentences seldom mean what they say. Fewer than one out of every four violent felons serves more than four years. Libertarians would dramatically reduce the number of these early releases by eliminating their root cause—prison overcrowding. Since nearly 60 percent of

all federal prison inmates are there for non-violent drug-related offenses, it's clear that drug prohibition is the primary source of this overcrowding. It has been estimated that every drug offender imprisoned results in the release of one violent criminal, who then commits an average of 40 robberies, seven assaults, 110 burglaries, and 25 auto thefts.

Early release of violent criminals puts you and your family at risk. It must stop.

Step 4. Protect the Right to Self-Defense

We believe that the private ownership of firearms is part of the solution to America's crime epidemic, not part of the problem. Evidence: Law-abiding citizens in Florida have been able to carry concealed weapons since 1987. During that time, the murder rate in Florida has declined 21 percent while the national murder rate has increased 12 percent.

In addition, evidence shows that self-defense with guns is the safest response to violent crime. It results in fewer injuries to the defender (17.4 percent injury rate) than any other response, including not resisting at all (24.7 percent injury rate).

Any effective crime control plan needs to respect your right to keep and bear arms.

Step 5. Address the Root Causes of Crime

Any society that lets kids grow up dependent on government welfare, attending government schools that fail to teach, and entering an economy where government policy has crushed opportunity, will be a society that breeds criminals. No permanent solution to crime will be found until we address these root causes of crime.

The Libertarian Party would increase employment opportunities by slashing taxes and government red tape. We would also end the welfare system with its culture of dependence and hopelessness.

Most important of all, we would promote low-cost private alternatives to the failed government school system.

CONCLUSION

The Libertarian Party's anti-crime plan would do what the Democrats and Republicans have not done:

- Respect the victim's rights and make criminals pay full restitution.
- Hold all criminals responsible for their actions.
- Double the police resources available for crime prevention without any additional government spending.
- Reduce the number of criminals at large on our streets.
- Defend the most effective crime deterrent available, the private ownership of guns.
- Create jobs, end welfare dependence, and improve education.

This is a program that would make our streets safe again.

2 years in the house

BY RANDY LANGHENRY

After nearly two years in the New Hampshire State House of Representatives, the four-member Libertarian delegation claims to have made great strides.

Libertarian State Reps. Don Gorman, Calvin Warburton, Finlay Rothhaus, and Andy Borsa may have few legislative victories to show for their two years, but to a man they feel proud of their successes.

All four were elected to the state house in November 1992 as Libertarians, although three of the four had served previously in the house as Republicans. In that same election, the LP's gubernatorial candidate, Miriam Luce, received 4 percent of the statewide vote, giving the LP official status as a major party within the state. The party will be working hard to garner more than 3 percent in this November's gubernatorial election to retain that status.

On being Libertarian

The representatives describe their experience being Libertarians in the state house in different terms, but all feel positive about the outcome.

"As a Republican, I guess I was in the minority more often than in the majority," said Warburton. "Becoming a Libertarian made it even more difficult. I filed four bills the first time, and all of them went down, including school choice, which the Republicans said they were in favor of, but they unanimously voted against."

He said that it has "been difficult to win any battles, but I have won a few." Warburton regrets the fact that he "was on the losing side an awful lot."

Gorman said his two years in the house were "absolutely fantastic." He said the biggest difference in being a Libertarian representative as opposed to being in one of the other old parties is the freedom.

"You don't have to ever concern yourself with the ongoing political structure, powers, and people," he said. "Basically, as a Libertarian, we don't have to worry what the governor thinks, or what the president of the U.S. thinks, or what the majority party thinks. We are totally free of that, which gives us, I believe, a very unique position in that we can stand back and look at any given situation or bill and say to ourselves, 'What is really best for the people here?', and then we can go that way."

Gorman said the old party members have to follow their leadership, all the way up to the president or governor. "Because we are able and do stand up there and do (speak out), if nothing else we are in a position to challenge these positions with a brand new way of thinking. It's in that capacity that the Libertarians have been most effective."

Borsa said the "best thing about being a Libertarian in the house was at least you had a core philosophy to go by, that you stuck to. That's probably the big difference between Libertarians in the house and, for example, the Republicans, who mouth a lot of the same words, but don't take the same kind of action."

Borsa also said the LP has gained quite a reputation in New Hampshire politics through the actions of the Libertarian delegation. "We are kind of a renegade bunch because we question a lot of what goes on. We point out facts that people would rather not have pointed out. We are like ants at a picnic, I guess."

Rothhaus took the issue to a personal level. "I think it has benefited me, going from the Republican Party to the Libertarian Party, because I was going to be nothing in the Republican Party. I would have been considered sort of a rebel-Republican, if you will, not playing the party line. People will now respect me for my opinion on any one issue, where before, because I wasn't playing with the team, they didn't care about my opinion. It has worked out well for me."

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Even if the two years in the house didn't provide many legislative victories, all four legislators consider the term a basis for future success, as well as the important establishment of credibility and respect.

"We found that our job was to lend credibility to our party here in New Hampshire," said Rothhaus. "That was our primary objective and I think we did well with that."

"Libertarians have gained a tremendous amount of respect within the house," explained Gorman. "Our four members have an extremely disproportionate amount of respect. We are well liked, but we are really respected. We are respected by liberal Democrats, conservative Republicans, you name it. I think that partially comes from the fact that we owe no allegiance, we can get up there and call it the way we see it. We are basically fearless, we're not afraid to take on the governor, or the president, or the entire majority, and say our position very loudly and clearly. And that generates a lot of respect."

