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# LP Activist to Meet With Perot

A leading Libertarian Party activist in Nevada has been invited to a personal dinner with billionaire Ross Perot, and hopes to enlist the support of the former independent presidential candidate and his millions of followers for national ballot access reform.

Tamara Clark, the Chair of the Nevada LP, is scheduled to meet with Perot in Las Vegas on July 17th. The dinner is a thank-you from the feisty political maverick after Clark warned him that Republicans and Democrats in the Nevada House planned to yank Independent candidates from a state bill easing ballot access requirements.

Clark said she had warned Perot about the bid to expel Independent candidates from the Nevada bill out of simple fairness. "We're in favor of ballot access because we want to give Americans the biggest possible choice. We wouldn't deny anyone else the same rights we're fighting for," she explained.

Perot and his lobbying machine jumped into action, and the Nevada bill passed with equal protection for third parties and Independents intact. (See related story.)

At the dinner, "my goal is to get him to help us out with the Penny Bill," said Clark. "He has the ability to bring this issue to the public." The Penny Bill would ease ballot access restriction in all 50 states, and would make it more likely that third party candidates would be allowed to participate in presidential debates.

How does Clark feel about meeting the peppery Perot? "I'm very excited!" she said. "I'm very interested in meeting a person who has changed American politics!"

#### A "Magical" Libertarian

Internationally renowned stage magician Penn Jillette — of Penn & Teller fame — pulled a rabbit out of a hat and announced recently that he voted for Libertarian Andre Marrou in 1992. In a column in the June 1993 issue of *PC Computing* magazine, Penn wrote: "The man and woman team I voted for [for president] were on the ballot in all 50 states, yet weren't in any of the TV debates . . ." The only candidates that qualify: Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord!

# Shadow Cabinet Gets Underway

Bid to increase media attention

The Libertarian Party's brand-new Shadow Cabinet fired its opening press salvo last week, in what will be an on-going bid to make the national media give more coverage to the party.

The Shadow Cabinet — 14 prestigious, libertarian-minded experts, scholars, and Washington insiders — mirrors the Federal Cabinet, and will provide the Libertarian perspective on President Bill Clinton's policies. The group will "put some ginger in the public debate" on policy alternatives, promised National LP Chair Mary Gingell.

The first press release featured former Congressman Ron Paul blasting Clinton's proposed "deficit-reduction" budget plan as "the whopper of the century."

"All too many of President Clinton's budget cuts are really tax increases and his near-term snips in spending are counterbalanced by expanded federal programs. Most serious cutting is postponed to the Never-Neverland future of other terms and other presidents," charged Paul, the Secretary of the Treasury for the Shadow Cabinet. "By 1998, Clinton will have requested \$1 trillion in new spending, and \$1.7 trillion in new debt — the largest expansion of federal spending and debt in history."

The Shadow Cabinet plans to produce one press release a week on a wide range of controversial and topical issues.

#### **Ballot Access Win in NV**

The Libertarian Party of Nevada has won a major ballot access victory in that state, and "will never have to petition again!" according to State Chair Tamara Clark.

The state LP was at the forefront of a successful lobbying effort to ease ballot access requirements. The bill passed the House and Senate, was signed by the Governor, and became effective on July 12th.

The law reduces the vote total to 1% from 3% needed for a "minor" party or independent candidate to qualify for a place on the ballot, and guarantees that any "minor" party on the ballot in 1992 will be on the ballot in 1994.

# Libertarians question convention

The proposed constitutional convention could open a Pandora's Box of changes to the historic document, two 1st District legislative candidates said Wednesday.

Libertarian Party candidates Joe Ponczek, running for state Senate, and Scott Derby, seeking a state Assembly seat, both recently submitted statements to the Senate State Government Committee opposing a resolution requesting a constitutional convention.

If adopted by the state Senate, only one other state would be needed to conduct the second such

convention in American history, Ponczek said. The first ws in 1787.

The resolution was written to add a balanced budget amendment to the constitution.

But Ponczek and Derby said the rest of the constitution could be changed by the convention partic-

'There's no way of limiting the convention to any single issue," Maurice River Township resident Ponczek said.

Ponczek said special interest groups are joining the call for a constitutional convention "through the guise of a balanced budget." He said he is concerned those groups use their influence to

change the constitution.

