
LIBERTY PLEDGE NEWSLETTER

LET THE LIGHT OF FREEDOM SHINE ON CHINA!

Demonstrations across the country in support of the Chinese students have generated opportunities for Libertarians to proclaim liberty.

-Bob Waldrop of UT, while visiting OK, was well received as he addressed a crowd of students. Literature was taken with great enthusiasm and he was bombarded with inquiries.

-In Philadelphia, Don Ernsberger lead demonstrators with his guitar, spreading the message of freedom with a selection of folk songs.

-Nat'l office staffers Richard Perry and Me Me King joined hundreds of Chinese sympathizers in front of the Chinese Embassy in D.C. Perry saturated the crowd with literature and King was featured in a live interview by National Public Radio.

-A number of Libertarian groups in CA have shown their support in the Chinese fight for freedom.

You too can show your support by submitting letters to the editors, contacting your local TV and radio stations, align with others who are demonstrating for democracy.

COMING: A FLASH FROM THE PAST

A special to **Liberty Pledge News** begins next month, an archival clipping will be featured...you've come a long way LP!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

We have been hearing from folks all over the country, states are reporting full delegations will be attending the National Convention in Philadelphia.

Featured speakers Charles Murray, Walter Williams, Nobel Peace Prize nominees Leon Louw and Frances Kendall will address convention goers.

C-Span has committed to cover our convention live and will rebroadcast keynote speakers and panels for those unable to attend. (Get your VCRs ready!)

There is still plenty of time to register for this exciting convention---don't miss it!

LP TASK FORCE

With the "nuts and bolts" falling in place at the National Office, the LNC is shifting its emphasis to set up task forces to deal with issues of liberty. Aligning with groups that share our views on personal or economic freedoms, taking part in community activities, and focusing on current issues are just the first steps. This is truly an exciting time for the LP, with situations like the one in China, being "out front" in the public is very positive. As other situations arise the LP will be ready with statements of position and the media as well as the public will be very aware of our presence.

Bill for New Election Petitions Should Be Vetoed, Author Says

By A.L. May
Staff Writer

After minor political parties and civil libertarians threatened to protest a new method of collecting signatures for election petitions, the legislator who wrote the bill asked Gov. Joe Frank Harris on Wednesday for a veto.

"It's technically flawed," said Rep. Bob Holmes (D-Atlanta), chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee and chief sponsor of the bill, passed recently by the Legislature.

After talking to lawyers in the state attorney general's office and aides to Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes said they agreed there was "no way to salvage the measure" except to have the Legislature readdress it next year. The delay could make it difficult to apply a new system for petitions to the 1990 elections.

The legislation would convert election petitions in Georgia, which are now collected on long forms, to a system of individual cards signed by voters. Election officials want to make the verifying easier by requiring petitioners to present signatures on individual cards, in alphabetical order and grouped by county. County voter rolls, against which the signatures are checked, are in alpha-

betical order.

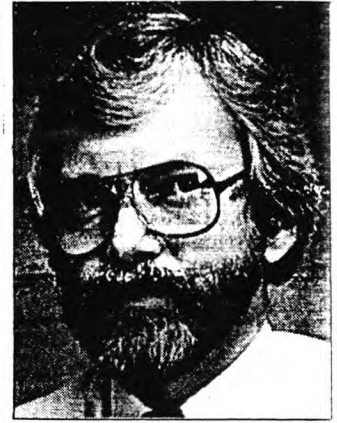
The change has been sought by state election officials who said they spent almost \$70,000 last year verifying the signatures on petitions filed by the New Alliance and Libertarian parties, which ultimately won spots on the Georgia ballot.

Mr. Harris, who earlier said he was undecided on the measure, normally vetoes bills if their authors request it.

The two political parties and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) have scheduled a news conference today at the Capitol to protest the proposed changes and to press for a veto from Mr. Harris.

Under Georgia law, an independent candidate or a political party that has not received certain levels of voter support in the past must petition for a place on the statewide ballot by presenting the signatures of at least 1 percent of the state's registered voters. To stay on the ballot, the party must receive votes from 1 percent of the registered voters. Last year, the Libertarians achieved that level and will be on the 1990 ballot automatically; the New Alliance Party fell short and will have to petition for a place on the 1990 ballot.

"The idea was never to increase



Rep. Bob Holmes (left), chief sponsor of the election petition bill, still thinks signature cards are a good idea; Laughlin McDonald, director of the Southern regional office of the ACLU, says political candidates' interests must be put before those of elections officials.

the hardship for them to get on the ballot," said state Election Director H. Jeff Lanier, who noted that the state lowered its petition requirements several years ago after the Libertarians filed a lawsuit.

With the support of the ACLU, representatives of the New Alliance and Libertarian parties have protested the bill in part because it would require that each card bearing the signature of a voter be notarized. That requirement, the parties said, would have made it almost impossible to gather the more than 30,000 signatures required for an in-

dependent candidate or minor party to get a place on the 1990 statewide ballot.