All four said they felt well respected by both the media and their constituents, and that that fact helped the party as a whole.

The issues

During the next legislative session, the Libertarian delegation plans on being very active and addressing a variety of issues of concern to Libertarians and the general public.



THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTARIAN DELEGATION - (from left to right) Don Gorman, Finlay Rothhaus, Andy Borsa, and Calvin Warburton.

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— NH State Rep. Andy Borsa

Gorman said the most important issues to address were "federal mandates, federal mandates, and federal mandates, in that order. As a matter of fact, I plan on making up, within our delegation, a subcommittee to look at that specific issue." Gorman wants the subcommittee to get with other states, the people in Washington working on federal mandates, the state attorney general, and the state supreme court to discuss the issue.

"I want to make this a first-class, number-one priority of the Libertarians. This foolishness coming out of Washington from the central government is just getting absolutely absurd, and I'm sure it is unconstitutional as hell."

Warburton said that the "great thing of importance is that we have built a big bureaucracy here and it needs to be torn down. It's costing us a mint of money." Warburton also said school choice and FIJA are issues that need to be pushed. "They are Libertarian bills," he said.

Borsa said that local state issues that Libertarians need to address are school funding/taxes.

He also echoed Gorman in saying, "The other thing we as Libertarians try to point out is that you can't have everything that you want and expect someone else to pay for it. And you continue allowing the federal government to keep telling you what to do without having to pay the piper. We've got to put a stop here somewhere."

Upcoming election

Three of the incumbent state representatives are seeking re-election this fall.

Gorman is running unopposed, but plans on running a serious campaign nonetheless. "I'm a firm believer in, if you are going to do something like this you go at it 125 percent, unopposed or not unopposed," Gorman explained. "I'm going to campaign for the write-in Republican nomination and the write-in Democratic nomination. I'm going to campaign quite hard."

Both Rothhaus and Borsa face contested campaigns, and both expressed concern about the "time demands" of campaigning. But both feel they have a good chance at re-election.

"I feel a personal obligation" to run for re-election, said Rothhaus, "because I want

to keep the New Hampshire party going strong and get more and more people in the state house. However, my personal commitments are quite large and it's a problem." Rothhaus said he is looking for a good campaign manager to help him.

Warburton is one of three Libertarian candidates seeking the LP nomination for governor. "I am running for governor and I can't run for the house at the same time," Warburton explained.

There are three Libertarians already running for the three seats in his house district, and Warburton has said he will not run against them, even if he doesn't get the gubernatorial nomination. But in New Hampshire, write-in votes can be very important, and Warburton is well-liked in his district and could conceivably be returned to the house without campaigning. It has happened to him before.

Libertarians are running about 90 candidates in this fall's election, and Gorman, the LP delegation leader, is going out on a limb with his prediction of how the LP will fare.

"I keep saying this prediction—everybody laughs at me—but I'm going to keep predicting it so that I can get the last laugh: We're going to elect 20 people to the House of Representatives, and whoever the candidate is for governor is going to break double-digits on percentages," Gorman said.

But if Gorman's predictions turn out to be too optimistic, all will not be lost. "If only all four of us got re-elected, it is going to really cause a tremor through New Hampshire politics," Gorman said. Other non-Libertarian members of the state house have told Gorman they would consider defecting to the LP, but they don't believe they could be re-elected as a Libertarian candidate.

"Now if just the four of us come back in the house, we will have blown all those myths right out the window," he said. "We will also have established the fact that this party is here to stay. Anything that goes towards 20 members, if we break double-digits with our gubernatorial candidate, that is going to strengthen beyond all doubt the fact that the Libertarian Party is not only here to stay, but is very strong, it is growing, and it is going to be a political

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Talking points

Two hot topics: the environment and health care reform

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing

Libertarian talking points

Dave Walter
Editor

mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty). Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

Issue: The environment

The "greens" in Europe have succeeded in imposing far more stringent environmental laws than in the U.S. (so far). A Greenpeace spokesman in Brussels says that the Netherlands has the best enforcement of all.

Yet, "enforcement is a real problem because it is so difficult to sort through all the new environmental rules. People are al-

ways breaking the rules, and sometimes the police don't even know what the rules are, there are so many," admits Paul Burgh, director of environmental enforcement in the Netherlands.

There is something seriously wrong with a society whose laws cause virtually everyone to unknowingly become a criminal.

Burgh quoted in R&D Magazine, April 1994.

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In the U.S., the trend seems to be to hold everyone responsible for environmental crimes, even if the offenders can be easily identified and their actions rectified. Robert J. Ernst, a California attorney and a member or board director of such organizations as the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Task Force, the Monterey Bay Clean Air Coalition, and the Pacific Research Institute, suggests this is wrong:

"If we are to find positive solutions to genuine environmental problems, we must begin by holding individuals accountable—fairly and justly, according to the rule of law. How do we set about doing this? In California, for example, as little as 10 percent of all automobiles emit more than 60 percent of the pollutants that cause smog. These cars should be repaired or taken off the road. They can be identified very easily with infrared roadside detectors, yet the state has failed to employ these devices."

Article by Ernst in Imprimis, May 1994.

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Those scientists who believe environmental problems have been blown all out of proportion have gotten little media attention compared to the doom-sayers and their friends, the empire-building bureaucrats. However, in April, ABC News ran a special entitled "Scaring Ourselves to Death," hosted by John Stossel, that offered compelling examples of hype, exaggeration, and outright misrepresentation of the risks we face.