It's not yet known how the convention's delegates would be appointed, Vineland resident Derby

"I'm not necessarily opposed to a balanced budget amendment," Derby said.

However, the 26 amendments were made law by the traditional process, not by a constitutional convention, Derby said.

... I don't think any tampering (with the constitution) is neces-The state resolution in favor of a

convention awaits a vote in the Senate. The Assembly version of the measure passed in November.





# Top Libertarian protests school fliers

By Erik Pappa

LAS VEGAS SUN

A parent and Libertarian Party official is upset that the school district is sending home one-sided political literature with children

Tamara Clark, state chairwoman of the Libertarian Party and mother of two elementary school students, said she is disturbed by two separate fliers sent home by the district.

One urges parents to vote yes on Question 4, the \$9.6 million school security tax that voters will consider Tuesday. This document apparently was prepared by the Parent-Tencher

The second tells parents about new parent coalition called REACH, which seeks a stable tax base through tax hikes and Express your willingness to referred to the board's policy opposes cuts in the education

"If the PTA is going to do it, it should be mailed out and (the schools) should not be using our children to bring it home," Clark said. And they should "not use school time to be distributing it to our kids."

Superintendent Brian Cram said the district generally allows parent groups to distribute materials through the school. He noted that the latter flier was distributed at the request of the Clark County School Board's legislative committee.

Part of it reads: "Write or call your elected representatives in Carson City and tell them you will not tolerate any more on campuses. But the item was cuts to the education budget.

support education through a stable tax base

It suggests that readers call the school district's public information office for more

prepared news releases for the parent group, and other functions have been performed for the group by the district, parent organizers insist they are independent of the school

Ironically, the School Board was set to consider changes to Regulation 1110 last week, which could have prevented the distribution of political materials pulled from the agenda and

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Board member Lois Tarkanian, who chairs the policy committee, said that was done to accommodate proposed changes by a parent.

Board member Jeffrey Burr Although that office has has supported alterations that would bar students from distributing political materials but would not prevent the district from circulating materials of its

But board member Dan Newburn has countered that allowing only one side to distribute information would invite a court challenge. The

American Civil Liberties Union has been watching the matter

Tarkanian said she would support other parent groups dis-tributing information through the children that opposes the district's position - but only if they are large, organized and have a history of involvement with the schools.

Clark, whose two children attend Adams Elementary School, further complained that teachers are coaching students about how their parents should

Cram said that should not be

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## Getting a piece of the political pie

Missouri Libertarian Party meets at the lake to map out campaign strategies

By Jim Troyer
LAURIE - A broader-based party with the clout to get more of its members elected was the theme and goal of the 1993 Missouri Libertarian Party Convention at Millstone Lodge this weekend.

The 40 delegates looked at home in the resort atmosphere, but there was little talk of power boats or fishing. Instead they talked tactics next to political maps and shared strategies on campaigns to come. Some wore "Vote Libertanian" T-shirts. Leaflets with titles like "The Destruction of the Bill of Rights" and "Privatization: Better Services with Lower Taxes" covered two tables.

State Chairman Phil Horras said the emphasis was on learning, with workshops geared to the nuts and bolts of winning elections. Topics ranged from how to organize a campaign to dealing with the

The Missouri Libertarian Party is associated with the national Libertarian Party. Libertarians believe in minimizing governmental interference in each citizen's private affairs.

Horras, from Springfield, is a former member of the U.S. Army Rangers, a disabled veteran and a former Republican. He is clearly excited about the future prospects for LP candidates.

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### Libertarians enter Delegates race

#### Could a third party be new hope for disillusioned voters?

By JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Libertarian party is turning the upcoming Virginia House of Delegates elections into a three way race. Seven Libertarian candidates are running statewide, including two from Fairfax county.

"The liberals want to control you economically, the conservatives want to control you socially," says state party chairman John Buckley, 39, of Vienna. "The Libertarians want to leave you alone." He describes the Libertarian party as one based on the "Jeffersonian principles of individual liberty, free enterprise, and respect for property

John Buckley is challenging incumbent Richard Fisher (R) for the 35th District, Libertarian Bill Redpath is running against incumbent Vincent Callahan (R) in the 34th District.