Mr. Holmes and Mr. Lanier said the notary requirement was an accident of legal drafting.

Laughlin McDonald, director of the Southern regional office of the ACLU, said the proposed card system would still be objectionable even without the notary requirement if it forces minor parties to meet extra requirements without the state showing there was a "compelling interest" other than ease of counting.



SPECIAL ELECTIONS DRAW MEDIA ATTENTION

How can we spread the word about Libertarianism? How can we get the media to cover Libertarian candidates during elections? These questions can best be answered over the next few months as several Congressmen will be resigning. Special elections will be held and this gives the Libertarian Party an excellent opportunity to run viable candidates, challenging the Demopublicans by keeping the issues of their race before the people.

Craig McCune of Wyoming did extraordinarily well in the media, receiving endorsements from two of Wyoming's largest papers. The media attention McCune received resulted in a vote total of 5,921.

As in any election, more and more inquire about the LP, your state and national memberships grow, the Party becomes increasingly credible and ultimately the media seeks you out!

"Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations - entangling alliances with none."
- Thomas Jefferson

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The RICO (federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act) allows the government to seize Michael Milken's assets even before a conviction, if any. We think that is unconstitutional, and also a conflict of interest as the government will be a direct beneficiary of the confiscation.

John Vernon,
Chairman of the Libertarian Party of California, Van Nuys

Groups say Romer misused office to fight Amendment 6

By JOHN SANKO

Rocky Mountain News Capitol Bureau

A group critical of Gov. Roy Romer's involvement in defeating the so-called taxpayers' bill of rights at the polls last year filed an amended complaint in federal court yesterday seeking \$1 million in punitive damages.

Officials of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers and the Colorado Libertarian Party staged a news conference in front of Romer's office yesterday to announce the action.

A spokesman for Romer said he had no comment on the action or the groups' claims that the governor misused the power of his office and state money to influence a citizens' initiative.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch has held a hearing on a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, filed last November, but has not issued a ruling.

Union of Taxpayers spokesman Ray Walton and Mary Lind, chairwoman of the Colorado Libertarian Party, said the Libertarian's involvement and the request for \$1 million in punitive damages were new to the amended complaint. The two groups also added Citizens for Representative Government as a defendant.

"We don't know how much citi-

zens' rights are worth, but there has been a serious infringement," Waiton said. "We think this amount is something that will get their attention. We think there should be severe penalties imposed for this type of behavior."

Romer helped lead the effort last year to crush Amendment 6 at the polls. Romer once described the tax-control proposal as comparable to a terrorist's bomb and helped orchestrate the effort to kill it.

The complaint alleges that Romer used publicly owned resources, including the state plane, his office and his employees, to fight Amendment 6. It also accused Romer of using his "leverage" as governor to pressure corporations and individuals into making contributions for the defeat of Amendment 6.

The groups said they also plan to file an action in the state's courts within the next few weeks accusing Romer of violating state election laws.

"It saddens me a great deal to have to be here today, in front of the governor's office, to bring charges against him for violating constitutional rights that he was sworn to uphold," Lind said.

Lind and Waiton denied they were interfering with Romer's own constitutional rights to take a public stand on an issue.

New bill should settle minority parties suit

A lawyer for the state said Friday a bill awaiting the governor's signature will settle the current dispute about ballot access for minority parties in Nevada.

The bill followed a legal challenge by the state's Libertarian Party last November, which contended the limitation of one candidate per race for parties designated as minor was unconstitutional.

The controversial law allowed the top two candidates in one political party to meet in a runoff if no candidates filed from the opposing party.

Nevada recognized two major political parties — Democrats and Republicans.

The Libertarians won an injunction last November after two Democrats were tabbed to challenge one Libertarian in three separate races.

Deputy Attorney General Melanie Foster told U.S. District Judge Lloyd D. George that the law passed Monday "solves the problem that put us in court."

She said if the party can demonstrate support of at least 3 percent of the registered voters, it can satisfy the requirements of the new law.

George took under advisement several motions, including a request for summary judgment by the state.

Louis Tavano, a lawyer for the Libertarians, said the revised system still may not pass constitutional muster.

The Libertarian party filed the federal lawsuit against county and state officials to prevent them from ganging up on the "minor political party."

The lawsuit filed against then-Clark County Election Director George Ullom, Secretary of State Frankie Sue Del Papa, Attorney General Brian McKay and former Gov. Richard Bryan asked the court to designate one major party candidate to run in any general election contest.

The Libertarians asked the court to void a state law that allowed two candidates from the same party campaigning for a specific office to run off in the general election.

The Libertarians claim they were reduced to "minor party status, a considerable disadvantage under the old law."

However, Foster said the new bill "is carefully crafted to allow smaller parties access to the ballot."