Columnist Mona Charen comments on Stossel's analysis of comparative risk on things such as Alar, Times Beach, and asbestos: "It is more than a waste of money to attempt to make life risk-free. By spending money and other resources chasing down tiny risks like hazardous waste, we neglect far greater risks like highway safety. And by over-regulating the economy, we increase the greatest risk factor of all—poverty."

Charen's column in Oklahoman & Times, May 21, 1994.

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The stampede of municipal governments to pass recycling laws in order to meet the "garbage crisis" is another illustration of "panic-mongering," according to Llewellyn H. Rockwell Jr., president of the Mises Institute:

"(Recycling) made neither economic or social sense, since most recycling consumes resources. Not all the greenies believed their own claims, of course, but all of them saw recycling as a way of involving the public in their cause, as Patricia Poore, editor of Garbage magazine, recently admitted. There is no garbage crisis, Poore said. Recycling as a government-mandated, garbage-management concept has largely see **Talking points** on page 13

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failed.' Even a pro-mandate study in 1990 by the National Conference of State Legislatures admitted that recycling is inherently limited because of low consumer demand, product contamination, transportation problems, and technological limits. Solid waste is not a special kind of product, immune from economic law. It's no different from any other market good in society. Herein lies the dirty secret of recycling. If it were economically wise, we would not need to be browbeaten. It would be profitable."

Rockwell's article in *Insight*, April 18, 1994.

Issue: Health care reform

As Congress rushes to adjourn, while passing some sort of politically palatable health care "reform" legislation, we need to keep hammering away at the falsehoods and misrepresentations that caused many Americans to believe there is a "crisis." At this writing, too many of the "reforms" look suspiciously like the classical definition of fascism. Few dare call it that, yet someone—and why not the Libertarians?—must.

President Clinton told us, while campaigning, that, "Health care should be a right, not a privilege." Some claim to find this right in the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. One skeptic is Roger Pilon, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Constitutional Studies.

"Jefferson spoke of a right to pursue happiness. He did not say that individuals would achieve happiness, much less that

other individuals should be compelled to help us achieve happiness. He meant only that we have a right to engage in the activities of our lives free from the interference of others . . . The right to health care is essentially the right to command others to provide a service to us . . . The issue is bigger than health care. Ultimately, it is about whether we are to be related to each other through the voluntary institutions of civil society or through the institutions of the state, which by definition are coercive and non-voluntary."

Many now recognize that taxpayers are becoming fed up with subsidizing irresponsible behavior. As this applies to health care, even Arthur Caplan, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Bio-medical Ethics—and a member of the Hillary Clinton health-care task force—admits, "A person should not expect to be able to harm himself freely and expect others to pick up the cost." Adds Richard Epstein, a professor at the University of Chicago's Law School, "To do otherwise is to subsidize indolence. (For instance), we can simply tell people that they can ride a motorcycle without a helmet or engage in any other risky activity, but they'll have to pay the full costs if they're injured."

Quoted from an article, "Is Health Care a Basic Right?", by Charles Oliver in *Investor's Business Daily*, Feb. 2, 1994.

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While drugs are one of the smallest parts of the nation's \$800 billion health care bill, it isn't hard to discover how approval delays at the Food and Drug Administration are costing millions of dollars and

losing lives to boot.

"In 1992, FDA's own figures indicated that the 3 1/2 year delay in making Interleukin-2 available to certain sufferers of kidney cancer may have cost as much as 3,500 lives, according to the Competitive Enterprise Institute. The drug, produced by Chiron Corp., first became available in the U.S. in mid-1992 as the only known therapy for the fatal cancer known as renal cell carcinoma, after nine European countries had made it available. About 10,000 Americans die from the disease each year. FDA postponed approving the treatment in part because it produced a 4 percent death rate, even though it also improved the condition of 15 percent to 20 percent using the drug during trials."

The costs of new drugs are staggering: "A U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment report published in February 1993 calculated that a new medicine will cost a company an average \$359 million to place behind a pharmacist's counter, or more than six and one-half times its cost in 1976."

Says Dr. Joseph DiMasi of Tufts University's Center for the Study of Drug Development, "If the regulatory review process were reduced by a year, the savings would be \$24 million per drug approved."

Quoted from an article by Daniel J. Murphy in *Investor's Business Daily*, May 3, 1994.

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Another larger component of the \$800 billion spent on health care each year can be attributed to fraud:

"The General Accounting Office also

estimates that health-care fraud is responsible for an estimated 10 percent of our nation's health bill. Because of its multifarious nature, the health-care system is vulnerable to fraud. Consumers aren't paying directly for the services they receive and they often are easily intimidated by the medical process. Those paying the bills aren't receiving the services, and their attempts to share data are hampered by certain privacy restrictions. Compounding the problem is the fact that the system lacks an effective watchdog."

James L. Garcia, assistant vice president, special investigative services team, Aetna Health Plans, as quoted in the *Philadelphia Business Journal*, April 29, 1994.

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Mr. Garcia, above, touches on one feature of the health care system that Libertarians have addressed—the lack of bill-paying by the party receiving the service, hence the lack of attention to cost. A plan called Medisave has been devised to address this. Medisave would be a tax-deductible account that would allow people to pay out-of-pocket for routine medical expenses.