Says Redpath: "Both economic

Buckley is not new to politics. A graduate from William and Mary Law School, he served in the House of Delegates in 1980 and 1981 as a Republican representative for the old 18th legislative district. His father, Ross Buckley, served on the Vienna Town Council for 10 years, from 1976 to 1986.

But Buckley left the Republican party. "It took the Bush years to convince me that, though the Republican party was an effective vehicle for getting elected, it was not an effective vehicle for reducing the size of government. What I wanted was a party which would take a stand on principles, not just play power politics.'

Bill Redpath, 35, of Herndon likewise says he joined the Libertarians because of "disappointment with the two older parties in this nation." He says the party itself was formed after Nixon instituted wage and price controls in 1971, by and social freedom are necessary people who realized that they could for a prosperous, just and peace- not rely on either Republicans or

Democrats to respect personal and economic freedom.

Libertarians have run presidential candidates in 1988 (Ron Paul) and 1992 (Andre Marrou), but have run few state candidates, partly, Buckley says, because of lack of resources.

"But you can't wait for the party to grow to run candidates," says Buckley, "You've got to run candidates to make it grow

What are the issues? Buckley says the Libertarian appeal cuts across the boundaries of all parties, that such disparate groups as gun-rights activists, the gay community, home schoolers, and taxpayers groups have common interests. "They all want to be left alone."

Buckley opposes any increase in taxes, supports gun rights, seeks the privatization of government services, supports home schooling and school choice, believes in the decriminalization of private drug use, and favors the repeal of "antiquated laws which intrude upon the sexual privacy of adults."

The other Libertarians running in



Candidate John Buckley

the Northern Virginia house race are Tim Southern in the 32nd District (Dranesville); Rick Sincere in the 49th District (South Arlington County); and Rob Finnegan in the 45th District (Alexandria). For further information, phone 938-0012.

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#### Libertarian Party now organized, working here

By DORI TARATOOT

Daily Courier Staff Writer

LAKE LURE — The Libertarian Party has organized in Rutherford County, and its leader said its first goal will be to get information to the public about what the Libertarian party is all about.

The local chapter, named Foothill Libertarians, was formed at the state Libertarian Party Convention in Raleigh earlier this month. It will include residents of Rutherford and Cleveland counties

Steve Fulford of Lake Lure, chairman of Foothill Libertarians, said he will be working with the group to get

out the Libertarian message.

Fulford said people have not been exposed to the Libertarian platform because of the dominance of the Republican and Democratic parties. However, he said, the Libertarian Party is a real option to the two major

The Libertarian Party is different because of its philosophy, Fulford

"The best way to describe the Libertarian Party is, we are pro-Constitution and individual rights.' he said. "Libertarians want people to make their own choices and take ☐ Turn to page 11

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#### Party organizes ☐ From page 1

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responsibility for those choices." As an example, Fulford said that the Libertarian Party does not support the welfare program. He said that giving people money does not help them escape poverty. Rather, government needs to give people an opportunity to make a living on their

Part of providing opportunity is reducing regulation on business, he said, so that more people can go into business and start producing.

The Libertarian Party also supports a cap on taxes. Fulford said 40 percent of the average person's income goes to taxes. Furthermore he said, sales taxes on food and medicine are regressive and are hard on the poor.

In defense issues, Fulford said, the Libertarian Party is against intervention in foreign nations.

"Us defending the rest of the world is not what it's about," he said, adding that Europe and Japan should be paying for their own defense.

Other Libertarian interests are term limits for elected officials, voter referendums, lower gas taxes, and tuition credits for those with children in religious, private or home

Fulford said the Libertarian Party's popularity is growing and that it is no longer a fringe party. Libertarian candidates in 1992 elections in North Carolina received 800,000 votes, he said.

Foothill Libertarians currently has 14 members. Fulford said he cannot predict whether the group's membership will grow quickly or slowly, but said he thinks if people listen to his ideas with an open mind, they will find they agree with the Libertarian philosophy.

"I think there's going to be a great interest," he said. "It's just a matter of presenting Libertarian ideas to the general public and letting them make their own decisions

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"We are starting to break down the barriers to third party candidates," he said. 'And when people get into the LP ideology, they find they agree with it.