McCune Offers Political Alternative

By NANETTE

Libertarian McCune says his campaign doing well in opponents' backyards

By The Associated Press
Libertarian House candidate Craig McCune says his campaign is doing well in central and southwestern Wyoming — his opponents' backyards. "I believe that we made good inroads and converted some folks in the heart of the other candidates' country. A number of good folks of Wyoming found out this week that they had always been Libertarians and just hadn't known it," McCune said in a news release. This week he planned to visit Cody, Powell, Greybull, Worland and Thermopopolis. In other campaign news, the Democratic and Republican camps have issued position statements on a federal energy policy. Both Democrat John Vinich and Republican Cr-

McCune's Emotions Mixed After Receiving 5,921 Votes Wednesday

Craig McCune, the Libertarian entry in the U.S. House race, had mixed feelings today about his showing in Wednesday's special election. McCune, an in-

Libertarian candidate claims gains

While the Democratic and Republican candidates in their campaign arsenal, Craig Alan McCune has been saying "a true dif-

Our opinion

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McCune: Other Parties Lack Commitment

By MARK BAGNE
At a political debate in Cheyenne last week, Libertarian Craig McCune told Wyoming voters what sets him apart from the alternatives in the U.S. House race. "I used to subscribe to the philosophy of the other political parties," he said. "But I found there was something lacking there. I did not find a deep commitment to the principles of liberty on which this nation was founded." McCune, 35, said it seemed to him that Republicans and Democrats lacked a real commitment to limited spending, limited taxes and limited government interference in "our private lives and businesses." "Then I came across a group of people who did believe in these basic principles of liberty," he said. "They called themselves Libertarians. I didn't know the name, but I knew these principles because these are the principles that govern-



CRAIG MCCUNE

live my life by the principles and attitudes of my campaign," McCune said, a railroad engineer for the Union Pacific, lives with his wife in Cheyenne. Born in Omaha, he moved to Wyoming with his parents 27 years ago. He graduated from University of Wyoming and is currently describing himself as a union member and business owner who designs and builds residential houses and man-

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- On drugs: The obvious, sta-



Craig Alan McCune

McCune says he has tried to stay above campaign fracas

By Kim Johnston
While the other candidates in the special election for House have been busy attacking each other, Libertarian Craig Alan McCune has been trying to stay above the fray. "I've been trying to stay above the fray," McCune said. "I've been trying to stay above the fray."

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CLIPPINGS IN THIS SECTION REPRESENTS SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS IN WYOMING

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LAS VEGAS SUN

TORCH CLUB members will be our guests of honor at a private luncheon held Friday, September 1, during the next National Convention in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend. Come and talk with former national candidates, Party officers and other special Libertarian dignitaries, in an informal social setting. You will also receive a beautiful Libertarian Party lapel pin. **Torch Club** members are also invited to attend the **President's Club** event.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB members are invited to a private cocktail party to be held the evening of the Convention banquet, Saturday, September 2nd. This event will be attended by many of our former Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. It will be a chance for **President's Club** guests of honor to enjoy conversation and anecdotes about past campaigns, the candidates' current activities and future plans. In addition, **President's Club** members will receive a Libertarian Party lapel pin as a token of our thanks.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB members will also receive their lapel pin as a symbol of our appreciation for those significant contributors to the Libertarian Party. Wear your pin with pride. In addition, you will receive a handsome tote bag with a Libertarian Party design on the side. Perfect for carrying all your National Convention papers.

YES! I WANT TO HELP SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE TORCH CLUB. TORCH CLUB members are those who contribute \$1,000 or more in a calendar year or make a year long monthly pledge of \$100 per month. ENCLOSED IS MY \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION*.

I prefer to join by sending an initial contribution of \$_____ and I'll pay the balance before August 1, 1989 in the following manner: _____

I prefer to join the **TORCH CLUB** by pledging‡ \$100 per month. My first month's pledge is enclosed.

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE **PRESIDENT'S CLUB** by contributing \$600 - \$900 in a calendar year or pledging \$50 - \$99 per month for one year.

ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF: \$600 \$750 OTHER_____.

I prefer to join the **PRESIDENT'S CLUB** by making a year long monthly pledge of: \$50 \$75 OTHER_____. My first pledge payment is enclosed.

PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE **VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB** for those who contribute \$300 - \$599 in a calendar year or pledge \$25 - \$49 a year.

ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF: \$300 \$500 OTHER_____.

I prefer to join the **VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB** by making a monthly pledge of: \$25 \$35 OTHER_____. My first month's pledge is enclosed.

I prefer to enclose a contribution of \$_____ at this time.

*Contributions to political parties are not tax deductible and are limited by federal election law to \$20,000 per year.

‡All who make a monthly pledge will receive *LIBERTY PLEDGE NEWS*.

Payment enclosed. Bill my: Mastercard Visa

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*Optional. Federal Election Commission requires we ask.

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