Deroy Murdock, economics/government correspondent for National Minority Politics, has been won over to the Medisave idea: "Americans will become health-care consumers, rather than passive recipients of services with the advent of Medisave. Since routine services will be bought out-of-pocket, people will shop around for care just as they do for everything else. No longer will patients see a doctor, then watch the bill, no matter its size, magically land on

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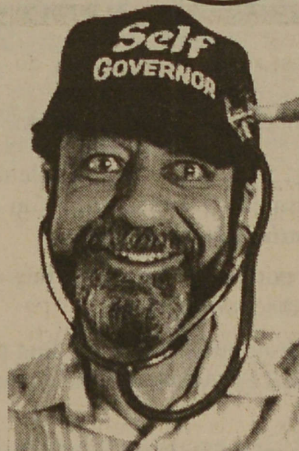
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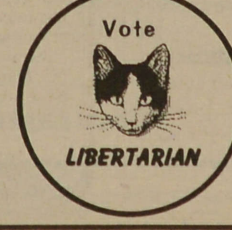
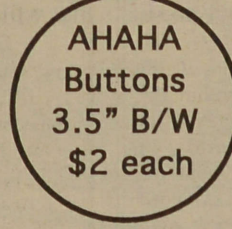
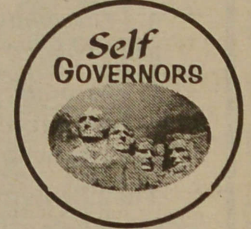
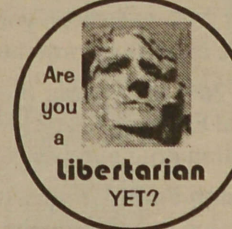
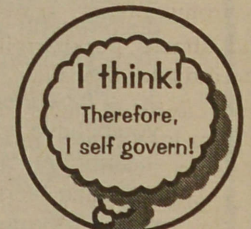
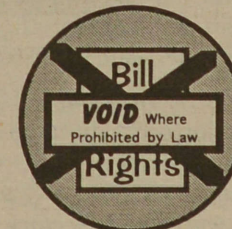
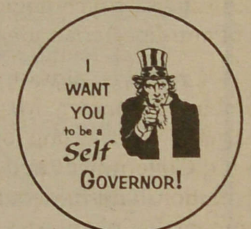
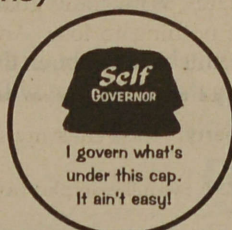
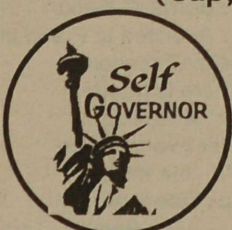
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Talking points

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someone else's desk. As consumers compare the costs of drugs and procedures, competition will help keep medical inflation in check."

Murdock's article in The Washington Times, May 17, 1994.

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Just how large the savings might be with Medisave accounts is indicated by this view:

"(A) \$25 doctor visit or prescription creates as much as \$25 in administrative expenses when the patient turns that expense over to an insurance company for reim-

bursement, doubling the real cost to the health care system."

Merrill Matthews Jr. and Morgan O. Reynolds, National Center for Policy Analysis. Article in Insight, May 30, 1994.

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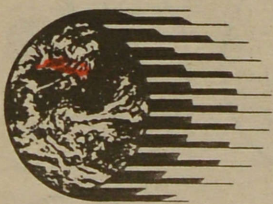
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- The Libertarian Party: Working to Cut Your Taxes!
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"This is part of our new commitment to professionalism," said Bill Winter, director of communications. "These brochures are professionally designed, printed in two colors, and are on nicer paper than previous brochures. They're a big improvement over our previous material."

"Best of all," said Winter, "they are available at the same price as the old brochures: just \$5 each in quantities of 100. They're in stock right now, and ready to be shipped!"

• The "Cutting Taxes" brochure is an updated and improved version of the old "Break Free" brochure.

• The "Family Budget" brochure is brand new and focuses on the damaging effects of taxes on the typical American family.

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Healthy Choice

LP health care project takes to the air waves

Project Healthy Choice blitzed the airwaves of America again last month, while several state parties launched ambitious programs to promote the Libertarian Party's free market health care reform proposals.

The National LP headquarters scheduled six more Project Healthy Choice radio talk show interviews over the last month, ranging across the country from Maryland to California.

"This is another record month for media attention!" said Director of Communications Bill Winter, who is coordinating the project. "It seems that as the health care reform vote draws closer, the public's interest continues to rise."

National LP Chair Steve Dasbach appeared on five of the radio programs, and said the reaction from the hosts and callers was almost uniformly positive.

"I started by labeling (President Clinton's stated goal of) universal coverage as utopian, and defined the real issue as providing health care for the largest number of people at the lowest cost. I defined the principles of the LP plan as maximizing free market competition to keep costs down, and maximizing individual control and choice. This came across as more positive and solution-oriented," said Dasbach.

Radio appearances included:

June 29: Dasbach appeared on the Chiropractic Health Forum hosted by Jim

Fusco on WICO AM-1320, in Salisbury, MD.

"He was a very friendly interviewer," said Dasbach. "We agreed that if people think it's difficult to get their chiropractic bills covered by the insurance companies now, just imagine how difficult it will be to get them paid by the government!"

July 7: National Committee member Don Ernsberger was interviewed on the Dimitri Vassilaros program on WBVP Radio in Pittsburgh, PA.

"Our plan got a good response from the host," said Ernsberger. "He said, 'It's obvious that this is a real alternative; one that should be examined. This is a real alternative the national media is ignoring.' He liked the (replacing the) FDA part. He said it is crazy the way drugs can be approved in Europe years before the U.S."