Jackie Bradbury, a former Democrat, is from Kansas City and serves as secretary for the Missouri party.

us," she noted. "There are a few areas that haven't caught on yet, but they will." Horras insists that the LP is more fun than the Republican

party.

"The press is opening up to

mental gymnastics. We'll ask you what you think about this

Asked to sum up the Libertarian point of view, Horras likened a political party to a train. "The Libertarian Party is going in the direction of individual freedom and liberty," he said. "The other two are going in the wrong direction."

"I believe in government,"

"All they talked about was said Bradbury. "I just think it how much money they had on has gone way beyond what is is more weight, more power," he hand," he said. "Here you supposed to do; and that is the said. "That doesn't mean we better come prepared for some cause of so many of our problems." Steve Givot, who ran for U.S.

senator from Illinois on the Libertarian ticket, represented the national party at the Missouri convention.

"We've got to become a broadbased, bigger political party," Givot told the group. "We need to find people who want to move in the direction of more

Givot compared the party to a

teeter-totter. "We want to have change the fulcrum by changing our beliefs, we change the target of our beliefs.'

It was the party's first convention since achieving ballot access as a provisional party. The LP in on the ballot in all 50 states.

The Missouri delegates adopted a new constitution Sunday morning and selected delegates to the party's national convention.

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#### NEW WAVE?

### Two Libertarians, One Democrat

BY DOUG HISSOM

tate political history will be made in Tuesday's special election primary for the 14th Assembly District when two candidates appear on the ballot under the Libertarian Party banner. Libertarians are trying to secure the title as the top third party in Wisconsin and have been aggressively putting candidates on the ballot for local elections.

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Libertarians have generally had a low presence in Wisconsin politics, but have re-

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cently fielded candidates for the 1st Congressional District race, three special state Senate elections and several local races. The Labor & Farm Party has been at the top of the state third party heap, but lately has focused on municipal elections. Libertarian candidates were also on November's ballot for the 4th Congressional District and U.S. Senate races. Nationwide, Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou took fourth place with 281,805 votes.

Libertarians adhere to the belief that the role of big government should be as limited as possible in social and economic realms; they represent a sort of free-wheeling laissez-faire attitude that appeals to people on both the political right and left. The state party economic platform calls for the elimina-

tion of income taxes, corporate taxes and many government regulations and regulatory agencies. Party social policy planks call for legalizing so-called victimless crimes like prostitution, gambling and recreational drug

The creation of a Libertarian primary here is unusual nationwide as well, given the low number of candidates the party generally has, says national party press secretary Gery Johnson. Johnson said college students as well as the traditional free market business owners are attracted to the party.

Nationwide, four sitting state legislators are members of the Libertarian Party-all in New Hampshire. Local party members expect a mention for this primary.

drug use.

The 14th opened up when Republican state Rep. Peggy Rosenzweig won a special state Senate election for now-Congressman Tom Barrett's seat. The 14th district is Republican turf. The two Libertarian candidates in the race stress the economic platform planks over the social. Both also

represent the different wings of the party.
"I'm more of a disaffected Republican," says Steve Deibert, 20, a senior at UW-Milwaukee majoring in history and mass communication. "I've often liked the sound of Republicans, but hated the actions."

"My main reason for running as a Libertarian is that I'm a Libertarian in principle," says Larry Hoger, 35, a Wauwatosa

fast-food restaurant owner.

Hoger will have none of the general state Republican view of reducing taxes on businesses in order to help the economy. He cites a \$5 million grant the state gave General Motors for

worker retraining as "ludicrous."
"I'm opposed to government involvement and want government cut out as much as possible," he said. "It's stupid to give inducements to big business to come or stay in the state. That's becoming a national problem, with all states doing it.

The only one making out on the deal is big business. And they don't stay here because they're more committed, but because they can get more.

"Just lowering the property tax rate will keep businesses here, rather than giving them money," he said.

The school tax levy is the most effective way to reduce property taxes, he said, and along those lines he favors school choice. Hoger said creating competition among school systems would alleviate "the pressure public school systems feel to give teachers a raise every year." Morally, it would give parents a choice regardless of income, he said, and parochial schools should be included. Deibert agrees.

Big government? Not here, Hoger says: Public funds should not be used for a stadium nor should taxes be raised for a Downtown convention center; businesses will do it if it's worth it to them.