July 12: Dasbach was a guest on the Tony Felts program on WGCL Radio in Bloomington, IN. "The host said our plan is very well-researched," said Dasbach.

July 12: Dasbach made his second appearance of the day, on the John Wisley program on WVOC Radio in Columbia, SC. "The host tends toward free market solutions and had discussed Medical Savings Accounts on prior shows," said Dasbach.

July 13: Dasbach was interviewed on the Donna Mason show on WPTF Radio in Raleigh, NC.

"A very Libertarian-leaning host," said Dasbach. "She said our plan would simplify things and that it's easier for people to comprehend—but it seems that Congress doesn't want that."

The funniest moment of the interview occurred, said Dasbach, when he was talking about how the FDA's refusal to approve "beta blocker" drugs (which prevent heart attacks) resulted in 100,000 unnecessary deaths. "A guy called in and asked for medical advice. He thought I was a doctor!"

July 13: Another double-duty day for Dasbach, with an appearance with Dan Fritz on KNWZ Radio in Palm Springs, CA.

Meanwhile, several state parties have launched ambitious Project Healthy Choice efforts:

- New Jersey: "Libertarians of Monmouth County have obtained the directories of several local Chambers of Commerce and are putting out a 1,000-piece mailing promoting Project Healthy Choice to the Chamber members," said LP activist John Paff. "The object is to urge local chambers to pass resolutions repudiating Clinton's health care plan while embracing the Libertarian Party's Project Healthy Choice."

- New Hampshire: The state party mailed copies of Project Healthy Choice to 1,800 doctors, inviting them to send for more information about the plan and the

party. "Medical doctors in NH are very uneasy about the Clintons' plan for radical government control of the medical field," said LPNH Vice Chair Danielle Donovan. "We're encouraged by the number that responded. They've ordered over 1,000 additional pieces of literature."

The LP's health care proposal—which was described by the Life Extension Foundation in Hollywood, FL, as "the only health care plan that truly recognizes the fundamental necessity for health care freedom"—calls for free market reforms to increase consumer choice and decrease government interference.

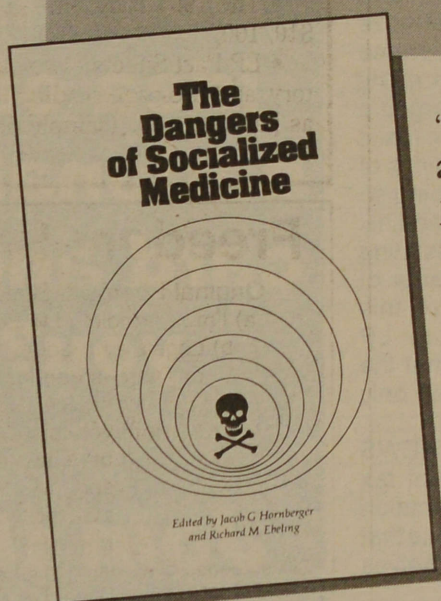
The five-point plan advocates Medical Savings Accounts; restructuring tax policy to make all health care expenditures 100 percent tax deductible; deregulating the health care industry to eliminate harmful and expensive government policies; replacing the FDA with a private-sector organization; and privatizing Medicare and Medicaid.

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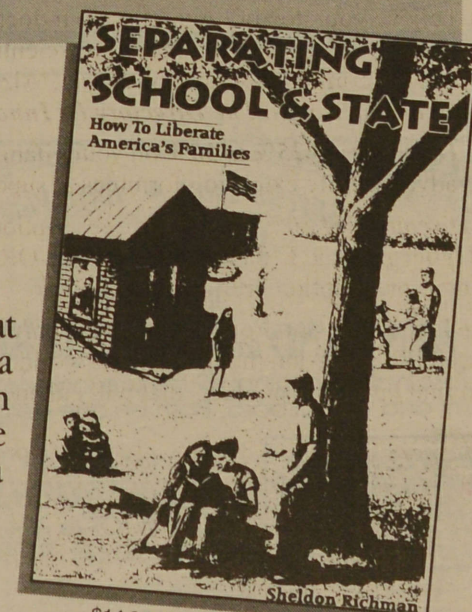
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Letters

Members on intervention, tax law, inflation, more

Rebuttal

In rebuttal to the two letters to the editor titled Asia (July 1994 NEWS): No, Mr. Thies, Libertarian principles do not change when you cross the international date line. Is it not true that Libertarians believe in less government control? Is it not true that Libertarians believe the initiation of force as a means of achieving political goals is wrong? Then why should the U.S. keep military alliances with South Korea? Every country has the right to defend themselves. If South Korea wants to form alliances with its surrounding neighbors, either because of financial problems or sharing of technology, then the U.S. should not interfere. Unless North Korea declares war on the U.S., the only thing we should be involved in is the gentle persuasion of peace.

Maybe "North Korea is led by a very unstable man," Mr. Tovar, but so is the United States. What would we do if another country demanded to inspect our nuclear plants? We would, of course, say no. Well, right now that is what North Korea is saying. But, if we push them any farther they may be saying a whole lot more. We can not force them to comply with our demands, we must persuade them to comply. To accomplish this goal, the U.S. should open trade relations with North Korea. If North Korea's economy improves and the standard of living increases, why



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

would they want to threaten its surrounding countries or the U.S. when they know that they will lose in the end.

Miranda Mehaffey
Salem, NJ

Health care

Benjamin Franklin observed that "He's a fool that makes his doctor his heir." If we end up having some form of socialized health care, in conjunction with the increasingly confiscatory estate taxes (retroactive and otherwise), we will have done just that!

We must continue to push forward on Project Healthy Choice as if our lives depend on it—because they do!

Keep up the good work, everyone. We're winning!

Scott Frost
Seattle, WA

Inflation

To encourage vigorous alternatives (in health care), allow those who pay their costs in full to make double deductions for income taxing. Early in this century, Southern Baptists provided hospital care

for all their people. Major corporations could combine. Since federal deficit spending costs us more than 44 times as much as paying directly, the savings would be immense.

Federal overhead consumes more than three-quarters of the loot, over a four-fold cost in spending. Deficits induce inflation which destroys job-making capital (savings), as well as income. Since it takes more than \$10 normally to create a dollar a year of productive income, there's an 11-fold destruction, times more than four.

Your congressman votes to destroy your savings through inflation when he votes for deficit spending.

If your congressman is one who voted to destroy your life's savings through deficit-driven inflation, get someone to run against him as a destroyer, and rile the natives. It'll take some educated thinking, the subject is complex. But the mere statement itself might have a great effect in marginal districts.

At 82, I'm not traveling around much, but would be delighted to sit with anyone interested in expanding the ideas to help understand that inflation is not caused by rising prices, as the Fed contends, but from the Fed's printing duplicate money a couple of years before.

Thomas A. Booz
Plantation, FL

Tax Law

While the NEWS should certainly be a forum for the exchange of ideas, I believe it has an obligation to inform its readers of the difference between fact and errant nonsense. In the latter category, I point to Irwin Schiff's letter in the March 1994 NEWS in which he expounds upon two U.S. Supreme Court decisions concerning the 16th Amendment.

As an attorney, I have been involved for the past 15 years in a great many cases challenging the constitutionality of statutes and the government's interpretation and administration of statutes; several of those cases have been decided by the Supreme Court. Although there have been many occasions when I wished I could argue a law was unconstitutional, one has to resist the temptation to misstate the holdings of Supreme Court decisions since doing so unfairly misleads clients, almost certainly to their detriment. Similarly, misstating Supreme Court decisions in an area of great interest to the readers of this publication does a disservice to LP members who may now believe that the taxes imposed upon them are not only immoral but unconstitutional. . .

I hope that the readers of the NEWS who are tempted to violate federal tax laws based upon Mr. Schiff's explanation of the 16th Amendment will recognize that they are potentially martyring themselves on a false premise.

Richard E. Gardiner
Springfield, VA

Intended

Dr. Borden's revelation (Letters, May 1994 NEWS) that the Social Security fund is full only with IOUs from the treasury was very accurate and well known to me for a

long time. Unfortunately, though, Dr. Borden made the common error of assuming good, but misguided, intentions from our illustrious rulers.

Most people pretend, even when they know better, that the obviously destructive practices of our governments are merely mistakes or a lack of alternatives. Even I, most of my life, wondered why very little foreign aid ever reached its intended recipients, until I realized it usually did. The intended recipients always were the puppet dictators our government bribes to allow the pillage of their countries, and its people, by our industrialists.

In like manner, the Social Security fund, soon to be joined by the Health Care fund, was always primarily a huge slush fund for siphoning by the real rulers of this country: the premier "me" market (not at all free market) bankers and merchants.

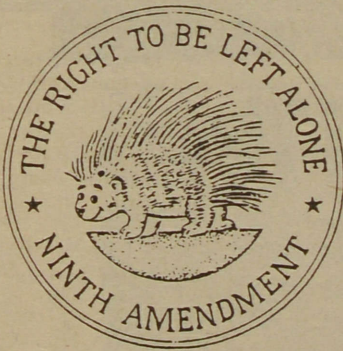
Yes, although his solution was horrible, Marx was quite correct about the problem.

George W. Steffner
Lafayette, CA

Contact

I wanted to share with you a nifty way I have of contacting my congressman. I have my personal computer set up with a word processor and a mail merge system. My state's four congressmen have previously been entered into the merge file. Whenever I hear about a particular piece of legislation that I want to support, I type a short letter and the computer merges it with the congressmen's names and addresses. It takes me a total of about five minutes to whip off a short letter to all the congressmen for my state. This is what I did today when I read about the A-Z Spending Cut Plan.

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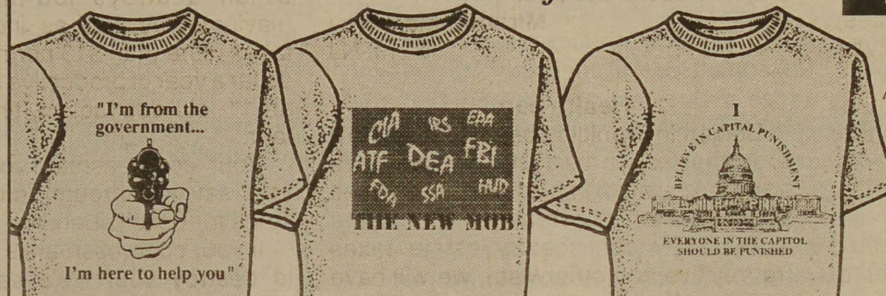
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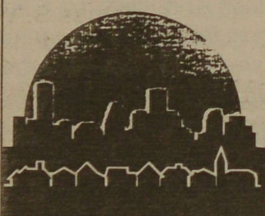
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Hot stuff

Dave gets our help in uncovering toy hazard

As executive director of the Bureau of Consumer Alarm, I am always on the alert for news stories that involve two key elements:

1. Fire.
2. Barbie.

So I was very interested when alert reader Michael Robinson sent me a column entitled "Ask Jack Sunn" from the Dec. 13, 1993, issue of the *Jackson, MS, Clarion-Ledger*. Here's an excerpt from a consumer's letter to this column, which I am not making up:

"Last year, my two daughters received presents of two Rollerblade Barbie dolls by Mattel. On March 8, my 8-year-old daughter was playing beauty shop with her 4-year-old brother. After spraying him with hair spray, the children began to play with the boot to Rollerblade Barbie. My little girl innocently ran the skate across her brother's bottom, which immediately ignited his clothes."