"The government sits back and tries to think of ways to spur the economy. Government can't spur the economy, it only slows it down," Hoger said. "Let's look at the state tourism budget. We're spending millions of dollars [\$7 million in 1993] telling people to come up here and spend. We don't even know if it's working. If it is working, then let the businesses that benefit from advertising pay for it.'

Deibert uses the college experience to look at ways to reduce expenses. He says the UW System could cut wasteful

programs and privatize others. Privatizing government services is an extensive plank in the Libertarian Party platform.

He said the food service plans for the UW System could be jobbed out, which would reduce prices for the university community as a whole. An example of a needless position at UWM is the assistant chancellor for Affirmative Action, Deibert said.

"They can't keep anyone in that position for more than a year and then they have to

spend thousands of dollars advertising it," he said. Deibert said he would also like to see less federal government policies forced on the state. "I'm a firm believer in rights," he said, citing recent federal government orders that UWM pay civil rights fines.

Deibert said he was approached to run by Ken Zollner, a colleague on the UWM Times student newspaper, where Deibert said he has been a writer for three years.

Zollner was state campaign coordinator for the 1992 Libertarian Party presidential ticket and also ran in the 1988 state campaign for then Populist Party presidential candidate David Duke. Deibert said he came to Milwaukee in 1990 and knew of the Duke affiliation, but "[Zellner] must have been 15 years old at the time."

Hoger, of 3016 N. 121st St., is married, has four children and owns two fast-food restaurants called Judy's. Deibert, of 1580 N. Farwell Ave., is single.

The two don't attack each other with the intensity of, say, the Moody-Checota battle for the U.S. Senate last fall. Deibert does say that Hoger's tax stances are like "a onestring violin he's playing. He's got a good philosophy, but  $\bar{\imath}$  have more details." Hoger is confident about winning the primary and has what state party establishment there is continued on page 5 ELECTION continued from page 3

behind him.

On the party's social issues, Deibert favors legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes, but doesn't have an opinion about recreational use. "I don't know. Most of the people that I know that have used this have become very unproductive in society."

Hoger says the victimless crime laws are keeping the jails crowded, causing violent criminals to be released early. He said he would support building more prisons if that would keep violent prisoners off the streets, but first he would start "getting people out of jail who are in for revoked licenses and non-

payment of child support."

There have been laws against prostitution for a long time and it doesn't work to stop it. And as far as the argument that it wrecks the neighborhood. I don't want to see it in my neighborhood either, regardless if one of them is getting paid for it. There are laws already taking care of that," he said. Legalizing certain recreational drugs would take the profit motive out of most of the drug-related crimes, he said, but added that there should be a phase-in period.

Deibert says he'll spend about \$100 on the primary. Hoger says he has raised \$600 so far and will spend about \$1,500 total in the race.

Neither local candidate has approached the national party apparatus for financial support. and none will be given at this time, spokesmen say. After the primary, some funds may come in. The national Libertarian office used to fund only candidates with a shot at winning, but national campaign director Ron Crickenberger says Wisconsin's matching fund law can be used to back hopefuls here. If a candidate receives 6 percent of the vote, the campaign qualifies for matching funds from a state pool. "It's the best state policy I know of," he said.

Local party members agree that 6 percent is possible. In the state Senate election that opened up the 14th seat, the Libertarian took about 2 percent of the vote, doing best in the Wauwatosa area. It's generally considered solid Republican turf. Libertarians predict their candidate will do better if the Republicans give the nod to someone far to the right. which in this race could happen. There is also a Libertarian in the special 79th Assembly District election to replace state Sen. Joseph Wineke.

State party vice chair Gene Cisewski said 35 to 40 candidates have already lined up for the 1994 statewide elections, including those for governor, attorney general, state treasurer and secretary of state. Local ballots will include Libertarians, predominantly in Milwaukee, Dane, Washington and Winnebago

Five Republicans will also be on Tuesday's 14th Assembly primary ballot: Susan J. Fisher; Barbara Kraetsch; Mary Jo Paque; Michael Steinhafel; and Scott Walker. Primary winners will join Democrat Chris Ament, son of County Executive Tom Ament, in the June 29 general election. Chris Ament officially joined the Democratic Party the day before nomination papers were due.

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