The letter adds that "There are no warnings concerning fire on these toys... I feel



On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

the need to warn potential buyers of the danger."

In his response, Jack Sunn says, cryptically, that "Mattel does not manufacture Rollerblade Barbie anymore." He does not address the critical question that the consumer's letter raised in my mind, as I'm sure it did in yours, namely: Huh?

I realized that the only way to answer this question was to conduct a scientific experiment. As you may recall, last year, in response to a news item concerning a kitchen fire in Ohio, I did an experiment proving that if you put a Kellogg's strawberry Pop-Tart in a toaster and hold the toaster lever down for five minutes and 50 seconds, the Pop-Tart will turn into a snack-pastry blowtorch, shooting flames up to 30

inches high. Also your toaster will be ruined.

The problem was that I did not have a Rollerblade Barbie. My son happens to be a boy, and we never went through the Barbie phase. We went through The Masters of the Universe phase. For two years our household was the scene of a fierce, unceasing battle between armies of good and evil action figures. They were everywhere. You'd open up the salad crisper, and there would be He-Man and Skeletor, striking each other with carrots.

So at the end of a recent column, I printed a note appealing for a Rollerblade Barbie. I got two immediately; one from Renee Simmons of Clinton, Iowa, and one from Randy Langhenry of Gainesville, GA, who said it belonged to his 6-year-old daughter, Greta. ("It would help me if you could get Barbie back to north Georgia before Greta notices she's gone," Randy wrote.)

Rollerblade Barbie is basically a standard Barbie, which is to say, she represents the feminine beauty ideal, if your concept of a beautiful female is one who is 6 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 52 pounds (37 of which are in the bust area) and has a rigidly perky smile and eyeballs the size of beer coasters and a one-molecule nose and enough hair to clog the Lincoln Tunnel.

But what makes this Barbie special is that she's wearing two little yellow Rollerblade booties, each of which has a wheel similar to the kind found in cigarette lighters, so that when you roll Barbie along, her booties shoot out sparks. This seems like an alarming thing for Rollerblades to do, but Barbie, staring perkily ahead, does not seem to notice.

To insure high standards of scientific accuracy, I conducted the experiment in my driveway. Aside from Rollerblade Barbie, my materials consisted of several brands of hair spray and — this was a painful sacrifice — a set of my veteran underwear (estimated year of purchase: 1968). I spread the underwear on the driveway,

then sprayed it with hair spray, then made Rollerblade Barbie skate across it, sparking her booties. I found that if you use the right brand of hair spray — I got excellent results with "Rave" — Rollerblade Barbie does indeed cause the underwear to burst dramatically into flame.

(While I was doing this, a neighbor walked up, and I just want to say that if you think it's easy to explain why you're squatting in your driveway, in front of a set of burning underwear, surrounded by hair spray bottles, holding a Barbie doll in your hand, then you are mistaken.)

At this point, the only remaining scientific question — I'm sure this has occurred to you — was: Could Rollerblade Barbie set fire to a Kellogg's strawberry Pop-Tart? The answer turns out to be yes, but you have to be in the act of hair-spraying the Pop-Tart when Barbie roller-blades over it, so you get a blowtorch effect that could very easily set fire to Barbie's hair, not to mention your own personal self. Plus you get tart filling in the booties.

So we can see why Mattel ceased manufacturing Rollerblade Barbie. I imagine that whichever toy designer dreamed up this exciting concept has been transferred to Mattel's coveted Bosnia plant. But what should be done about all the Rollerblade Barbies that are already in circulation? I believe that the only solution is for all concerned consumers to demand that our congresshumans pass a federal law requiring that all underwear, snack pastries, and other household objects carry a prominent label stating: "WARNING! DO NOT SPRAY HAIR SPRAY ON THIS OBJECT AND SKATE ROLLERBLADE BARBIE OVER IT!" But that is not enough. We also need to appropriate millions of dollars for a massive federal effort to undo the damage that has been done so far. I'm talking about scraping this crud off my driveway.

Also, the taxpayers owe Greta a new Barbie.

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force that has to be reckoned with. No question in my mind."

The future

Each of the Libertarian delegates is optimistic about the future of the LP, but there are some warnings of possible danger ahead as well.

"My concern is that if in New Hampshire we fail, I really think that will have ramifications across the country," said Rothhaus. "I really foresee our party nationally having difficult times if this falls apart."

But Rothhaus also sees the excitement that success could bring. "What we are hoping to do here in New Hampshire is that if we could get 20-25 Libertarians elected to the state house, we would become the spoiler." He said that with those numbers "when we were in agreement with the Democrats on personal liberty type issues, we could walk it through the house with no problem. And then conversely if it were an issue that we were in agreement with the Republicans, we would still be victorious."

He said if the LP continues to march ahead in the state, such numbers are a real possibility in the near future.

Borsa said the future looks good for the LP if our candidates "become politicians. If they play the political process, and get committed people, I think it will happen."

But Borsa said becoming a state representative can be a shock for a Libertarian. "The one thing I learned is oftentimes there is more than one side to a story, and I think you will find your libertarian ideals challenged in ways you never experienced before, especially if you've spent your time talking to other Libertarians. It's quite a test."

Still, Borsa said he felt the experience had solidified his libertarian beliefs.

For the LP to be successful, Borsa said, the party needs "to address the problems

that people are experiencing at the moment. For example, the things that the party is doing on health care (Project Healthy Choice) and the crime bill (Operation Safe Streets) are the right things to be doing, because they are positive solutions and they address immediate problems. You can talk about idealistic societies all you want, but nobody is going to listen. If you can't compromise somehow, you just aren't going to make any waves in the process," he said.

Borsa explained that "the fundamental philosophy is what is important, and you may have to make modifications to it. People do listen and people do learn, and that's one of the impacts we've had up in the house. I'm sure we have changed their minds on issues because of hearing a different viewpoint. But you will have to compromise, and you're going to have to take flak for that. That's another thing a libertarian politician is going to have to get used to — being attacked vehemently by people in their own party who just don't understand."

Although his political future is uncertain, Warburton said he had "no intention of ever deserting the Libertarian Party."

Gorman summed up the situation in New Hampshire by citing the spirit and drive of the LP house members.

"I think we are doing a hell of a job up here. All of our bills have been killed, all of our positions have been stepped on, any other group of people would have been cowering in the corner like a bunch of whipped dogs. But when you look at the Libertarians, we are all jumping up and down ready to charge back into the next (legislative session). The spirit among the Libertarian delegation is just incredible. We feel we are winning. We know we are. And we are not measuring it by winning votes, but in other ways. We can see the difference and the change, and that's why we feel so good," Gorman said.

Quote of the Month

The following quote by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis comes to the NEWS from the closing arguments by Dr. Nancy Lord in the case of U.S. vs. Rodger Sless (see pages 1 and 19 for more):

"Experience should teach us to be most on guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

From his opinion in *Olmstead vs. U. S.*, 1928

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The following are excerpts from the closing arguments presented to the jury by Nancy Lord in the case of *U.S. vs. Rodger Sless*. The NEWS thinks they make good reading.

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This case is about a federal agency, the Food and Drug Administration, that has spun so completely out of control—out of control of the people, out of control of Congress—that they are now no more than a band of armed terrorists. . .

They want their subjects—we, the people—to obey rules they haven't even made. They want you to endorse this by convicting Rodger Sless, so that they can use him as an example. . .

Rodger Sless is part of what is loosely called the alternative care movement, or the nutritional supplement industry. For decades, his arm of the health care industry has been the first to recognize scientific realities that took years to gain acceptance by the mainstream. . .

But over recent years, alternative care began to actually cut into the profits, market, and customer base of orthodox physicians and pharmaceutical companies. The powers that were felt threatened. They started using buzz words like "black market in unapproved new drugs," when reality was that the bedrock of the new philosophy was to avoid the use of drugs. . . The FDA doesn't have a clue. People don't like drugs. They don't want to take them anymore. They want alternatives. And the FDA wants it to stop. . .

The Food and Drug Administration began sending out armed thugs to raid and terrorize anyone who was a part of the supplement industry. The raids were sporadic and indiscriminate. Nobody knew where they would strike next. Rodger and Dr. (Joan) Priestley have both testified that they were terrified of the FDA. And it was realistic. Joan Priestley told you herself that she never knew when she would come to the office to find her staff spread-eagled against the wall with loaded guns pointed at their heads. And Rodger Sless heard about those raids, one after another—at trade shows, conferences, by phone or by fax, and through trade magazines and mailing in his industry. He read it in the *Wall Street Journal*. But he was determined not to be intimidated.

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ing cut, and tax increases could not be considered.

• House Bill 3266, to provide for automatic reductions in congressional spending limits by the amount of the cuts, so the savings couldn't be recycled into other government programs.

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He had never received or seen anything in writing that stated that GH3 (Gerovital) was a drug. He thought it was a vitamin, a grey area substance that fell through the cracks of regulation. Look at the labels from Nevada. 'Not approved as drug.' Because it is not a drug. But Rodger Sless knew that a number of substances that had always been freely and readily available up until now were being seized, items like flaxseed oil and valerian. So he took steps to lower his profile to protect himself and his customers. . .

Rodger believed, and still does, in the importance of what he was doing. He chal-

lenged an authority that was acting unlawfully. He was determined to get the product that his customers loved to them.

As Voltaire once wrote: It's dangerous to be right when the Government is wrong. .

Why does he have to keep a low profile? Because when the government becomes a lawbreaker the little guy has no remedy. He has no effective protection from lawless government except to either hide or appeal to a jury.

The purpose of the jury is to prevent oppression by the government, and if the jury detects a pattern of oppression, they

must employ the remedy. . .

What the Food and Drug Administration is doing here is wrong, and now they hold my client as a criminal to cover up their tyranny and bureaucratic bungling.

That is what a jury trial is all about—justice. See that it be done.

The issue is squarely in your lap. By placing charges on Rodger Sless the state is saying that he's a criminal. That's the question. Is he a criminal? Is he your neighbor or is he a criminal?

So if you know in your heart that Rodger Sless is innocent, say so now.

Because tomorrow will be too late.

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